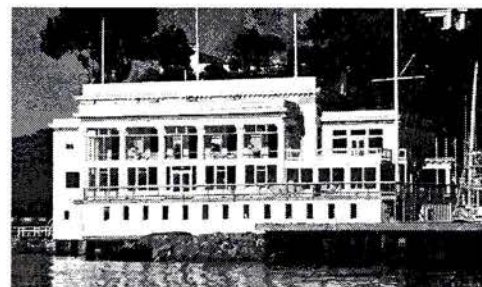




THE TELL TALE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

October-November 2004



Commodore's Column



by Cliff Donoho

We are approaching the end of our "administrative" year, and by the time you read this, I may no longer be Commodore. New officers, directors, and committees will be in place on the evening of November 12, 2004, the date of the Club's annual meeting.

It has

been a good year for the Club and for me as Commodore.

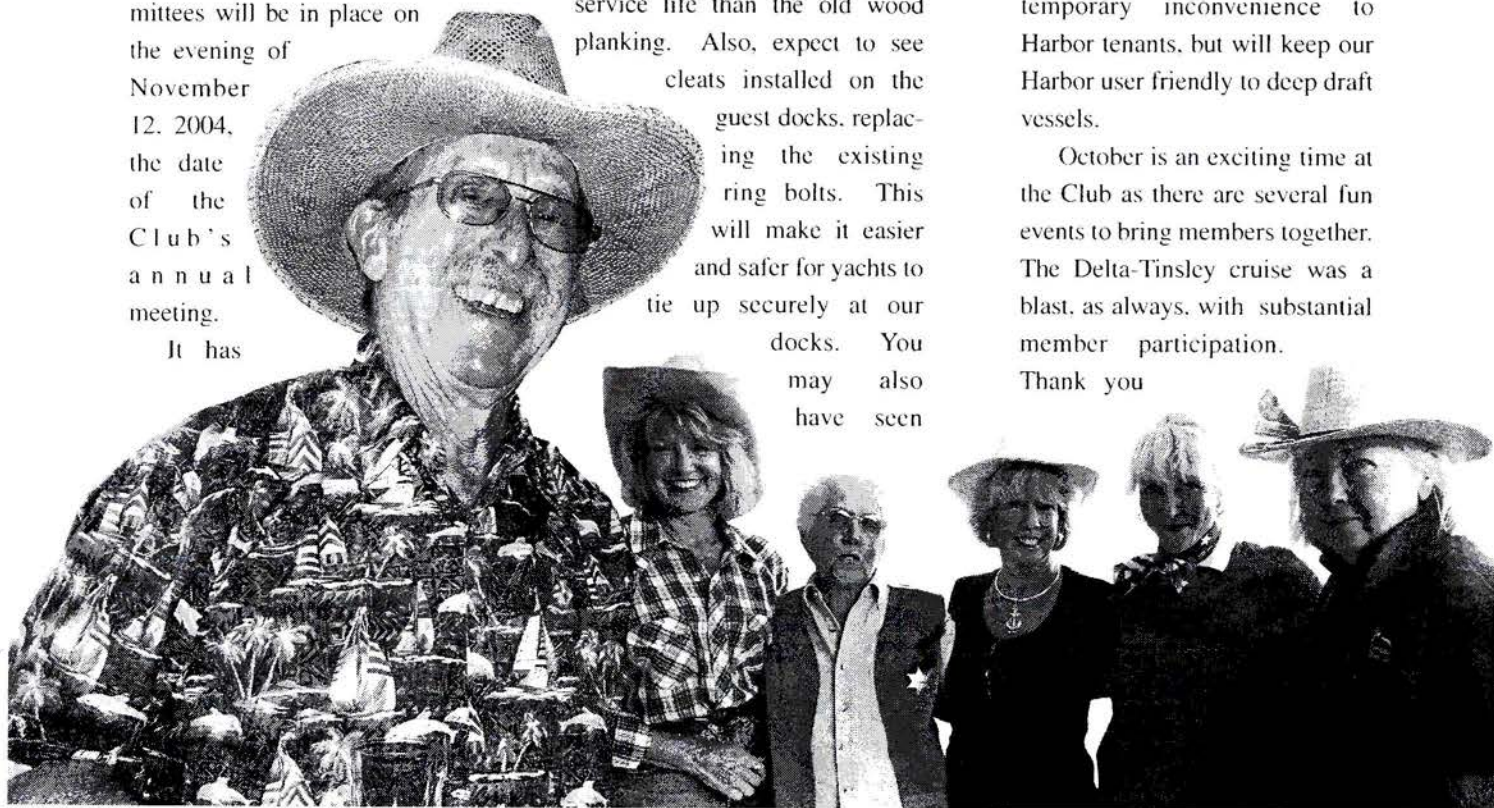
Much has happened and is happening at the moment. Things you can currently see are the main Clubhouse deck renovation, and changes in the Harbor.

In the Harbor, you may have noticed the new decking on A line. This new surface material is expected to give longer and better service life than the old wood planking. Also, expect to see cleats installed on the guest docks, replacing the existing ring bolts. This will make it easier and safer for yachts to tie up securely at our docks. You may also have seen

the new boat lift at the end of A line for Mermaid. Thanks to The Corinthian Women for providing the funds for this lift. It will free up a trailer space for boat dry storage, and give us the ability to launch Mermaid quickly when necessary.

We hope to commence dredging the Harbor in early November. This will cause some temporary inconvenience to Harbor tenants, but will keep our Harbor user friendly to deep draft vessels.

October is an exciting time at the Club as there are several fun events to bring members together. The Delta-Tinsley cruise was a blast, as always, with substantial member participation. Thank you



Bill Stucky. Following that we had the Ross Wood Memorial race around Alcatraz and Angel Island, and that same evening the Commodores Ball. The Ball was well attended, and we all had a great time, as evidenced by the large crowd still dancing up a storm at midnight.

We now enter the holiday season, with many more opportunities for members to get together with old and new friends. Check the schedule of events, make your plans and reservations, and enjoy your Club.

My fellow officers, directors, committees, and the endless list of other volunteers made the past year an easy and enjoyable one for me. Thanks to all of you for a job well done.

Thank you also to our wonderful staff under the direction of Club Manager Ingo Schreiber for keeping things running smoothly. It is not always easy, but their efficiency makes it look like a piece of cake. My thanks extends to the Catering Company staff as well. They work hard to keep us all happy.

Best wishes to all for a happy healthy 2005.

blackjack—sophisticated hors d'oeuvres, Russian caviar and vodka, and a pianist playing tunes from the movie.

At the dinner hour guests will be treated to the Grand Ballroom made into a palm-tree lined Moroccan midnight scene, with a superb dinner and dancing until 1



Vice Commodore's Report



by Bruce Powell

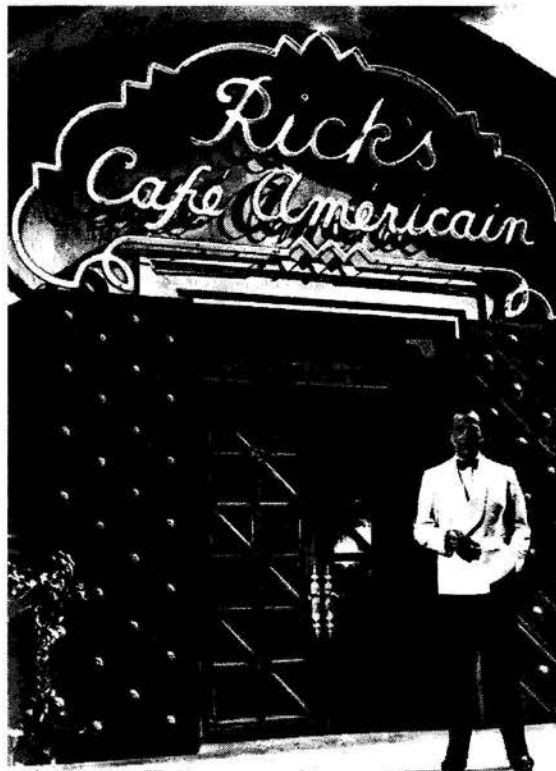
It's been a privilege to serve as your Vice Commodore this year. In the past year, we've added Happy Hour to the Bar, gotten an espresso machine, started the Sunday Specials in the Dining Room, and started the popular Thursday Night Bistro. The House Committee, Club Manager Ingo Schreiber, Bar Manager Patrick Satterfield, and Chef Ian Morrison have been great to work with.

New Year's Eve Ball

If you haven't done so already, plan to celebrate New Year's Eve at the Corinthian this year. The theme for this year's New Year's Eve Ball will be "*A Night In Casablanca*". (If you haven't seen the 1942 Humphrey Bogart/Ingrid Bergman classic, *Casablanca*, recently, now might be a good time to rent it).

The Clubhouse will be transformed into *Rick's Café Americain*, with 1940s era Moroccan décor. The cocktail hour in the Member's Dining Room will become Rick's nightclub with casino action—roulette, craps and

a.m. or beyond, to the swinging sounds of the *Silver Moon Big Band Orchestra*. The band will be featuring 40s swing and big band jazz—Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington...as well as more modern music



later in the evening.

You can come in the customary black tie or Club jacket, or if you'd like, come in costume, which could be 1940s-era fashions, or patterned after one of the colorful characters in the movie. We'll be giving prizes for the best costumes. Make your reservation early before this event sells out, and we hope to see you there!

Play it again, Sam...

Commodore's Ball



On The Water



by John Warren

Racing: Since the last Tell Tale, the Drake's Bay race and the E. Ross Wood Memorial Regatta have been run and everyone had a great time. The racing season is now officially over and the last thing for me to say is "A HEARTY THANK YOU" to everyone who has been involved with this very successful year. The year was successful because so many people gave their valuable time on all those weekends.

Cruising: In the last several months we have had cruises to both Marin Yacht Club (*see photos on page 10*) and the Delta Yacht Club/Tinsley Island (*see the photos on pages 6-7*). Thanks goes out to Marj and John Bundschuh and Bill Stucky for an outstanding job. These cruises, as I'm sure you know, take a considerable amount of coordination and scheduling by the individual hosts. All of the cruises have been very successful due to the hard work of the cruise leaders. Please take the time to say "Thanks" to these cruise leaders when you're around the club.

We will try our best to determine the dates for the 2005 cruises as soon as possible. There is considerable coordination with other yacht clubs to get these dates nailed down and consequently it does take a few months to put the whole program together.

Other Events: I also want to say that the Speaker Series was once again successful this year due to the efforts of Mark Leonard. Our last speaker was Rich Wilson, skipper of *Great America II*.

As this is my last article as your Rear Commodore, I want to say that I have enjoyed all of the events this year and have a new appreciation for the time and effort that it takes to have a great racing and cruising program. This year has been fun and I look forward to next year. Thanks once again to all the volunteers who have helped with our programs this year.

I'll see you at the club and/or out on the water. Everyone have fun this month, be safe and enjoy!

The Tinsley Island Cruise



by Kathleen Barr

Another wonderful October weekend was spent at the plush Tinsley Island. With 35 boats from CYC and another 15 from San Francisco YC, there was plenty of socializing, partying, competition and relaxation. Even the threatened rain came and left during the night providing plenty of sun during the days. Cowboys and Cowgirls abounded in honor of this year's theme of Wild, Wild West. (*see the photo spread on pages 6-7*)

For those who arrived early, after a relaxing afternoon by the pool, there was a wonderful impromptu cocktail party on the dock

Thursday evening; that is, of course, until the mosquitoes came looking for dinner. It was good timing to move the partying up to the barbeque area.

Early Friday morning, and I mean early, the rest of the fleet began arriving and the docks filled up quickly. Soon the pool was hopping, the kayaks sprinting around the lagoon and the Odom boats racing around the course.

For those not watching the Presidential Debate, the CYC Saloon opened at six Friday evening with Trip Ames, Bill Canada, Steve Schneider and Harry Blake pouring their legendary martinis complemented by tasty hors d'oeuvres. Boy, were the guys dapper in their tux shirts and cowboy ties & hats! Bravo for their superb efforts. Everyone partied well into the night, dining and dancing to DJ music brought to us by the Spin Doctor.

Thanks to Herb & Wilma Rodricks, on *Sea Circus*, the attendees breakfasted on scrumptious smoked salmon, bagels, cream cheese and all the trimmings. Rumor has it that it came down to the wire, but Herb caught and smoked a 25lb salmon and we ate it all. For those in need and even those not in need, the "hair of the dog" was available on Meditrina next door where Bill Stucky and Tari Nix poured the world famous Stucky Specials along with wicked bloody marys and mimosas.

By noon, the pool was packed, the table decorating was underway, the Odoms were racing and the party was on. Games began and again CYC came out big winners. CYC handily beat the SFYC at volleyball, two games to one, keeping the trophy where it belongs. Guests of the Jack Barrs' & Purvis', Mark & Andy beat out the fierce competition to win the bocce ball contest.

Cowboy Bob's Texas Bar opened at three and pina colodas were served up by Bill Stuckey, John Bundschuh, Allyn Schafer, Eric Artman, Rich Lauman & Steve Weir assisted by bargirls Sharon Barr, Kim Schafer and Andrea Owen. I understand that Sharon loved the pina colodas so much she decided to wear one. Only at Tinsley do you get waited on at the bocce ball court!

Competition was stiff at the table decorating; I don't think there have been more bargirls in one location before. Fishnet stockings are definitely back in style, at least on Tinsley Island, and guys don't look half bad in cowboy gear! The judges, lead by the very able Marlene Donoho, worked their way down the room, tasting the bribes. They went as far as to accept the green stuff to be donated to charity; I'm sure the local Meals on Wheels is pleased. Canadas, Ames, Schneiders, Blakes & Blocks took third place with a cowboys and cows theme - although I'm not sure there were Holsteins in the west back in the mid 1800s. The CYC Saloon, complete with whiskey and gambling, put on by Diana Fisher, Rita Myers, Ilinka Brehnan and friends, took second. Winning for a second year in a row, Jack & Kathleen Barr, Jim & Donna Purvis and friends put on an elegant dinner complete with fine china, crystal and gold flatware aboard the Wanderer, the train car from the show Wild, Wild West. There were so many great tables, thanks goes to the judges for a brilliant job of picking the top three.

Hats off to SFYC who hosted cocktails that evening - shots of

whiskey & tasty mojitas, not to forget the endless supply of excellent beer on tap. Dinner was followed by dancing to the Spin Doctor. I heard a rumor that there was even some line dancing going on as the night progressed.

The only downer was a very stiff wind Sunday morning. Everyone had their ears glued to the radio for Hans & Sally Roeben's weather reports from Helgoland, who left before sunrise for the trip back home. Hopefully everyone made it back safe & dry.

Best Lame Excuse for Not Attending Tinsley Island Cruise goes to Fred Matteson – he got married on that Sunday.

I am sure that all who attended would want to thank Bill & Tari and all of their assistants for a magnificent weekend not to be forgotten. Everyone mark your calendars for next year; the theme is James Bond and people are already planning. Here's to the martinis, shaken not stirred! I can't wait!

Meet The New "Kids" On The Dock



by Mary Ellen Wetlesen

We all remember what it is like to be the new "kids" on the block, or should I say dock. One of the reasons that the Corinthian Yacht Club is so special is because everyone is friendly and makes you feel welcome. In this spirit of camaraderie, let's get to know some of our newer members...

Jim and Donna Purvis

Donna and I are both native Californians. Donna was raised in Stockton, while I was raised in Carmel. We've lived in San Rafael for more than 15 years and have two adult children in the area. We both work in the financial district and commute via the Larkspur Ferry.

Donna's father and grandfather both had power boats, so she began water skiing in the Delta at a young age. My brother currently owns a speed boat that he keeps in Stockton. My grandmother loved boating from the time she was a young girl sailing in Finland. In fact, it was her sailing with the son of the Russian commandant before 1900 that led her family to send her to San Francisco, where she continued the yachting spirit, by allowing her son to build a cabin cruiser, named after my mother, Evelyn.

I have always had an interest in boats, be it a row boat in Central Park or on Lake McDonald in Glacier Park. I have always been quick to accept invitations to crew, from sailing in the Norfolk Broads and the Solent in England to sailing on the Bay with CYC's Kathleen Barr in her Cal 20.

When Donna's brother invited us to celebrate their parents' 50th wedding anniversary on a fast speed boat run from Stockton to the Riverboat Restaurant in his new boat, it clicked that while neither of us need the speed, we wanted the boating life style that included cruising. For the last three years we have been very happy with



Jim and Donna Purvis

our 38 foot twin diesel trawler "Algonia" and its tender "T.T. Algonia". Lucky for us because it was the first one that we looked at. Our only regret is that we didn't get into boating earlier.

Our first experience at the Corinthian was as guests of Jack and Kathleen Barr more than 15 years ago. We always liked the look and feel of the building and the people that we met. It was when the Barrs invited us on the CYC cruises to the Delta Yacht Club and Tinsley Island that we decided it was time to join. We really like the Club's location, the quality of the beverage and food service, and of course, the cruises.

Beverly and Desmond Hayes

I have always had an interest in boating on the lakes in the Midwest, primarily on speed boats and water skiing. I started sailing when I moved to San Francisco as my husband has been a lifelong sailor and we are partners in an Islander 36.

Desmond and I would like to cruise, and Desmond would like to participate in an occasional Friday night race (cont'd p. 8)



Beverly and Desmond Hayes

Tinsley Island Cruise, Oct. 2004





with other CYC members. I hope to join a ladies sailing class at the Club and become involved in other club activities.

We chose the Corinthian because of its cheerful atmosphere, friendly members and its beautiful location.

Sign Up for MidWinters



by Michael Moradzadeh

Sign Up for MidWinters, Jan. 15-16, Feb. 19-20.

Once more into the breach, dear sailors, as we shatter the winter stillness with the boom of the shotgun, the snap of the sail, the hiss of salt spray, and the excited chatter of a top race crew. That's right! It's MidWinters time again.

From time immemorial, Corinthian YC has run the best winter series on the bay. Last year, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of member Rob Moore, we got a record turnout with over 150 sign-ups. Even the overlap with Valentines Day and a wicked ebb current could not stem the fun of the regatta.

This year: no Valentines Day. The races will take place January 15 & 16, and February 19 & 20. Three-day weekends with only modest current and the RC will have the option to start over by Knox if the wind and current demand it.

Fifty bucks if you sign up now. See the entry form at www.cyc.org.

Don't wait. Do it now!

Opera Night



by John Colver

Opera Night returned to Corinthian Yacht Club last Sunday for the sixth time, playing to an appreciative audience which was not only royally entertained, but also enjoyed a superb dinner. This year's event saw the same familiar faces with the exception of Else-Liv Skaar (she and Kjell having returned to the land of the midnight sun – or the lack thereof at this time of the year). (see photos from Opera Night on pages 10-11—ed.)

The program opened with guest artiste Mary Foley singing a moving aria from Puccini's Turandot. Mary appeared later in the program to perform L'altra Notte from Boito's Mefistofele; and she closed the evening with a beautifully rendered version of Music of the Night from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera. Jan Farnsworth was in excellent form singing an Italian love song by Secchi and Sondheim's Johanna from Sweeney Todd; Esther Carrico gave an elegant performance of a love song from the Marriage of Figaro and the ever popular aria from La Boheme – Quando Men Vo.

Then there was John Lord singing the lament "Regrets" from a composition by Fred Ewing; and the famous waltz Wunderbar from Cole Porter's Kiss Me Kate, sung as a duet with guest artiste Janet Garvin. Bill Watson (who has sung in every Opera Night) gave a dramatic performance of an aria from Verdi's Macbeth and then later had the audience applauding his rendition of Anthem from the Broadway show Chess. Rosalind Colver was at her best singing the light-hearted song Non So Piu Cosa Son from the Marriage of Figaro and then gave an emotional performance of Poveri Fiori from the Italian opera Adriana Lecouvreur. Joined by Janet Garvin, the two of them – appropriately costumed – entertained everyone with Rossini's "cat" duet which required no prompting, there being only one word – "Meow". And Robbie Cook, now famous for his recent swim across Raccoon Strait, showed us that he can not only sing in this fast company, but has suppressed acting skills.

A rousing finish by the entire ensemble singing the famous Italian aria Nessun Dorma (enhanced by Rosalind with the words "We hope you've enjoyed the show...") brought down the final curtain to a standing ovation.

Altogether a delightful evening, professionally emceed by Jackie Taylor and brilliantly accompanied on the piano by Fred Ewing; and with a supporting team of Bob Turnbull and Jean Slottow handling the stage management; Tom Maxwell on the lighting; Bruce Powell running the video; Marcia Peck – photography; and Marlene Donoho responsible for flower and table decorations. The success of the evening would not have been possible without the support and hard work of our Club staff, including General Manager Ingo Schreiber who made sure everything ran smoothly; Hans Anderson for set design; and of course our chef Ian Morrison for an outstanding dinner. And last but not least, thanks to our prize sponsors, Peter Axelsen (the Cabernet Corporation); Klaus Meinberg (the Candy Store); Angelo Servino (Servino Ristorante); and finally, congratulations to Janet Nooteboom for winning the Opera Quiz prize of two tickets to Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*. See you all next year.

From the Galley



by Chef Ian Morrison

Cooking class returns on Wednesday February 16 when Chef Robert De Rosa and I will do an evening of Italian Cuisine. Students will have a chance to learn "a la minute" pasta sauces, orencini, saltimbocca, and poached peaches with mascarpone. The class will conclude with the chefs and students sitting down to enjoy the dinner they have prepared. Wine will be included with the meal. Cost is \$25 per person, and reservations may be made with Frances.

Commodore's Picnic



out so, make your reservations.

Don't stand in line at the mall this holiday season when you can accomplish all of your shopping from our cozy club bar. Our store will

open in the bar on 12/10 at 5:30PM for a special holiday shopping extravaganza. The store is full of new ultra hip inventory so, check it out!

The Corinthian Women have been out on the water on several occasions in the past few months... We hosted another Women's Skipped Regatta. The winners were as follows: First place went to Emma Goldbeck sailing *Chica*; second place went to Jane Elkins (our very own president) sailing *Kira*; third place went to Martha Emmanoulides sailing *Raccoon* and fourth place went to Marcia Peck sailing *Saber Tooth*. Congratulations to all who participated! The Corinthian Women had another fun day out on the water thanks to Teresa Prescott who took a group of women out on her boat for a sail around the bay complete with a stop at the St. Francis Yacht Club for a ladies lunch. Both weekends of the Women's Sailing Seminar were very successful again this year. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this event such a success and a special thank you to Michael Campbell who taught spinnaker.

As always, the Corinthian Women meet the second Tuesday of every month. All women are encouraged and welcome to join in on the fun. Our next meeting on 12/8 is the annual "non-business" social meeting. Hope to see you there!

The Corinthian Women



by Alix Fagerstén

It's beginning to feel like Christmas! The holidays will soon be here and the Corinthian Women have been busy little elves getting ready to host a number of events in the next few weeks to get our membership in the Yuletide Spirit. Please join us for a night of chili (yes, chili!) and decorating on 12/1. If you have a boat in the harbor, please deck your sails with balls of holly.

Calling all cooks! Start searching for recipes as the Annual Eggnog Party is quickly approaching... this "club favorite" will be held on 12/4 from 6-8PM.

If you haven't heard of Benny and BeBe, (hottest puppetry duo around!) you must join us for the Santa's Brunch on 12/12. Santa and his wife (Mrs. Claus) will arrive by yacht at 12:30PM and this special event is sure to sell

Marin Y.C. Cruise



Opera Night



Opera Night



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Calendar of Club Activities...

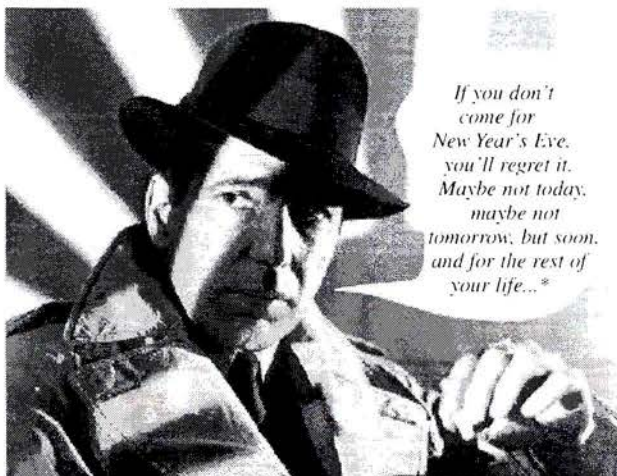
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November

Thurs 4.11.18	Thursday Bistro Nights	5-9 p.m.
Sun 7	Opera Night	6-9 p.m.
Fri 12	Annual Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sun 14	Sunday Special: <i>BBQ Ribs</i>	6-9 p.m.
Sat 20	Jazz Night-Member's Dining Room	6:30-9:30 pm
Sun 21	Sunday Special: <i>Rack of Lamb</i>	6-9 p.m.
Thurs 25	Thanksgiving Dinner	3-6 p.m.
Sun 28	Sun Special: <i>Prime Rib</i>	6-9 p.m.



*If you don't
come for
New Year's Eve,
you'll regret it.
Maybe not today,
maybe not
tomorrow, but soon,
and for the rest of
your life...**

December

Wed 1	TCW Holiday Decorating Party	
Thurs 2.9.16	Thursday Bistro Bar & Dining	5-9 p.m.
Sat 4	Egg Nog Party	6-8 p.m.
Sun 5	Sunday Special: <i>Braised Lamb Shank</i>	6-9 p.m.
Wed 8	Auxiliary Bridge	11:20 a.m.
Wed 8	TCW Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thur 9	Coast Guard Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Fri 10	Piano Bar Night	7:30-9:30 pm
Sun 12	Santa's Brunch	10-12:30
Fri 17	Piano Bar Night	7:30-9:30 pm
Sun 19	Sunday Special: <i>BBQ Ribs</i>	6-9 p.m.
Mon 20-Thur 30	Clubhouse will be closed	
Fri 31	New Year's Eve Ball: <i>A Night in Casablanca</i>	7pm-1am

January 2005

Sat 1-Mon 10	Clubhouse will be closed	
Wed 12	Auxiliary Bridge	11:20 a.m.
Thurs 13.20.27	Thursday Bistro Nights	5-9 p.m.
Sat 15-Sun 16	Midwinter Regatta Series I	
Sun 16	Sun Special: <i>Prime Rib</i>	6-9 p.m.
Sun 23	Sunday Special: <i>Braised Lamb Shank</i>	6-9 p.m.
Sun 30	Sunday Special: <i>BBQ Ribs</i>	6-9 p.m.

* paraphrased line from the movie