

Gold Country Yacht Club

... a little dinghy

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Special points of interest:

- PICYA Leadership Conference at Aeolian YC
- Capri Nationals (ask Jerry Lewis)
- Race Management Seminar



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Soundings From The Poop-deck: Tish Buti



Well, do you have cabin fever yet? You really must look at the bright side. All this rain and all these storms will let us have great fun on the lake this summer! And

all this time indoors lets us all plot and plan how to beat "the other guy" on the race course. It gives us more time to paw through those catalogs and tech manuals and see what kind of "go-fast" stuff we can afford to put on our boats without adding too much weight. And then there's the cruisers - what kind of new goodies did you get for Christmas? Can you get everything installed before you launch the boat?

Well, you will find a copy of our Proposed calendar for this year in this newsletter. The Board really did a great job of avoiding other clubs regattas and events. If you've never cruised beyond our own shores, I hope you can find time this year to maybe stretch a little - even if it's a land cruise. Opening Day on the Bay on April 25th is always a really festive event. As the day comes closer we'll have more information on which club member will act as host and how to get a great look at all the boats in the Parade - or maybe just to watch the blessing of the fleet. Our Cruise Chairman, Frank Nin, has all kinds of good stuff planned and Jerry Lewis, our Race Chairman, has been busy collecting info and dates for the Lake Circuit of racing. And of course, our own traditional club events and races are the "meat" of our year. Thanks to all who contribute so much to make our club so special.

Well, stay dry hope to see you all at the meeting on February 11th at Larry & Lena's Pizza!

Fair winds.

--TISH BUTI

LOOSE LIPS

The Samuelson clan gathered after New Years and spent some fun time with granddaughter Aoife (pronounced Effa) age 18 months visiting with mom Leslie from Connecticut. Even Uncle Bob and Aunt Georgie made the trip from Oregon to check in with the family. Carsten Owens who is co-owner of the new Stonehouse Restaurant in Nevada City recently hosted a by invitation only dinner party at his new restaurant. Reports are the remodeling is beautiful and the food is excellent. The menu for downstairs is pub style and a upstairs menu features complete dinners. The restaurant is now open full time and Carsten is temporarily managing it. The clubhouse work party was at it again this month. Stop by the lake to take a peek. And speaking of the lake, the price of a season pass goes up as time passes, so if you haven't already got your pass, be sure to contact Scotts Flat Lake at 265-0413 for a season pass. I wonder if Lynn Buchanan will have time to use her season pass. Now she's gone and signed up to get her Real Estate License. It seems one night at midnight after Dale was already asleep after a hard day of golfing, Lynn finished an embroidery project and then found herself organizing her underwear drawer. Realizing that life had to have more challenge than that, she remembered her lifelong dream and set a plan in motion. I bet her business card will appear in this publication within a couple of months. If you have any tidbits of news to pass along for next months issue, give me a call at 470-0511. I'm sorry I can't pay the \$500.00 the National Enquirer would give you, but our budget and distribution just isn't the same as theirs. Until then, smooth sailing!

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Attention All Members:

Membership fees are due! Simply fill out the form in this newsletter and write a check for \$70.00 (\$65.00 plus \$5.00 for name badges) and turn it in during next weeks meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can send it to the address listed on the form. If you wait too long, there will be an extra \$10.00 fee after April 1st. We look forward to seeing everyone at this months meeting!!!*

**This year we are ordering name badges for all of our members, which will be worn during each meeting. Name badges will remain at the meeting, so no one needs to remember their badges each month. If you already have a name badge, you do not need to pay the additional \$5.00 fee. If you would like to order extra name badges to have when you are going to other yacht clubs, talk to Lynn Buchanan.*

Attention -Notice of Race Management Seminar

The Yacht Racing Association (YRA) of San Francisco Bay announces its Race Management Seminar to be held at Berkeley Yacht Club on Saturday, February 28, 2004 from 0800 to 1530. We will again be combining the YRA seminar with the US Sailing Basic Race Management Course. We will cover all of the US Sailing topics plus several others of particular local interest. Completion of this course is one of the qualifications for local YRA certification (CRO). In addition, at the conclusion of the course, you may, if you wish, take a short test that is one of the key qualifications to be certified by US Sailing as a Club Race Officer. If you plan to take the test, we strongly urge you to pre-register, and we will send you a set of sample/study questions, which has been shown to increase the chances of passing by about 400%. Some of the topics will include setting courses on Race Day; recruiting a successful Race Committee; various race management techniques and procedures; scoring; arbitrating hearings. The seminar is geared to assist yacht clubs in developing race committee members and officers for local YRA and club races.

Speakers include—Jeff Zarwell, Race Chairman, Encinal Y.C. —Bartz Schneider, US Sailing Area G Race Director—Lynda Myers, YRA Executive Director.

Advance registration is \$30.00 (by 02/10/04) or \$35.00 at the door. This fee covers a continental breakfast, buffet lunch and all handout materials. Checks should be made out to YRA.

For information and application contact Lynn Buchanan at 470-0511 or Jerry Lewis at 272-9380.

Proposed 2004 GCYC Calendar

JANUARY

13-BOD Meeting
14-General Meeting-Larry & Lena's
24-PICYA Installation Ball

FEBRUARY

2-PICYA Delegates meet-Discovery Bay
11- General Meeting-Larry & Lena's
28-PICYA Leadership Conf.-Aeolian YC

MARCH

1 - PICYA Delegates meet-Driftwood YC
10- General Meeting-Larry & Lena's
20-21 - Capri 22 Nationals
23-24 - Race Committee Workshop
28-Race #1 Scotts Flat Lake**
30-April 14-Los Angeles Bay, Mexico Cruise

APRIL

5- PICYA Delegates meet-Richmond YC
10-Race #2 Scotts Flat Lake**
13- BOD Meeting
14- General Meeting-Larry & Lena's
15-18 SAIL Expo
17-18 Cruise - SAIL Expo
24-Konocti Cup
25-Opening Day on the Bay-Cruise

MAY

1-Race #3 Scotts Flat Lake**
2 PICYA Delegates meet-Oyster Point
12- General Meeting-Larry & Lena's
15-16 Lake Yosemite Sailing Club Regatta
Merced
23-Race #4 Scotts Flat Lake**
25- BOD Meeting
29-31 Whiskeytown Cruise/Regatta

JUNE

2-General Meeting-Clubhouse**
5-6-GO FOR THE GOLD REGATTA**
7- PICYA Delegates meet-Bridge Marina YC
13-18-Catalina 22 Nationals, Georgia
21-25-Junior Sailing Program-SFL**
23-Wed. night cruise**
26-Race #5 SFL**
27-Friendship Club Day-SFL**
30- Wed. night cruise**

JULY

2-Full Moon Cruise-SFL**
4-Independence Day-SFL**
7- Wed. night cruise-SFL**
10-High Sierra Regatta-Part 1
11-Race #6 SFL (End of Season #1) **
12- PICYA Delegates meet-Sacramento YC
14- General Meeting-Clubhouse**
17-High Sierra Regatta-Part 2
20- BOD Meeting
21- Wed. night cruise-SFL**
25-Race #7 SFL**
28- Wed. night cruise-SFL**
31- Full Moon Cruise #2-SFL**

AUGUST

2-PICYA Delegates meet-TBD
4- Wed. night cruise-SFL**
7-Race #8-SFL**
11- General Meeting-Clubhouse
13-16-Tahoe Cruise
14-Fearless Foursome C22 Race,
Merced
18- Wed. night cruise-SFL**
22-Race #9-SFL**
24-31-Summer Cruise-TBD
25- Wed. night cruise-SFL**

SEPTEMBER

1- Wed. night cruise-SFL**
4-6-Cruise Bay/Delta
8- General Meeting-Clubhouse**
12-Race #10-SFL**
25-Race #11-SFL**
28- BOD Meeting

OCTOBER

2-Race #12-SFL (End of Season #2) **
4-PICYA Delegates meet-TBD
9-10 -SF Fleet Week Cruise (Tentative)
13- General Meeting
16-Make-up Race Day - if needed**

NOVEMBER

9- BOD Meeting
10- General Meeting
26-27-Cold Turkey Cruise

DECEMBER

4-Awards/Christmas Party

**Activities at Scotts Flat Lake

GCYC Race Schedule—2004 - Season

Spring Series:

Race Chairman—Jerry Lewis

<i>Race</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Race Committee</i>
1	March 28	Sunday	
2	April 10	Saturday	
3	May 1	Saturday	
4	May 23	Sunday	
5	June 26	Saturday	
6	July 11	Sunday	



Around the buoy

Spring Series Awards presented at August Club meeting for both Silver (novice) and Gold Fleets

Summer Series:

<i>Race</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Race Committee</i>
7	July 25	Sunday	
8	August 7	Saturday	
9	August 22	Sunday	
10	September 12	Sunday	
11	September 25	Saturday	
12	October 2	Saturday	



Race Committee

Summer Series Awards presented at October Club meeting for both Silver (novice) and Gold Fleets

- ***Each racer is required to serve on Race Committee during one of the race dates each year in order to be eligible for Season and/or Series championships.***
- ***REDRESS equal to the racer's average finish in other races counted in the season will be awarded for Race Committee duties. (Note: RC duties do not count as throw-outs, nor is a "zero" credit awarded as in previous years)***
- ***To sign up for any date as Race Committee, contact Race Chairman, Jerry Lewis at 272-9380 or jerryl@editware.com***

Fleet 54 Where Are You? Fleet Captain—Lynn Buchanan



The following article was written by me and published in November 2003 in the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association magazine MainBrace.



Why I Bought Three Catalina 22's

I had worked on the levees of the California Delta for three years and always admired the sail boats coasting quietly down the waterways of the meandering Delta. Someday I would learn to sail! In my mid thirties we made a major life/work change. Instead of working so many hours my husband Dale and I now had some more “free time.” When Dale asked me what would I like to do with that free time, I remembered my dream to learn to sail. We were one of those people who purchased a sailboat without even trying it out (sailing and the boat!). It was a Venture 222 that got us hooked on sailing. A local yacht club member, Don Samuelson, saw our boat in the driveway and invited us to join the club. Don just happened to be a C22 sailor racer/cruiser and introduced us to cruising and racing. While cruising, we learned if you take the pigtail off, the boat won't heel and roundup so much. And when we learned if you let the mainsheet out the boat could be controlled much better, all the yelling and fighting stopped. Our four kids even enjoyed some of the cruising trips when they didn't have to clean the fruit salad off the bulkheads. Of course Don got us into racing with the statement that it would increase our learning skills quicker, which it did. We soon were lured into the world of Catalina 22's. They were bigger for cruising, faster for racing and looked prettier than that old Venture 222, and there was lots of camaraderie. Our first C22 was a 1987 wing keel #14644. We were discussing the purchase and Dale made the claim it was “for you,” and I countered it was “for you too” and thus the boat was name FORUTOO. We found the wing keel did better downwind, didn't point quite as high as the older C22's and was slow on accelerating out of a tack, but whose to say that was the boat, maybe it was just novice skippering. But, with four kids we got big boat itis and traded it in toward a new C30 wing keel in 1989. Soon the kids got older and lost interest in sailing, or doing anything with mom and dad, and we missed trailer sailing, so we sold the C30. We then purchased C22 #13999 from a fellow yacht club member. We named the boat DITTO because it was our second C22. We raced and sailed her and honed our skills even more. We did better, but found the heavier, newer swing keel to be a little slower than our racing friend's older C22's. Frustrated with racing, and with the kids gone, we decided to go bigger, but with a trailer sailing boat, so we sold the C22 and purchased a winged keel C25. She was loaded for cruising and a slug for racing. Again, soon I was missing the camaraderie of the C22 cruises and racing events. So I was secretly scouting around for a “cheap” C22 specifically for racing with the thought that we could have two boats, one for cruising and one for racing. I found our latest boat listed with a nonprofit boat broker. The boat had 3 inches of crude on the bottom, no trailer, a broken keel cable, but all the parts, sails and the motor were there. We offered \$1200.00 and a utility trailer and were soon sailing/motoring across San Francisco Bay to our marina. Cleaned the bottom, sold the spinnaker, lifelines, stern railings and used the money to purchase a used dual axle trailer and the rest is history. Today she is named SAILYNN and is sitting in a building ready to be stripped down and repainted before next spring. When I look back at why did we buy three Catalina 22's boats; a new wing keel, a late model swing keel and an old swing keel, I realize it was not for the boat, it was for the camaraderie.



Lynn Buchanan, C22 #2431 Sailynn

Secretary's Report

Secretary—Karen Fellows

Gold Country Yacht Club Directors Meeting

January 13, 2004

Called to order 7:08 PM by Tish Buti, Commodore

Introduction of officers in attendance.

There will be three representatives for the PICYA meetings:

1. Tish Buti
2. Lynn Buchanan
3. Bruce Cutshall

Next business of order was the Club Calendar.

1. General meeting dates. Tish Buti
2. Board meeting dates. Tish Buti
3. Race day dates. Jerry Lewis
4. Cruise dates. Frank Nin
5. PICYA meeting dates. Tish Buti
6. Junior Sailing dates. Lynn Buchanan

- Beth Buti suggested all members order and wear name tags at all meetings and events. The cost will be an extra \$5.00 for membership renewal. For new members the cost will be \$65.00 plus \$10.00 for materials and name tags. In the interim paper name tags will be used. Beth Buti will care for the plastic name tags between meetings. Beth suggested photos of new members for the introduction articles of new members in the newsletter.
- A request by the Port Captain, Doug Epperson, for siding material for the storage building at the clubhouse. Also needed are tires for the barge trailer.
- Nicki Talman gave the treasurer report for the general fund, clubhouse fund and barge fund.
- Past Commodore Hugh Talman reports all repairs are going smoothly at the Clubhouse.
- Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM by Commodore Tish Buti.

Gold Country Yacht Club General Meeting

January 14, 2004

Meeting called to order by Commodore Tish Buti at 7:10 PM

New officers announced:

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| 1. Commodore Tish Buti | 7. Newsletter Editor Dale Buchanan |
| 2. Vice Commodore Bruce Cutshall | 8. Membership/Publicity Chairman Beth Buti |
| 3. Secretary Keren Fellows | 9. Race Chairman Jerry Lewis |
| 4. Treasurer Nicki Talman | 10. Junior Program Director Lynn Buchanan |
| 5. Port Captail Doug Epperson | 11. PICYA Representatives Tish Buti, Lynn Buchanan
and Bruce Cutshall |
| 6. Cruise Chairman Frank Nin | |

New Business:

1. Calendar dates for club activities presented.
 2. Christmas party, The Sochs will chair the party details
 3. The Scout Lodge will be reserved for the Christmas party again in December 2004.
 4. It was voted to pay for the Vice Commodore to attend the PICYA Leadership Conference.
 5. Submittal of Proposal for 2005 Catalina 22 Nationals completed.
- Vice Commodore stated the plans for "Go For The Gold" Regatta are in progress.
 - Treasure announced a Bird Bath will be placed at Hennessy School in memory of Sioux Wight.
 - The income for the club will be figured on 50 member families in 2004.
 - Race Chairman announced race dates and other regatta dates will be planned around other events in the club. The dates will be published in the club newsletter once established. The dates can also be found on the club internet site.
 - Cruise Chairman, no report
 - Port Captain 1. Request repair flat tires on the barge 2. Request help with club house repairs.
 - Publicity/Membership Chairman will order and maintain member name tags to be worn at meeting and events.
 - Newsletter Chairman E-mail your articles by the first day of month to be published in the newsletter and on the internet.
 - Raffle Prize was donated by Bruce Cutshall and won by Doug Epperson
 - Meeting adjourned by Tish Buti

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2004 Renewal/Membership Application form

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work: _____ FAX: _____ e-mail: _____

Spouse: _____ Participating Children (ages) _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Boat Name: _____ Type/Class/Design: _____

Year: _____ Sail Number: _____

Boat ownership is not a prerequisite for membership. Because this is a working club, every member is expected to help in some way. What would you like to do? _____

Are you interested in () Racing () Cruising () Junior Sailing Program () Other _____
What other hobbies do you have? _____

Would you like instruction in: () Boat Safety () Boat Care () Crewing () Racing () Racing Tactics
() Race Rules () Race Management () Sail Trim () Rigging () Other _____

() Regular/Renewal membership is \$65 per year and includes monthly newsletter, discounts and participation in all club activities, with full voting privileges.

() New Members \$75 (includes \$10 initiation fee) () Renewal (\$10 late fee if renewed after April 1st) Member since: _____

() Supporting membership is \$35 and includes monthly newsletter and attendance at monthly meetings

US Sailing membership (additional, see below) () \$40 Individual () \$60 Family Membership

() I wish to make a donation to the RBOC* _____ \$10 _____ Other amount

I agree to waive all claims against the Gold Country Yacht Club and its Officers for any reason and join the club knowing the risk involved.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: Gold Country Yacht Club

Dues and other correspondence should be mailed to:

Gold Country Yacht Club
P. O. Box 813
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Go through GCYC to join **US SAILING** as an Individual or Family member of the **US SAILING Golden Anchor Program**. Fee for Individual membership is \$40 (normally \$50). Family membership is \$60 (normally \$70). GCYG receives a \$10 credit for purchase of items through US Sailing if you join by April 1, 2004. These items are used for our Junior/Adult Sailing programs. Please add this amount to your normal GCYC membership fee or attach a separate check. Split billing is available for combined GCYC & US SAILING dues. () SPLIT—\$65 payment due April 1, remaining \$55 due by June 1 (\$5 service charge included).

* RBOC stands for Recreational Boaters of California

February 2004						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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March 2004						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 5 Fleet 54 Potluck at Buchanan's
February 11 Club Meeting @ Larry & Lena's Pizza
February 28 PICYA Leadership Conference at Aeolian YC
March 1 PICYA Delegates at Discovery Bay
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March 20-21 Capri Nationals
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March 28 Race #1 Scotts Flat Lake
March 30-April 14 Los Angeles Bay, Mexico Cruise

Larry & Lena's Pizza—15690 Johnson Place, Grass Valley, Ca. Phone 272-1094

Remember, there is a 20% discount on your food if ordered before 4:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:00 and Business @ 7:00



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