

SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2003



FROM OUR COMMODORE LONNIE GIBSON



Here we go, **another** month gone by. At this time I would like to thank **Chuck Carroll & Belynda Zobb** for their continuous

support in the 4 S games. We may have only taken two Gold Medals but we had lots of fun doing it. I believe that's what it's all about. The Club had good representation that night. After all the medals were passed out, the party began upstairs. I understand that **Eric Sieben** will be sending pictures our way. After we closed down the Club, we continued the party at Lou's. I soon bailed out, and once I got to "After Midnight," I heard a "Splash." Hmm..., I wondered if Carl was walking the docks again! No, he must be asleep by now! Well, the next morning there were no reports of anyone drowning so all was well. Thanks to all the Club members who participated in the

games. We may not have taken all the Gold, but we now have a new goal for next year at Stockton YC. It's been a long time since Sportsmen had to start from Fourth Place; we have no place to go but **upwards!**

On August 1st, we will begin to dredge the harbor, and all your help is needed. If you can only put in a couple of hours, **Carl** could use the help. We need people to do little things that don't take physical strength. **WE NEED YOU!!** Please see Carl for details.

On August 9th, we will be taking a short break for the day. It's our Annual Poker Run & Potluck. Please see **Neal Essary** for details.

As for the Labor Day weekend, well, that's still up in the air for now. Lets see how the dredging is doing.

September 6th is the Club Picnic, which is just around the corner.

Again this year, we'll have the children's events.

By the time the middle of September gets here, our permit for dredging stops, and a well deserved cruise-out will be in line. We will be cruising out to Caliente YC on September 19th-21st. At Caliente, a pig roast will be cooked by our very own **Vice Commodore Dave Selvy**, please join us for a wonderful evening. Thanks to **Steve Olivieri** for the great July Birthday Dinner. We still have a few months open where cooks are needed for the Birthday Dinners, so call **Trella** if you can do one. As always...

Safe Boating



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE COMING EVENTS!

August

- 1 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 2 Work Party
- 9 Poker Run & Potluck Dinner
- 23 Birthday Dinner
- 29-1 Labor Day Cruise-Out

September

- 1 Labor Day Cruise-Out
- 5 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 6 Club Picnic
- 20 Cruise-Out Luau—Caliente YC
- 27 Birthday Dinner

October

- 3 Club Meeting & Dinner
- 4-19 Down Bay Cruise
- 25 Birthday Dinner

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE
DAVE SELVY



As you are reading this, the 4S is a Fate Accompli ...or should I say Coup de Gras?

The last time I saw **Barbara "Over Your Bottom" Chapman** ...she

was holding court at the end of the SYC fan-tail (funny, we have the same initials). She was staring off down toward Sand Mound slough muttering; "I got lost ...I Got *%&^%\$ LOST...How the (heck) did that happen?" That, about sums up the 4S events for Sportsmen.

I sidled up to **Eric Sieben**, while he was taking his fantastic photos and I told him that he was on a 24-hour suicide watch and that, "I had the next shift" ...that was the first laugh I heard outta him since he scratched the eight ball in men's pool. Eric's partner, **Jimmy Dawson**, laid 'em out cleaning the table ending with an unbelievable round the table shot that sunk the seven and he never touched the enemy balls. (I should hope not.) **Eric** had a few tricks up his sleeve with an amazing table clearing run of his own only to end up with the errant queue ball ending up in the well after the eight ball. Ugh!

Ted Nicholson and **Don Lucido** played Bocce Ball on the lower lawn ...yeah lawn. They actually made a good showing but were out done by "Lucky Luciana Ringer" (name withheld for security reasons) from Sacramento...that woman was a one-woman destruction derby. I think she actually was a forward observer for an artillery command with better inside shots than a Marine sniper.

Sooo, I went up to the liars dice and there was **Chucky "Cheeky" Carroll** and **Kathy "pants on fire" Larosec** lying up a storm. I believe we did a little

better with this game. I mean, we should; the dice cups never stop on the ferry weekends. But not all was a loss. We were treated to a fantastic series of meals; our totally gracious hosts, the San Joaquin YC and completely wonderful friends and fellow boaters from Stockton & Sacramento to share a VERY hot but fun weekend on Bethel Island. Bartender/board member Dennis and I discovered that we could make a pretty mean Mai Tai that really brought out my unusually quiet and demure character, huh **Lonnie?**

Saturday evening entertainments included a really TERRIFIC demonstration pursuit and almost capture sequence with the local constabulary and an errant auto thief driving into our dead-end parking lot. Great show San Joaquiners!!

Well I am sure that I have managed to offend almost everyone with this, but I want to point out one more thing...Did it occur to anyone that the logo for the 4S (REALLY GREAT GRAPHICS) depicted the EXACT order of finish...??? Hmmm? Do you think? ...Nah!

Next up...Playing in the mud...Come on down; the dredge is fine. **Carl Rasmussen** has worked his fanny off to get this ready. We need volunteer help, big time, and August 1st starts the big dig. We must make every day count; cause when it is over (9/15), it's over until next year. Pipe assemblers, floatation for the tubes and of course line handlers and operators are needed.

Jimmy Dawson has secured the shoring for the Area 5 wall. So, plenty to do. See you there.

(Oh...Did **Tony Chapman** ever get the Denver Boot off his company truck parked in their Commodore, Andy's, parking spot?...just wondering.)

Uf-Dah!



Just to
Let You
Know...

- **Jim Nelson** had a mild stroke on June 23rd. He is home now and doing better. **Shirley** is on dialysis. We wish you both the best!
- **Helen Ferrari** is scheduled for knee surgery on August 11th. We wish you a quick recovery, Helen!



DREDGING NEWSFLASH

If you have not already heard, we now have all of our dredging permits. By the time you read this, many members will have been putting finishing touches on the dredging preparations. The actual dredging is set to begin at 2:00 p.m. on August 1st. During the dredging process, boats berthed in the various sheds may need to be re-tied. Some boats may be temporarily removed from their berth to facilitate maneuvering of the dredge. When the sheds are moved, all boats will remain in their berths. If you are going to use your boat during the dredging period, please check with the dredging team for the dredging schedule.

The Poker Run scheduled for Saturday, August 9th, will still be held. We expect to pull the dredge and pipes out of the way for this event.

Dredging will stop for this year on or before September 14th.

Carl Rasmussen
Dredging Manager

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.
Flyer information is requested by the 15th.

Send Newsletter information to:
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**FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE
DARLENE DAWSON**



At the April 8, 2003, Council Meeting, a report was heard on the initial findings of the Northeast Antioch Annexation Feasibility Study. As the study area is comprised of both residential and industrial parcels, staff had recommended two concurrent annexation applications whereby the residential parcels vote separately from the industrial parcels on the decision to annex.

At the time of the presentation to Council, preliminary investigations had shown the industrial area to have less than 12 registered voters allowing for an uninhabited "annexation," which is less cumbersome than an inhabited "annexation." However, field work since the April 8th Council Meeting has shown the industrial area north of

Wilbur to have more than 12 registered voters all living in the easterly section.

As a result of this new information, the Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has suggested the city submit three separate annexation applications. The area north of Wilbur Avenue, formerly thought to be uninhabited, will be split into two areas, one industrial and the other residential. The third area would be the mainly residential area north of East 18th and along Vierra Avenue. Each of these three areas would separately vote on the issue of annexation. In the residential areas annexation will be determined by a majority of registered voters while assessed parcel value will determine the annexation vote in the industrial area.

This information is posted on the Club Bulletin Board for your careful review. All input and questions would be greatly appreciated.

**HISTORIAN NOTES
KATHIE HAMMER**



From the book, "Of Walking Beams and Paddle Wheels," by George Harlan and Clement Fisher Jr., I learned that one of the traditions of the San Francisco Bay, in the early days, was the decoration of the ferry boats on holidays and other special occasions.

Besides carrying banners of every color, all of the old-time boats were equipped with a house flag, a vessel flag, and a commission pennant. On special outings, bunting was put up around the upper deck, and at Christmas time garlands of greens were draped on railing and house fronts. Each vessel had a tree on the masthead and one in the cabin. The vessel decorations served to reflect the pride the crews had for their boats. There was competition between the boats even though there were no prizes.

The ferrymen took every opportunity to display their vessel in the best possible light.

Welcome
New Associate Members
Darrell & Yvonne Lackey
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Pittsburg, CA 94565
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Visit Sportsmen YC's Website



- ...to view pictures of recent Club events
- ...Calendar information for the year
- ...lots of other Club related information & links

www.sportsmenyc.org



PICYA Report

Upcoming Events

- Aug 4 Delegates' Meeting at Sausalito YC
- Sep 8 Delegates' Meeting at Benicia YC
- Sep 27 Wheelchair Regatta at Encinal YC
- Oct 4 Delegates' Meeting at Tahoe YC
- Nov 1 Management Conference at Benicia YC

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In honor of all whose lives were taken on 9-11-01, we take this opportunity to reflect on the freedom we have in our great Country. Let us keep our servicemen in our prayers.

God Bless
the USA

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, this 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.

**Dinner will be served before the
August General Meeting**

Friday, August 1st

Our Menu

BBQ New York Steaks
Salad, Potatoes, Asparagus, French Bread, & Cake for Dessert
Prepared by Ben Best & Ron Russo

\$10.00 per person

Dinner served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Limited to the first 50 dinners sold

Contact Audrey Coach or Elaine Rasmussen for Reservations

Happy Birthday

**Sportsmen
Family & Friends**

Aug 02 Jean Novinger	Sep 04 Debbi Chapman
Aug 03 Steve Fernandez	Sep 04 Dianne Chapman
Aug 04 Doris Calhoun	Sep 04 George Brayton
Aug 07 Ivan Hendricks	Sep 09 Greg Dawson
Aug 09 Pat Brown	Sep 10 Lawny Chapman
Aug 11 Dave Millicam	Sep 11 Keith Hammer
Aug 11 Melanie Wallen	Sep 13 Gloria Batchelor
Aug 11 Tony Russo	Sep 16 Jim Nelson
Aug 14 Debbie Dawson	Sep 18 Sheron Lord
Aug 14 Sylvia Larson	Sep 20 Joe Carrion
Aug 15 Chuck Carroll	Sep 21 Cindy Art
Aug 21 Jim Dawson	Sep 21 Lori Wickman
Aug 21 Muriel Telles	Sep 21 Mary Kinder
Aug 22 Shirley Nelson	Sep 21 Mike Hammer
Aug 24 Julio Rocha	Sep 23 Dan Lively
Aug 28 Chris Green	Sep 24 Ted Nicholson
Aug 30 Elise Huard	Sep 25 Steve Anderson
Aug 30 Mary Nerby	Sep 26 Bonnie White
	Sep 26 Byron Nofrey
	Sep 27 Larry Pacheco

**The August
Birthday Dinner Party
is on the 23rd**

**The September
Birthday Dinner Party
is on the 27th**

4S RESULTS

OUR MEDAL WINNERS

KATHIE HAMMER & BONNIE WHITE	CRIBBAGE	GOLD MEDAL
FREDA LUCIDO & NANCY YARBROUGH	PINOCHLE	GOLD MEDAL
DON LUCIDO & TED NICHOLSON	BOCCE	SILVER MEDAL
MIKE HAMMER & CHRIS YARBROUGH	HORSESHOES	SILVER MEDAL
CHUCK CARROLL & KATHY LAROSEE	LIAR'S DICE	SILVER MEDAL
JIM DAWSON & ERIK SIEBEN	DARTS	BRONZE MEDAL
ISMINI MACLEAN & TONY SIINO	DOMINOES	BRONZE MEDAL
TONY CHAPMAN	PING PONG—MEN'S	BRONZE MEDAL
JIM DAWSON & ERIK SIEBEN	POOL—MEN'S	BRONZE MEDAL
LEE FITZGERALD & LEEANN OLIVIERI	POOL—WOMEN'S	BRONZE MEDAL

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 4S!

Vessel Missing

Date Line: 2003 4S at Bethel Island

During a high speed racing contest, a boat was reported missing. According to witnesses, the vessel was last seen entering Sandmound Slough. Later information indicates the vessel was listing to one side and subsequently sunk.

Rescue craft were immediately placed on alert! After repeated calls on 911-1/2, the vessel was assumed lost.

Search teams were dispatched and the missing were identified as **Barbara Chapman** and fellow racer **Paul Larosee** of Sportsmen Yacht Club.

At approximately 11:44 a.m., the vessel appeared at the San Joaquin Yacht Club. The vessel captain (Ms. Chapman) claims, "A mysterious force lifted us into a vortex somewhere in Sandmound Slough." They were "retained in an unknown location for what seemed to be days," the Captain reported.

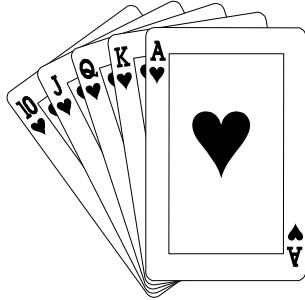
Somehow they were transported back to the race course and were again seen at the "Granada Dock." Ms. Chapman claims no knowledge of the missing 10 minutes.

Local authorities have been alerted and suitable warnings posted.

The Leaky Bladder Press

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Our 42nd Annual Poker Run & Potluck



Saturday, August 9th
\$1.00 buys a hand

Jess's Side Pool is \$5.00 per person
High Hand takes all in Jess's Side Pool

1300 Departure to Check Points
(Check Points open 1300-1600)
Hands may also be purchased at the Club

1700 Check-In Time
No Hands may be turned in or
purchased after 1700

1800 Potluck

1845 Award Prizes
Please attend to receive prizes

Bring your favorite dish
And your appetite!
Everyone Welcome

Questions? Please see or call
Neal or Diane Essary at 228-7337



Add this date to your calendar!

Saturday, September 6th
Starting at 11:00 a.m.

Annual Sportsmen Picnic

Plenty of food
& Lots of Fun
For the Whole Family!

