

SET & SAIL – August 2007

COMMODORE'S REPORT - Bernie Strohmann

A very warm welcome to the 16 new members who joined our club in July. Another very successful month has come and gone, and I am happy to announce that the club gets more use by our members every week. A huge thank you goes out to Sharon Chapman, our Club Manager, who is doing a fantastic job promoting the club. We have already surpassed our budget income figures for the whole year and our expenses are still under budget, in spite of some major unexpected repairs. The tennis courts have been repaired, under budget and we now have the finest courts in town.

We still have major problems with transients living in the jungle south east of our property in spite of many complaints to the City of Penticton. This past week three kayaks were stolen out of the locked compound and I would like to remind all members who have items stored in or around the compound, that these items are NOT covered under our insurance. Make sure your own insurance policy will cover them.

Many, many thanks to Kate Kimberley and Shawn Brown and their group of volunteers who are doing a fantastic job keeping the club looking good inside and out. It still bothers me that it is always the same people who come out to help, while the vast majority just ignores our call for help. On the same subject we owe a big thank you to Brian Goodman, the birdman and his steady companion, Baby. Brian is always around when there is some help required, such as staining the picnic tables and keeping the patios spotless.

We recently formed a “Long Term Strategic Planning Committee”, which will work on steering the PYTC into the future, especially regarding our negotiations with the City and B.C. Government are concerned. Our lease is up in the year 2011 and the Marina lease expires in 2016.

The Commodore's Ball and Sail Past will take place on September 29th and 30th. The Committee responsible for this event has promised a first class affair, tickets will be \$35 each. Music will be courtesy of our very talented local musician Justin Glibbery. If you would like to volunteer to help with the arrangements, please contact Tracy St. Claire at 492 2268. Don't forget you can use your PYTC bucks to purchase tickets. The Sail Past on September 30th at 10 A.M. will be a fun event this year with prizes for a variety of categories. More info next month.

If any members are thinking of having a Christmas party at PYTC, please contact Sharon Chapman 492 2853 to make a booking. We already have seven events booked for December.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer. See you at the Club, on the water or on the courts.

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Shawn Brown

Boaters, please take note of the upcoming Ironman race on August 26th. As usual, volunteers will be needed to anchor along the perimeter of the swim course. You will need to show up in the marina parking lot between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m. Coffee, snacks and T-shirts will be provided. Please contact Fred or Eleanor at 493-5113 for more information.

A recent theft from the storage compound is an unfortunate reminder to lock up any small watercraft. Three kayaks were stolen despite a 10 foot fence and a locked gate. Every effort will be made to improve any security issues and prevent further thefts.

Thank you to Fred Trautman and crew for moving the cradles from the area behind the club. They are now neatly stacked in the compound. Also, our new picnic tables have been given a much-needed coat of stain by Bryan. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Sharon and her staff continue to produce some great meals at very reasonable prices. The kitchen and bar hours are 5 - 9 P.M. on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 3 – 9 P.M. Baron of beef is served every Wednesday. Your continued support has helped to improve the club's financial position. Use your PYTC bucks for event tickets, meals or drinks!

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns or would like to get more involved in your club.

Shawn Brown
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FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Don Money Penny

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Marina Management Committee - Dough Brough

It is a welcome change to see the weather improving over the last few weeks. We are glad to see our moorage holders and visitors enjoying what Okanagan Lake has to offer, not to mention the sight of vessels on the water.

This year has been challenging financially with unexpected repairs to the facility coupled with what we have witnessed - reduced usage of watercraft on the lake. Our gasoline sales are down approximately 50% for the same period as last year. We attribute reduced boat usage (especially power boats) to rising fuel costs and weather conditions. With the weather improving as it has, we look forward to seeing boaters enjoying themselves outside of the marina basin.

We have acquired two new pet bag dispensers, which will be fastened to East and West gate entrances for use. As a reminder, please remember that if you own a dog, to keep the dog on a leash while on the premise.

The following policy was passed at the last Marina Management Committee meeting: 'Moorage holders in good standing are permitted to have a trailer attached to a vehicle on the premise for up to 48 hours, provided said trailer accommodates the moorage holder's vessel that is assigned a berth. Said parking must be in the designated parking area only'.

There has been a noticeable increase of inflatable toys, rafts and tubes in the marina basin. Please ensure that they are secured and on you boat. Leaving these items on docks and floating around your boat is not acceptable and poses a safety hazard to your fellow moorage holders.

May you all have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer – we hope to see you on the water or at the club for some 'fine dining and refreshments' ---- not to mention being entertained by our one and only PYTC Manager, Sharon.

TENNIS NEWS - Sharon Romank

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are having a great summer of tennis and enjoying our new courts. It sure is easier to see the green ball against the blue background.

Summer Leagues :The following people are organizing the summer leagues. If you are not in the league and want to spare please let them know.

Ladies Monday evening league - Carol Zumpano 492-5814

Men's Tuesday evening league - 493-3575 – Bob Brownell

Thursday evening mixed league - 492-8004 – Doreen Houston (this sign up is week by week, sheets are at the club).

Fall League Sign Up : The fall league will start September 10, sign up sheets will be on the tennis room bulletin board by mid August.

Tournaments: Allen Reilly/Annesley Cup July 14 - 15th. Thanks to Bob Brownell for all his work in organizing a great tournament in the heat of July. We had teams from Washington, Victoria and the valley. The winners were:

Division A - winners: Chris and Dawn Eliason
and runners up Amanda Heffelfinger and Debbie James.

Division B – winners: Sophie Waterman and Deb Mitchell
with Carol Zumpano and Kate Kimberley as runners up.

Tennis Committee - Help Needed - We need three more tennis members to sit on the Tennis Committee. This meeting is help once a month, lasts for an hour and deals with issues such as the courts, leagues, and member communication. Our next meeting is August 28 at 6pm. If you have the time to be on the committee please let Sharon Romank know by e-mail at sromank@affordable.ca or by calling 492-6404.

TENNIS PRO – Robert Bettauer

Weekly junior after-school tennis sessions will begin again in September going into early October. Sign up sheets will be posted at the club or you can contact Jo-Anne Bettauer at 486-7320 or at vanchensports@shaw.ca.

We will be fielding a junior league team out of the PYTC this fall for the first time in a new Thompson/Okanagan junior league. Matches will start in September against the likes of Kelowna and Kamloops. The top juniors will be invited to try out for roster spots in the under 18 and under 14 categories for boys and girls. An all star team will be selected later in the fall from all the teams, to represent the Thompson/Okanagan in the B.C. championships to held in Vancouver in December. Another exciting new junior development opportunity for our youth. Match times will be posted so that you can come down and cheer on our local team!

I am off to Montreal and Toronto to help cover the Rogers Cup events for TSN again, so look for me interviewing the likes of Federer, Nadal, Sharapova and Henin. I will have some interesting tidbits to share when I return. Enjoy the sunny month of August!

Will's Words

Hey ladies and gents:

This is for all the JUNIOR tennis members and future junior members of the Penticton Yacht and Tennis Club. We have many great opportunities to enhance your game here. The ball machine is working wonderfully and if you just want to go hit a few balls by yourself the ball machine is perfect, and its easy to use, I could even arrange to meet you at the club to set it up the first time. Most of the leagues are already underway but you can still sign up to be a spare in any of the leagues. There is ladies doubles 6:30 P.M. on Monday; men's doubles at 7 P.M. on Tuesdays; and mixed doubles at 6 P.M. on Thursdays. I would like to strongly encourage junior members to participate in the leagues, its great practice and also great fun. There is also our "Fun Tourney" on Saturday, September 8th we encourage every one to come out and have a great time. The fall leagues are also going to be starting September 10th, so sign up on the sheets in the tennis room. See ya on the courts,

Will Patterson, Junior Tennis Rep

GARDENING AT PYTC - Kate Kimberley

The grounds are looking very colourful, inspite of extremely hot weather.

MONDAY morning is our regular gardening morning, so we would encourage more people to come down to the club and lend a hand. The weeds just keep on growing! It's a pretty spectacular place to spend some time, especially in the early morning. Thanks to our faithful regulars, Jan Finlay, Alan and Ann Forsey.

In the Fall we will be looking for more perennials for the grounds, if you have something to donate, please give me a call – 492 4481. If you are at the club and witness garbage on the grounds, please take a moment to pick it up and help keep our grounds looking clean and tidy.

We do not have any paid staff to look after the grounds at this time, so we all need to help out. We have two new doggie bag dispensers at the entrance to the trails, and on the corner at the entrance to the parking area. If you see people with dogs who are NOT using bags, please point them in the right direction!

BITS & PIECES - Kate Kimberley, Editor

Our brand new PYTC website is going to be up and running very shortly. Thank you to Leslie Hartley for all her work constructing the new site. Check it out at: www.pytc.ca The new website has a sailboat on the left and a tennis player, (who shall remain anonymous), on the right. Comments and input welcome.

Help Wanted - Public relations volunteer – we would like to find a willing person to report to the media on our tennis, sailing and club events on a regular basis. Please contact Bernie Strohmman.

Thank you to Sharon Romank and Joyce Ericson who tidied and vacuumed the tennis room.

Check out the complete menu at the club kitchen.