

# Gold Country Yacht Club

## ... a little dinghy

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- *Fleet 54 is Busy*
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- *Moonlight Cruise*



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### *Soundings From The Poop-deck Commodore Tish Buti*



Well, it's over! Congratulations to Bruce and Jean Cutshall and all their helping hands! We had a wonderful Regatta and a great turnout. Wayne and I were talking the week before the Regatta. We went down the membership list and were delightfully surprised as we realized that almost every member family was participating. That really makes us a "working" club. Thank you, one and all.

While still on this subject, we have lots of meat and chicken left over. So much so, that we will offer steaks for the July meeting for \$5 each. Next month, for the August meeting, we'll offer 1/2 chicken for \$5. Please call and reserve your dinner at least the Tuesday before the meeting at 273-7819. Let us know how many steaks (in July) or chickens (in August) you would like. We will also have a few of our skipper's gifts for this year available. Please bring along something to share - dessert for A-L, salad for M-Z. Charcoal will be ready at 6 and our meeting will start at 7.

We have so much going on in the next couple of months. In July, the month starts out with all the assorted cruises for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I'm sure there will be lots and lots of stories there! Next up is one of our regular races. The season is really heating up with some new contenders in the ranks. It's so neat to see so many of our new members out

there! After that is this year's Junior Program. Our instructor, Lynn Buchanan, will need plenty of helpers to chase all those "fish" around the lake. After that are races at home and away. I know our cruise chairman, Frank Nin, has a couple of things lined up as well. August proves to have just as many things going. Check out the club calendar for more details.

Special thanks to my husband, Wayne, and Dale Buchanan for figuring out all the mysteries of the Club's little Venture 21. The boat is now happily bobbing on the mooring and ready for charter. If you'd like to reserve it, please call Wayne at 273-7819 and leave a message. One more thing - it seems like all of us get to the lake and inevitably need a wrench or screwdriver other than the one we have. Please bring a tool to put in a CLUB TOOLBOX to leave in the shed. We'll see what we can do to put together a small workbench to make emergency repairs. The Venture was a real challenge for the guys since the right tools were always someplace else. I do hate to be a nag, but I need to remind everyone to show all the workers at Scotts Flat Lake common courtesy. Please keep in mind the old adage "you get what you give." Please treat them the way you want to be treated. Enough said, I hope.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to see you on the water!

*Fair winds.*



Beth Buti

### **GCYC continues to get new members!**

In the past two months we have had 5 new families join, and 2 past members rejoin. However, with

summer in full force it is difficult to track everyone down to do interviews (and I've been a bit busy myself!) So hopefully you'll be able to read more about these new members in next month's issue.

### **Please Welcome:**

David Arbuckle and Anne Thompson  
Matthew and Maryellen Beauchamp  
John and Sandy Palmer  
Dave Bloch and Speranza Avram  
Charlie McKenzie and Beth Palaske

### **And Welcome Back:**

Doug Gray  
Peter and Shelley Kraft

## Fleet 54 Where Are You?

## Fleet Captain—Lynn Buchanan



### Fleet 54 Report

The summer season is upon us and now is the time to sail for us

Gold Country sailors. Wayne Buti and crew Dale Buchanan have been sharpening their racing skills on

TROUBLE #1928 now that they have a complete new set of sails. Yours truly went out on a Wednesday and gave them some helpful pointers. They repaid me by beating me two out of three times in the following Saturday club race. Don



Catalina 22 Start



Catalina 22 "Go For The Gold" Participants

Hare and crew Bizmark Dinius on NoCatHare #457 took the gold and the Region 10 trophy at the annual Far West C22 Championship and Go For the Gold Regatta. Ear-

lier in the season, they also took first place in the Knocti Cup, a handicap-racing event at Clear Lake,

CA. Our next big C22 racing event is to return to Merced to race in the Fearsome Four Regatta. Frank Nin of Hola' C22 #15464 has organized full moon cruises on Scotts Flat Lake in Nevada City for the summer months. Speaking of Frank Nin, he and his two year old daughter Natalia joined Fleet 54 members Tish Buti, Lynn Buchanan, Doug Epperson, and Gordon & Karen Fellows in their boats on June 27<sup>th</sup> for our Friendship Club graduation sailing party.



Great Club Racing

This is a fun charity event where we take a group of girls and their mentors out at the beginning of each summer. If you live on West Coast and don't have a fleet to join, considering joining Fleet 54. Membership

is only the cost a membership to the Gold Country Yacht Club. You will receive all the privileges of the yacht club and automatically become a member of Fleet 54 if you own a Catalina 22. Of course I may twist your arm a bit to join the C22 National Sailing Association, but where else can you get so much camaraderie and excellent resources for just \$25.00. Well that's all for now, so call me at 530-470-0511 or email [lynn@saillynn.com](mailto:lynn@saillynn.com) (my new email address) if you want to be included in all our fun activities.

Lynn Buchanan, Fleet 54 Captain  
Sailynn #2431

## Moonlight Cruise at Scotts Flat Lake

## Frank Nin—Cruise Chairman

This year for the 4<sup>th</sup> July weekend a small group of GCYC members met at SFL for the first moonlight cruise in the club calendar for this year. Our group consisting of Larry and Linda Graham on board the Catalina 22 "Moody Blue" and G. Frank Nin and Lisa Higbee on board the Catalina 22 "Hola!" Other members appeared interested but did not make it to the cruise.

Friday evening we met at the lake around 7 pm, "Moody Blue" was enjoying the lake earlier. There was plenty of wind at SFL until it subsided late into the afternoon. Then it picked up after dark. We had a nice breeze in the 2-6 knot range. Instead of rafting up we just drifted in the water near Cascade Shores. The boats moved back and forth slowly but mainly remained on location. We enjoyed a nice swim in the hot evening air and even warmer water. Also had some food and drink. Soon after the sun went down temperatures dropped a bit and most of us broke out our fleece jackets and a blankets. We lit the candle lanterns, and flashlights in the cabin and had the stereo piping nice mellow music. I had a report of a 100K candlepower lantern but I did not see it. After dark the lake got serene and enchanted. The moon was supposed to be up in the sky before it got dark; but it arrived fashionably late. It finally rose at 10:03 pm. The moonrise was spectacular. After it reveled itself just above the tree tops it continued to climb at a rapid pace until it was well above the tree-lined horizon. In my boat we enjoyed a little wine, food and conversation... Others enjoyed similar activities. We stargaze a bit. At about 11 pm we motored back to the dock and called it a day. (Continued on Page 3)

## Racing News

## Jerry Lewis—Race Chairman



### Gold Winning Performances By All Involved

The 23rd *Go for the Gold* regatta was held June 5-6, 2004 with perfect, high puffy clouds and variable breezes. 39 boats in 6 classes enjoyed the weekend racing on Scotts Flat Lake. Six class fleets in five separate starts included: Open Keel, Catalina 22 (Region Championships), Open Centerboard "A", Coronado 15, Sunfish, and Open Centerboard "B".

The race committee did a great job of varying courses and perfectly run races (good on ya' mates!). Five starts with 6 fleets (Centerboard "A" and Coronados raced together) made for good use of our Olympic Circle courses and the 5 minute starting sequences resulted in no General Recalls in the two day, five race event. Nicely done.



Ultimate 20 Stuart Wakeman Rounds a Mark

Open Keel found Stuart Wakeman getting the gold chest for his Ultimate 20 with the help of some Santa Cruz professional sailors, easily topping the 9 boat fleet. Jeremy Gicker's Capri 22 placed second, another Ultimate 20 took third (reigning U20 National Champion, Jennifer Andrew) and Jerry Lewis' Capri 22 finished fourth, despite getting to the windward mark first in most races.



Catalina 22's On the Starting Line

The Catalina 22 Region 10 Championships saw 10 boats on the starting line each day with Don Hare claiming the perpetual and GCYC trophies in C22. Don Samuelson was second, Lynn Buchanan



Dan Ouellet Goes for the Finish

place overall Windmill with Chris Berry's Buccaneer taking home the third place trophy.

In the same start were 5 Coronado 15s with Ryan Schonfield winning this class. Ryan had raced his Ericson 25+ here previously ('98, '03). Steven Fishman and Ryan split all the bullets in this class with Ryan taking three firsts while Steven won the other two. GCYC's own Junior Sailor Joshua Soch placed third with consistent performances.

The closest racing was in the Sunfish fleet, ending in a tie between Byron Jonk and Bob Cronin. Both had two wins, two seconds and a third for 9 points each, with Byron winning the final race for the tie-breaker. Third place went to Peter Jonk-Sommer.

Open Centerboard B (slower dinghies) turned out to be an all El Toro class after the fifth boat, a homemade one by David Neidziejko, stopped competing after failing to finish the first race within the time limit. The remaining El Toros found it nearly futile to compete against Walt Andrews who took five bullets. Ron Locke edged out Jim Cozine by a single point, mainly due to grazing the last mark while in the lead of the last race and having to do a 360 on the way to the finish, getting passed while doing so.

Complete results and photos of each competitor's boat are on the GCYC website under REGATTA. Thanks to all the racers and the others who helped make this regatta one of the best in Northern California.

(Cruise continued from Page 2)

The lake at night was almost like glass, just little ripples on the water surface where the moon reflected on its surface. The smell of distant campfires and Coleman lantern lights filtering through the thick pine forest surrounding the lake surface. It was magical.

On Sunday, after the NC parade, an informal group of GCYC members met at SFL for some boating activities and summer afternoon water fun. Mostly waved and shouted out "Hello Ed!" "Hello Frank!" At each other. I stayed late, missed my plans to attend the fairgrounds fireworks festivities.

The next cruise is during a blue moon. There are two definitions for a blue moon. According to the more recent definition, a blue moon is the second full moon in a calendar month. For a blue moon to occur, the first of the full moons must appear at or near the beginning of the month so that the second will fall within the same month (the average span between two moons is 29.5 days). July 2004 will have two full moons; the first on July 2, the second on July 31—that second full moon is called the blue moon. This phenomenon only happens "once in a blue moon". If you've never enjoyed your boat at night, this is a great opportunity to try out your night sailing skills.

Hope to see you next moonlight cruise scheduled for 07-31-2004. Frank Nin

third and Greg De-Grucchio placed fourth.

Open Centerboard A (the faster dinghies) almost saw a sweep. Dan Ouellet won four straight races in his Byte but finished second in the final race to Scott Rovanner and his last-race-winning/second

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## ***Secretary's Report***

***Secretary - Karen Fellows***



### **Gold Country Yacht Club Board Meeting**

June 1, 2004

Called to order by Commodore Tish Buti

Commodore Tish Buti discussed a letter received from Scotts Flat

Lake.

The meeting was then turned over to Vice Commodore and Regatta Chairman Bruce Cutshall

Announced that all job slots are filled but if members show up at the regatta there will be final details that can be handled by those that haven't already been assigned a position.

Frank Nin has arranged for the photography.

Karen Fellows will pick up food, ice and the cake the morning of the regatta.

Discussed and made the menu for the breakfast for the second day of the regatta.

There will be bagels, coffee, and juice.

Opening of the Regatta Vice Commodore and Regatta Chairman Bruce Cutshall will introduce Commodore Tish Buti and Tish will introduce Jerry Lewis Race Chairman.

Meeting adjourned by Commodore Tish Buti.

### **Gold Country Yacht Club General Meeting June 2, 2004**

Called to order by Tish Buti Commodore

General Announcements by Tish Buti.

1. June 27<sup>th</sup> is Friendship Day. Need a total of eight boats with captains. So far 3 boats have volunteered. Contact Tish if you can help out. Also needed are baked brownies and cookies for the hot dog lunch for the girls. Please sign up to help.
2. Do not leave your boats dry stored at Scotts Flat Marina without making arrangements with the office. If you need leave your boat in the marina parking lot on Saturday or Sunday notify the office on Monday morning.
3. Using a buoy that is not your own do the paper work first with Tish Buti.
4. Merced regatta Lynn Buchanan took First and Wayne Buti took Second. Congratulations.
5. Jerry Lewis and Jeremy Gicker attended the Whiskeytown Regatta.
6. Wear your nametags Regatta Weekend.

Regatta Announcements.

Wayne Buti reported on the prizes for the raffle. There will also be 3 remote controlled sailboats that will be auctioned during the raffle.

Bruce Cutshall Regatta Chairman announced all positions filled.

There will be Tank Top shirts, Short sleeved shirts and Long sleeved shirts for sale.

All Club members are to clean up after the dinner Saturday Night and also on Sunday.

On Sunday there will be both a breakfast before the first race and hot dog feed after the final race.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

**For Sale**

**22' Columbia Sailboat**

**1970 Fixed Keel**

**5 HP Motor**

**New Galvanized Trailer \$1600**

**Bob Olshausen 478-9833**

## 2004 "Go For The Gold" Regatta Results

<u>OPEN KEEL OVERALL</u>				R	A	C	E	S	POINT	FINISH
SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	PHRF	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	PLACE
176	Stuart Wakeman	Ultimate 20	150	1	4	1	1	1	8	1
183	Jeremy Gicker	Capri 22	210	3	3	3	3	2	14	2
153	Jennifer Andrew	Ultimate 20	150	4	1	2	2	7	16	3
155	Jerry Lewis	Capri 22	210	2	5	5	4	3	19	4
18884	Carsten Owens	Moore 24	156	5	2	4	5	6	22	5
94	Bill Andrew	Ultimate 20	150	7	6	6	6	4	29	6
169	Chris Buti	Capri 22	210	6	7	7	7	5	32	7
4027	Bruce Boe	MacGregor 21	252	8	8	10	8	8	42	8
18	Ed Guinaugh	SpaceSailor18	317	9	10	10	10	10	49	9

<u>CATALINA 22 OVERALL</u>				R	A	C	E	S	POINT	FINISH
SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	PHRF	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	PLACE
457	Don Hare	Catalina 22	1D	1	1	2	1	4	9	1
6759	Don Samuelson	Catalina 22	1D	2	2	4	3	1	12	2
2431	Lynn Buchanan	Catalina 22	1D	3	3	1	5	8	20	3
14195	Greg DeGruccio	Catalina 22	1D	5	4	8	4	2	23	4
1512	Doug Epperson	Catalina 22	1D	6	6	3	2	7	24	5
4485	Robert Schmidt	Catalina 22	1D	7	7	5	6	3	28	6
15134	Joe Day	Catalina 22	1D	9	5	6	9	6	35	7
1928	Wayne Buti	Catalina 22	1D	4	9	7	7	9	36	8
4824	Amy Boehme	Catalina 22	1D	8	8	10	10	5	41	9
1	Don Koropp	Catalina 22	1D	10	10	9	8	11	48	10

<u>CORONADO 15 OVERALL</u>				R	A	C	E	S	POINT	FINISH
SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	PHRF	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	PLACE
US2095	Ryan Schonfield	C-15	1D	1	1	2	1	2	7	1
1297	Steven Fishman	C-15	1D	2	2	1	2	1	8	2
678	Joshua Soch	C-15	1D	4	4	3	3	3	17	3
1804	John Drum	C-15	1D	3	3	4	4	6	20	4
206	David Kraus	C-15	1D	5	5	5	6	6	27	5

<u>OPEN CENTERBOARD "A" OVERALL</u>					R	A	C	E	S	POINT	FINISH
SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	HCAP	PHRF	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	PLACE
Den 8	Dan Ouellet	Byte	97.4	1D	1	1	1	1	2	6	1
3481	Scott Rovanner	Windmill	89.2	1D	6	3	2	2	1	14	2
659	Chris Perry	Buccaneer	87.3	1D	3	4	6	3	3	19	3
7611	Bryan Hamilton	505	80.2	1D	2	2	6	6	6	22	4
28856	Vincent Casalina	Snipe	92.7	1D	6	6	6	6	6	30	5

<u>SUNFISH OVERALL</u>				R	A	C	E	S	POINT	FINISH
SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	PHRF	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	PLACE
75711	Byron Jonk	1D	1D	2	2	3	1	1	9	1
31191	Bob Cronin	1D	1D	1	1	2	2	3	9	2
75705	Peter Jonk-Sommer	1D	1D	3	3	5	3	2	16	3
48439	Roy Jordan	1D	1D	4	4	1	4	4	17	4
76752	Robert Rossini	1D	1D	7	5	4	6	5	27	5
4	Kevin Soch	1D	1D	5	7	7	5	6	30	6

<u>OPEN CENTERBOARD "B" OVERALL</u>					R	A	C	E	S	POINT	FINISH
SAIL	SKIPPER	CLASS	HCAP	PHRF	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	PLACE
11745	Walt Andrews	El Toro	129.1	1D	1	1	1	1	1	5	1
11675	Ron Locke	El Toro	129.1	1D	3	2	2	3	2	12	2
9999	Jim Cozine	El Toro	129.1	1D	2	3	3	2	3	13	3
7	David Neidziejko	Homemade	200.0	1D	5	5	5	5	5	25	4

Keel boats PHRF= Performance Handicapping Rating Federation    Centerboarders HCAP= Portsmouth Handicap

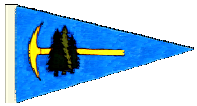
July 2004						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2004						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

*July 4 Independence Day SFL*  
*July 7 & 21 & 28 Wed. night cruise SFL*  
*July 10 High Sierra Regatta (Part 1)*  
*July 11 Race # 6 SFL (End of 1st Season)*  
*July 12 PICYA Delegates meet-Sacramento YC*  
*July 14 General Meeting-Clubhouse SFL*  
*July 17 High Sierra Regatta (Part 2)*  
*July 20 BOD Meeting*  
*July 25 Race #7 SFL*  
*July 12-16 Junior Sailing SFL*

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

**ATTENTION: OUR MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE AT OUR CLUBHOUSE -**  
*BBQ Should be ready at six.. Please bring something to share A - L Dessert, M-Z Salad. Bring your own main course or if you want a STEAK for \$5.00 call 273-7819 by Tuesday. Bring your own mess kit. Show your GCYC Club Card at gate to Scotts Flat Lake .*



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