

# GOLD COUNTRY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



## a little dinghy 2000

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### Commodore's Corner

This month's Little Dinghy is being published early to remind all of you about our festivities on Fourth of July at the Lake. This year's event is being chaired by Past Commodore, Don Eagle and will again feature partying on the Lake with our Paper Sailboat Races and Dinghy races. You've had a whole year to perfect your designs – it will be really interesting to see what people have come up with! So bring your goodies to share and your crew (maybe even those awesome water-weapons) and we hope to see you all there.

A little bit of wrap-up on the Regatta for an off year, it was a great success and all the comments I heard I were very positive. A large number of reservations have all ready been placed at the campground for next year with two fleets (Sunfish and Bytes) known to be returning. The date has been set for June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Karen Nemetz, KALYN Management, has all ready given her nod of approval and has campsites set aside. Please mark your calendar now.

I'd like to thank Dale Buchanan and all of his committee heads for doing an outstanding job. All of our members stepped up and contributed to this annual affair. This was a hard weekend for a lot of people to squeeze so much in to. A special commendation goes to Paul Butts who fought hard at the Auction for the instruction package from Club Nautique. Nice job, Paul!

Anyone wanting a t-shirt? There were only 4 shirts left by the end of the Regatta. I will bring them to our meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>.



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> - July 4 Cruise\* Scotts Flat Lake

8<sup>th</sup> - Race #6\*

8-9<sup>th</sup> High Sierra Regatta/Lake  
Huntington

9<sup>th</sup> - Empire Mine Boy Scout  
Regatta Cruise

12<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting-Memorial Park

15-16<sup>th</sup> FLYC Jazz Jamboree at  
Brown's Ravine Cruise

23<sup>rd</sup> - \* Race #7\*

#### August

1<sup>st</sup> - BOD Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> -FLYC Single-hander's Regatta

6<sup>th</sup> - Race#8\*

7<sup>th</sup> - PICYA @ Stockton Sailing Club

9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Nevada County Fair(Booth)

9<sup>th</sup> - General Meet-Memorial Park

12<sup>th</sup> - PICYA Youth Regatta @ RYC

19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> - Encinal YC

Gracie & George Regatta/Cruise

26<sup>th</sup> -FLYC Lady & Tramp Race

27<sup>th</sup> - Race #9\*

\*Events at Scotts Flat Lake



GCYC

Summer Bash

(See page 7 for details)

We had two boats participate in the Catalina 22 Nationals in San Diego for the week of June 12-15<sup>th</sup>. Don Hare and Debbie Kennimer sailed on *No Cat Hare* in the Gold Fleet and Lynn Buchanan and Tish Buti sailed on *Sailynn*. Both teams represented us well with Don finishing in the middle of the pack in 10<sup>th</sup> place and Lynn finishing in a respectable 4<sup>th</sup>. Don even had a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in one of the races and had a lot of people saying, "Who is this Hare guy?" Dale and I flew down on Monday after the Regatta to give the girls moral support and act as a "pit crew." Somehow someone labeled us as the "Dock Dollies." This name was usually reserved for the wives and the

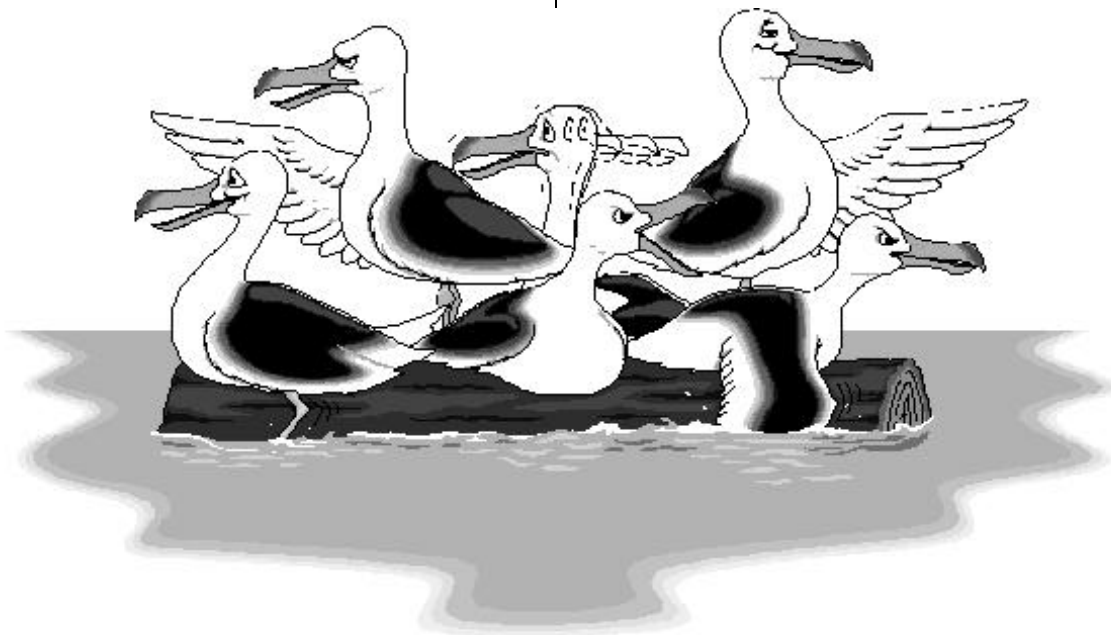
mates stuck on the shore while their teams were out sailing on Mission Bay. With our little role reversals, it became kind of a standing joke, as we brought the girls their lunch each day. Oh well! Weather was beautiful – not nearly as hot as it was here. The hospitality of the Mission Bay Yacht Club was outstanding and the racing was great. I took a lot of notes regarding the layout of the Yacht Club and some of their programs in place.

During the festivities a challenge was issued by Lynn Buchanan to the other Catalina 22 fleets nationwide. Seems that active memberships have been dwindling and there is a push to enroll

C22 owners. Lynn challenged a Club in Oklahoma to get 5 new members before next year. Watch for more details next month. Somehow I have a feeling that the North vs South battle will end the same way it did the first time around, knowing Lynn.

By the time you get this, Friendship Club Day will have all ready happened. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help.

Yo Ho Ho  
And Away I go  
--Wayne



## Scuttlebutt *from the Poop Deck...*

A little bird told me that Barry & Earlene have been working on their paper sailboat all year. After last year's huge win, they have improved on their winning design. Sounds like a challenge!

Word has it that Don Eagle's recent arm problems won't allow him to sail this year – what's that funny noise I hear? Could it be a "stinkpot"? I don't think we'll let him enter any of the races!

The Mays are back in town and 2 Peas 'N a Pod has been seen on the Lake.

We received some recent correspondence from the outpost in Texas reports that "Nicki Dog" now has a really *cool* place to wait for her masters, Karen & Gordon Fellows. Seems they installed an air conditioner aboard their C25 since it gets so hot!

The Fleet of Catalina 25s that once numbered 8 has now dwindled to 4 – most moving up to bigger boats. Look for our burgees flying on taller masts on the bay!

Heard that the Mission Bay Yacht Club had to restock the pantry with bourbon and gin after the "dock dollies" left. I wonder why!

# SECRETARY'S REPORT General Meeting Agenda June 7, 2000

## Officer reports:

### Commodore:

- 1) Award to 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of regatta poster contest
- 2) Congrats to Jeremy Gicker and Kent Bennette
- 3) Jerry Lewis presented award for sailing sportsmanship
- 4) Need chairperson for 4<sup>th</sup> of July paper sail boat race
- 5) Dale & Wayne picked up out of town donations for regatta
- 6) David & Barbara Colburn were introduced as visiting past members

### Race Chair:

- 1) Still open dates for race committee

### Cruising Chair:

- 1) Whiskytown cruise was attended by Jeremy
- 2) Next cruise is at the regatta this weekend
- 3) July cruise #3 is at the Jazz Jubilee @ Folsom Lake, Brown's Ravine

### Port Captain:

- 1) Bouy markers are being repaired
- 2) Recommend plugs be pulled once marker is taken out of water
- 3) Suggest club purchase 3 large bouys for regatta & 3 small for club races
- 4) Port captain was complimented by Tish for keeping the bouys repaired

### Publicity & Membership Chair:

### Newsletter Editor:

- 1) Newsletter editor was complimented by Wayne for good job

## Committee Reports:

- 1) Junior Sailing & Adult Sailing will be put in the paper later
- 2) 1<sup>st</sup> place prize was awarded for regatta art work, \$175 & t-shirt
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize was awarded for regatta art work
- 4) Regatta jobs, etc discussed
- 5) Dale asked for volunteer(s) to pick up gifts/donations locally – Mike & Hugh will do it
- 6) Club members need to bring hors-d'oeuvres & own drink for dinner at regatta
- 7) Reminder must clean up when dinner is done

## Old Business:

- 1) Tish stated IRS requested the Articles of Incorporation be amended, she read the statement they recommend, there were no objections. Motion was made by Paul Butts to use IRS phraseology, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Samuelson, voted on and accepted unanimously
- 2) Committee meet about club house. Location was picked. Karen will get approval then work parties will be organized

## New Business:

- 1) JoLynn requested members bring past regatta t-shirts to the next meeting. Next year is the 20<sup>th</sup> regatta. Shirts in best condition will not be returned. She will not share what she will be doing with them.

## Announcements:

- 1) Tish stated that the Yachting year book is out
- 2) Half Moon Bay YC & Tahoe Sierra YC sent letters of invite for reciprocal privileges
- 3) Jeff spoke about the June PICYA meeting
- 4) Carmella was introduced as someone who wants to learn to sail & possible join the club

Raffle prize: Buti's won

# Regatta draws wide field

## Local skippers lock up top spots in NC race

By SHAWN SWILLINGER  
*The Union*

Local sailors tied up the top spots in the 19th annual Go For the Gold regatta held at Scotts Flat Saturday and Sunday.

"The conditions probably favored the local sailors a bit," said Gold Country Yacht Club member Jerry Lewis. "The wind can shift a lot, you have to really know what to expect."

Thirty-seven boats in four classes competed in five races over the two-day gathering.

The top three finishers in the open-keel class were all Nevada County sailors.

Jeremy Gicker sailed his Capri 22 to a first place finish. Gicker won four of five races over the weekend and never placed lower than third.

Mike Bringoff took second, sailing a Space Sailor 20. Bringoff had a first, a second and three thirds in the five-race series.

Lewis was the third-place finisher. Sailing a MacGregor 25, Lewis had four strong finishes and a sixth-place finish.

"In the first race, I was still rigging my boat and they started without me," said Lewis with a grin.

Don Koropp finished in the fourth spot. Doug Epperson was

RESULTS					
Results of the Go For the Gold regatta June 10-11.		W. Cram	39	8	
		L. Vito	40	9	
		Tom Perry	47	10	
Open Keel			Open Centerboard		
Skipper	Pt. total	Place			
Jeremy Glicker	7	1	Wade Behling	8	1
Mike Bringoff	12	2	P. Lazier	11	2
Jerry Lewis	15	3	D. Ouellet	16	3
Don Koropp	22	4	K. Kirk	24	4
Doug Epperson	24	5	Larry Rota	31	5
Hubert Van Dijk	28	6	Bob Theichert	38	6
Barry Karr	32	7	Ed Guinaugh	39	7
P. Butts	46	8	J. Moyette	40	8
J. Day	44	9	B. Boe	41	9
Jeff Lund	54	10	B. Ouellet	41	10
Snipe			El Toro		
Andy Pontious	8	1	Walt Andrews	8	1
Robin Gales	14	2	R. Hrubes	8	2
Joe Harvard	17	3	A. Locke	18	3
Ava Moore	25	4	George Morris	19	4
R. Hunt	25	5	Charles Keiser	25	5
N. Shahin	27	6	J. Altman	29	6
C. Heimler	34	7	Mary McHugh	36	7

fifth.

In the Snipe class, Andy Pontious took first. Pontious had three first-place finishes. Robin Gales was second and Joe Harvard was third.

Robin Gales finished in second place. Joe Harvard was third.

Wade Behling dominated the open centerboard class with his Thistle. Behling won four of five races to win the class. Behling finished no lower than fourth.

Walt Andrews won the El Toro class. He had three first-place finishes, one second and a third.

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### Go For The Gold, 2000....

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Go For the Gold was a run away, with the top honors going to our local fleet in the open keel class. The other fleets were quite competitive and the larger open keel boats were constantly being surrounded by hordes of smaller boats.

The on the water action was "spirited". Unfortunately, more than one boat was still shouting mast abeam (which was changed in 1997-2000 rules), till finally the ancient mariners were convinced, by the peer pressure of their own fleets, that they could not luff all over the lake.

Earlene and I spent the races making the most creative sail shapes. After only one test sail, in much higher winds (9 knots) with our new Doyle sail, the full battens that supposed to make us go fast, hung on the backstay or inverted in the light air. This had the effect of making the top of the sail go one way and the bottom another. Since at Scotts Flat the winds aloft can be 90 degrees different from the wind on the water, we decided maybe the sail knew best. Bet you all thought we just learned some new trimming techniques. Moral of the story get the sail and the sail maker out in light air and let them learn what you need, then make them cut the sail right.-bk



## It's time for the annual GCYC Summer Bash

Grab your squirt guns, water cannons, or H2O Bazookas, and get ready for the grrreat GCYC annual celebration.

We'll be having our usual parade around the lake starting at 1 PM, so get there early and decorate your boat patriotic-style. The ex-Commode will supply a dandy prize to the best decorated boat. (merlot?) He'll also be doing the actual judging, and, as usual, no bribes!!! (unless of course, it happens to be a grand cuvee 1974 Chateau LaFite Rothschild) Ye Olde Annual Certificate of Accomplishment will be awarded. (*p.s. -- the Montgomery's once again outshone everyone last year from their rubber chicken to JoAnn's red, white, and blue bloomers*) so if you can top this, you've got it made.

After the parade, all GCYC'ers and their boats will head for the cove, where we'll raft up alongside ye olde barge. Of course, if a few boats delay their arrival due to a mid-lake waterfight, their late arrival just might be overlooked. (Last year, the great team of Eagle/Erskine actually won, even though the Kent's cheated with their water balloon catapult.)

Here's what you should bring for the picnic: your own food and drink. **DO** bring a dessert to share with everyone. Desserts will be placed on the barge. A spare barbecue will be on the barge for anyone who needs it, but you'll need to bring your own bag of charcoal.!

During the course of the afternoon, we'll be having dinghy races, paper-boat races\*, spaghetti races\*\* and some good old fashioned fun.

\* Design and make your own boat out of paper. It should be able to stay afloat for the duration of the race, and should have some means of propulsion. (sails only). awards will be given for the first across the finish line, last across the finish line, most creative attempt, and most ingenious.

\*\* spaghetti as in those long, colorful, plastic floaty things that you sit on in the water, bend into pretzels, do creative basket weaving with, or lash together for a latter day Kon Tiki.

**The Next General Meeting  
Wednesday  
July 12, 2000  
6:00 PM Eat, 7 PM Meet  
At  
Memorial Park  
Grass Valley**

**Salads and deserts are potluck and you are encouraged  
to bring something to share. A-M Deserts, N-Z Salads.**

*If not delivered within 5 days  
Please return to: P.O. Box 813  
Grass Valley, CA 95949*



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