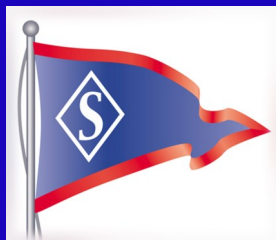


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NEWSLETTER

# Sportsmen Yacht Club



## Commodore Don Wilson

As this year moves along, we have a lot on our plate. As I said at the last meeting, we are moving in several different directions at the same time.

We have a great deal to do before 4S in July and I already see a lot of progress at this point. We have some folks who keep moving things forward and I want to extend a big thank you for their efforts. I'm not going to name names for fear of forgetting someone.

On March the 8<sup>th</sup>, we had a Work Party. By my own account, I counted somewhere between 35 to 40 members present. Someone said they thought we had as many as 50. I have one thing to say, "THANK YOU!" We accomplished a great deal and I want everyone to

know this is what makes our Club something special.

We are still in the process of talking to LAFCO about the pending issue of annexation. Our next meeting will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> with the Antioch City Council. This is a change from the information supplied at the March LAFCO meeting which announced the item would be discussed at the March Antioch City Council meeting. This change is to allow the City time to consider some concerns brought up at previous meetings by representatives of our Club. We will schedule some type of get-together before then to discuss this progress.

We are still talking to our new neighbor to the east,

Vortex Marine Construction. I have asked their President to attend our April meeting to discuss the details of our recent talks. It is important our members attend that meeting.

As of this writing we just completed our Diablo YC Cruise-In and St. Patrick's Day Dinner. We had a great time thanks to the help of so many people. I would like to thank everyone who helped, but that would be impossible. I will take this opportunity to thank a few. Friday night Becky and the girls set up a terrific "Taco Bar." Saturday morning the Hortons (Doug, Shari and Ethan), with the help of many others, supplied our guests with an excellent

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## Vice Commodore Rick Barton

I have a new approach to dealing with things that come up at the Club. It is almost impossible to spend a great deal of time around people and not disagree with some of the things they do. When this happens, I sit down and write out the thing that I disagree with. I then draw a line down the paper and write down all of the positive things that the person in question brings

to the Club. Then I compare the two lists. So far the conclusion has always been the same. The person in question does an incredible number of positive things that make the club what it is and why I love being a member of SYC. At the same time, the thing I was so upset about suddenly begins to look pretty trivial. It's really pretty eye opening. If you ever find yourself getting

upset about something someone else said or did, give it a try. The bottom line is that a small percentage of the people do the vast majority of the work. We need these people to keep doing what they are doing because it is pretty hard trying to find someone to replace them. Because they do so much for the Club, they are always in the public eye

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## FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY ROBERT & DENISE BABO  
\$10 PER PERSON



### MENU:

BEEF & CHICKEN TACOS  
RICE & BEANS  
DESSERT

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 RESERVATIONS.  
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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brunch of scrambled eggs, sausage and French toast. On  
Saturday evening Doug and his crew, plus a lot of help  
including Gary Abeyta, fed 160 people with an excellent  
corned beef and cabbage meal plus the fixin's. Sunday  
morning we sent the Diablo YC off with a terrific Continental  
Breakfast prepared by Matt and Marianne Tate.

The weekend was a great success. The amount of work that  
goes into these events is enormous and we can always use  
more help. If you're not involved, please get involved!

Your Commodore and the Mrs. are having a great time.  
Thanks for your support.

## Italian Night Dinner!



### The April 18th Menu

We begin with Salad at 7:00 p.m.

Salad Bar with Assorted Dressings  
Ossobucco (Braised Veal Shanks)  
Served on a Bed of Creamy Polenta  
Bread  
Dessert

\$13.50 per person

Prepared by  
Billy Jones

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

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and we are bound to disagree with some of their ideas. Our  
Club does have a parliamentary system of meetings where  
any member can raise legitimate concerns, question  
leadership on plans, suggest alternative solutions and, when  
necessary, vote on issues that concern the general  
membership. It's a good system that has worked for a long  
time. I should also mention that any similarity between  
persons in this article and any real or imagined people are  
purely coincidental.

Finally, I would like to propose a new category for people  
over 50 in next year's beer drinking contest. These new  
young members are too good.

I'm just happy that April is here. Did someone say CRUISE-  
OUT?? If you have never been on a cruise-out or haven't  
been on one in a while, make sure it is part of your April  
plans. See you all in Rio Vista!

## Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

### April

4	Club Meeting
5	Opening Day (Hosted by Bridge Marina YC)
12	Work Party
18	Italian Night Dinner
19	Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch Potluck
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
23	Italian Night Dinner
24-26	Memorial Day Cruise-In (Sportsmen)

### June

6	Club Meeting
7	Work Party
9-10	Small Craft Cruisers Club Cruise-In
20	Italian Night Dinner
21	4S Try-Outs
28	4S Work Party



## Rear Commodore Doug Horton

Hello everyone! Well, it looks like spring has sprung; the grounds are looking nice and green and it's time to start getting outside. I am still getting my feet wet as far as being Galley Captain. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Let's talk about the St. Patty's Dinner. I was very pleased

to hear and see everyone having a good time. Most of you may not know this, but it makes me nervous to cook for so many people. Chef Paul makes it look so easy (it's not). Just so you know, we cooked 226 pounds of Corned Beef and, just like I knew it would be, the new warmer was invaluable. I must say I could not have pulled this off if it were not for Shari and Ethan. Without the blessing of their help, I would be useless and my heart would not be in it. Now that being said, I need to recognize the rest of my motley crew; I had two newcomers this year: Robert Babo and Neal Draper. I think neither one of them could work a drive-thru window, but they worked their butts off! I encourage everyone to vote them in. Now last, but not least, my good friend Gary (The Face) Abeyta or the (The Corned Beef Clamper). Since he has been married, I see him once a year; Aileen must keep him cooking at home!

This last week I was able to bring about 21 gallons of ice cream to the Club. It is in both freezers. This is for Club functions. If you would like a bowl, no problem; please DO NOT TAKE IT HOME.

I would like to give you an example of what a true Sportsman is. My neighbor, a single mother, had trees that that had overcome her property and I cut them all back, but TIM LAMB came out with his wood chipper and - four hours later - her yard was livable again!

PS: Floyd there are pictures of St. Patty's

Quack-Quack!



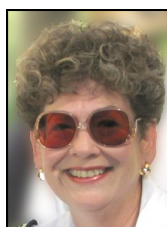
## HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

History Part III from a Sportsmen Bulletin dated March, 1975.

"Last month's article showed how an idea in the minds of a few creative sportsmen, coupled with hard work and enthusiasm, stimulated a functional Sportsmen organization; an organization complete with its own leased recreational area.

At this point in their history, Sportsmen Inc. had advanced to a material stage far beyond the average accommodations of similar groups. These men could well have laid aside their tools of arduous labor and basked in the sunshine of their triumphal accomplishments. However, these hearty pioneers of the early 1930's were ever restless to improve their lot. Casting their eyes around for further potentialities they hit on a novel scheme, to purchase a moveable club house. This was accomplished with the purchase of the ferry boat "Sausalito." The Sausalito was a stout mass of timbers and wood built in 1894 by the Fulton Iron Works at North Beach, (now the Marina) in San Francisco. The vessel was designed by J. Dickie for the Northwestern Pacific Railroad. She was a wooden hull boat with a copper sheathed bottom measuring 256 feet one inch overall length and 68 feet beam over guards. Ordinarily, she carried passengers in the day and freight cars at night between San Francisco and Sausalito. She had a seating capacity of 1300 and was fitted with narrow gauge tracks. In 1903, the tracks were removed and the seating capacity was increased to 1500 and she continued in passenger service between the same points until her retirement in 1931."

History Part IV next month.



## PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

### 2014 PICYA CALENDAR

Apr 7	Delegates' Meeting Sequoia YC	May 5	Delegates' Meeting Oyster Point YC
Apr 27	Opening Day on the Bay	June 2	Delegates' Meeting Bridge Marina YC

Freda Lucido and I attended the PICYA Spring Leadership Conference in March. The topics were well presented thanks to the coordination of Rear Commodore Eric Schoenwisner. Thanks to Vallejo YC for hosting this event and providing a delicious lunch.

RBOC is working with the legislators to create a certificate that is beneficial to boaters and improves the safety of our waterways.

Discussed at the conference was the difficulty of setting up a race route for the 2013 America's Cup given all the normal daily vessel traffic coming through the Golden Gate. There is a 50/50 chance that the next America's Cup will be in San Francisco. A documentary called "The Tides of Fate" is expected to be aired on PBS this summer. The next America's Cup will likely be in 2017.

Opening Day on the Bay will be held on Sunday, April 27th. This year's theme is "Visions." The parade will feature over 100 historic work boats, fire boats, tow boats, classic and contemporary craft, decorated to the theme. There will be both power and sail boats competing for the best decoration honors. You may join the officers and directors of PICYA for the 97th Annual Opening Day Cruise on the "California Hornblower." For reservations, contact Deanna Desin, at 415-608-2639 or email at andees1@earthlink.net.

# Opening Day Parade on the Delta!

Saturday, April 5th - Begins at 1:00 p.m.

Hosted by Bridge Marina YC (BMYC)

Theme: "Visions"

Boats will gather on the east side of the Antioch Bridge at 12:30 p.m.

BMYC will be open at noon. Judges will be on the fishing pier adjacent to Riverview Lodge and at BMYC.

Dinner served from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## Menu

Grilled/BBQ Chicken

Wally's Famous Baked Beans

Julia's Homemade Cole Slaw

Julia's Homemade Garlic Bread

Dessert

Hot Coffee & Tea

Dinner is \$15.00 per person

To make your reservations, call Wally Young at  
550-9804 or email [LFINKS@ATT.NET](mailto:LFINKS@ATT.NET)

To get your Parade Entry Form, call Wally Young at  
the above number or stop by BMYC to pick one up.

The Awards Ceremony will follow dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
Awards for 36 feet and over and for 35 feet and under

## April Birthdays!

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

## Notice!



We will have another 4S Planning Meeting  
on Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m.

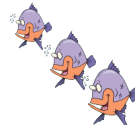
**Everyone is invited to attend!**

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

### 2014 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update as of March 22nd

- \* 61 people entered in the 2014 Derby
- \* Rules are posted at the Club
- \* To date, Dave Newton has a 72 pound sturgeon on the board, Bill Pato caught a 34 pounder to secure 2nd place, and Dan Lively is now 3rd 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.
- \* For the Catfish category, John Hunter holds 1st place with a 1 lb. 4 oz. and he holds 2nd place with a 1 lb. catfish.
- \* *Go out and catch one bigger!*

Jim Dawson





# Kentucky Derby Day!



Saturday, May 3rd  
A Day at the Races!!!

Brunch at 11:00 a.m. - \$10 per person  
Games all afternoon "Sportsmen-Style"

There will be a  
**Hat Contest**

Decorate your hat  
and enjoy the fun!

Enjoy a **Mint Julep**  
while watching the  
races!

**"Race for the Roses!"**



Make your  
reservations **ONLINE**  
or call Ann English at  
779-9330

Reservations  
requested by  
April 30th

## 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

## 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

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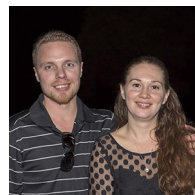
# Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

Saturday, April 19th  
10:00 Brunch Potluck

Easter Egg Hunt for  
Kids following the Brunch

Please contact Becky Wilson by  
Wednesday, April 16th, with the number  
of children you will be bringing.  
Call her at 383-1310.

## Welcome New Members!



Chris & Megan Bravo



Gabe & Jenny Comages



Rudy & Mary Trautner



Janie Wegner