

# SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2003



### FROM OUR COMMODORE

## LONNIE GIBSON



It's March already and our first cruise-out of the year to Ebony Boat Club is just around the corner. The sign-up sheet is

on the Board Room door. You can either drive up with your RV or join us on the river. The date is March 22-23.

I hear there were a few disappointed members about not getting Crab Feed tickets, so start early and call **Elaine** or **Audrey** for your St. Patrick's Dinner tickets. It really helps to know how many are coming so we know how to purchase and prepare.

Opening Day this year will be April 12th, so mark your calendars so we can have a great

turnout. The theme this year is Hawaiian; *right up your alley, Larry!* Starting time is 12:30 p.m., east of the Antioch Bridge. We will be cruising on down to Pittsburg YC, our turn around point. *The Contra Costa Times* has promised to run a cover story several times to get more people's attention on shore. Dinner and awards will be held at Driftwood YC at 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$12.00 per person. This covers dinner, trophies, and plaques. Any leftover monies will go towards next year's Opening Day at Pittsburg YC. The Commodores from the five clubs will lead the parade.

Bar Chairman, **Mike Carroll**, has come up with a great idea. One of our vendors is willing to come to our Club to have a Wine Tasting Event. The date and time will be announced at a later date. Mike has also started a Premium

Beer of the Month special which has done very well. *Thanks, Michael.*

Thanks also to **John & Carol Hunter** for the raffle donations and to the **Richard & Virginia Noack** for the Doll House which was won by a school teacher who had visited our Club.

Many thanks to all members who showed up for our first (and almost last for someone) Work Party in February. The lunch **Sharon and her crew** prepared was great.

If you know of someone who might be able to help us save some costs on ANY projects we have going, please give **Dave Selvy** or me a call.

Hope to see you on the river.

~~ Safe Boating ~~

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE COMING EVENTS!

### March

- 7 Club Meeting
- 8 Work Party
- 15 St. Patrick's Dinner
- 29 Birthday Dinner

### April

- 4 Club Meeting
- 5 Work Party
- 12 Opening Day
- 19 Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt
- 26 Birthday dinner

### May

- 2 Club Meeting
- 3 Work Party
- 17 Birthday Dinner/Cinco de Mayo
- 24-26 Memorial Day Cruise-Out

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## FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE DAVE SELVY



What a jump off into the New Year! Our first Work Party had over 55 participants and we got so much done. We completed the pruning with the help of **Ben "Paul Bunyan" Best**, and **Ron "don't stop me now" Russo** and the truck hauling help of **Bert Schneider**. I think that the trees look great. Don't you?

If you didn't notice it; we have a new door on the fishing pier shed and a new utility (cracking crab) table all done by the talented hands of **Joe Stubberfield** and **Paul Larosee**. The RV area electrical has been redone so that even without my help you won't get shocked trying to use it. Sorry **Chuck Carroll** and **Ed Collins**. Note to the RVers: Please be more careful when you use the outlets and try not to break the plugs and covers. Pull out the plugs straight by holding the head of the plug.

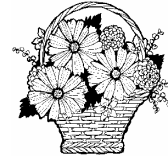
New Associates **Lawny** and **Debbi Chapman** rolled up their sleeves and worked tirelessly on the cabins cleaning and moving items from the relief caretaker's suites and storage areas and got much needed work done. **Carl**

**Rasmussen's** crew got a great jump on Area 3 floatation and they nearly had to rebuild the north end of the whole area assembly. I'll let Carl name the crewmembers but special thanks to **Carl Hamilton, Chris Yarbrough, and Joe Ortiz** among so many others. Did you notice the fresh base rock in the parking lot and the asphalt patch at the bench near the entry of the ferry? Well it seems that our area 5 wall committee specialist **Jim Dawson** got a certain group of workers to spread and compact that for us when they were finished with the assessment work at the sink hole. They also left us a handy pile of rock for other areas...nice.

**Hunny Bunny (Sharon)** had ample help in the kitchen with her "mystery meat" sandwiches and she really wants to thank **Alice Gibson, Elaine Rasmussen, Audrey Coach, and Debbi Chapman** and her daughter helping with the set up.

The Crab Feed was a HUGE success. These were the butteriest, most succulent and best crab flavored crustaceans I have EVER had. **Herb Pekonen** got crabs that ran 2 lbs. each. There was none but a tray left at the end of the night.

We cracked the crabs in an hour and a  
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*Just to  
Let You  
Know...*

- **Margaret Murphy** does a fantastic job keeping track of our members who have been hospitalized, sending cards of encouragement. *Thank you, Margaret, for sending Sunshine to our members to let them know we all care.*



- Mar 02 Bill Carr
- Mar 02 Jerry Redfern
- Mar 02 Virginia Noack
- Mar 10 Diane Essary
- Mar 10 Jim Arnold
- Mar 10 Kelly Dunbar
- Mar 14 Ellie Landes
- Mar 15 Betty Fraser
- Mar 15 Steve Nicholas
- Mar 16 Frank Reece
- Mar 16 Joe Ortiz
- Mar 21 Joe Stubberfield
- Mar 23 Paul Bernhardt
- Mar 25 Jeffrey Dunbar
- Mar 26 Cole Dunlap
- Mar 27 Elsie Campo
- Mar 30 Elaine Brown
- Mar 30 Eva Zwemmer

The March  
Birthday Dinner Party  
is on the 29th

### In Memory Of

**Carol Ramirez**, a beloved member and friend of our Club passed away on Saturday, February 15th. Carol is remembered by many of our members as someone who always had a bright smile and was always willing to help wherever she could. Carol also enjoyed RV trips with many of our members. She and her husband, Izzy, (or Mail to some of you) joined our Club in 1989. She was also the sister of Dave MacDougall. She will be greatly missed.

Our sincere condolences to her family.

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

*Send Newsletter information to:  
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e-mail lucidos@pacbell.net  
phone 228-3609*



**FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE  
DARLENE DAWSON**



**C o m m o d o r e Lonnie** and I attended a PICYA Leadership Conference on Saturday, February 22nd. Here are some notes from that meeting:

asked, "How do you recognize an HIV?" The answer: They are usually escorted by a Coast Guard boat. Don't look for HIV painted on the side of the vessel.

Director Raynor Ysuneyoski of the Dept. of Boating and Waterways reported their budget was untouched and they were actually getting more money this year. To date, Parks & Recreation has borrowed \$26.6 million. We all need to keep our eye on this loan and make sure the payback doesn't slip through the cracks.

Legislative Advocate Jerry Desmond reported as of Feb. 21 there were 2500 proposals for 2003. An overview can be

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Publication Director Bill Needham reminded us the 82nd edition of the Yachting Yearbook costs less than two trips across the Golden Gate Bridge. It is a valuable source of information for anyone interested in our yachting community.

Regional Affairs Director Jack Michael announced a new government affairs committee can be accessed as a direct link on PICYA's site.

Captain Neil Buschman of the U.S.C.G. announced that as of March 1st they will be expanding. There will be 2000 coasties on duty. We were reminded to stay 100 yards from U.S. Naval Vessels, HIV (High Interest Vessels), 25 feet from piers, pilings of Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge. A question was



**PICYA Report**

Upcoming Events

- March 3rd—Sacramento YC Delegates Meeting
- April 7th—Delta Marina YC Delegates Meeting
- April 27th—Opening Day on the Bay

**HISTORIAN NOTES  
KATHIE HAMMER**



I thought for March, I would go back in the archives to see what was happening at the Club in March 1939. I found the following article:

*THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP EVER TAKEN BY SPORTSMEN INC: We have purchased seven acres of river front property, one fourth mile this side of the Antioch Bridge. The dredging contract has been signed for a landlocked barbor, 100x300 feet. Four feet at low tide and dredging a cradle for moving of the club house. This project is going to require a lot of work by the membership. NOT JUST A FEW, but every one who is physically able. Everything we do now in the way of improvements will be done for ourselves, not for a landlord. SO LET'S PITCH IN FELLOWS AND MAKE THE BEST CLUB IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA A LOT BETTER. IT WON'T TAKE LONG IF WE ALL DO OUR SHARE. It is taking a certain amount of money to make down payments on equipment for our new barbor. The results so far have been very gratifying, yet there are some who have not seen fit to help as yet. The Board of Directors are not asking for gifts of money to the club, but are giving a legal note to each member who loans money to the club. So more money is needed NOW.*

*Open meeting Monday evening, March 20th, 55 minutes of moving pictures with sound effects. Bring your ladies and friends, An enjoyable evening is assured.*

**To All Renters in Dry Storage**



**Soon after the first of April, we plan to begin building the containment pond for dredging spoils for our dredging project. The trailers in our Dry Storage area will be relocated. Please make sure your trailers and tires are in operable condition. Please contact Carl Rasmussen at 682-7585 if you have questions.**

**Visit Sportsmen YC's Website**



- ...to view pictures of recent Club events
- ...Calendar information for the year
- ...lots of other Club related information & links

[www.sportsmenyc.org](http://www.sportsmenyc.org)

*March 21st is the  
First Day of Spring!*



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half with the help of **Bill Coach, Paul Larosee, Chuck Carroll, Chris Yarbrough, Tim Lamb, Walt Hoy, Herb Pekonen, Bill Crociata** and his father-in-law running the product to the cooler, and **Chris Stubberfield** supplying the best Bloody Mary crab cocktails you ever had. (It is amazing the amount of crab tidbits you can find around the cracking table.) It was a really happy group.

**Barbara Chapman** broke away from her 24-7 job at Travis AFB and came down to make her fabulous pasta. When she was finished she jumped into her car and beat a path back to work without getting to eat. This woman really needs our thanks; her energy is an inspiration to me personally. **Belynda Zobb** made her clam chowder again and every drop was either consumed or sold at the end of the evening for \$2.50 a quart. She had to miss the Crab Feed though; she became exhausted, got sick and had to go home. Belynda gives her soul to our events. I sure hope that she gets better. **Alice Gibson** stepped up to take over and was joined in the kitchen by so *many* members I would get in trouble to try to name you all ...so again the Club knows who you are and we Thank You, for if it weren't for this new spirit of "**Giving of Self**" we wouldn't be having the successes we are. *Thank you for this terrific show of support!!*

Next up is Work Party #2 on March 8th and I have it on good authority the lunch will be Minestrone with French bread!! MMMM...good!!

Don't forget to get your reservations in to **Elaine** or **Audrey** for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner with all the trimmings, including the ever popular Green Beer contest.

The weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> is our cruise out to Ebony Boat Club with Bridge, Driftwood, and others. Sounds like this will be a possible annual event also. Some are leaving Friday and others Saturday. Be sure to let **Bob McLean** know and put your name on the sign up sheet on the Boardroom Door. See ya there!

*Uf-Dab!*



## Revenue Committee Report

Jim Dawson, Chairman

The February Meeting Dinner was a great success with an early sell-out! For the second month in a row, we had great food, maximum crowd, the dinner was served on time and we made a nice profit. Thanks again to **Dave Selvy** and crew. Thanks also goes to **Larry Pacheco** for doing the raffle which netted \$72. Added to January's raffle, our raffle income is now over \$120. Thanks to **Jackie & Ken** for the Billy Bass donation and to **John & Carol** for the picture frames.

Now for March, **Paul & Kathy Larosee** are doing pork chops with all the trimmings for only \$8. We again have a maximum capacity of 50 reservations and we all know how good this will be—so get your reservations in as soon as possible.

The April Lobster Dinner by **Chef Paul**

has already sold over 60 reservations with a maximum capacity of 100. Where can anyone get a lobster dinner prepared by a professional chef for \$15?

It appears more members are talking about revenue growth and reducing expenses. This is getting back to the basics which was established when the Club was formed by being a "working man's" ("working person's") Club. The concept was simple: By getting the word out to the members, we are able to utilize the vast knowledge we have to reduce labor costs and many times find outlets for supplies at a much lower cost.

Thanks again for everyone's support for the Meeting Night Dinners and the Committee thanks you for your input on how to increase revenue, reduce expenses and improve our general operating procedures.

We would also like to thank the Board of Directors for supporting the majority of our recommendations.



Dinner will be served  
before the  
March General Meeting  
Friday, March 7th

### Our Menu

Baked Pork Chops with Mushroom Sauce  
Noodles, Vegetable, Dinner Roll

\$8.00 per person

Dinner served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Limited to the first 50 dinners sold

Please Make Reservations By Contacting  
Elaine Rasmussen, Audrey Coach,  
or Jim Dawson

*Welcome*  
*New Associate Members*

**Lawny & Debbi Chapman**  
 3306 G Street, Antioch, 94509  
 Phone: 757-8629  
 Email: lawny@pacbell.net

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.

**Join Us...  
 Cruise-Out to  
 Ebony Boat Club  
 March 21-23**



**Three other clubs will join us  
 for Ebony's Jazz Festival  
 Weekend. Sign-ups are posted  
 outside the Board Room Door  
 at the Club. RV Parking  
 nearby. Call Bob McLean at  
 707-224-2716 if you have  
 questions.**



**NCPA Report**

**Over the Bottom  
 2003 Kick-Off**

It has been heard that it is just fun getting your boat to OxBow Yacht Club... and it's tricky driving by car. But however you go, be there March 8th for the Northern California Power Cruiser Association (NCPA) Fun and Frolic Cruise Out. There will be lots of activities to participate in, plus the regular "eat, drink, and be merry" NCPA festivities.

One week later, March 15th, that wonderful view of the Antioch bridge will be the site of the **NOVICE OVER-THE-BOTTOM** Contest. Sponsored by Bridge Marina Yacht Club, the day will begin with a seminar at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. This will be followed by the novices, accompanied by

experienced skippers, running the course. Lunch will be available at the club. Watching the committee figure and announce the results is open to all interested participants and their friends. So make this a learning and teaching day.

For more information contact Betty Gordon, PICYA Commodore, at 408-745-0189 or bbgord@juno.com. You can also contact one of our delegates:

- Barbara Chapman
- Tony Chapman
- Dave De Cato

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 accessed at [www.rbo.org](http://www.rbo.org).

ABC Investigator Robert Farrar gave the definition of a guest: A guest is someone you invite to your club, not someone who shows up to drive drunk. Cut the drunk off or be prepared to drive them home. Investigator Farrar complemented the fact that yacht clubs are self regulating.

**WOW!**

**You won't want to miss  
 our March Birthday  
 Dinner on March 29th!  
 Chef Tony Russo will be  
 preparing a Pasta Dinner  
 with his very own special  
 homemade sauce!**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

**Reservations are  
 appreciated so  
 we can ensure we have  
 enough food.  
 Call Elaine (682-7585) or  
 Audrey (686-1167)**

# St Patrick's Day Dinner

**Saturday  
March 15th**

**\$12.50  
Per  
Person**

**6:15 p.m. Beer  
Drinking  
Contest**

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



## Send Prepaid Reservations To

Audrey Coach  
2400 Sun View Place  
Concord, CA 94520

Elaine Rasmussen  
3700 Hillsborough Drive  
Concord, CA 94520

or

Phone: 686-1167

Phone: 682-7585

**Saturday, April 19th**

**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

## Our Menu

Bunny Fritatas  
Ducky Pancakes  
Orange Juice  
Coffee

Porky Pig Ham  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk



**Sportsmen YC's  
6th Annual  
Uncle Bob's Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch**

**Don't Forget!  
Bring Hard Boiled Eggs for  
Your Children to Color**

**\$6 Ages 13-Adult  
\$4 Ages 6-12  
Children Under  
6 Are Free**

**For Reservations,  
Please Contact  
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or  
Elaine at 682-7585**