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a little dinghy

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- Junior Sail Program is a Big Hit
- 4th Of July at the Lake
- The Club House gets a Foundation

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Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Mateys,

First off, I would like to report that both Dale Buchanan and Gordon Fellows are definitely on the mend! They will be sailing again in no time. Great news, guys.

Next item of business: The GCYC Clubhouse. By the time you read this newsletter, we will have prepped for and poured 20 yards of concrete. Thanks to all of you who offered your time and backs for the cause. Having completed Phase I --rounding up the money and donations and getting through the permit process (thanks, Wayne), we are now through Phase II -- pouring footings and a foundation (thanks to our resident contractor, Joe Day). Phase III will be tricky -- getting all the metal cut, sanded and painted (by the way, it's a metal building). Doug Epperson will be heading up this phase. Phase IV -- loading up the metal, getting it to the building site, and putting it together, should happen before winter.



After that, who knows? Our clubhouse can grow with the club.

It's great to see all the members show up to help and really be a part of this project. As some of you might have guessed, I consider it my "mission" to get this clubhouse built, so don't be surprised when I call and ask you to help. Count

this as a campaign promise I intend to keep. When it's finished, I think this clubhouse will be a real asset to GCYC, something everyone can use and enjoy.

Jr. Sailing: Lynn Buchanan, Tish Buti and Don Hare completed the instructional program on July 21st. I hear it was a resounding success. You can read a detailed report in this newsletter. Thanks to all of you who contributed your time and knowledge. Our Jr. Sailing program has become very pop

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ular in Nevada County. Before you know it, people will be talking about the "world renown Gold Country Yacht Club Jr. Sailing Program." Great work, guys.

4th of July: If you weren't there, you missed a great time!

Even the Statue of Liberty showed up, and I have pictures to prove it. The weather was kind of muggy, so everyone really enjoyed the water. Nicki and I, and Jeff and Pat

Lund manned the barge (we even decorated it), and we had eight boats tied up to it, power and sail. Joann and Ron Montgomery won the prize for the best decorated boat (again). Someone is going to have to be very inventive to beat these two!

Frriendship Club: I was unable to attend but I hear that everyone had a great time. This is a very important function for our club and it's gratifying to see how many members support it. A special thanks to Tish Buti for her hard work in organizing this event; it just keeps getting better. See Tish's article for more details.



Flea Market: Start rounding up all your unnecessary treasures. it's almost time for the big flea market This has been a pretty profitable event for the club the last couple of years, and it's a lot of fun. It will take place in September and I'll be calling for volunteers.

Cruise to Catalina: There will be quite a few members missing at the next meeting, as we are going on vacation to Catalina Island. As of this writing there are seven trailer sailors heading down south starting July 29th.

Nicki and I are the proud owners of a Catalina 22 (Island Girl), just in time to cruise to Catalina. We all plan to meet up at Two Harbors by August 5th and will stay on the stringline for a few days. I'm sure I'll have some interesting stories to tell next month. In my absence, Doug Epperson will take over running the meeting. Thanks, Doug.

See you at the September meeting, at Memorial Park.

Anchors Aweigh,

Hugh

Bird Droppings

by Eaglebeak



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Notice: I have screwed up all the names and stuff in this story to protect privacy of the true characters and events mentioned. You may think you know who I'm talking about, but then again, you may be wrong, of course you may be right, but then again...

Gather round, all you campers, and let me tell you about a true story. Pull up your sterns around the Æol campfire and toast another marshmallow, and pour yourself another glass of this here wonderful merlot.

The other night, my wife and I decided to head up toward the "Lago" and do a bit of sailing on our boat the GRAND COUVÉE DOM PERIGNON. Whilst we were sailing our little hearts out, we encountered the WAIKIKI Whoa-a. Now this was no great feat (oops), but I did want to mention them, cause they're nice folks. She being the statue of liberty and all, and him swinging that rubber chicken around. But not to digress -- it was a beautiful day, we were in our cups so to speak, and were enjoying the pristine-ness of the lago. As is our custom, we went to the cove to enjoy an evening repast, and, after some dis-

cussion about anchoring techniques, we cracked open some fresh Shattownenoughdepope. As I peered through the bottom of my glass, It became abundantly clear to me just what the hell was going on with the lago.

As I stared straight up at the rock walls in the cove, and as the desert sands whipped across my boat, I realized that the dropping water level was the work of (put another smore on and pour yourself another glass and brace yourself) -- FLOOZIE!

Now you've heard about the Loch Ness Monster, but (and they've done a fantastic job of covering this up) I'll bet you've never heard of the Loch Scotts Flat man and boat eating monster. (Floozie for short). But once you know, you'll understand all of the truly weird happenings around here.

For instance -- have you noticed that the water level has been droppings ever so slightly? It's because of the heat we had earlier in the summer. Floozie, who resides at the very bottom of the lake has been drinking it all on hot summer nights. Nor does her appetite end with all that drinking water, have you noticed that some boats have disappeared? First there was the ISLAND WENCH, owned

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by Pirateson and his wife Quarterette -- yup, one day it was there, the next day it was lunchmeat. Then there was the Aerial, belonging to the Whooties -- same damn thing and her mast became a toothpick! What was really bizarre was the strange case of the MOA MOA -- capsized and sunk. Only thing that saved her was that the owners, the Field Marshals, had been thinking of changing her name to the MOLLY BROWN. Now I don't mean to scare you, but have you seen the dingy dock lately? Yup, hor's' d' oeuvres.

No damn wonder that the Ghents haven't put their boat in YET! I know that the purty little gal that runs the lake -- Corona, has been subtly telling folks for years that there's to be no overnights on the lake. Now you know why.

Hold on there just a sec. aahhhhh. And how many fishermen do you see this year? Hardly any. That's because Floozie, when she ain't eatin boats, is out there eatin fishermen.

Have you actually seen any fish? Hah! I rest my point.

Only fish I've ever seen were the ones who sought refuge in my dingy one weekend.

Need more proof that Floozie is out there just waiting?

Take for instance the strange case of the Fellowship Club. 14 went out, none came back. (this was the outing for homeless derelicts that we put on bi-annually). We loaded Em all on the barge driven by Wicker and one of the Dons or Rons, and the only thing we found the next morning was a bunch of empty brown paper bags and a barge that leans a little to port.

You know, mixing marshmallows, chocolate, crackers, and merlot ain't sitting so well with the ol stomach. There, I've said it. Oh yeah. I noticed that the OLE has opted for dry storage -- gee, I wonder why? Hope those two little peas in a pod are looking over their shoulder, but they better be careful hauling their dog-bait around on an inner tube.

Well, as I write this, the water has dropped enough in the cove and inlet river to make some new revaluations. I see ancient river beds. I see stumps, where once stood giant trees. I see Floozie. I see wild bears. I see pink elephants. I see my glass is empty. I see we're out of marshmallows.

Eaglebeak

Tish Buti Vice Commodore

A Word about the Club boats

It is so exciting to see our club row and have things to offer our members! The Club has quite a fleet - 1 Capri 22, 4 Sunfish, 1 complete and 2 partial El Toros as well as our barge. Just a couple of reminders regarding using any of the Club boats:

1. First and foremost, all skippers must be "checked out" by Wayne Buti or Lynn Buchanan and be approved to use the boats.
2. You must call and let Wayne know if you would like to use any of the boats. His number is 273-7819. He will put you on the Club calendar. This is more for liability insurance purposes than anything else. Please note that if you have an "incident" while using the Club boats, the skipper who has signed the boat out is responsible for any damages to the Club boat and any other vessel involved. The Club insurance will not cover anyone racing on a Club boat.
3. A minimal donation is requested for use of the Club boats. \$10 for the Capri and \$5 for the Sunfish. This barely covers the mooring fees and gas for the Capri and leaves nothing for spare parts for any of the boats.
4. The boats need to be left shipshape and clean after each use. We do not have "staff" or a "maintenance crew" to take care of our boats.



This is a "working club" as stated in your membership application. Over the years, we have seen the same "work horses" taking care of all sorts of projects, including getting the Club boats on the water. If you would like to have the Club boats available for you to use, we need your help

in maintaining them. We are all volunteers and at times we spread ourselves a little thin. If something breaks, please fix it. If you think the boat needs something and you will use that something, bring a request to the Board of Directors with prices and item descriptions and it will be considered. All items will be given consideration, but we do need to have limits. The other option is to cart your own personal gear off and on the boats when you would like to use them.

There have been absolutely no problems with any of the points I've made. Hugh & I feel that we just need to make sure that everyone is hearing the same message. Having personally used the boats this year and having access to the wind and water was just great! As the water level continues to drop, if you'd like to participate in the Club races but maybe can't launch your boat, consider a dinghy just for fun. The Sunfish are a real kick! Just ask our Junior sailors!

--Fair winds.

Tish Buti, Vice Commodore

4th Of July at The Lake



Friendship Club Day 2001

On July 8, the Gold Country Yacht Club had the pleasure of hosting the 12 members and 4 chaperones from the Friendship Club for a day of sailing and

water fun. The wind gods were kind and for the first time in several years, the girls actually got to do some sailing. Scotts Flat Lake is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and generally has steady breezes each

afternoon. The girls received basic instructions from their hosts and were allowed to be at the helm for the afternoon aboard a variety of daysailers. The girls then rafted up for a lunch donated by Litton Engineering. All sailors and crews received T-shirts at the end of the day.



Club members and boats that participated were:

The Butis on Ariel; Don Eagle and Tim &



Carol Erskine aboard Champagne; Ron & Joanne Montgomery on Makiki Moa; Kindra Samuelson & Rebecca Carter on MoBettah (good to see her out there again!); Barry Karr & Earlene and their godson on Gold Driver; Jeremy Gicker on his Lido; Mike Bringolf and his grandkids manning the barge; Frank & Lisa Nin on Hola!; Don Hare & Debbie on No

Cat Hare. Thanks to all those who helped out.

Tish

— Juniors are coming —

The Juniors are coming

Watch out--the Juniors are coming,!

We completed the 2001 Junior Sailing Program on the week-end of July 21st

and 22nd. What a great group of Juniors: Robin Carr, Annie & Mary Creasey, Ellen Fehr, Morgan Hanson, Cameron Lewis, , Danny & Erika Rothschild, and Rob Totoonchie. These are all new families in the Club. I hope you will all extend a warm welcome to them.

Lynn managed to get the first part of the Juniors program off without too many hitches. After a couple weeks off, Lynn stepped the Juniors through the basic

safety skills of being on the water and then introduced them to the Club Sunfish



fleet. The rigging lessons took place in her front yard. Then they hit the water. With the help of Don Hare and his Coronado 15, and Mike Bringolf and Jerry Lewis aboard Lynn's newly acquired Coronado 15, the kids were introduced to boats with one and two sails. They had to learn



how to manage both types of vessels, as well as the shifty conditions on the Lake.



Each session started with a review of the basic knots and stretching exercises. Terminology was reviewed as the juniors rigged the boats each morning. We have some real water-worms! I couldn't believe my ears when we heard one team ask if they could capsize

The Juniors are coming

so neat to watch how each group rotated from boat to boat and would later mention their favorite. Each junior took turns being skipper and crew aboard the boats.

We used 3 of the Sunfish along with the 2 Coronados. Lynn quizzed the kids during lunch and swim breaks and had contests throughout the last 2 days on the water.

One of the best was that the kids had to take a water gun which was passed

off to them under sail from another team and come up to the chase boat (with Lynn & I aboard) and try to get us wet while under sail and under control. If they hit the chase boat, they were disqualified. We only had one team bump us and they definitely made it worth their while as we sat dripping and drifting waiting for the next team! At the end of the day, awards were given for the

cleanest boat, so the juniors also learned how to fold sails and about leaving things shipshape.

On Sunday afternoon, parents were invited to come early and the juniors took the folks out all alone or in pairs. What a feeling of accomplishment! It was so cool to watch them actually leave the shore and make it back - all on their own!



I know for a fact that there will be some new entries for the Club races - so watch out, here they come!

Tish



All Members
of the



Gold Country
Yacht Club

Would like to Wish
a speedy recovery to.....

**Dale Buchanan
Gorden Fellows
and
Alice Teichert**

See ya Soon !!!

Boats For Sale

The Club has some newly acquired boats for sale.
Two wooden El Toro's and a Melody (10 ft. El Toro clone)
If interested contact Lynn Buchanan or Hugh Talman for details

WE NEED YOUR STUFF

GCYC FLEA MARKET BOOTH
at the Fairgrounds
September 30th 2001

We need someone to run this.
Event !!

Do we know this Guy? ----->



At Our Helm

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Vice Commodore

Tish Buti

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Calendar of Events

August

- 2 BOD Meeting
- 6 PICYA Meeting –
Pittsburg Yacht Club
- 8 General Meeting –
Memorial Park
- 11 Folsom Single Handed
Regatta
- 12 *Race #4 Summer Series
- 18.9 Sails West Regatta –
Long Beach
- 18 Frank Track Regatta –
Andreas Cove
- 25-26 Lady & Tramp Race –
Folsom Lake – Cruise
- 26 *Fun Race “C”
Summer Awards Banquet

September

- 1-3 Delta Cruise
- 10 PICYA Meeting – Benicia Yacht
Club
- 8 *Race #1 Fall Series
- 12 General Meeting – Memorial Park
- 16 FLYC Centerboard Regatta
- 23. Folsom Lake Fall Regatta
- 23 *Race #2 Fall Series
- 30 Flea Market – Fair Grounds

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General Meeting

August 8th

At

MEMORIAL Park

6:00 p.m. to eat 7:00 p.m. to meet

Coals will be hot at 6:00 p.m.

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