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NEWSLETTER

Sportsmen Yacht Club



Commodore Rick Barton

There is a certain percentage of members you know you can always count on. They never miss a Work Party, always help in the galley and rarely miss a meeting night. They regularly attend Club events and will do just about anything to support the Club. You all know who you are. You know how much your help is appreciated and we cannot thank you enough for all that you do for the Club.

This month's article is for the rest of the membership who, for a wide range of reasons, haven't really participated recently. If you fall into this category here are three things you can do to help your Club.

1. Try to attend meetings. Between paying and life

members our membership total is over 200. Yet we average about 40 people on meeting night. This means that if a motion is made during new business and is seconded, it only takes 21 yes votes for it to pass. That means that less than 10% of our total membership is making decisions for our Club. You cannot complain about the outcome of votes if you are not actively participating.

2. Try to attend events. I think the vast majority of the people who attend events have a great time. I don't think you will find too many people who complain about the meals which are always excellent. Most importantly these are the Club's fundraisers. By attending events, you are helping your Club raise the money necessary to make

improvements to the ferry and the Club grounds. I really don't understand why anyone wouldn't want to have a great time, enjoy a great meal, and help support our club financially.

3. Try to attend at least a couple of Work Parties. We have had a very good turnout for Work Parties so far this year but as summer approaches the work load will increase and, without more support, we will not be able to achieve the goals we set for the Club this year. We need your help! I know how life can get in the way of doing things sometimes. The next three Work Parties are critical and, if you can make it, that would really help us out.

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Vice Commodore Doug Horton

It's that time of year again and many people are out due to allergies & colds, including Shari & I.

We had a nice Opening Day on the Delta; everyone enjoyed the food and company. We also had a festive cruise-in from Solano YC. I apologize we could not make these events in full, but we did come by afterwards to enjoy as

much as possible.

Ethan is having a great season in baseball playing for the Brentwood Pony League (for older kids). At this moment his team is 5 and 2 (go Brentwood Giants), and we are trying to throw in as much support as any parent can. This is not an excuse, but we have been to as many events as we can.

I am still appealing to as

many associates as possible to show up and help for events, cruise-ins and everyday projects, bartending, help in the galley, grounds keeping and overall maintenance. If you do not know what to do, just ask a member.

Speaking of projects, I am thinking for my upcoming year of using the 2x6s that Floyd Simpson donated to

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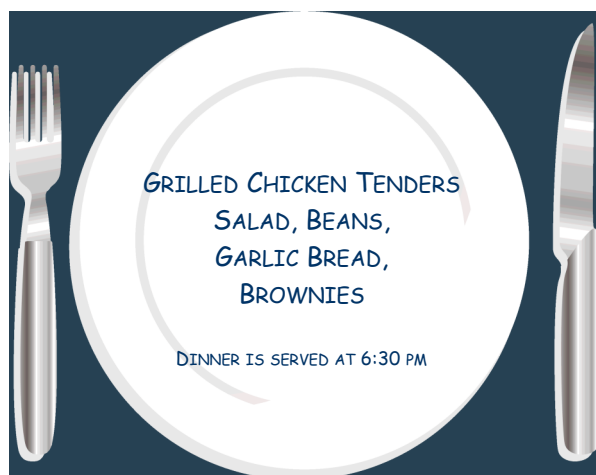
Memorial Day

May 25th

May we never
forget what
others have
sacrificed for
our Freedom!

FRIDAY MEETING NIGHT SPECIAL

PREPARED BY CINDY KIRK, RICHARD FURLOW,
MARK & BARBARA ENGLE
\$10 PER PERSON



Limited to the first 60 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 Cynthia Perez for details (286-0017)

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

Our Thanks...



We want to extend our heartfelt
thanks to our many supporters for
our monthly Italian Night Dinners.
What started out as a small group,
over two years ago, and topped at
87 for Valentine's was to raise
enough money for my galley
cabinet/counter project. That was completed and we
continued our dinners through April, which was our
last. We will be available for cooking for special
events.

You know we could not have done this without our
loyal followers and we enjoyed cooking and spending
time with you.

We will continue to fully support Sportsmen YC just
as you do, so... we'll see you at the Club!

Chef Billy J and Marina

(Barton's Article continued from Page 1)

I love being a member of SYC. I am grateful that you have
given me the opportunity to keep the Club moving in the right
direction. But this is a team effort and we need the whole
team to make this work. I hope to see you at the Club
sometime soon.

(Horton's Article continued from Page 1)

maybe re-doing the fishing pier for a smoother fishing
experience. We'll be looking for people to use hammers and
paintbrushes.

For anyone who is interested, the downstairs hallways are
really being overlooked & I would not mind heading up a Work
Party to work on the men's restroom and clean out the
hallways of cat hair and stuff that blows in. Sometimes this is
the first thing our guests see. It is also the route to our
beloved Museum. Sometimes a little elbow grease goes a
long way.

On a personal note: The NRA Fundraising Dinner is Saturday,
June 13th at the Club. This is always a fun event.



Upcoming Events at Sportsmen YC

May

- 1 Club Meeting
- 2 Work Party
- 2 Cinco de Mayo Dinner
- 12 Annual Golf Tournament

June

- 5 Club Meeting
- 6 Work Party
- 20-21 Pittsburg YC Cruise-In
- 20 Western Day & Rib Cook-Off
- 27 4S Try-Outs

July

- 10 Club Meeting
- 17-19 4S—Hosted by San Joaquin YC



Rear Commodore Matt Tate

Greetings!

New to our club this year is the inclusion of a Finance Committee. With the size and budget of our Club, the Board members thought it would be important to have a group specifically designed to review our Club finances. The committee members currently include Diane Essary, Marina Faconti, Alice Jackman, Darlene Moore and myself. The committee meets approximately once a month, and is open for any and all who would like to attend and add their input.

Thus far the committee has met twice and has discussed several financial topics including overall Club income and expense, utilities and other monthly expenses, Club events and their associated costs, etc. The Finance Committee is solely an advisory committee, and any recommendations

resulting will be presented to the Board and/or membership.

One of the first findings of the committee was that our energy bill has increased dramatically over the last 4 years, to the tune of a 27% increase from 2011 to 2014!! While some of this additional cost was due to rate increases, the rest was likely due to usage we can help control, such as heating and air conditioning. It has been asked of our membership that we make sure that the AC and heater are used efficiently and that doors and windows are closed during their use. Some small efforts in keeping our costs lower will benefit us all.

As Sportsmen, we find there are many ideas provided and expectations of fellow Club members. We welcome constructive ideas regarding better management of Club costs; please feel free to approach any member of the finance committee with any ideas or suggestions. The committee was formed to serve and improve the financial monitoring of our Club finances.



Happy Mother's Day
to All Our Mothers!
May 10th



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Thanks to the book, "King and Queen of the River," by Stan Garvey that was loaned to me by Neal and Diane Essary, I believe I have some interesting history of the Delta for you.

Before the California Gold Rush, the Sacramento River flowed clear and pristine from its headwaters near Mount Shasta down the Sacramento Valley and into the San Francisco Bay. Known only to the American Indians and a few trappers and exploring mariners, the river teemed with fish and wildlife.

Captain C.A.M. Taber, sailing his vessel from the Bay to Sacramento in 1848, described what he saw:

"The sloughs of the main stream were alive with several species of wild ducks and the wooded banks of the river, as well as the tules (large bushes), were home for large bands of deer and elk. Grizzly Bears were often seen foraging for acorns in the oak groves near the river".

Three decades later John Muir remarked that "the forests along the river reminded him of tropical jungles." For many years, the Sacramento retained much of its primitive beauty. By the turn of the century, however, most of the marshland along the river had become farmland protected by levees, yet the Sacramento still had a Huck Finn quality about it. Along its banks stood great cottonwoods, willows, oaks, and sycamores, wild grape and blackberry vines hung on the water's edge.



This soldier gave his life in
Afghanistan.

Make sure you thank our veterans for
their service to ensure our Freedom.



PICYA NEWS DARLENE DAWSON

2015 PICYA CALENDAR

May 4	Delegates' Meeting Oyster Point YC	July 6	Delegates' Meeting Bridge Marina YC
June 1	Delegates' Meeting Half Moon Bay YC		

The following is from PICYA's link from the National Boating Federation eBulletin:

ALEXANDRIA, VA, March 17, 2015—As boaters are about to begin the spring ritual of getting their boats ready for the season, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) is advising they will need to pay extra attention to the fire extinguishers aboard. A well-known fire extinguisher manufacturer, Kidde, in conjunction with the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), has announced a voluntary recall to replace certain Kidde fire extinguisher units. A faulty valve component can cause the disposable fire extinguishers not to fully discharge when the lever is repeatedly pressed and released during a fire emergency, posing a risk of injury. About 4.6 million extinguishers are affected that were sold nationwide between August 2013 and November 2014.



May Birthdays!

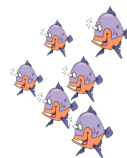
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2015 Sportsmen Annual Fishing Derby Update (as of April 21, 2015)

We have 55 people entered in the 2015 Derby.

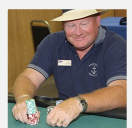
- * There is \$800 total so far in this Derby.
- * Rules are posted at the Club.
- * Associates are welcome to participate in the Derby.
- * Three categories: Stripers, Sturgeon, and Catfish.
- * Cost is \$5.00 per category.
- * For our Striped Bass category, Dale Bauer brought in an 11 pounder and holds 1st place..
- * Hold onto your fishing poles!! In the Catfish category, Kenny Norris secured 1st place with a 16 pound 8 ounce monster! Then he caught a 14 pounder for 2nd place. Nick Macey holds 3rd place with a 2 pound 12 ounce catfish and Albert Perez has 4th place with a 1 pound 2 ounce catfish.
- * In the Sturgeon category, Bill Pato Jr. holds 1st place with a 67 pounder; Bill also holds 2nd place with a 47 pound, 8 ounce sturgeon; Kenny Norris secured 3rd place with 31 pounder; and Gabe Comages is hanging onto 4th place with a 28 pounder.



Get in the Derby! Go out and catch some fish!

Jim Dawson

4S at San Joaquin YC!



Save the Date!
July 17th-19th



**Mark your calendars
and make plans to go to 4S!**
**It's always lots of fun whether
you're involved in the games or
supporting our Club**

4S Try-Outs

June 27th at Sportsmen YC

Come try-out for your Club!
**Games will be posted soon
for sign-ups**



Cinco de Mayo! Dinner

Saturday, May 2nd

7:00 p.m.

\$15

Menu:

Burritos

Enchiladas

Chiliquillas

Rice & Beans

Chips & Dip

Make your reservations ONLINE

or call Ann at 779-9330

Reservations requested by April 29th

Ole!



**Following Dinner,
we are ordering the fight
of the year which will be
telecast that night!**

Floyd Mayweather Jr.

vs.

Manny Pacquiao



"Supper" Menu

Ribs
Corn on the Cob
Beans
Coleslaw
Apple Pie
& Vanilla Ice Cream

\$20

Times will be announced soon

Our Friends from Pittsburg YC
will be cruising-in for the
weekend!

Reservations ONLINE or call
Ann at 779-9330

WANTED

**Western Day
& Ribs Cook-Off
at Sportsmen YC**

Saturday, June 20th

Scheduled
throughout the day

Horseshoe
Tournament

Ribs Cook-Off

Line Dancing
Lessons

DJ following
dinner

Hot Dogs & Chips
available for lunch

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Annual Golf Tournament

Tuesday, May 12th Tee Time 9:30 a.m.

Lone Tree Golf Course

It's been a
rough year for
Ol' Joe

He's been
practicing all
year for this
tournament

But as you can
see, he's in a
little, minor
"predicament" at
the moment...



No worries!
His "friends" will
have all the kinks
ironed out by
May 12th!

This
is
Joe's
year!!



**A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board
outside the Board Room door.**

**For information, rules, or questions,
please see Joe Fray**