

SET & SAIL – November 2007

COMMODORE'S REPORT - Bernie Strohmann

It is with much regret that we accepted Don Moneypenny's resignation as Fleet Captain of the PYTC. Don recently had a heart attack and is therefore unable to continue. I will miss Don very much at the Directors table . He was always there for me when I needed some help or advice. Especially the first few months, when he was working almost fulltime in the office. We wish you a speedy recovery Don, and thank you very much for all you have done for the club. Don will be replaced by Steve Portman.

Well, the boating and tennis seasons have come to an end, but there still was plenty of activity in the club last month . The International Dinner was a huge success and a great big "Thank You" goes out to the organizers of the event, Pam Ouellette, Kate Kimberley and Heather Harris.

Everybody who attended the Halloween Party had a great time. Rob and Cheryl Irvine were absolutely priceless, both in costume and in acting. If you were not there, you missed a great party

By now some of you will have noticed that Shawn Brown and his crew have transformed the ugly "Back Forty" into a very nice xeriscape , but the job is not quite finished . Please help us on Sat. Nov. 24th at 10:00 o'clock to finish it off. Kate and her crew of happy gardeners have cleaned up the flower beds and have planted close to 200 spring bulbs. It will be quite a show next spring . A big "Thank You" to all of you.

Your Board of Directors has approved the erection of a fence from the back of the tennis courts down to the water's edge. We hope that the fence will keep undesirables off our property and I'm sure that the general public will rather use the newly created trail to the beaches, than slugging through the mud at the east side of our property .

We will also install a High-speed Wireless Internet Connection at the club. This is a win-win situation. It will bring in more businesses and organization that need wireless internet connections for their meetings, and at the same time will provide the same service to most moorage holders in the marina. Give me a ring if you have any questions about the above items.

We hope to re-decorate the clubhouse this winter. It really needs a fresh paint job throughout to bring it back to its old glory.

Regards , Bernie.

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Shawn Brown

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the recent work parties. Jim Bain graciously donated his time and expertise to operate the Bobcat all day long. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Phase one of the xeriscape landscaping project will be completed this Saturday, November 24th. Volunteers are needed to spread more crushed landscaping rock around. We plan to start at 10 a.m. and work until it is completed. With enough volunteers it should only take a couple of hours. If you can make it, please bring a rake or shovel.

Crane day was substantially more efficient and organized this year. Boaters are reminded to tag their cradle/trailer with the boat and owner's name.

Remember to mark Sunday, December 9th on your calendar. The bar will be open from 2 – 5 p.m. for members and guests to visit the club for an informal Christmas drink.

Shawn Brown.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Steve Portman

Greetings from your new fleet captain.

I'd like to start by thanking Don Money Penny for bestowing me with this great honor. I hope I can do as good a job as Don has done for the past 3 years. Rest up Don, "Blossom time" will be here before you know it. We are working on the new schedule and are planning on extending the fall race series in order to take advantage of the extreme winds like last Monday!!! The finish line will be the bridge!!! They do still race out of Summerland during the winter. If anyone wants to join in on the "Frosted Nut" series (contact me for info at 404-0245)

All members are invited to attend the PYTC awards night this Saturday the 24th November at the club.

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. (salmon and roast beef buffet)

Tickets at the door \$20 each.

See you there! Cheers,

Steve Portman.

TENNIS NEWS - Bob Brownell

The International Dinner and awards night was a fun evening of multicultural, food, dancing and song. The following awards were presented:

SPRING LEAGUES WINNERS:

LADIES DOUBLES: Sharon Brownell, Kate Kimberley, Joan Rathjen and Berit St. Claire.

MENS DOUBLES LEAGUE : Alan Chipney, Dennis Hoffart, Bruce Nodwell and Murray Ouellette. **MIXED**

DOUBLES : Judy and Al Chipney, Shirley Chenier, Peter Graham.

LADIES SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS

Most improved player – Aileen Houston

Most enthusiastic player – Cathy Fouchard

Best runner on the court – Janice Cunsolo

Best returning player after an 8 year lay-off – Berit St. Claire.

FALL LEAGUE AWARDS

LADIES DOUBLES: Carol Zumpano, Liz Wilson, Elizabeth Watters, Gill Holland

MENS DOUBLES: Bob Brownell and Mike Ouellette

MIXED DOUBLES: Pam Ouellette, Deb Mitchell, Juergen Kohl, Stan Dugo.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Sportsmanship Award went to Will Patterson

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR MALE – Van Betteauer

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR FEMALE – Alison Lujan.

Congratulations to all!

GARDENING AT PYTC - Kate Kimberley

The recent landscaping at the club is a huge improvement in the overall appearance of the area. In the spring we would like to plant indigenous plants and shrubs, things that do not need water. If you have any suitable plants or grasses, that you will be dividing in the Spring, please give me a call. Some suggestions are lavender, rabbit bush, sage, Oregon grape and sumac. I hope that some of you can make it to the work party on Saturday, 25th from 10 a.m. We really appreciate your help.

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PYTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :

The date has been set for our AGM, Tuesday, January 22nd , 2008 at 7:00 P.M. The Nominating Committee consists of Carol Zumpano, 492 5814; Shawn Brown, 490 8195; and Doug Russell at 493 1039. Please call them if you have any nominations to suggest for the 2008 Board of Directors.

Coastal Navigation - CYA

I have recently received some inquiries from local sailors who are interested in acquiring their CYA, Coastal Navigation certification in time for some Spring cruising.

If there are enough who are interested, I could provide a course early in the New Year. The course would consist of 6 - 3 hr. sessions with the exam scheduled for the 7th session.

I would estimate the cost to be about \$300. This would include all the required materials and charts, exam fees and CYA Logbook seal upon successful completion. Students would require their own instruments (chart plotters or dividers and parallel rules, etc.).

Please contact me by email: sandy@sailquest.ca or by phone: 496-5110 (Naramata) if you are interested or would like any additional information. There are also some additional details available on my web site. Check out: <http://www.sailquest.ca/takingcommand.htm>

Sandy Keith.