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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Don Wilson

I think February is, at this point, all about Work Parties and getting things done. I can't stress enough about the amount of work we have to accomplish between now and the middle of July. July is our target this year as we will be inviting three other clubs to join us in the annual event known as 4S. It's amazing how a simple term such as 4S can strike terror in our minds as we prepare for all the work that is ahead of us. I would be living in fear if it were not for the fact that we have assembled such an amazing team to deal with this overwhelming task.

We have already had our first 4S meeting, thanks to the efforts of our 4S Chairperson, Anita Hinds. Much was discussed and a

lot of material for the upcoming event has already been organized. There will be many more meetings between now and the 4S games, so I would encourage our members to become involved in this fabulous event. This is our year to shine!

Speaking of work, we had two Work Parties in February and accomplished quite a bit. The first one was inside due to poor weather and the second one was a small but hardworking group. We are making some headway but need a lot more participation as we have so much to do. Remember the Work Party starts at 8:00 the morning after the General Meeting. I have a list of more than twenty-five members I would like to thank for showing up

but that would take up too much space in this article. You know who you are and "thank you very much." A special thanks to Dave Newton, Bill Jones, and helpers on the great counter-top work they have performed. One last note on this subject is that Gary Fields needs help on the grounds. It did rain and the weeds are growing.

I want to welcome Casey Curry on Board as our fourth Director. Casey will fill the vacancy that was a result of Doug Horton being elected as our Rear Commodore.

February 22nd was our annual "Crab Feed." The day started out at about 8 a.m. with a crew dedicated

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Vice Commodore Rick Barton

To thank or not to thank? Seems like a pretty simple question, but it is one that I have been grappling with for awhile. When I started writing this column last year, I tried to vary from writing a recap of the last month. I figured that was the Commodore's job and I could write about whatever I wanted. It has worked pretty well so far. Every article I have written has started at

least one conversation when I'm at the Club. However, my time as Commodore will be here before I know it and I could use some help with this month's question. Obviously, I know how important it is to thank those who help. We are a volunteer club. There is no way this Club could function without the wonderful people who give up their time to make

things happen here at Sportsmen. I know how good it feels to be thanked for a job well done.

Okay, seems like a no brainer so far. But let's look at the other side. It is almost impossible to start thanking people for a major event and not miss someone. I have been surprised when a list of thanks have been given

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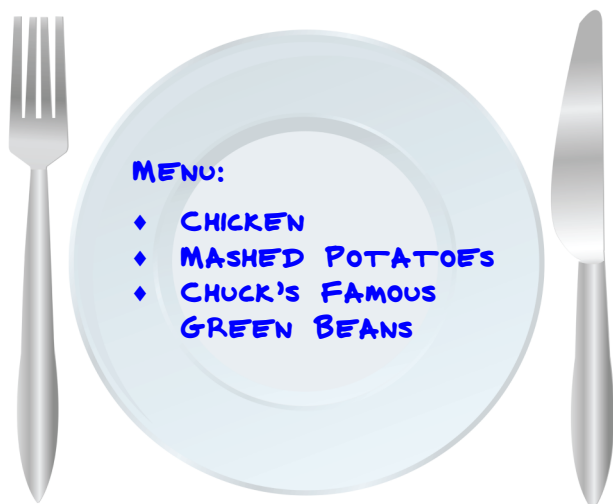
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St. Patrick's Day Dinner



FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY CHUCK & ANN ENGLISH
\$10 PER PERSON



MENU:

- ♦ CHICKEN
- ♦ MASHED POTATOES
- ♦ CHUCK'S FAMOUS GREEN BEANS

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ONLINE OR
CONTACT ANN ENGLISH AT 779-9330
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Volunteers are needed to cook for the
Friday Night Meeting Dinners.
Please contact Shari Horton for details (783-8424)

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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to cleaning and cracking of over 500 lbs. of crab for the evening feast. One must understand the "pecking order" of this task. At first, you are allowed only to run the prepared crab from the fishing pier to the galley. After many years of "running" you may graduate to the position of "cracker." In addition to these two positions, there is the elite position of "cleaner" and there only a few select crab veterans that achieve this coveted rank. The task was accomplished in about two hours with Scott Wigmore supplying the necessary liquid motivation.

I cannot say thanks enough for the efforts that Lonnie and Alice Gibson and their staff put into this event. Everything went very smoothly and the evening was a great success. Lonnie said it was a combined effort from many people and I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big "thank you" to all who made the day one to remember.

Italian Night Dinner!

The March 21st Menu



Salad Bar with Assorted Dressings
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Garlic Bread
Dessert

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

Prepared by
Billy Jones

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and I wasn't included in the list. I'm sure many people reading this have had it happen to them also. So I guess my question is this: Does the joy and good feeling felt by those publicly thanked outweigh the pain felt by the people who are missed? How do I make sure I didn't miss anybody? I know Donnie and I have had several conversations on this already this year, but if you have an opinion I would love to hear it. In the meantime, I have spent the last few months on a crash course trying to learn as much as I can about the inner workings of the Club so I will be as prepared as I can be next January. To all of those I have asked to share their knowledge of the Club, and I hope you know who you are because I don't remember, I just wanted to say thank you. Actually to everyone who makes this Club such a special place to belong to, THANK YOU!!

Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

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

May

2	Club Meeting
3	Kentucky Derby Day
10	Work Party
13	Men's Golf Tournament
21	4S Try-Outs
28	4S Work Party



Rear Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everyone, I can't believe it has been a month already as I write this article. Keep in mind, Ethan is sitting on the couch behind me watching The Walking Dead; I can't believe I love Lucy and Leave It To Beaver, has been replaced with flesh eating zombies.

I hope all of you have noticed our new looking west galley.

The new floor is awesome as are the new countertops. I would like to thank the plethora of members who have helped all month. I know nothing about construction like that, but it is obvious we have a very talented membership. Chuck Carroll headed up several Work Parties to move out all the equipment, and then Brian Tapp painted the whole dern thing. It is an amazing thing to me how members, who may just have stopped in for a beer, will jump in and help when and wherever they can. I would especially like to thank my old friend Dave Newton for stepping up to put in the new countertops.

Also as Galley Captain, I would like thank Bill Jones and Scott Jett for coming up with the idea of ordering bar supplies, janitorial supplies, and galley supplies through Sysco; this will streamline and reduce the price of ordering Club supplies. I will be putting together a supply order sheet for the galley and the laundry room. If there is anything you think we might need, please write it down and sign your name.

By the way, I would like to thank all of those who voted to buy a food warmer; this is invaluable to any Club food-related function. Please do not try to use the food warmer until instructions are posted. Again as Galley Captain, I would like to thank everyone who has helped through this renovation project of the west galley. I would like to apologize to those I could not listWE ARE SPORTSMEN!

Quack-Quack!



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

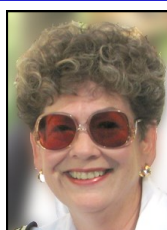
For this month, as I promised, I am going to continue HISTORY PART II, from a Sportsmen Bulletin dated February 1975.

"In the minutes of the December 19, 1931, meeting of Sportsmen you can see that the membership was already launching a campaign for better sportsmen legislation. A letter was sent to Governor Jim Ralph urging adequate appointments to the Fish and Game Commission and passage of Bill 672 (prohibiting the selling of striped bass as a commercial venture). This letter, plus letters to similar organizations and the solicitations of commercial markets, gave Sportsmen the distinct honor of spear heading an attack that gained such force that the net result was inevitable. The Club can well be proud of the effort of this action, for it was the biggest single bit of legislation in this state to protect the abundance of striped bass for our enthusiastic anglers.

As the progressive organization gained momentum, its founders still held to their original aim of providing its members with a recreational area. It was a plot of ground facing the San Joaquin River and stretching out through the sand dunes to Wilbur Road. After a thorough investigation of the site by the membership, it was unanimously agreed to lease this site from Ben Morris. On July 1, 1932, a lease was negotiated and one of the Club's earliest dreams became a reality. This was the fundamental step that started a chain reaction that to this day is paramount in the acquiring and improving of accommodations for members of Sportsmen.

The leasing of the site proved an immediate success as was evidenced by the many picnics and gatherings perpetrated at the grounds. This memorable improvement was not without financial complications. The Club rose to meet this condition with the spirit and understanding that has marked its steady progress throughout the years. The initiation fee of \$5.00

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PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

2014 PICYA CALENDAR

Mar 3	Delegates' Meeting San Joaquin YC	Apr 7	Delegates' Meeting Sequoia YC
Mar 8	Spring Leadership Conference	Apr 27	Opening Day on the Bay

I attended the first 2014 Delegates' Meeting at Coyote Point YC. Commodore Lenora Clark opened the meeting asking for support for the Delta. She announced there will be no assigned seating at the meetings so delegates can mix and network with one another.

Vice Commodore Liz Allison reported on Opening Day which will be held on Sunday, April 27th. She is looking for people to help with this event.

Rear Commodore Erich Schoenwisner reported on the Leadership Conference to be held at the Vallejo YC on March 8th.

RBOC's VP North, Greg Gibeson, reported on their activities which include the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, Copper Bottom Paint issues, and legislation for Vessel Operator Certificates.

The Delegates in attendance were asked to introduce themselves, give any reports or RBOC donations, and provide information concerning their status as a landed or a paper club. I was very proud to inform the delegates that I was representing one of the oldest yacht clubs on the Delta and, of course, a landed one! I presented RBOC with a donation from our Club.

Congratulations to Dr. Linda Bendsen, recipient of the 2013 Poseidon Award!

Memories Already Made in 2014!



Sportsmen know how to have fun!

March Birthdays!

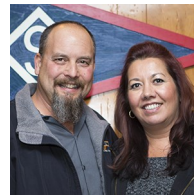
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23 Paul Bernhardt
23 Rhonda Hanson
27 Elsie Campo
27 Matthew Tate
29 William Odum
30 Elaine Brown
30 Gary Abeyta
30 Kathy Kaiwi

2014 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update as of February 24th

- * 59 people entered in the 2014 Derby
- * Rules are posted at the Club
- * To date, Dave Newton has a 72 pound sturgeon on the board, with Dan Lively in second place with a 32 pound sturgeon.
- * To date, Dale Bauer is in first place with a 16 pound striper and he also has an 8 pound striper in second place.
- * The catfish category is wide open so far.
- * Go out and catch one bigger!

Jim Dawson

Welcome New Members!



Robert & Denice Babo

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was raised to \$10.00; however, the annual dues of \$6.00 was maintained. The ensuing year was one of great rejoicing, the amiable comradeship of the fast growing membership was expressed in bountiful Cioppino dinners, frolicsome picnics and enjoyable Bar-B-Ques."

(Part III next month.)



Notice!

We will have another 4S Planning Meeting on Saturday, March 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend!

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



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

Annual Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendars!
Tuesday, May 13th
Lone Tree Golf Course

This year,
Illustrating
"Proper
Tournament
Attire" ...



...Joe sets the
"Sportsmen"
standard for
proper golfing
apparel !!!

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board
outside the Board Room door.
For information, rules, or questions,
please see Joe Fray



Kentucky Derby Day!

Saturday, May 3rd
You will want to Save This Date!
Details will be coming...

The possibilities are endless!!

Rio Vista Cruise-Out & Chili Cook-Off April 25th-27th



Chili Cook-Off on
Saturday, April 26th
1:00 p.m.

Bring your best chili and
join in the fun!

Scavenger Hunt following the Chili Contest

Welcome all boaters, RVers, and drive-ins
Details posted at the Club

Come
Rain
or
Shine!



Contact Carl
Rasmussen
with questions
766-6675

Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

Saturday, April 19th
10:00 Brunch
Potluck

Easter Egg Hunt for
Kids following the
brunch



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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 to the music of
"Contra Band" 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!**

Make your reservations online or
call Ann English at 779-9330
Reservations Deadline: March 9th