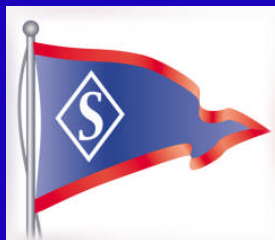


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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Louie Rocha

I am impressed with the high level of attendance at our Club events this year. In January, the Installation Dinner and Dance was sold out at 125 tickets, with 21 Past Commodores in attendance.

In February, 34 members attended the Valentine's Dinner on February 14th, which was a Thursday night! It was nice to enjoy a delicious dinner catered by La Veranda Restaurant with our loved ones in the comfort of our own Club.

As I write this article, we are preparing for the annual Crab Feed. I am happy to announce that

we are sold out at 160! I want to thank Lonnie Gibson for his leadership on this event and the crew assisting him.

We are already working on the annual St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance scheduled for March 16th. I want to recognize Doug Horton for taking the lead on this upcoming event.

Thus far, we have exceeded ticket sales from previous years. I highly recommend you make your dinner reservations as soon as possible so your are able to enjoy the fun and friendship shared by our members!

"Come One, Come All!!"



*"May you have the hindsight
to know where you've been,
The foresight to know where
you are going,
And the insight to know when
you have gone too far!"*



Vice Commodore Don Wilson

February was a busy month. According to many sources, the Super Bowl Party was a huge success and we had a very good turnout. I regret that I did not attend and will make sure that I am in attendance next year to continue this tradition.

Speaking of traditions, I will certainly "steal" an

event that, to my surprise, I had a very good time. I am referring to the Valentine's Day Dinner. We had a respectable number of folks who attended the dinner and the evening was enjoyable for all. Thanks to the efforts of Tammy and Louie Rocha, it was just the right venue. The dinner was

perfect and the music was very appropriate for the occasion.

Hopefully, as you read this Newsletter, you will realize work on the Area 1 docks has come to completion. At this writing, there is a very small portion of the dock decking that remains to

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*Plan to come to our
St. Patrick's
Dinner & Dance!
Make your
reservations now!!
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Friday Night Special

Curried Chicken, Steamed Rice,
Asian Salad, Kimchee and Brownies

Prepared by Gordon & Sue Chinn

\$10 per person



Volunteers are needed to cook for the
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Becky Wilson for details (229.3121)

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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be finished. We are also within one or two days in wrapping up the electrical work.

It's a little too early to talk about the success of the Crab Feed because it hasn't occurred yet. I do know that the event has been sold out a number of times. The number of tickets offered for sale went from 125 to 150 and the last figure I heard was capped at 160. It appears Lonnie Gibson has been very flexible on the count as interest increased. I am really looking forward to this event.

Thanks to all who were involved in cleaning out the vegetation from our harbor. It was badly needed and it looks great!

Recently, we lost some very dear people associated with our Club. Our thoughts and prayers should be with their families and friends. (See "In Memory Of" on Page 5.)

As the last month has passed, some of our members have been doing what they can to make our Club a better place. When you pass by them, please acknowledge your appreciation for their efforts.

Thanks!



March Birthdays!

01 Al Alcorn	14 Sue Chinn
02 Bill Carr	16 Frank Reece
02 Jerry Redfern	17 Dennis Higgins
04 Len Adkerson	23 Jason Turpin
06 Louie Rocha	23 Paul Bernhardt
07 Ed Petersen	27 Elsie Campo
07 Joe Fray	29 William Odum
07 Michelle Buchholz	30 Elaine Brown
10 Diane Essary	30 Gary Abeyta
10 Jim Arnold	30 Kathy Kaiwi

We hope to have details on our
Opening Day on the Delta Parade
in the next Newsletter!

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

March

1	Club Meeting
2	Work Party
16	St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance
16-17	Diablo YC Cruise-In

April

5	Club Meeting
6	Work Party
13	Opening Day (Pending Date)

May

3	Club Meeting
4	Cinco de Mayo Dinner
14	Annual Golf Tournament
25-27	Memorial Day Weekend Cruise-In, RV, etc.



Rear Commodore Rick Barton

Shortly after the Installation ceremony ended last month, Alice Gibson handed me a sealed envelope. I opened it the next morning to find it contained a copy of the original "Articles of Incorporation of Sportsmen Incorporated" dated September 5th, 1931. (I guess no one had "yachts" back then!) There were three purposes listed for the Club:

1. To assist and promote the conservation, propagation and protection of fish, game and forests in the State of California and/or elsewhere;
2. To promote the sport of fishing and/or hunting in the State of California and/or elsewhere;
3. To do and perform every act and thing necessary or convenient to carry out the above named purposes. (Paraphrased)

Once I had gotten over my initial shock that the incorporation papers mentioned nothing about drink prices or bar profits, I began to give this some thought. Are we doing all we can to live up

*"Are we doing
all we can to
live up to
these lofty
goals?"*

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HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Recently, I was looking through some old Sportsmen bulletins to try and find information on Valentine's or St. Patrick's Day parties in days past. The only thing I found was that most parties in the 40's and 50's were \$1.50, and included dinner and dancing and that everyone had a good time. They also said most every year that they needed more participation.

I did find two reports that left an impression with me and I would like to share them with you. It gives us insight of what things were like so many years ago.

From a bulletin dated January 1941: "Another year of water has passed under our bridge of time, none of us is growing any younger, and the war goes on and on, war between nations, war in business, and more important to each of us is the continual war to exist, economically and physically, then enjoy ourselves just a little. This is the reason Sportsmen Inc. "The Ace of Clubs" fits in so nicely for our small group of humans – a place to work a little, play a lot and forget the troubles of the outside world."

From a bulletin dated April 1942: (Financial Report) "The financial committee held a meeting last week and audited the books of the club for the first four months of the year 1942 and found same in excellent shape. The finances of the club are also in good shape, but with a number of our members being called into the armed services of our country and not many new applications for members coming in, the members of Sportsmen INC, will have to find ways and means of increasing revenue before the end of the year.

Our treasurer has been called into the armed services of our country and has resigned as treasurer. We all join in wishing him well."

Present time report: When you are visiting the Club, please notice the two beautiful ship's wheels that were donated to the Club through Doug Horton. When Humphrey's restaurant in Antioch closed its doors, they offered them to Doug and he brought them to the Club to share with all of us. *Thanks Doug!*



PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

2013 PICYA CALENDAR

Mar 4	Delegates' Meeting Richmond YC	Apr 1	Delegates' Meeting Sequoia YC
Mar 23	Leadership Conference Martinez YC	Apr 28	Opening Day on the Bay

Opening Day on the Bay
Sunday, April 28th

This year's theme is "The Great Race!" Founder and CEO of BoatUS Richard Schwartz is this year's Grand Marshal. This year's parade will feature over 100 historic workboats, fireboats, towboats, classic and contemporary personal craft decorated to the theme. Please join PICYA as they host the 96th Annual Opening Day Parade!

PICYA's 2013 Commodore Fred Rutledge is looking forward to a great year of activity on the San Francisco Bay. The Louis Vuiton and America's Cup Races will draw worldwide attention to our area. The Port of San Francisco is celebrating its Sesquicentennial on April 24th. This year's theme refers not only to the 34th America's Cup, but on racing and sportsmanship in all our competitions. Vice Commodore Lenora Clark and her committee promise to ensure that our Opening Day will continue to be the largest decorated boat parade in the country.

Leadership Conference
Saturday, March 23rd

The Leadership Conference will be held at Martinez YC. All PICYA club members are welcome. This is a great chance to learn about special rules for yacht clubs. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the cost is \$25.00 per person which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and informational materials.

St. Patrick's Day Party!!!



Saturday, March 16th

6:00 p.m. Beer Drinking Contest

7:00 p.m. Corned Beef Dinner

After Dinner Music & Dancing provided by
The Blue Healers Band



Our Famous
Corned Beef
&

Cabbage Dinner

Prepared by
Doug Horton & Crew

Diablo YC will be cruising-in again for this event!

Reservations can be made online
or call Ann English at 779.9330
Reservations Deadline: March 10th

\$20.00
per person

In Memory Of...



Dorothy shown here with her husband, Larry Hawkins.

Dorothy Carroll passed away on January 25, 2013. She had been a member since 1983 when she and her husband, Charles Carroll, joined our Club. Charles preceded her in death in 1990. After several years of being alone, she was blessed to marry Larry Hawkins.

Dorothy always had a loving smile and her generosity to our Club was admirable. She loved our Club; she and Larry would bring their RV to the Club during the summer to enjoy the grounds and a beautiful view of the river.

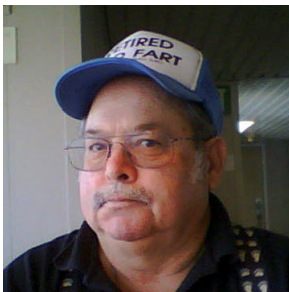
Her son, Chuck, and grandsons Charlie and Michael are also Sportsmen members. Our sincere sympathy to Larry and the Carroll family.



Lynn London Deming passed away on January 28, 2013. She had been a member of Sportsmen since 2008 and loved coming to the Club to help and participate in events or just relax with friends.

Since joining, Lynn also faithfully kept our Calendar Board up to date. Lynn and Jerry Kent loved to go RVing to Mexico during the winter. In recent years, the climate there helped her to be able to breathe more easily.

Lynn was always adventurous and fun to be around—a very special lady who was witty and tenacious! Our condolences to Jerry and her loving family.



Jerry Goldsmith passed away on January 30, 2013. He and Sharon joined our Club in 2004. Jerry loved to fish and was always looking for an excuse to “go out and catch a few.” When his health began to fail in 2011, they became Honorary Members.

Jerry served our nation in the Navy and found his calling being a fireman at Mare Island until his retirement. He was known for his dedication to his profession and was highly respected by all. Jerry loved spending time with his family and friends.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Sharon and their family.

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to these lofty goals?

I know there are a lot of Sportsmen in the Club who basically live for fishing and hunting. But are we actively promoting and insuring the future of these sports? Is listening to Roger's updates during "good of the order" doing enough? I want my grandchildren and great grandchildren to catch fish in the Delta. I want them to learn to safely handle a firearm. I want them to be able to legally hunt game in the state of California. I also realize that there is no guarantee they will be able to do any of these things.

One of the goals I have set for myself during the next three years is to do everything I can to carry out the original purposes for forming this great Club. I hope I can live up to the lofty goals set forth by the founding members way back in 1931.



Cinco de Mayo!

Saturday, May 4th



**Homemade
Mexican Food**

\$15 per person

**Music by
The Night Crawlers**

**Make Reservations Online
or call Ann English—779-9330**