

# Sportsmen Yacht Club

## Newsletter

May 2011

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### Upcoming Events at Sportsmen

**May**

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| 6     | Club Meeting & Dinner         |
| 7     | Work Party                    |
| 7     | Cinco De Mayo Dinner          |
| 27-30 | Memorial Day Cruise-In at SYC |

**Jun**

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|----|-----------------------------|
| 3  | Club Meeting & Dinner       |
| 4  | Work Party                  |
| 26 | SYC 4S Try-Outs (tentative) |

**Jul**

- |     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| 1-4 | Little Venice Cruise-Out |
| 8   | Club Meeting & Dinner    |
| 9   | Work Party               |
| TBD | 4S at San Joaquin YC     |



**COMMODORE  
GARRY RIDOLFI**

Hello Sportsmen:

April was an exciting month. We had lots of things going on around the Club.

Jim Arnold and I met with the attorney to sign the documents for the permanent access of right of way to our Club. The easement and boundary dispute is over, so we can move on. As fast as the ink was dry, Chuck Carroll had his work party out and the fences up to reclaim our land. This should give us a lot more room in the dry storage area. Thanks to all who helped out back there.

As many of you heard, we were going to have a cruise-out to Rio Vista. The rain may have ruined it for the boaters, however, the RV'ers didn't let the rain stop us. We had four groups show up for the event. Friday night at the Point was good.

I want to congratulate Becky Wilson, the winner of the Chili Cook-Off! She beat out the competition hands down! Wait . . . there was no competition! LOL.

The highlight of the weekend was our electrician, Steve Jackman. He spent countless hours working on the new RV he and Alice just bought. He built a custom bracket and installed a new flat screen and invited us over to check it out only to realize he didn't know where to install the power cord! Wait . . . there's more! He forgot to pack the power cord! But the best part was the RV didn't even have a 110 outlet to plug it into. Way to go Steve!

I am looking forward to some good weather so we can enjoy our Club's outdoor facilities. BBQ season is coming up, so let's all enjoy ourselves!



**VICE COMMODORE  
RICKY SCANNELL**

Regrets - Article not available at press time.



**MAY  
8th**

### Mother's Day Trivia

- Katherine Hepburn's father was a surgeon and her mother was a dedicated suffragette and early crusader for birth control.
- Laura Dern earned a Best Actress Oscar nomination for her illuminating performance as the title character in *Rambling Rose*, an underrated picture in 1991 that also won a Best Supporting Actress nomination for her mother, Diane Ladd. This was the first time a mother-daughter team had been so honored; they became the first mother and daughter ever nominated for Academy Awards for the same movie.
- Phyllis Diller, a 40-year-old mother of five and an advertising copywriter for a California radio station, made a rousing comedy debut at San Francisco's Purple Onion in 1957.
- Meredith Baxter-Birney played the mother, Elyse Keaton on the hit TV sitcom *Family Ties*. Her actress mother, Whitney Blake, also played a mom: Dorothy Baxter, on TV's *Hazel*.
- Many of the sweaters worn by Mr. Rogers on the popular television show, *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*, were actually knitted by his real mother.
- Monkee Mike Nesmith's mother, Bette Nesmith Graham was the inventor of Liquid Paper correction fluid. She sold the rights to the Gillette Corporation in 1979 for \$47.5 million and when she died in 1980, she left half of her fortune to her son Michael.



### BREAKING FOR THE SUMMER

**Will resume play on  
Friday, October 21st**



  
**REAR COMMODORE**  
**LOUIE ROCHA**

Dear Sportsmen,

The month of April had many activities at the SYC. The month started with our monthly meeting. We had just enough members to hold a Membership meeting. Our Vice Commodore Ricky Scannell did an outstanding job chairing the meeting. The monthly meetings provide SYC members with the opportunity to discuss and vote on important initiatives. I encourage you to attend meetings so you can be well informed on any new legislation and/or proposed initiatives.

Following the Membership Meeting, I participated in the Sportsmen Board of Directors Meeting. The meetings are required following each Membership meeting. The meeting provides the Board of Directors the opportunity to meet and discuss important issues, meet with SYC members who would like to address the Board, and the opportunity to interview prospective members. The minutes from each meeting are posted for SYC members to stay informed of issues that are addressed by the Board of Directors.

I was impressed the very next day with the "Work Party" which is scheduled following each monthly Membership Meeting. A team of 30 Sportsmen arrived Saturday morning with the mission of installing a black iron fence. The new fence restored our property line and will provide better security of our facility. Kudos to Chuck Carroll and Tony Chapman for a job well done!

There are numerous upcoming events, so please review the SYC Activities Calendar. Tammy is planning a wine tasting event at El Sol Winery in Livermore on Friday, May 13, 2011. There is a sign up sheet near the bar for those interested in joining us. I hope you are able to join us!

The Sportsmen Yacht Club is a wonderful place to view the beautiful San Joaquin River while experiencing good fellowship with our Membership. I encourage you to get involved so you can be a part of the best Club on the river.

It's great to be Sportsmen.

**HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS  
FOR THE NEWSLETTER?**

Newsletter articles due  
the 15th of each month  
Please send to: Julie Thornburg

Email: [newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org](mailto:newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org)  
Phone: 510.915.4253

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 @ 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations. (This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)

# Menu

## May Meeting Dinner

*Meat Loaf*

*Mashed Potatoes and Gravy*

*Green Beans w/ bacon, garlic and tomatoes*

*Salad Bar and Rolls*

*Prepared by*

*Scott Jett and Jim Arnold*

*Dinners are \$10 per person*

*Come join us!*

*We are limited to 50 reservations,  
so make your reservations on-line  
or contact Ann English at 925.779.9330  
as soon as possible*

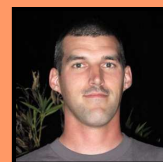
## New Members!



**Ross & Laurie Cooper**



**Robert B. Jones**



**Jason Turpin**

Addresses and phone numbers not available  
for the web version of this Newsletter

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.



## HISTORIAN'S NOTES

KATHIE HAMMER

This month I would like to write about someone who has had a great history at Sportsmen Yacht Club. That person is Tom MacLean.

Recently we attended Tom's funeral. What a special man. Tom and Ismini joined the club in 1975 and we have been friends since 1980. Tom had many talents and I learned there were many more. Because Tom was modest and humble, many of us didn't know just how talented he was.

I learned that he was an accomplished artist and even had several cartoons published. He wrote a book about his experiences in the Korean War. When he sent it to several publishers, they wanted him to edit it and he said, "No, because this was the way it was."

Tom had a great sense of humor. He said, "People jog, I power shuffle." Tom and Ismini came on our boat several times and I remember one time we were all sitting in the back and he came through the doors singing "Oklahoma," which was very good. Later when we decided to do a play at the Club, I knew who would be the singing, dancing priest. He was great!

He was our Club Secretary for years and mailed our newsletters until just recently; but the thing I remember most is when he and Ismini were Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. They did this until the early 2000's when he was no longer able to do it. For all of our children, he was the real Santa!

I have just touched on the surface of Tom's life; he was a loving husband and father, teacher, and a friend to everyone. In a lifetime, there are few people you can say you are a better person because you knew them. That was Tom; he will be missed, but not forgotten.



## PICYA Report Darlene Dawson

### 2011 PICYA CALENDAR

May 1	Opening Day on the Bay
May 9	Delegates Dinner and Meeting Oyster Point YC (OD Awards)
May 16	Board of Directors Meeting Oakland YC

## San Joaquin YC Meals on Wheels Benefit - 2011



Don't miss the 23rd Annual "Meals on Wheels" benefit; sponsored by the San Joaquin YC in conjunction

with the Bethel Island Chamber of Commerce. Last year they raised \$20,000 which helped deliver 200,000+ meals in Contra Costa County. This year their goal is to raise \$30,000. There are tickets available for the Golf and Bowling Tournaments which includes dinner on Saturday, May 21st.

**Event:** Golf Tourney and Awards Dinner

**Date:** Saturday, 5/21, 2011, \$100/pp

**Location:** Bethel Island Golf Course

**Includes:** 18 Holes, Motorized Cart, Balls, Lunch, Dinner, Prizes

**More Info:** Tickets @ [www.sjyc.org/mow](http://www.sjyc.org/mow) or contact Geri Marshall, 925.684.9837

**Event:** Bowling Tourney & Awards Dinner

**Date:** Saturday, 5/21, 11 am, \$45/pp

**Location:** Brentwood Harvest Park Bowl

**Includes:** Shoes, Ball, Bowling and Dinner

**More Info:** Tickets @ [www.sjyc.org/mow](http://www.sjyc.org/mow) or contact Gerry McTernan, 925.684.9425, [kh6ow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kh6ow@sbcglobal.net)

## RBOC

RBOC is continuing our lobbying efforts to ensure that boater fuel tax and registration fees paid to the state are dedicated to programs and services benefiting the boating community. Recent developments in the State Capitol present the possible scenario that the state budget resolution could include provisions directing significant boater fuel tax dollars to the state's General Fund.

## Boater Access

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta - As the Delta Stewardship Council proceeds with scoping meetings on the development of the Delta Plan, and receives public comments, RBOC is reiterating and reinforcing our previously communicated position urging that navigable boating of the Delta waterways in the Delta be sustained, boating access to Delta waterways be retained, and the mitigation for any physical barriers, such as gates, that may be placed across any existing Delta waterways, include boat locks that are constructed, maintained, and operated at no cost to recreational boaters.

## Coastal Marina Permit

RBOC continues to advocate that the State Water Resources Control Board work with the boating community to

pursue a fact and science-based approach that first identifies and then address pollution in marinas that are determined to be attributable to recreational vessels and marina operations.

## Ethanol

RBOC is urging President Obama to place "science first" before allowing E-15 in the nation's gasoline supply. California boaters should visit the BoatUS website @ [www.boatus.com/gov](http://www.boatus.com/gov) to keep up-to-date as BoatUS continues its leadership role in advocating boater interest in the area.



## NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN CYNTHIA PETERSEN

Ahoy there... Can't believe May is already here. By the time you read this, we'll have finished our cruise-out/RV outing to Village West YC and hopefully bring back with us fond memories of a great time...

Later this month, plan to cruise or RV into our own Club for Memorial Weekend. The Club BBQ/picnic area, horseshoe pit, card room, pool table, shuffle board, and volley ball net will be ready for folks to come out and enjoy a relaxing time. Since we missed out on the Mardi Gras themed "Chili/Jambalaya/Red Beans & Rice" cook-off at Rio Vista, it has been rescheduled to Saturday afternoon. So bring your favorite recipe and an hors d'oeuvre to share around 4 pm and we'll celebrate into the evening together. Sunday afternoon/evening, a pot-luck BBQ is planned, so bring something to grill and a side dish to share. Hopefully, the winds will be light and a bonfire can be enjoyed at the end of either day. Barbara's Galley will be open for breakfast as usual (and Monday morning too if enough people let Barbara know they are interested)...



After that, our next cruise-out will be to Little Venice Yacht Club for 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. LVYC has a dock, electricity, is dog friendly, and within shouting distance of Hilton's 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. Because it is an island, LVYC cannot be reached by RV but tent camping is permitted on the large lawn area. Whether boating in or camping, sign-up and we'll figure out the logistics of getting you there.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club or on the water...





### **DINNER**

**Saturday, May 7**

**6:30 pm**

**\$15.00/pp**

**Salsa and Chips**

**Carne Asada**

**Beans and Rice**

**Tortillas**

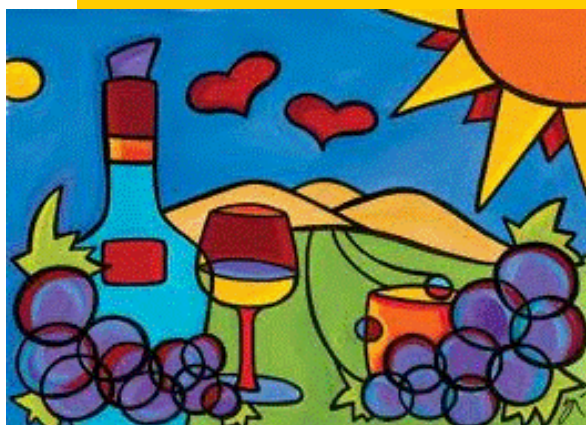
**Dessert**

*Prepared by Dan Espinoza*

Reservations on-line  
or contact Ann English at

**925.779.9330**

### **Wine Tasting at El Sol in Livermore**



**Friday May 13, 5:30 - 9:30 pm**

**\$30/pp - includes tasting and bus**

**Please bring an appetizer to share**



### **National Maritime Day**

is a United States holiday created to recognize the maritime industry. It is observed on May

22, the date that the American steamship Savannah set sail from Savannah, Georgia on the first ever transoceanic voyage under steam power. The holiday was created by the United States Congress on May 20, 1933.



**May 30th**

### **The Ultimate Sacrifice**

**We set aside Memorial Day  
Each and every year  
To honor those who gave their lives  
Defending what we hold dear.**

**In all the dark and deadly wars,  
Their graves prove and remind us,  
Our brave Americans gave their all  
To put danger far behind us.**

**They made the ultimate sacrifice  
Fighting for the American way;  
We admire them and respect them  
On every Memorial Day.**

*By Joanna Fuchs*

**58th Annual 4SI  
Save the Date  
Try Outs June 26  
(tentative)**







## May

1 Caesar LaFrades  
1 Nina Martinez  
2 Becky Wilson  
2 Jerry Goldsmith  
2 Jody Knutson  
2 Paul Larosee  
4 JoAnn Caskey  
5 Bob McLean  
5 Kelly Basista  
5 Steve Martinez  
6 Kelly Odum  
6 Kenny Norris  
6 Marina Chapman  
7 Julie Thornburg  
8 Carl Hamilton  
8 Rob Langer  
10 Karen Medlock  
14 Bill Myers  
14 Emmy Swenson  
14 Kathy McMeekin  
15 Elvis Lawhorn  
16 Casey Curry  
16 Vera Carrion  
17 Henriette Henderson  
17 Michael Tranate  
18 Jamie Salmon  
18 Martin Wibbenhorst

19 David Taylor  
19 Fran Fantaconi  
20 Eric Marquis  
20 James McCoy  
20 Michael Maguire  
22 Dave Selvy  
22 Norma Peters  
23 Darlene Dawson  
23 Lorri Doolin  
23 Peggy Lamb  
23 Yvonne Lackey  
24 Denise Dias  
24 Ed Elledge  
25 Ginger Hampshire  
27 Blair Camp  
27 Karissa Larosee  
29 Bryan Tapp  
30 Paul Scannell

Birthstone: Emerald  
Flower: Lily of the Valley



### Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) Western Boating Safety Group Scholarship Program 2011

**DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2011.** All applications **MUST** be postmarked by the Post Office no later than June 30th.

The Western Boating Safety Group (WBSC) and PICYA have joined together to offer three \$2,500 scholarships. These scholarships are for students whose parents, grandparents or guardian are members of a yacht club that belongs to PICYA. (Relatives of PICYA Board Members or Scholarship Committee Members are not eligible).

1. Visit <http://www.picya.org/Scholarships-2011.html> to print application. Completely fill out application form.
2. Enclose an official transcript from your school.
3. Write an essay of approximately 300 words.
4. Provide a written statement of need.
5. Send the above four items to:

PICYA/WBSC Scholarship Program  
1001 Bridgeway, PMB 450  
Sausalito, CA 94965

You may pick one of three topics for the essay:

1. Mandatory boater education concerns and solutions.
2. Improvements for the Bay and Delta waterways.
3. Community service or volunteer work.

The criteria used by the Scholarship Committee is based on your:

1. Academic record.
2. Scholastic record.
3. School involvement.
4. Community involvement.
5. Essay.



The scholarships will be awarded on November 11, 2011, at the PICYA Awards Dinner Meeting at Encinal YC. Please contact Eddie Jo Mack, Chair, 925.828.6870, for questions or additional information.



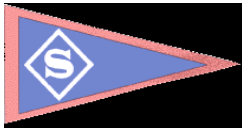
*Tom MacLean passed away on March 31, 2011. He and Ismini were married for 48 years. They met on July 15th and were married on August 28th, just six weeks later. At the age of 16, Tom joined the Army National Guard. His outfit, the 45th Infantry Division, was sent to Occupied Japan and eventually to combat duty in the Korean War. He remained in the Guard for four years, rising to the rank of First Sergeant. Thirty years later, Tom wrote a memoir recalling his experiences. Upon his return, Tom attended the University of Oklahoma. He taught for the Walnut Creek School District from 1965-1995.*

*As well as being an accomplished artist, Tom loved to cook. Two of his creations were published in *Sunset Magazine*. One recipe was for a Chili Slaw that Tom created because he said, upon opening the refrigerator door, "an avocado and cabbage were sitting next to each other..." The second published recipe was his*

*version of Pork & Beans. For one of the recipes, he was awarded a chef's hat and for the other a chef's apron.*

*Our sincere sympathy to Ismini and their family.*

*Please note: Kathie Hammer has also written about Tom's life and service to our Club in her article. You can read it on Page 3.*



**Sportsmen Yacht Club**  
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**Club Location:**  
**3301 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch**

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## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Sportsmen Yacht Club**  
**Members ONLY**

The tournament will be a 4-man scramble format. Sign up with a partner or Joe will put singles together. Joe will also draw the foursomes.

The price is \$40.00 which includes golf, cart, and pizza at the Club following the tournament. Breakfast will be available prior to the tournament, at the golf course, for \$8.00.



**Must sign up and pay by**  
**May 10.**

(See Joe Fray or Jim Arnold)  
Sign-up sheet located  
on corkboard on Directors'  
Room door.

**TUESDAY, MAY 17th**

**First Tee Time 10:00 a.m.**

**Bethel Island Golf Club**

### **RULES**

Each foursome must use each player's tee shot four times. The remaining two can be used by any player.

After the tee shot, the foursome chooses which ball they hit next. The other three balls are brought to that lie and are hit from there. This continues until the ball is in the cup.

On the green, if a player taps in before the others finish putting, the hole is over.