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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Don Wilson

The holidays are behind us and we are starting a new year. Speaking of a new year, we had a great time at the New Year's Eve Party. L & L Cheers (Lawny and Lisa Chapman) provided the entertainment for the evening and did a great job. I will confess that I invited some very good friends who are no strangers to the microphone and they added entertainment to the evening and had a great time.

Chuck and Ann English provided their "world famous" steak dinners for the evening; I believe they broke a personal record for the most steaks cooked in one evening. I think the count was somewhere around 80. *Can't say thanks enough.*

New Year's Day we enjoyed a wonderful "potluck" meal, way too many people to thank for this one, and enjoyed a day of college football. A great way to start the year, enjoying food and friends.

I had my first meeting as Commodore on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and believe it or not I truly enjoyed the experience. I've been told by others that I will get over that feeling! I hope that is not the case.

We had our first Work Party of 2014 on January 4<sup>th</sup> and I cannot say thanks too many times to the members who were present and made the day a very constructive event. We worked on several projects around the property in addition to cleaning up the grounds.

Special thanks to our Port Captain, Harbor Captain, Galley Captain, Bar Manager, and Groundskeeper for their preparation prior to that day. I would like to acknowledge everyone who attended but, with more than 30 members who participated, that would be difficult.

We will be moving forward in our galley restoration. I'm looking forward to the finished product. Our members deserve these much needed improvements.

The 2014 Installation Dinner is behind us and I have to say we had a great time. The planning and preparation for such an event is much more than I thought it would be. The

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## Vice Commodore Rick Barton

As I write this article, the last week has been extremely stressful for me at work. I have way too many irons in the fire right now and trying to coordinate all the upcoming events has been a nightmare. I mention this because my wife just sent me an email reminding me that my article was due yesterday and I haven't really

thought about what I wanted to write.

I guess the thing that has most struck me is how we have hit the ground running in 2014. We cleaned up the lights and ceiling area over the dance floor; we have a crew redoing two cabins (one for the caretaker and one to store the beer and wine); we have a crew starting on the west galley; and we

have a crew out working on the grounds. I am amazed by the enthusiasm and number of people volunteering their time as we begin this critical 4S year. We will be working on other important projects in the next few months and need to keep up the energy and enthusiasm so we are ready in time for the 4S.

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## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

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Cancellation of reservations for an event must be made at least three (3) days  
prior to the event to avoid being charged for the event. Please notify Ann  
English at 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations.  
(This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, the following 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.

Your ideas and suggestions for this Newsletter are welcome!

Articles are due by the 20th of each month.  
Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org  
or contact Freda Lucido at 228.3609

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success of the evening is due to the combined efforts of many people. For days and weeks there was a steady stream of folks who worked very hard to take care of every detail. I wish I could name them all but I can't, there were too many to list. Chef Paul and his staff did an outstanding job on the excellent meal for the evening. I talked to Paul after the dinner and he gives the credit to his students for doing a fantastic job under less than ideal conditions. I want to thank Romano Marchetti and his Orchestra for the evening's entertainment.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Freda Lucido, Floyd Simpson, and Scott Jett to the 2014 Board of Directors. We have our first meeting behind us and I am looking forward to working with these fine people.

Last, but not least, thanks to our outgoing Board Members, Louie Rocha, Lonnie Gibson, Jim Arnold, and Kenny Norris. You served our Club Well.

## Italian Night Dinner!



### The February 14th Menu

Salad Bar with Commodore Wilson Dressing  
Sweetheart Ravioli (Lobster Ravioli) with  
Crabmeat Cream Sauce  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert Special: "Tortuga Rum Cake with  
New Orleans Soft Cream"

Prepared by  
Billy Jones

Make reservations on-line  
or contact Marina at 759-2764

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The other thing I wanted to comment on was the excellent job done in putting together the first two events of the year (New Year's Eve and the Installation Dinner). Excellent dinners, excellent entertainment, and a good time by all who attended. It was really good seeing some members I haven't seen around the Club in awhile.

If you haven't been to the Club lately, I encourage you to stop by and get involved. It's going to be an exciting year!

## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### February

- 2 Super Bowl Party
- 7 Club Meeting
- 8 Work Party
- 14 Valentine's Day - Italian  
Night Dinner
- 22 Crab Feed

### March

- 7 Club Meeting
- 8 Work Party
- 14-16 Diablo YC Cruise-In
- 14 Taco Bar
- 15 St. Patrick's Dinner
- 21 Italian Night Dinner

### April

- 4 Club Meeting
- 5 Work Party
- 12 Opening Day (Date Pending)
- 18 Italian Night Dinner
- 25-27 Rio Vista Cruise-Out  
& Chili Cook-Off



## Rear Commodore Doug Horton

January was a very fun month. The Installation Dinner was near perfect and the Ferry the perfect venue. Shari, Ethan and I had a great time; I really like the theme that Donnie chose. After all, we hunt, we fish, and we are Sportsmen! Chef Paul did another outstanding job with dinner. (I can't believe he still goes to cooking school!) To everyone who helped clean and decorate, *Thank You!*

Speaking of hunting and fishing, this has got to be the most dismal duck hunting season of all time. I know there are a few hunters who go out every day (Kenny Norris); they are die-hards. So what I do is I stand out on the back deck about 11am and watch them come in. If they have a lot of birds, then I go out the next day. Needless to say, I've slept in a lot this season. This all goes hand-in-hand with the weather; we need rain, lots of rain.

As you all know I am Galley Captain this year. There are major upgrades coming; we will have a new floor and countertops. When this is all completed, you will hear more from me about maintenance and upkeep.

I heard New Year's Eve was a hoot! But I'm too old to stay up that late; however we did have a nice potluck New Year's Day. The next Club event coming up is the Super Bowl Party. I hope a lot of you come out for a fun afternoon; too bad the Forty-Niners aren't in it (but neither are the Raiders!).

Shari and I went to the Friends of NRA Grant Board Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, I would like you to know that nationwide, we raised over \$33 million; we answered 52 grants just for Northern California for a total \$433,000. I am looking forward to the next event.

Quack-Quack!



### HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Recently, I was looking through some old bulletins, as I often do, and came across some history written for the Club bulletin in January 1975. To some of us that doesn't seem very long ago, but do the math, it is almost 40 years ago. With this year's theme, WE ARE SPORTSMEN, I feel it is a very appropriate time to share it with you. It is titled "HISTORY PART 1."

One sultry September evening in 1930, W. C. McCulloch assembled a group of Sportsmen together in the basement of his sporting goods store in Oakland for the express purpose of organizing a functional club of sportsmen. Those present at this momentous meeting were - H.W. Wilson, J.J. Scannel, Mr. Moots and Dick Pratt.

The men were drawn together by a common bond; they were all members of a rival sportsmen club. The club they thought was defunct in its obligation to demands of sportsmen. This little group of men with a wide perspective of the future was determined to create an organization that would cater to the needs and desires of sportsmen.

The first order of business was the selection of a name. Mr. McCulloch offered a rod and reel as a prize to the individual submitting the best name. Mr. Moots theorized that the primal aim of the organization was to promote activities to coordinate the interest of sportsmen in all fields of endeavor. Therefore the name "Sportsmen" offered the broadest implication of diversified interest.

The second aim of the organization was to offer its membership the greatest possible protection financially. Mr. Moots pointed out this could best be accomplished by incorporating the organization, thereby limiting the individual member's obligation to a confined sphere of responsibility. Both of these aims being of fine merit, giving rise to the combination of the two, producing the name "Sportsmen Inc." This name and the theories behind it were quickly

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### PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

#### 2014 PICYA CALENDAR

Feb 3	Delegates' Meeting Coyote Point YC	Mar 8	Spring Leadership Conference
Mar 3	Delegates' Meeting San Joaquin YC		

We were welcomed to the 22nd Annual Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers by Jr. Staff Commodore Fred Rutledge. Commodore Rutledge reflected on 2013 and his theme "The Great Race," celebrating the "many forms of friendly competition sporting folk may take." Mostly, it honored the 34th America's Cup and the corresponding races on San Francisco Bay. Also in 2013, PICYA celebrated the 95th Opening Day on the Bay and the 50th Anniversary of the Blessing of the Fleet at the Corinthian YC, survived the impact sequestration had on our Coast Guard partners, and welcomed our new Coast Guard director, Captain Gregory Stump, USCG Captain of the Ports. Staff Commodore Dedrick Denison presented the 2013 Silver Star Award to IOBG President Gary McGrath.

While every table was filled with VIPs, I was privileged to be seated at a table with lobbyists, RBOC representatives, the retired acting director of the Department of Boating & Waterways, and the coordinator for the San Francisco Boat Show. It made for lively and humorous table conversation.

Former acting director of the Department of Boating & Waterways, Lucia Berrcera, presented Commodore Elect Lenora Clark with a resolution honoring her for her many years of community service. The resolution was signed by Supervisor Mary Piepho and by Joan Buchanan, California State Assembly Member, who attended the evening's festivities accompanied by her District Director Iris Obregon.

After the formal ceremonies and installation were adjourned,

## Sportsmen YC Annual Fishing Derby Results for 2013

### Striped Bass

1st	Jim Dawson	34 lbs. 4 oz.	\$43.00
2nd	Jim Dawson	14 lbs. 11 oz.	\$25.00
3rd	Ken Norris	11 lbs. 14 oz.	\$17.00

### Sturgeon

1st	Ken Norris	52 lbs. 0 oz.	\$38.00
2nd	Bill Odum	27 lbs. 0 oz.	\$22.00
3rd	Steve Fernandez	Winner determined by drawing	\$15.00

### Catfish

1st	Ken Norris	15 oz.	\$35.00
2nd	Bob Art	Winner determined by drawing	\$21.00
3rd	Doug Horton	Winner determined by drawing	\$14.00

*Thanks to all participants & Congratulations to the WINNERS!!*

*Neal & Diane Essary*

## 2014 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update as of January 27th

- \* 56 people entered in the 2014 Derby
- \* Breakdown: 51 for catfish, 50 for sturgeon, and 55 for stripers
- \* Rules are posted at the Club
- \* This year we will pay four places - 1st place pays 50%, 2nd place pays 25%, 3rd place pays 15% and 4th place pays 10%
- \* To date, Dan Lively has a 39 pound sturgeon on the board. That is the only fish entered so far.
- \* Thanks to Neal Essary for 26 years of dedication organizing and running this Derby. Neal is mentoring me during this first year while I learn the ropes; he is also still preparing the records posted at the Club.

*Go out and catch a big one!*

*Jim Dawson*



## February Birthdays!

Feb 04 Barbara Chapman  
Feb 04 Bill Pato Jr.  
Feb 07 Adam Raubfogel  
Feb 07 Bob Saunders  
Feb 07 Rosie Fernandez  
Feb 08 Alice Jackman  
Feb 08 Chris Shelton  
Feb 11 Michael Carroll  
Feb 12 Amy Hammer  
Feb 12 Bob Kaiwi  
Feb 13 Gordon Chinn  
Feb 14 Dorothy Welch  
Feb 14 Sharon Higgins  
Feb 15 Jane Connelley  
Feb 15 Tim Lamb  
Feb 16 Victor Campo  
Feb 18 Carol Lawhorn  
Feb 18 Ken Corippo  
Feb 19 Dale Bauer  
Feb 19 Richard Holmes  
Feb 23 Winky Scannell  
Feb 24 Ann English  
Feb 25 Debbie Bauer  
Feb 25 Gene Buchholz  
Feb 26 Val Sarancha  
Feb 28 Lurch Fredrickson

## Welcome New Members!



Neal & Elena Draper

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adopted. The name "Sportsmen Inc." is unique among similar organizations in that it does not limit the club geographically nor does it restrict it in its aim and purpose.

Charles W. Fisher petitioned Sacramento for incorporation of "Sportsmen Inc." On September 5, 1931, the petition was granted and "Sportsmen Inc." became a full fledged legalized corporation in the State of California.

HISTORY PART 2 next month!



*(Darlene Dawson's Article continued from page 3)*

the Commodores Clark (the first couple to serve as PICYA Commodores in PICYA's 118 year history) opened the dance floor to a rendition of "Unforgettable."

Many thanks to Staff Commodore Joan Marsh (the evening's Master of Ceremonies) and her committee for an "unforgettable" evening. As Commodore Lenora Clark accepted her new position, she announced her theme for 2014 is "Visions." Anyone who knows Lenora knows she has always been and always will be a person of vision.





## Super Bowl Party!

Sunday, February 2nd

Pre-Game begins at 1:00 p.m.

**Steak Dinners - Reservations Required!**

Make Reservations Online  
or call Ann English at 779-9330

\$10 per person



## Taco Bar



Friday, March 14th

**Join us for a Taco Bar Dinner  
with our Diablo YC guests!**

**\$10 per person -**

**Reservations online or call Ann at 779-9330**



## Notice!

We have a 4S Planning Meeting scheduled  
for Saturday, February 8th, at 3:00 p.m.

**Everyone is invited to attend!**

Please contact Anita Hinds at 672-1503 if  
you have any questions. See you there!



# St. Patrick's Day Party at Sportsmen YC!



Saturday, March 15th

6:00 p.m. Drinking Contest

7:00 p.m. Corned Beef Dinner

Music & Dancing following dinner

**\$20.00 per person**



**Enjoy our Famous  
Corned Beef & Cabbage  
Dinner**

Prepared by Doug Horton & Crew



**Our Friends from  
Diablo YC are cruising-in  
for the weekend!**



## In Sympathy

*Bob Kuhnle passed away on September 20, 2013, at 74 years of age. Bob and his first wife, Doris, joined the Club in 1977. Doris passed away on September 21, 2004. Bob became a Life member in 2007. In 2008, Bob married Debbie who cared for him while he fought bone cancer.*

*Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.*

*Diane Colbrandt passed away on January 16th following a heart attack and stroke. Irwin and Diane joined our Club in 1982. Diane was a past President of our Lady Sailors group. Erwin passed away July 15, 2004. Diane then moved to Clearlake Park to be near her family.*

*Our sympathy to Diane's family and friends.*

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# Sportsmen YC's Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, February 22nd

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Music & Dancing to  
Watergate DJ Services  
following dinner

*\$45.00  
per person*



*Lots & Lots  
of Crab!*

Reservations Required by  
February 16th  
Make your reservations Online  
or call Ann at 779-9330