

# SET & SAIL – July 2007

## COMMODORE'S REPORT - Bernie Strohmann

I am pleased to report that as of today, we are again having food served at the club during the following hours:

Wednesday through Sunday from 17:00 hours to 21:00 hours. Sharon has put together a very fine menu and first reports are all positive. Check out the MENU on page 6.

The Luau pig roast and the Lobster Feast were both huge successes. If you missed one or the other, make sure your reserve a ticket next time. Unfortunately our tired and aging sewage pump gave up right at the end of the Lobster Feast which brought on a little excitement. I was conveniently out of town and missed all the fun. Today, Tuesday, I am happy to report that everything is back to normal and we have a new pump installed with an alarm that lets us know in advance of any problem.

The grounds are looking great, thanks to Vince Rabbitte, Kate Kimberley and their group of gardeners. It is sometimes very disappointing that only a handful of our members volunteer when there is some work to be done. It seems to be always the same group that helps out and I thank those members very much.

I have personally seen four members stand by the side of the courts while Faulds at 87, Vince at 80 and Maurice were sweeping the courts. When they were done the four members started to play their game. We have lots of brooms fellows, besides that, it would have been nice if you had taken the brooms away from these guys and done the work yourself. Personally I would be ashamed to watch these old-timers clean the courts, especially since these guys seemed to be half their age. Maybe you would like to hire help to do such work, but before we can do that, your dues would have to be increased substantially.

On the positive side, our application for a Food Primary Liquor License is in Victoria and we expect it in the near future. It means that all licensed areas will be accessible by all family members including children, just like any restaurant. The only exception will be the East meeting room, which will retain the Primary Club Liquor license. We hope to transform that room into a cozy pub type atmosphere.

By popular demand we will have another Luau on July 28th. The Commodore's Ball will be on September 29th.

I wish you all a great summer of boating, tennis, sailing or just having a good time at the club. Please remember to make yourself available once in a while to help us do all the little chores that have to be done, to make our club one of the nicest in the valley.

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT - Vince Rabbitte

The executive debated changing the AGM to March but the motion failed: to move it to Nov. does not give the book-keeper or the auditor enough time as our financial year ends on the 31st. of Oct. I await your opinions.

We have reached our objective with the Promissory Notes for upgrading the courts and the job will get under way in the next few days. - if we provide some volunteer labour it will help to reduce costs. I have a sign up sheet on the inside Notice Board.

## STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Shawn Brown

With summer now upon us, the activity at the clubhouse continues to increase. This spring we hosted a number of special events that have been well attended and enjoyed by all. Our new manager, Sharon

Chapman has signed up a lot of new members and helped to promote the club throughout the community. Consequently, our financial status has improved. If you have not met Sharon yet, please come down and say hello.

Recently there have been several reports of outside alcohol being brought into the clubhouse. This is strictly prohibited at any time and jeopardizes our liquor license. The executive has decided that anyone who brings outside liquor into the clubhouse will be subject to a one month suspension of their membership. All privileges including key card access and voting rights will be suspended for the period.

Trailer and cradle storage has been problematic for a number of years. To address this issue the board has ruled that trailers or cradles may only be stored inside the compound. If your equipment is currently not in the compound, it must be removed by July 15, 2007. Members found to be non-compliant will be subject to further action. Please remember that any items stored in the compound must be clearly tagged with your name, phone number and boat name. Your cooperation is anticipated and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all members who have volunteered their time this spring. Your efforts certainly make a difference. More volunteers are always needed so if you can lend a hand please help out

Feedback is always appreciated. Please contact me at 490-8195 or shawngbrown@shaw.ca if you have any questions or would like to get involved with your club. See you down at the club or on the water!

## **FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Don Money Penny**

Well, sailing season is finally underway. The docks have been repaired; the marks have all been repaired and reset, and the Race Committee has a new boat thanks to a corporate sponsor. There are several new racing boats in the fleet this year. A hearty welcome, and good luck to all the new skippers and their crews. Everyone on the dock is anxiously awaiting the launch of Ivan Ivandic's new boat, which we hear is awaiting the arrival of the sails before she is ready to undergo trials. Ivan has spent the last three years building the boat, which incorporates some big name boat designer concepts.

We have extended the dock and now have a visitor slip, which can be used by other yacht club members per our reciprocal agreement. If you wish to use the visitor slip you must book it through the PYTC manager's office at 492- 2853.

The Commodore's ball is coming up on September 29th followed by the Sail Past on September 30th. Lets get out and support all the hard work done by our Commodore and crew this year. Details are available at the club office.

## **TENNIS NEWS - Sharon Romank**

### **COURT Resurfacing**

John Konihowski of Calgary will be in Penticton June 29 to start work on the court resurfacing. He will start by pressure washing the courts. This takes 8 hours per court. After every square inch of the courts is washed, the cracks are scrapped and filled. This is a lengthy process. Then the courts are painted.

John works from 6 am to dark. He appreciates volunteer help any time. He will be here from June 30 to about July 12. He is here longer if it rains and the court work is held up.

Volunteers Needed to help with the courts –

Saturday June 30 -John has two pressure washer machines. He appreciates people dropping in groups of two and will put you to work on a machine. He appreciates even an hour of volunteer time. What ever you can give.

By Tuesday July 3, John will probably be addressing our cracks. Volunteers are needed to help scrape cracks. This is wonderful triceps work. A free work out in the sun!!!

John will keep track of the volunteer hours and credit us on our final bill for the cost of resurfacing the courts.

### Summer Leagues

The summer leagues will start the week of July 16. Sign up sheets will be on the tennis bulletin. We will have a ladies league on Monday night, men's league on Tuesday night and mixed League on Thursday night. The mixed league will run similar to the way it has in past summers – sign up two weeks at a time. Doreen Houston has kindly offered to organize the mixed league this summer. Please call Doreen for further information at 492 8004.

Men's Doubles Tennis Sign-up at the club. Further information from Bob Brownell at 493-3575. Juniors are welcome to participate in the doubles league!

Friday morning ladies will continue on a drop in basis from 9 – 11 a.m.

### **UPCOMING TENNIS TOURNAMENTS – Bob Brownell**

Allen Reilly/Annesley Cup July 14 – 15th

Our first tournament on the NEW courts will be the annual Ladies Round Robin Doubles tournament. This tournament is suitable to all levels of play. Entry forms are available at the club and further information is available from Bob Brownell at 493-3575. Entry deadline is Monday, July 9th.

Mixed Doubles Fun Tournament-Saturday, July 28th. Sign-up will be available in the club in early July.

Birk's Cup- September 15th-16th

This is one of the oldest tournaments in the valley. Men's Round Robin tournament. Suitable for all levels. Forms will be available at the club in July.

Tennis Pro – Robert Bettauer:

The PYTC hosted the first Rix Rookie Tour Junior Tennis Tournament ever held in the Okanagan and the first junior tournament in Penticton in recent years. Over 25 junior players from Penticton to Kelowna participated on a sunny Saturday on June 16 and it was wonderful to see the courts filled with so much young enthusiastic talent. Lunch was provided for the kids and every participant went home with a t-shirt and a few “goodie items”.

Thanks to the club for making the courts available and to several members such as Dennis Hoffart and Carol Zumpano for coming down and assisting Jo-Anne and I with the event. We will certainly be hosting more junior events in the future to keep the momentum going.

The Junior Summer Camp dates have been set at the club for the week of July 16-20 with sessions running from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in different age categories. There will be a discount for children of PYTC members. Sign up sheets are posted on our outdoor bulletin board, or contact can be made with Jo-Anne at 486-7320 or through email at vanchen@shaw.ca.

The junior tennis ladder has started with an initial list of juniors posted on the bulletin board. If interested in joining please contact Jo-Anne at 486-7320. Enjoy the summer and we'll see you on our new shiny courts!

## **MEMBERSHIP - Cheryl Irvine**

Both renewals and new memberships have done well this year. Boating members are up slightly and tennis members are down slightly. Current memberships are as follows:

Single 105, Couple 35, Family 8, junior 11. Counting couples as 2, families as 3 our membership now stands at 210. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members and encourage both new and old to come out and support the club.

## **GARDENING AT PYTC - Vince & Kate**

Thank you to all the gardening helpers, you are really making a difference! Thanks to Yitka Cermak for donating many perennials for the garden. Thanks to Gordon Faye for his ongoing battle with the weeds! Kudos to Alan and Anne Forsey and Jill Holland who came out in the pouring rain!

We are going to set Monday as a regular gardening morning, even half an hour of your time is much appreciated. With so much rain, we need to keep up on top of the weeding. Hope to see you at the club.

Knapweed: Lisa Scott, MSc, RPBio visited our property and gave Vince and I a very interesting biology lesson. The good news is we have two beetles currently eating away at our plants, a seed head weevil as well as a root weevil, which lays its eggs in the root. We also have a third fly that attacks the seed head, the larva burrow into the flowers, thus reducing seed production. The plants become stunted and weakened and therefore we should not pull them, but allow the bio-agents to do their work.

We will need to have a work party to clean up old stalks of knapweed which contain seeds, these are laying at the waters' edge and need to be carefully gathered, bagged and taken to the landfill for special disposal.

## **BITS & PIECES - Kate Kimberley, Editor**

Thank you to Jan Finlay for donating plastic coat hangers for the club.

Refinishing the PYTC wooden sign at the entrance is still in need of attention. We do have the materials, we just need the manpower! Call Bernie if you could help 492 6200.

Volunteer Burnout: It is a troubling yet very real fact that 7% of those who volunteer contribute 73% of volunteer hours given. It's great to see such commitment and dedication, but along with their involvement, there is a great danger of volunteer burnout. With our significant membership this year, each person only needs to contribute a couple of hours to make a difference. Also, it's a great way to meet new and interesting people.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL**

**Baron of Beef 7.95**

## **KITCHEN HOURS**

5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

(unless the Club is booked for a private function – see calendar)