



SPORTSMEN YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPORTSMEN

December 2009

- 4 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 5 Lighted Boat Parade
- 12 Kids with Santa & Potluck Dinner
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

January 2010

- 8 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 9 Work Party
- 16 Installation Dinner

February 2010

- 5 Club Dinner & Meeting
- 6 Work Party
- 7 Super Bowl XLIV Party

More events to be announced
In the January Newsletter

**Monday Night Football
Steak Dinners!**

See Page 2 for details



**COMMODORE
BOB KARR**

The month of October wound down with a fund raising event by the Liberty High School Jazz Band and a Halloween Party equal to none. The Liberty High School Band played primarily jazz music for their family and guests. The Sportsmen members lucky enough to be at the Club that evening all thought the music was great too. The members and guests who attended the Halloween Party were treated to decorations that took Alice Gibson and Shirley Karr two days to complete. Thanks for the imagination and hard work.

November started with a Fishing Seminar followed by the General Membership meeting. The next item of major interest was the Sportsmen Fishing Derby. Dozens of nimrods with secret locations, baits, lures, and scents scattered in all directions hoping for the "Big One." The feverish pace slowed somewhat when Scott Jackman, son of Steve Jackman, weighed in a 40.4 pound striper and a 66 pound sturgeon. Needless to say, both

fish won first place in respective categories. However, the fishing continued until Sunday afternoon with some fishermen conceding they were just feeding the fish and others undaunted by the bar being raised. The second place striper was caught by Ken Corippo and second place sturgeon money went to John Hunter. The first place catfish was weighed in by Dan Lynch with a close second place by Carol Hunter. I wish to thank Neal Essary for managing this annual event. I know there are Sportsmen members already plotting strategy for next year's derby.

The last scheduled non-Sportsmen event for the month was the Diablo YC Officer and Director elections held at the Club. About thirty-five of their members were here Saturday, the 14th, for their elections and dinner. They are nice folks and I hope they consider returning next year.

**We wish You a
Merry Christmas!**



**VICE COMMODORE
CHARLIE KATUSICH
(ARTICLE WRITTEN BY
CHUCK CARROLL)**

Much as been done since the last Work Party. As most of you know the new caretaker mobile home is in place along with a new sidewalk and patio. Floyd Simpson & crew got a lot done on the east side of the ferry. Area 3 is coming along with a lot of the work having been done. Thanks to Al Alcorn for keeping up the grounds; another special thanks to Joe Fray for keeping the lawn well groomed. Special thanks Harry Parker for beautifying our Sportsmen bar.

A big heartfelt thanks to the following folks in the multiple Work Parties they attended in the last month: Al Alcorn, Tom Arnold. Kurt Chaisson, Ed Elledge, Chuck English, Lonnie Gibson, George Greer, Natalie Greer. Mike Hoskins, Sarah Haynes, Jim

Hill, Scott Jett, Bob Karr, Jerry Kent, Rob Langer, Dwayne Larosee, Dr. Dan, Don & Freda Lucido, Sammy Martinez, Dwayne Minick, Art Nowak, Ted Olsen, Bill Pato, Dan Perryman, Vincent Rafanan, Garry Ridolfi, Danette Sarancha, John Shaner, Floyd Simpson, Mike Transchel, Scott Wigmore.

Thanks for a great lunch prepared by Ann Marie Alcorn, Alice Gibson, Paulette Hoskins, and Shirley Karr.

As you know I did another year as Work Party Chairman to help Charlie Katusich as he was fighting some health issues. Taking over for 2010, will be our own upcoming Vice Commodore, Garry Ridolfi. Please continue to show the same support as you have done for me and Sportsmen YC in the past year.



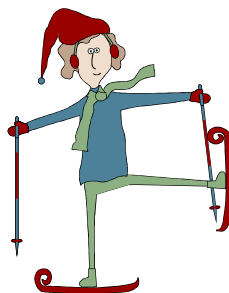
REAR COMMODORE LONNIE GIBSON

Here we are again, one last newsletter for the newsletter queen. Thanks to Shari I did not have a chance in forgetting!

I would like to mention Area 3, but I would probably get censored, so let's just say thank you to Dwayne Minick for starting the project by welding a piece of channel in Area 4; then Area 3, then a 4 inch I beam in Area 5, for the guest dock near Lucido's boat, he then waiting for the low tide another day to finish. Thanks Dwayne.

To the cooks who prepared the lunches for us, if you haven't been there, you missed out!

A final word - when putting on your 2011 boat tags, leave a copy of your new DMV registration in the wash program mail box. They want your new DMV for their records. This a must do! Happy Holidays

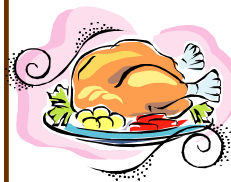


Monday Night Football Steak Dinners!



\$5.00 per person

Chuck & Ann English are hosting MNF steak dinners. Please sign up at the Club or call 779-9330 so they know how much food to buy!



December Meeting Dinner Menu

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Steamed Vegetables
Bread

Holiday Desserts

Prepared By:
Gary Abeyta & Doug Horton

\$10 per person

Come join us!

We are limited to 50 reservations, so make your reservations on-line or contact Cindy Mammon at (625-0590) as soon as possible



Welcome New Members

Kurt & Michaela Chaisson

William & Sarah Haynes

Rob & Nicole Langer

John Lorf

Ted Olsen

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

Member Information Corner

Dick N. was burned while working on a vehicle with a friend. He has been in the Burn Unit at UC Davis in Sacramento.

We wish you a speedy recovery and we're looking forward to seeing you at the Club soon!

Please contact Freda Lucido if you hear of a member who is hospitalized. Thanks!



Address Change

Ken & Sarah Corippo



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

Mark your calendars, December 12th for my favorite event. It is when Santa arrives by boat to meet all the good boys and girls at our Club.

A little history: Years ago Santa came for the adults not the children. Then, as many of our member became grandparents, it gradually became Santa coming to be with the children.

I started singing with the children 16 years ago in 1993. We had brought our grandchildren to see Santa and the children started to run all over the ferry. I was afraid they would get hurt, so I called them all together to sing Christmas Carols and the rest is history.

The following is a poem I wrote in 2004 for this special event:

Tw'as just days before Christmas and all through the ferry many creatures were stirring especially those merry.

The children were all waiting to come to the boat, to see their friend Santa come up from the float.

They come to eat treats and sing with the teacher, to ring jingle bells and hear stories of a long ago preacher.

Santa arrives all dressed in his finest, to see each child and ask of their kindness.

The children all smile and look up at Santa as he hands them a gift in a very nice style. They say they were good, but many of us know, some had trouble as they started to grow.

Their pictures are taken as they smile with Santa in hopes he know what all their wants are.

As Santa leaves and we say goodbye, we can see the merry twinkle in his eye. He says he must leave and pick up his reindeer, that he left on West Island to rest for the journey.

As we look towards the sky, we can hear him exclaim, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight!"



PORT CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS JIM DAWSON

Thanks to Ann & Chuck English for steering us to the new mobile home for our caretakers. Chuck & Ann are also doing Monday night football dinners. Great steaks and fun times for only a \$5.00 donation that covers their costs. Another example of a good associate member! The new mobile home will soon be complete and be the home of our caretakers rather than the 5th wheel. If you have not seen inside, you should take a peak. It has two bathrooms; what a change. This new mobile home is nicer than the 5th wheel and the old mobile home combined. Thanks to all who have worked so hard on this project. Also thanks to everyone for the hard work it took to frame and pour the car port. The only thing missing is a hot tub, but that would create too many folks hanging around the mobile home area.

Thanks to Floyd Simpson and crew for their efforts under the east side of the Clubhouse. This is a huge undertaking! PLEASE contact Floyd for his schedule as his needs for this project. We will be marking leaks on the Clubhouse roof after our next rain so we can seal these areas.

The handicap lift is now operational again. Big Steve came up with the problem of why it wouldn't work, a loose wire. Thanks Steve. This lift is only for people who otherwise couldn't enjoy getting up to the main deck to enjoy what we have to offer. Anyone with a key is to operate and supervise the lift. Be sure you remove your key upon completion so kids or others do not have access. This is not a toy and cannot be used for anything other than a handicapped person.

Many lights downstairs have burned out, but have been replaced. Thanks to all the relief caretakers for last month with a special thanks to our newest associate for signing up, Scott Wigmore.

I haven't seen much growth to our new trees, but I guess it takes more than two months. I'll check them again next month! I wish you all HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Congrats to Chuck Carroll for his retirement.



NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JACKIE STEELE "JACKIE OH!"

November had the ever-popular Fishing Derby, whose winners will be posted in this newsletter elsewhere. Way to Go!

December kicks off in fine form with the Annual Holiday DeLites Lighted Boat Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 5th. If you want to take your boat and participate, but need some help with the decorations, just be sure to get your boat into our harbor early on Saturday 5th and I'm certain you can get all the help you need. Though, if you want to take your boat out with us "as is," we are wonderful with that too. It is a standing tradition and, oh so much fun.

See you on the River, Jackie Oh!



**Congratulations
to Jim Dawson
and Joe Fray!**

**Jim won 1st Place and
Joe placed 3rd in
The Pogo Derby
catching winning fish
closest
to the Target Fish!**






December

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 01 Larry Green | 17 Carol Fray |
| 02 Rex Cook | 17 Ray Telles |
| 02 Tina Adkerson | 18 Shirley Furno |
| 03 Tim Nerby | 20 Bob Karr |
| 05 Alice Gibson | 20 Yvonne Brayton |
| 09 Helen Davidson | 21 Kris Larosee |
| 11 Carl Swenson | 21 Mike Transchel |
| 11 Neil Sterud_II | 25 Natalie Greer |
| 11 Pat Parker | 26 Bonne Lenz |
| 12 Al Wood | 26 Chuck English |
| 12 Freda Lucido | 27 John Torres |
| 12 Kathy Larosee | 28 Cindy Mammon |
| 13 Bruce Palmer | 28 Susan Carroll |
| 13 Dave Davidson | 29 Danny Kipp |
| 14 Mary Sebers | 29 Scott Jett |
| 14 Michael Hoskins | 30 Albi Ferrari |
| 16 Jerry Kent | 30 Dwayne Minick |
| 16 Larry Draper | 31 Mike Stroer |



Newsletter articles are due by the 18th of each month.
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PICYA REPORT DARLENE DAWSON

Congratulations!

- Otis Brock - "Yachtsmen of the Year" Ebony Boat Club
- Herbert Meyers - Condon Award St. Frances, Corinthian, South Beach YC
- Lew Long - Poseidon Award, South Lake Tahoe, YC

Thank you gentlemen for your outstanding and distinguished service to yachting. These and many other prestigious awards were presented at the November Delegates Dinner Meeting held at Encinal YC.

Sportsmen YC received an award for being a "Two Star Club." This is a first for us; let's keep up the good work. Jane Parsons braved rain and snow to

attend. Jane wanted to ensure that we would achieve perfect attendance for 2009. Jane also represented Sportsmen at the Awards Dinner in Encinal. Thank you, Jane, for your dedication.

The 18th Annual Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers, Honoring Reginald Smith and the 2010 Officers and Directors of PICYA, will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on January 30. Formal invitations will be mailed late in December to PICYA Clubs. All club members are invited to attend.

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) "Two-Gates Project"

Please continue to send letters, make calls, etc. to legislators and bureaucrats telling them that this project must be revised. They must respect the boating public's long established right of vessel passage under the public use doctrine to transit Delta Waterways unimpeded by

gates or barriers.

Speaking of transiting waterways, I hear that there will be a lighted boat parade Saturday, December 5th, and that Santa will be visiting Sportsmen via boat for our annual Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 12th. Hope to see you there.

Happy Holidays!

PICYA's Upcoming Events

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| Jan 30 | Commodores Ball & Installation of officers |
| Feb 1 | Delegate's Dinner & Meeting @ Oakland YC |
| Mar 1 | Delegate's Dinner & Meeting @ Coyote Point YC |



Weekend Fishing Derby Results 2009

The 2009 Weekend Fishing Derby started at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6th, and ended Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 p.m. Forty five members and guests participated this year! Seven lucky people won prizes (Donated by Kevin Wickman) at the free raffle held at the awards ceremony Sunday. The potluck supper was outstanding; thanks to all who set up, cleaned up and brought a dish to share.

This was another great Sportsmen family weekend; it was great to see folks of all ages enjoying themselves!



STRIPED BASS

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 st | Scott Jackman | 40 lbs 4 oz |
| 2 nd | Ken Corippo | 18 lbs 9oz |
| | Joe Fray | 13 lbs 4 oz |
| | Jim Dawson | 9 lbs 11 oz |

STURGEON

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 st | Scott Jackman | 66 lbs 0 oz |
| 2 nd | John Hunter | 44 lbs 0 oz |

CATFISH

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1 st | Dan Lynch | 1 lb 8 oz |
| 2 nd | Carol Hunter | 1 lb 4 oz |



NOTE:

Awards were made to 1st and 2nd places only

1st place received 60% of prize fund
2nd place received 40% of prize fund

**Congratulations to our winners and
thanks to all our participants!!!**

Neal Essary

Ballroom Dancing Instruction

Rumba

Fox Trot



Starting

*January 7, 2010,
every Thursday night
from 7:30 pm to
8:30 pm for 4 weeks*

*Cost is \$60.00 per
couple for the 4-week
instruction classes*

*See flyer at the
Club or call
Jim Arnold on
his cell phone
522-1836*



Annual Lighted Boat Parade

Get Into the Christmas Spirit
Decorate Your Boat and Join the Fun!

Saturday, December 5th

Boats will group
under the
Antioch Bridge
at 4:30 p.m.



Entry forms will be
available at the
December Meeting
The entry fee is a \$10
toy to be donated to
Granny's Anonymous



Santa is Cruising-In

Saturday, December 12th



Please Remember

- Bring enough food to cover all your guests
- Bring a gift for Santa to give to each child in your party

Also...

Write the name & age of the child and write the Sportsmen member name on each gift

(This helps Santa's helpers get the kids' pictures to the correct Club member.)



5:00 Potluck Dinner
5:45 Singing Carols
with Mrs. Hammer
6:15 Santa arrives!



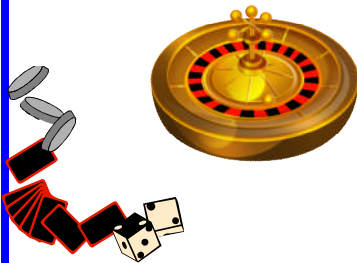


Mark your calendar to spend a great
New Year's Eve with
Fellow Sportsmen on
Thursday, December 31st.

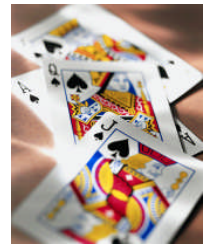
Welcome 2010 in with
Casino Night



\$5.00 per person
Make Reservations On-line
or call Cindy at 625-0590
by December 28th

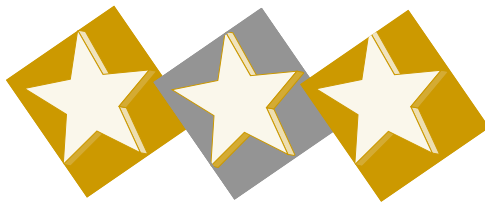


Games.....
Champagne
Appetizers
Prizes



Save the Date Installation Dinner & Dance

Saturday, January 14th



*This is an evening when we go all out for our members!
It's an evening we honor those who have served our Club
and we show our support for those
who are going to serve in the coming year.
Details will be in the January Newsletter.*

Merry
Christmas
To All

Happy
New Year!

May 2010 be
Joyous for you!