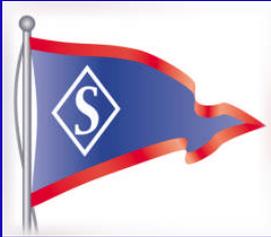


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# Sportsmen Yacht Club

NEWSLETTER



## Commodore Louie Rocha

I want to thank the members of Sportsmen YC who contributed to the potluck for the Celebration of Life for Ed "Kangaroo" Elledge on March 9th. The day started with a toast to Ed at Driftwood Marina, followed by the Celebration of Life at our Club. It was a special day in honor of our dear friend, "Kangaroo."

I want to recognize Doug Horton for preparing a wonderful Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance. I am amazed by the teamwork I have observed during each of this year's Club events. The volunteer help consists of setting up seating and decorations,

cooking our tasty meals, serving us our favorite beverages and the clean-up crew who get things back in order. We have a membership of hardworking people who know how to have a great time! We continue to sell out our Club events due to the high participation of our members and their guests.

Our next SYC Club event is the "Cinco de Mayo" Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 4th. This happens to be the same day Stevie "Dirty Martini" Martinez turns 60 years old. I expect a big crowd for this event, so I encourage you to RSVP in advance. There will be games during the afternoon, followed by a

dinner and then enjoy dancing to the music of the "Night Crawlers." Come out and join the celebration!

I have scheduled two Antioch High School private events that members of Sportsmen are welcome to attend. The AHS Fishing Derby is scheduled for March 30th with the official weigh in at 5:00 p.m. at the SYC fishing dock followed by a Fishing Derby BBQ. The Friends of Antioch High School Foundation "5 Star" dinner will be held on April 13th and prepared by our very own Chef Paul. Live music will be provided by the 50's Tuck & Roll Band. Any members who are

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## Vice Commodore Don Wilson

In this month's article I would like to start out with a great big "Welcome to the Club!" We have accepted as associate members the following people: Bob & Angel Brown, Gary & Donna Fields, Mary Branscum, Nick & Anne Macey, and Pudge & Rhonda Hanson. Our March Board Meeting was

almost totally devoted to interviewing new associate members and I can't think of a better use of our time. I am very pleased to see this trend, recognizing that a lot of other clubs are struggling to attract new members. We must be doing something right.

Every month, I think it is important to acknowledge

folks who are doing things to keep the Club going and to make it a better place for all of us. I want to call attention to Dan Lively and the very few members who are maintaining the grounds for all of us to enjoy. Dan and his "crew of few" receive very little thanks and even less help. Please

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**Friday Night Special**  
*Country Pot Roast, Jay's Special Rice,  
 Fresh Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert*  
 Prepared by "The Fresno Boys"  
 \$10 per person



*Limited to the first 50 reservations,  
 so 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 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



Looking for Pictures from recent events?  
 Go to our website. They will also be  
 posted at the Club soon!

*(Rocha's Article Continued from Page 1)*

interested in participating in either event can get more information by contacting me.

As I write this article, the Easter Holiday and Spring Break are approaching. I want to wish all of our members a joyful Holiday season.

Happy Easter!



*(Wilson's Article Continued from Page 1)*

come out and assist in the difficult task of maintaining our grounds, especially this time of year when everything is growing so vigorously.

This is a continuing plea to our membership. Please come out and participate in our Club activities, especially our monthly meetings. Remember all of the new people joining cannot vote until they are accepted by our membership and we need members to attend so we can conduct Club business.

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance was a huge success. Many thanks to Doug Horton and his crew. The folks who cruised-in from Diablo Yacht Club had a wonderful time and have already committed to do the same next year! I would like to thank our Commodore and all who assisted in making this an event to remember.

It's your Club, use it! See you there.



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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Apr 01 Jeff Maples      | Apr 13 Patti Shaner     |
| Apr 02 Floyd Simpson    | Apr 15 Tori Dias        |
| Apr 02 Pat Sebers       | Apr 16 Bert Schneider   |
| Apr 07 Dave DeCato      | Apr 16 Dwayne Larosee   |
| Apr 07 Donna Hendricks  | Apr 18 Denise Stroer    |
| Apr 07 Ricky Scannell   | Apr 18 Mary Wheeler     |
| Apr 08 Audrey Coach     | Apr 19 Heather Newton   |
| Apr 08 Bill Coach       | Apr 20 Tom Arnold       |
| Apr 08 Doug Horton      | Apr 22 Laurie Cooper    |
| Apr 09 Ann_Marie Alcorn | Apr 27 Casey Salva      |
| Apr 11 Erik Smith       | Apr 27 Dolores Swart    |
| Apr 11 Tim Doolin       | Apr 28 Lillian Scampini |
| Apr 12 Arline Collins   | Apr 30 Gary Noe         |
| Apr 12 Nancy Gaines     |                         |

## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### April

5	Club Meeting
6	Work Party
6	Opening Day

### May

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

### June

7	Club Meeting
8	Work Party
16	Father's Day Potluck
22	4S Tryouts



## Rear Commodore Rick Barton

It's been a tough month....

Dan Rios has been a good friend since my youth. When we played football together, I remember his father Joe Rios went to every practice and every game. I always wished my parents could be more involved in my sports. When I became a father I wanted to be like Dan's dad so I started

coaching. Twenty years later I have coached all three of my sons and hundreds of Antioch youth. When Joe passed away February 13<sup>th</sup>, I had to go to the funeral home and thank him for having such a positive influence on my life. The following week things got worse. Way worse.

John Tzouras was my father-in-law, but since my father passed away nearly 18 years ago, he has been my dad. Over the last couple of years, my sons have helped me build fences, decks, hardwood floors and do countless other projects around the house. I am able to teach them those skills because my father-in-law taught them to me. I learned so much from that man including what makes a good husband and father. As I am writing this I am looking at a picture of him from one of our deer hunting trips to Willits. I am also fighting back tears. Even though I wasn't Greek, he welcomed me into his family (eventually) and always treated me like a son. My favorite memories are hunting for pheasant with 'papou' and my sons at Hastings Island. John Tzouras passed away on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I miss him very much.

We have lost a couple valued members and friends here at the Club recently also. To their friends and family I can honestly say that I feel your pain. It's been a tough month.



### HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

In the early days on the Delta, riverboats carried passengers as well as freight up and down the river. There were regular runs from San Francisco to Stockton and Sacramento with stops in Pittsburg, Antioch, and other river towns. Steamboats were up and down the river even before California became a state, bringing people to the California gold fields.

By the late 1800s, the riverboats became pleasure boats with bars, restaurants, dance floors, and luxurious cabins, where you could board in San Francisco for a relaxing overnight cruise up the river to Stockton or Sacramento. By the 1920s, the riverboats had disappeared. They tried, but were unable to compete with the railroads and highways. This is, what I believe to be, the time people started to rush here and there, not wanting to take a leisurely ride up the river on a beautiful boat.

In 1935 a movie was made about the Riverboats called "Steamboat Round the Bend." In that movie four riverboats, the *T.C. Walker*, *Fort Sutter*, *Cherokee Leader* and the *Pride of the River* all were in a race at the end of the movie. It was all filmed on the Delta!



The Riverboats race in the 1935 movie "Steamboat Round the Bend," which was filmed on the Delta!



### PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

#### 2013 PICYA CALENDAR

Apr 1	Delegates' Meeting Sequoia YC	May 6	Delegates' Meeting Oyster Point YC
Apr 28	Opening Day on the Bay	Jun 3	Delegates' Meeting Vallejo YC

Opening Day on the Bay—Sunday, April 28th  
Theme: "The Great Race!"

As mentioned last month, PICYA Vice Commodore Lenora Clark and crew are working diligently to ensure that Opening Day will continue to be the largest decorated boat parade on this coast. If you are not able to decorate your boat and parade, you may want to be a spectator. Free public viewing is available on San Francisco's northern shoreline from Crissy Field to Pier 39 (noon to 3:00 p.m.). Vessels will be sailing close to shore for the enjoyment of land-based spectators.

If you prefer, you may join the Officers, Directors, and VIP guests of PICYA on the "California Hornblower" where a continental breakfast and gourmet luncheon will be served. You may contact Lenora Clark by email at lenoraclark@aol.com for reservations.

#### Call To Arms—California Delta Water Hyacinth Infestation

The past two years this problem has grown out of control resulting in clogged waterways that interfere with commerce on the Delta and negatively impact recreational boating, fishing, and tourism.

We must take a personal interest in this critical matter and apply appropriate pressure on the federal permitting agencies to approve the new Department of Boating & Waterways' permit request and enable action to be taken to abate this environmental disaster.

Letters for your signature will be available at the next General Membership Meeting.

# Cinco de Mayo!

**Saturday, May 4th**



**Homemade  
Mexican Food**

**Music by  
The Night  
Crawlers**

**Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.  
Dancing following dinner**

**We expect this event to sell out!  
Make Your Reservations Online  
or call Ann English—779-9330 ASAP!**



**\$20.00  
per  
person**



# In Memory Of...



Ed Elledge (aka "Kangaroo") passed away February 23, 2013, following a brief hospitalization. Ed joined our Club in 1991 and enjoyed events and participation in the Club right up to the week of his death. He served in the Navy between 1952 and 1954 as a radioman aboard the USS Perch ASSP-313. He also worked on the Mississippi River as a boat hand and later began his railroad career, working for the Wabash Railroad, Santa Fe Railroad, and later the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was also a charter member of Driftwood YC and, later in life, joined the Antioch Senior Center. He loved to play poker and enjoyed dancing!

Ed was known for his candidness and cared deeply for his family and friends.

Our sympathy to his family and friends.



## Welcome New Members!



Mary & Robert Branscum



Bob & Angel Brown



Gary & Donna Fields



Pudge & Rhonda Hanson



Nick & Anne Macey



To Dan & Sherry Lively, Dan Gorman, Lynda Bloxson, Anne Macey, Angel Brown, Kimberly Norris, and Rod Miller for bartending at our St. Patrick's Party!

From Tammy Rocha, Bar Manager

## Annual Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendars!

May 14th

Tee Time and Golf Course  
is being confirmed  
and will be on our website by  
April 1st

Illustrating  
"The  
Sportsmen  
Way"...



...To play  
golf!!  
Joe will  
show you  
how it's  
done!!!

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

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# Opening Day on the Delta

**Dinner Menu**

**Scrumptious Roasted Pork Loin  
with all the Fixings**

**Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.**

**Awards Presented Following Dinner**

**Price per Person: \$12.00**

**Reservations requested by  
Thursday, April 4th**

To Make Reservations:

Contact Angelic Hetrick at (925) 584-4721 or by email at  
[ahetrick@summitfunding.net](mailto:ahetrick@summitfunding.net).

To Obtain Boat Numbers and Applications for the Parade:  
Contact Jane Parsons at (925) 757-5800

**Saturday, April 6th**  
**Theme: "The Great Race"**  
**Hosted by Driftwood YC**

