

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2006

## FROM OUR COMMODORE CHUCK CARROLL



They tell me the Opening Ceremony for my Installation Dinner was one of the best ever at Sportsmen.

By the time he was done, I don't think there was a dry eye on the Ferry. My sons **Michael**, did the Invocation, and **Charlie**, did the Benediction. It made the evening extra special for me.

**Wigmore** for making her galley available to us.

**Dr. Dan and Casey** kept the bar flowing smoothly with the volunteer help of **Pat Sebers, Pat Thompson, Chris Mavroudis, Jackie Steele, John Mucciante, Jay Ward**, and various other Sportsmen who jumped in from time to time to keep it moving.

The preparation of the hall went on daily for two weeks with seemingly endless help from the members. It's difficult for me to remember them all but some of the key players were **Al & Ann Marie Alcorn, Dave & Debra Beckert, Ted & Pat Brown, Casey & Diane Curry, Lonnie & Alice Gibson, Doug & Shari Horton, Rob & Brett Horton, Paul & Kathy Larosee, Bonne Lenz, Dave MacDougall, Dr. Dan Lively, Don & Freda Lucido, Paul & Nancy Olsson, Kay Powers, Pat & Mary Sebers, Chris Stubberfield, Joe Stubber-**

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For those of you who think I had something to do with it, I can assure you I was as surprised as everyone else.

**Belynda Zobb & Bob Williams**, with the help of a lot of Patriotic Sportsmen, produced it. It was very touching watching veterans of each service carrying their flags to patriotic music. Flag Bearers were:

**Dave Selvy** - Marine Flag  
**Michael Carroll** - Army  
**Paul Olsson** - Coast Guard  
**Charlie Carroll** - Air Force  
**Lou Zobb** - Navy  
**Paul Scannell** - SYC  
**Ed Collins** - colors of the American Flag

Master of Ceremonies was **Master Sergeant Robert E. Williams, Jr.** of the United States Army.

**Scott Wood, Doug Horton, and Ann Marie Alcorn** took responsibility for putting on the delicious dinner. They were assisted through the entire event by **Robbie Horton, Sue Wood, and Renee** (Scott's Chef from his restaurant, Allstars). The serving was organized by **Kathy Larosee**. Servers included **Danielle and Tiffany Williams, Jake and Wyatt Curry, Jenny and Kelly Manning** (Worrell's granddaughters), **Cassie Moody** (Lucido's guest), **Jessica Jones** (Horton's niece) and **Mookie Camp** (Gibson's granddaughter). They all looked so nice and did a terrific job. Speaking of dinner, thanks so much to **Elaine Rasmussen & Audrey Coach** for staying on top of reservations and **Barbara**

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 2006

3 Club Meeting  
4 Work Party  
5 Super Bowl Party  
11 Annual Crab Feed

### March

3 Club Meeting  
4 Work Party  
18 St. Patrick's Day Party

### April

1 Opening Day  
7 Club Meeting  
8 Work Party  
15 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

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## FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE SHERRY LIVELY



As I write this month's News-letter my thoughts ran back to our Installation Dinner and what was involved in getting ready for it. **Belynda Zobb**

worked her little tail off decorating and getting our Commodore organized and ready for his big evening. She is truly amazing. I knew Installation would go off without a hitch.

If you haven't been to the Ferry in a while, you might want to go up and take a look at the old lady. She has been spiffed up pretty good. The galley has been painted, thanks to **Paul Larossee, Harry Parker**, and crew. The new galley floor has been put in, and thanks to Associate **Pat Thompson** and associate **Chris Mavroudis** we have new carpet in the Board Room. **Lonnie Gibson, Dave MacDougall, Doug Horton**, and **Bob Williams** have mopped and waxed the rest of the Ferry; she looks beautiful guys.

**Belynda Zobb** gave the ladies room a good cleaning and washed and ironed all the linens. What can I say about **Kathy Larossee**? My goodness, every time I ask, she's there for me. **Kathy**

**Larossee, Sue Carroll, Kay Power**, and **Belynda** all helped so much getting our galley back together and in "ship shape" order. I can't thank them enough. I can't forget the men; they have also been here moving things in and out so the flooring could be done: **Chuck Carroll, Joe Stubberfield, Casey Curry, Rob Horton, Doug Horton, Jason Knox, Lonnie Gibson, Tim Lamb, Scott Wood**, and the Boys Night group, just to name a few. The list goes on and on.

We cleaned a few storage areas last month and started getting the Ship's Store ready. Thanks to **Nancy Olsson, Sharon Higgins, Emmy Swenson, Angie Williams, Tess Stubberfield, Kay Power**, and **Kathie Hammer**. We would like to continue on that path this month. That being said, we are planning to tackle the back storage room (kitchen storage room). We could use all the help we can get; it's a mess. We need to go through and throw out what needs to be tossed, clean, organize, and label the rest. We need a couple of new shelves built because of severe water damage. **Nancy Olsson** would also like to get a couple of shelves built for the Ship's Store, and a pole put up as well. **Kathie Hammer** thinks she might have several plastic containers by March or April that we can have for the decorating room to replace

## February Happy Birthday Wishes



Feb 03 Chuck Kotecki  
Feb 04 Barbara Chapman  
Feb 07 Bob Saunders  
Feb 07 Rosie Fernandez  
Feb 07 Virginia Minick  
Feb 08 Jason Knox  
Feb 08 Jean Sieben  
Feb 10 Chuck Trombetta  
Feb 10 Sharon Goldsmith  
Feb 11 Michael Carroll  
Feb 12 Amy Hammer  
Feb 13 Susan Wood  
Feb 14 Dorothy Welch  
Feb 14 Evonne Sterud  
Feb 14 Sharon Higgins  
Feb 15 Tim Lamb  
Feb 16 Tess Stubberfield  
Feb 16 Bob Wallen  
Feb 16 Victor Campo  
Feb 18 Carol Lawhorn  
Feb 18 Ken Corippo  
Feb 20 John Muccianti  
Feb 21 Bert Landes  
Feb 23 Edith Crisp  
Feb 23 Winky Scannell  
Feb 24 Lenny Adkerson  
Feb 25 Gene Buchholz  
Feb 29 Dan Perryman

cardboard boxes.

We have Super Bowl and the Crab Feed coming this month, so there is always a lot to do in February. The February Work Party is the 4th and Super Bowl Sunday the 5th. I hope to see you all there come and join in the fun.

Now last, but by no means least, the January Work Party, my oh my, what can I say... Terrific, Fabulous, Stupendous, the best attended Work Party I've ever been to. Unbelievable Sportsmen, great job!!! Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...

And a special thanks to **Bill and Kelly Worrell** and **Barbara Wigmore** for helping with lunch; every one was well fed.

*Happy Valentines Day to one and all.  
See you on the ferry.*



### PICYA Report By Larry Draper

Larry & Deanna are on vacation this month in Rome. Following is the calendar of events. For more information please visit the PICYA website.

- Feb. 5: Join us at the Presidio YC for SuperBowl XL and Chili Cook-off contest. Enter your Chili or bring a potluck dish. (2:00 pm to 6:00 pm)
- Feb 11: Presidio YC Crab Feed. \$30.00 Crab, Clam Chowder, Rolls, Salad, Wine, Dessert & Coffee. (5:30 pm to 9:00 pm).
- Feb 11: Alameda YC Crab Feed. \$30.00 Appetizers, Crab, Pasta, Dessert & Dancing. (5:30 pm to 11:00 pm)
- Feb 18: PICYA Spring 2006 Leadership Conference to be held at Bridge Marina YC. \$25.00 per person. (Includes seminar, material and a "Clean Boat Kit.")

*Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.  
Flyer information is requested by the 15th.*

*Send Newsletter information to:  
Shari Horton  
e-mail [deshorton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deshorton@sbcglobal.net)  
phone 778-1680*

## FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE CASEY CURRY



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the outstanding turn out we had at our last Work Party.

done before the event.

I am also the Assistant Bar Manager, so if any of you have any suggestions, please let me know. Dr. Dan has already done a great job making some additions to our menu selection behind the bar. Thanks Dan!

Thanks to everybody for all of your support.

I got to the Club about 7:45 a.m. and the parking lot was already full. People were everywhere cutting up downed trees, ripping up the old floor in the galley, painting, cleaning up the grounds, etc. We estimated that about 65 people attended. I believe that this was probably a new record (I hope we did not forget anybody in our work party acknowledgement. If so, please let me know).

I hope that we can keep up the pace as we all know, this is our 45 year and there are still plenty of things to be

### Reminder to Club Berth Holders!

- Turn in your proof of insurance to our Harbor Captain Lonnie Gibson.
- Make sure your 2006-2007 stickers are on your boats.

**Vice Commodore Sherry Lively and Rear Commodore Casey Curry** would like to recognize the following people for their support, hard work, and contributions to the January Work Party.

Dave & Debra Beckert  
George Brayton  
Chuck Carroll  
Charlie & Sue Carroll  
Michael Carroll  
Tandy Chamberlain  
Lonnie Chapman  
Bill & Audrey Coach  
Ed Collins  
Dave Davidson  
Jim & Darlene Dawson  
Lonnie & Alice Gibson  
George & Natalie Greer  
Keith & Kathie Hammer  
Kathy Harvey  
Dennis & Sharon Higgins  
Doug & Shari Horton  
Rob & Brett Horton  
John & Carol Hunter  
Chuck Knox  
Jason Knox  
Chuck Kotecki  
Tim Lamb  
Paul & Kathy Larosee

Dan Lively  
Don & Freda Lucido  
Dave MacDougall  
Chris Mavroudis  
Paul & Nancy Olsson  
Harry Parker  
Dan Perryman  
John Perryman  
Kay Power  
Carl & Elaine Rasmussen  
Bert Schneider  
Pat & Mary Sebers  
Dave Selvy  
Chris Stubberfield  
Joe Stubberfield  
Tess Stubberfield  
Carl & Emmy Swenson  
Patrick Thompson  
Mike Transchel  
Rich Trantham  
Scott Vickers  
Bob & Angie Williams  
Scott & Susan Wood  
Bill & Kelly Worrell  
Lou & Belynda Zobb

## HISTORIAN NOTES KATHIE HAMMER



Recently, I received a package from **Rick and Barb Backman** of Oro Valley, Arizona. Rick is the nephew of **Clarence**

**(Barney) and Edna Busby**, who were members since 1931. Barney and Edna loved the Club and were very active members. Barney won fifty cents in a contest to design our Club burgee. About 13 years ago, at a Club picnic, Edna gave me one of the most prized possessions in the museum: a brass plaque from the hat of one of the officers of the Sausalito. It says "Deck Hand No. 2."

Now they have sent me a box of Sportsmen Bulletins back to January 1939. The following was written in the January 1939 Sportsmen Bulletin: "1939 was a very successful year for Sportsmen Inc. Some of the most outstanding activities being the purchase of property, the dredging of a fine boat harbor, the moving of the club house and filling the harbor to capacity with inboard cruisers and small boats. Some fine job, I'll say. Let's make 1940 another history making year for Sportsmen Inc."

At the Work Party on Saturday, January 7th, the Museum received a good cleaning. I want to thank **Audrey Coach** and **Elaine Rasmussen** for helping me accomplish this task.



In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, this notice will be posted in this Newsletter monthly:

The regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first Friday of each month, following the General Membership Meetings. If the first Friday is a holiday weekend, the meetings are held on the second Friday of that month.

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The following article was  
contributed by  
Barbara Chapman

Thanks to all of you who responded to our Community Forum fuel tank survey.

Our interest in the materials used in constructing fuel tanks was prompted by an ongoing investigation within Boat U.S. to determine the effects of Ethanol in fuel as it slowly replaces MTBE as an additive to reduce air pollution. According to Borate's., one of the more serious apparent effects of Ethanol is that it creates sludge within fiberglass tanks as the fiberglass material slowly breaks down, and it has also (more importantly) caused a few fiberglass tanks to develop small leaks as the deteriorating process continues.

Our survey suggests that the fleet of Atomic 4 powered sailboats may be faring somewhat better than our power boat counterparts. The survey indicates that slightly less than 5% of our tanks are constructed of fiberglass (28 out of 668 total reports), and those that are constructed of fiber glass seem to be surviving better than the fiberglass tanks used in power boats from the same period of time.

There were only three reported problems within our fiberglass tank population, all of which involved the formation of troublesome sludge (presumably from the fiberglass material slowly breaking down). While there have been no reported leaks, one of these individuals has reinforced the inside of his tank with an Ethanol-resistant coating, and another person is planning to replace his tank. The third person (at least for the moment) is controlling his sludge development through good filtration.

We contacted the firm who made the above repair and learned that Ethanol-resistant resin is now readily available and should be used on any repair work performed on a fiberglass tank.

You can access the most recent report on the BoatU.S. investigation at the following link  
<http://www.boatus.com/news/releases/2005/october/alert.asp>

An abbreviated report appeared in the January BoatU.S. Magazine on page 7.

There was also an earlier BoatU.S. article describing potential problems with Ethanol which appeared in the October issue of "Seaworthy". "Seaworthy" is a publication prepared



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by the insurance department within BoatU.S.

In summary, we recommend keeping in touch with your local fuel vendors so that you will know if/when Ethanol fuel comes to your state. The article in "Seaworthy" lists the states that have converted to Ethanol as of last October. It seems to me to be important to know how long your tank may have been subjected to the effects of Ethanol.

Then, whether or not you have a fiberglass tank, we recommend installing a good primary fuel filter (usually 10 micron) and a secondary filter just prior to the carburetor (usually a 1 or 2 micron mesh) to trap any sludge that may develop in the tank. This recommendation is based on the BoatU.S. finding that even in metal tanks, the presence of even small amounts of water have the potential of causing sludge.

Finally, if you have a fiberglass tank and Ethanol comes to your state, keep a close eye on the condition of your tank, and be prepared to replace it or have it reinforced with an Ethanol-resistant lining at the first sign of problems.

Thank you again for your participation in this important survey. We'll be in touch if/when we hear of any other developments (good or bad) in the ongoing conversion to Ethanol fuel.

Best regards, Don Moyer  
MOYER MARINE INC. ([www.moyermarine.com](http://www.moyermarine.com))

**PORT CAPTAIN  
COMMENTS  
JIM DAWSON**



The gas line which supplies our caretaker's quarters has been replaced thanks to Tandy and crew.

We have received our reimbursement check from

Contra Costa County, which covered our cost for the repair. The County Road Project is still ongoing. They have agreed to the felt and the gravel on the west side of the road and to widen the road to the east with 'asphalt' by 2 feet. We are still negotiating how much rock will be laid on the east side of the road.

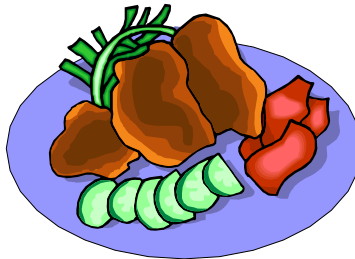
Please continue to support the Meeting Night Dinners. We need cooks for April through December. Our road side galley has received a fresh coat of paint, a new floor and a thorough cleaning. LOOKS GREAT!! Thanks to the huge crew it took to accomplish this task.

Anyone who wishes to be a relief caretaker can sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board. The days are always Tuesday 8 am thru Thursday 8 am, unless previously changed on calendar.

**Don't miss  
Your Opportunity!**

**Get your name in  
to Jim Dawson  
for the month  
You would like  
to cook the  
Meeting Night  
Dinner in 2006!**

**Try out your  
Favorite Recipe  
& we'll all thank you  
for it!**



**YES!**

**Dinner will be served before  
our February Meeting!**

**Our Menu**

**BBQ Ribs  
Baked Beans  
Potato Salad  
Corn Bread  
\$10.00 per person**

**Prepared by  
Pat Thompson  
Chris Mavroudis  
Scott Vickers**

**We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so contact  
Audrey Coach or  
Elaine Rasmussen  
as soon as possible**

**Come join us!**

**Super**



**Bowl**

**See Neal Essary for our fun  
Sideline Activities!  
Bring your favorite finger food to  
share  
Ham with all the trimmings for  
making sandwiches will be provided**

**Sunday, February 5th**

**Pre-Game begins at 1:00 p.m.  
Kick-Off begins at 3:15 p.m.**

**Party!!!**



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## THE GHOST OF THE SAUSALITO



Man! All I need to do is just go to sleep and then there is this banging around and thumping and all heck breaking loose. What is going on? I crawled out from my space and...well, I'll be darned...there has to be 50 trucks and cars

out there and all these guys and gals clipping wires and pipes being capped and the stove coming out of the galley and then I heard a chain saw and some hammering...This is the largest group of you guys working on all sorts of stuff - a WORK PARTY! What a show. You had guys on the shed roof at Area 1, guys floating stuff under the fingers at Area 4, guys pruning trees - they even removed one that was tearing up the levee. There were a couple guys and gals in the west side galley taping and then painting? Wow... then they all ran over to the rail just in time to see the pine tree get a hair cut...**Miss Winky** had to move her Caddyack so they wouldn't drop a limb on it. Then someone called out "Soup's on" and everybody came running for a taste of some of the best smelling rigatoni I have ever smelled since leaving North Beach. The Virgin Surgeon has been gaining a little weight ...now I know why...The Vice Commodore is a cook too!! I don't think I have ever seen that large a group working in all the years I have been around.

Wednesday night and I looked in on the West side Galley at the new floor and a bunch of you guys showed up and put all the galley stuff back. Someone said this had to get finished before the next week ...The Commodore and his flag are going to be inducted into their offices officially. I haven't seen him smile so big in all the time here. I don't think I have ever heard this much laughter when folks were working ... ever!! LAUGHTER!!

What an eager and willing bunch of new members and associates you have. I'm impressed! What's more? A lot of you old timers showed up and I heard a you talking about never seeing this many at a work party. An estimated 65 WOW!!

Interesting photos on the Staff Lineup...a certain Board member will show up for the photos when called next time...One thing for sure about Sportsmen...you sure can squeeze out a laugh.

The Commodore was entreated to a moving military salute with his sons and a few of you "Old Salt" PCs. He was funny and gracious and out going **Commodore Darlene Dawson** really got a warm send off. She should. She was surrounded by folks who love her and are grateful for her work last year.

Nice group of folks, you guys and gals...I think it is safe to say we are really sailing a fair wind and cruising into a fine sea. I am hitting the sack - Crab is coming...mmm I hope **Herb Pekonen** can make it! He organized the crab feeds for more times than I can remember. This will be the first time under new stewardship in many years. **Carl Swensen** (a Dane? - figures) has a secret source of tasty clawed crustaceans.

Move over Cat! ...Cat, must you always curl up on my pillow? ...AAAHChoo!! Darned Cat!

Opening Day will be here before you know it!



**Saturday, April 1**

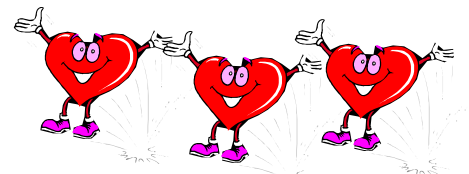
Make plans to participate in the Parade or come watch the Parade at our Fishing Pier!

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**field, Bob & Angie Williams, Scott & Sue Wood, Lou Zobb**, my buddy from Boise, **Steve Cornell**, and of course the two who really carried the whole thing through, **Sherry Lively and Belynda Zobb**. I am truly in debt to these two lovely ladies and fortunate to have them as friends.

As we turn the corner into February, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Club Meeting on the 3rd, the Work Party on the 4th, Super Bowl Party on the 5th, and the Crab Feed on the 11th. Do we have a good time at Sportsmen or what?

*Thank you one and all for a splendid Installation Dinner.*



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# Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

April 15, 2006

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next month's Newsletter



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*Jay & Laura  
Ward*

4547 N. Price  
Fresno, CA 93726  
Phone #559-291-7153

## MEMBER INFORMATION CORNER



- Diane Benson had a triple bypass recently. She is doing much better now.
- Larry Draper suffered a collapsed lung while on a cruise, but he is now up and running and on another trip.
- Jerry Fitzgerald's quadruple bypass surgery went well and he is doing great. He hopes to be back at the Club soon.
- Chris Yarbrough is much better after gallbladder surgery. He's glad to be home after 14 days in the hospital!

## THE 2006 SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB'S ANNUAL FISHING DERBY IS UNDERWAY!

Neal or Diane Essary will collect your entry fee for this year's Annual Fishing Derby, which runs from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. This year's fee is \$15.00 and covers all three (3) categories.

- ◆ All entry fees MUST be paid to Neal or Diane Essary at least 24 hours prior to weighing in any fish in the 2006 Fishing Derby.
- ◆ If you are going to fish at all this year, PLEASE enter the Derby AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you don't see us at the Club, mail a check (made out to Neal Essary) to:
- ◆ No entries will be taken by phone.
- ◆ The Fishing Derby rules are posted at the Club.

Neal Essary  
360 Kingston Avenue  
Martinez, CA 94553

We would like to thank all the participants in last year's Fishing Derby and to congratulate all the winners. We have lots of new members, so let's try and get some new winners this year! Good luck to everyone!

Thank you,  
Neal & Diane Essary

### RESULTS OF THE 2005 SPORTSMEN YC ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

STRIPED BASS	WINNER'S NAME	WEIGHT		PRIZE WON
1st Place	Jim Dawson	45 lbs	9 ozs	\$75.00
2nd Place	Jim Dawson	36 lbs	8 ozs	\$45.00
3rd Place	Jim Dawson	30 lbs	8 ozs	\$30.00
4th Place	Jim Dawson	18 lbs	8 ozs	Paid 2005 Entry Fee
STURGEON	WINNER'S NAME	WEIGHT		PRIZE WON
1st Place	Mike Carroll	68 lbs	0 ozs	\$70.00
2nd Place	Chuck Larosee	56 lbs	8 ozs	\$42.00
3rd Place	Chuck Larosee	51 lbs	8 ozs	\$28.00
4th Place	Steve Nicholas	44 lbs	4 ozs	Paid 2006 Entry Fee
CATFISH	WINNER'S NAME	WEIGHT		PRIZE WON
1st Place	Ethan Horton	6 lbs	8 ozs	\$70.00
2nd Place	Ken Corippo	2 lbs	14 ozs	\$42.00
3rd Place	Bob Art	2 lbs	6 ozs	\$28.00
4th Place	Bob Art	2 lbs	0 ozs	Paid 2006 Entry Fee



# **SportsmenYacht Club'sAnnual**

# **All You Can Eat Crab Feed**

**Saturday, February 11th**

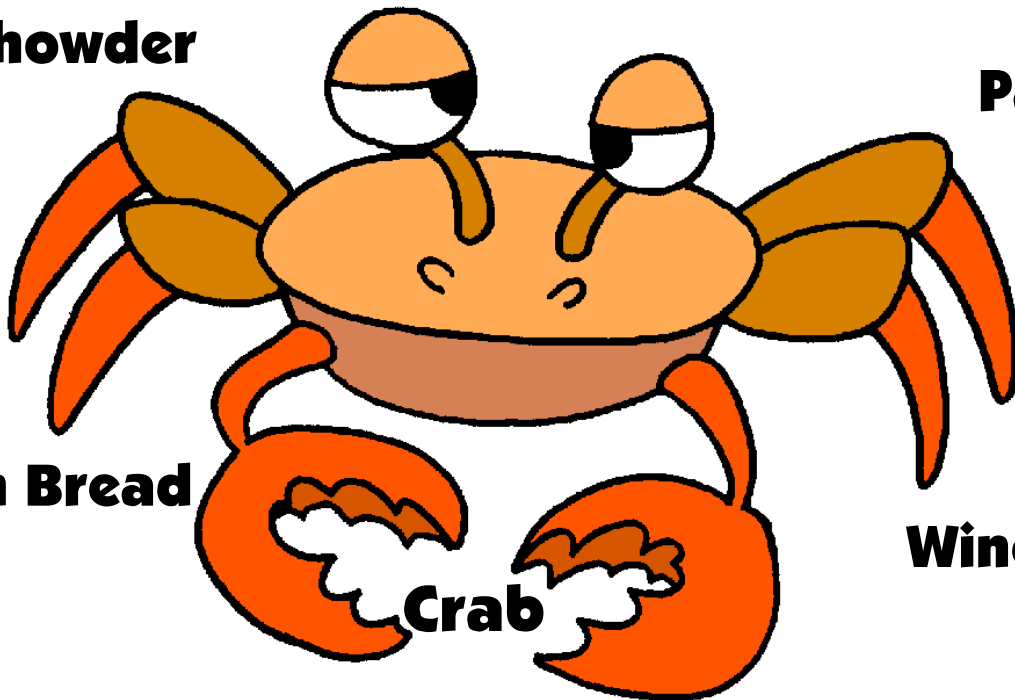
**Clam Chowder**

**Pasta**

**Salad**

**French Bread**

**Wine**



**Crab**

**Prepaid  
reservations for  
members and  
guests must be  
received by  
February 6th**

**\$30 per person**

**Dinner served  
At 7:00 p.m.**

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Audrey Coach  
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# St. Patrick's Day Party

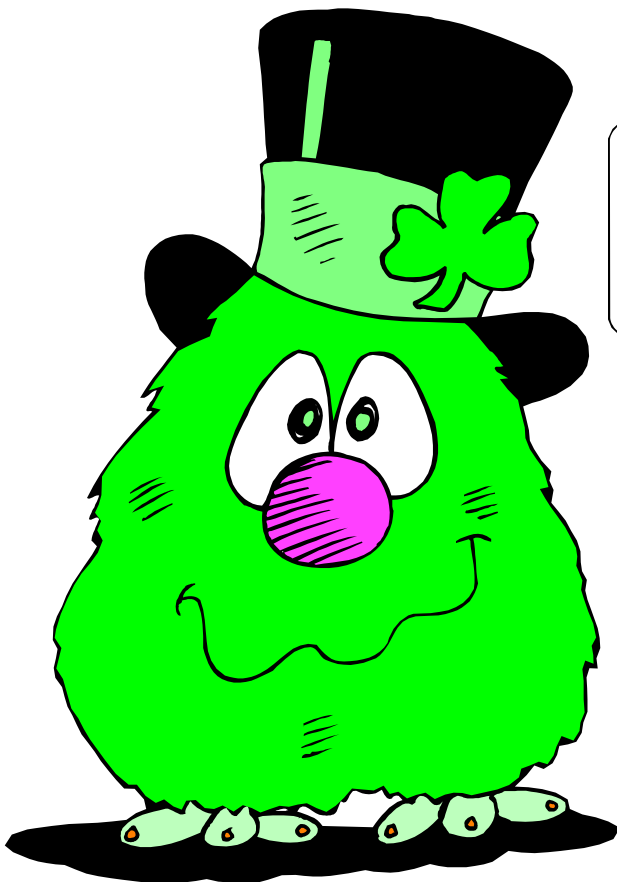
Saturday  
March 18th



\$15.00  
Per Person

6:15 p.m. Beer Drinking  
Contest

7:00 p.m. Corned Beef  
& Cabbage Dinner



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Elaine Rasmussen  
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Concord, CA 94520

Phone: 686-1167

Phone: 766-6675