



THE TELL TALE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Commodore's Column

by Bruce Powell



Congratulations on a job well done to the crew on the Race Committee, for the great job they did running the Midwinter

Regatta. The Midwinter Regatta featured some great courses and great racing and it was clear everyone had a good time.

I'd also like to thank Rear Commodore Michael Moradzadeh for bringing the Tiburon International Film Festival to the Club. By making our Grand Ballroom available for the screening of films, we helped to

serve our local community, and

improved local awareness of our excellent facility. This kind of exposure can't hurt in terms of catering bookings, and we received several inquiries regarding membership. Best of all, it was a superb opportunity for Club members to view dozens of films at our Club free of charge.

With winter over and spring coming around, (or is it?!), many of us are preparing for Opening Day, sprucing up and decorating our boats for the celebrations on April 24. Members are invited to join in the festivities starting with morning religious services on the deck and followed by a breakfast buffet in the Grand Ballroom.

Did you remember to wear green on St. Pattie's Day? The Thursday Bistro had a Shamrock theme and a real Irish dinner. A lot of Corinthians turned out to drink green beer and be Irish for a day.

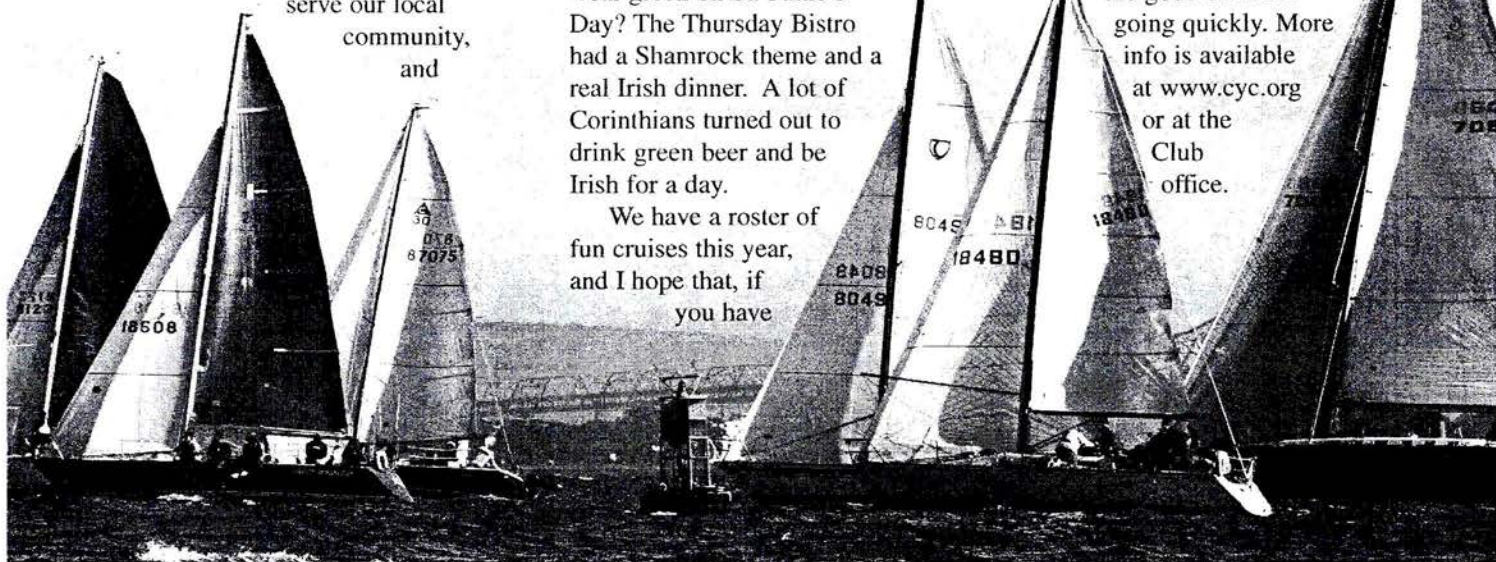
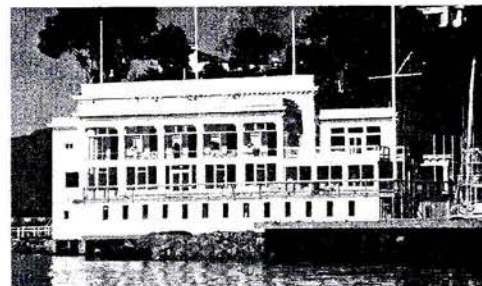
We have a roster of fun cruises this year, and I hope that, if you have

not yet attended a Club cruise, you will sign up for one. It's a great way to meet your fellow Club members, and get to know some of the local Bay Area destinations. Check out the cruise schedule at the Club web site

www.cyc.org/cruising.html.

Speaking of cruises, the Commodore's Cruise, departing Sunday, April 10 from San Francisco, down the coast with ports of call at Monterey, Los Angeles, Catalina Island, Ensenada and San Diego, is nearly sold out. Thus far 44 Corinthians have signed up for this 7-day non-stop party. If you'd like to join in, there are a few cabins

available on the ship but the good ones are going quickly. More info is available at www.cyc.org or at the Club office.



St. Patrick's Day Party



Entertainment

by Pascale Powell



Some wonderful events are coming up on our social calendar. But first, I want to say thank you to David Johnson for putting on the Super Bowl-Chili Cookoff! Congratulations to the winners who are mentioned in David's article.

There really are some talented cooks among our members! It was a huge success, the bar was packed!

Esther Lerner-Carrico chaired a superb 'Valentine's Dinner', thank you Esther! Dick and Jean Slottow were the couple who had been married the longest: 53 years, and Mary-Anne and John Bogue's son and his fiancée were newly engaged. Something really special happened that night, Stuart and Susan Sall (their classic yacht's name is 'Red Rover' on A line) got married in the Club Library, Captain Doug Owen officiated the ceremony—congratulations to all!

Thank you to Sharon Barr (coming back on that same day, after being the cruise leader, from SPYC) and Mary-Anne Bogue for organizing the 'Crab Fest' on March 6.

Jazz Night was on March 12 and that date was also the first day of the International Tiburon Film Festival. St Patrick's Day on March 17 was a lot of fun! The bar was nicely decorated and everyone enjoyed the special St Patrick's menu: corned beef and cabbage and green beer, the regular bistro menu was also served. It was a good turn out, we had 104 members! Thank you to John and Sharon Warren for organizing it and decorating the bar! It was also the last day of the film festival, with lots of movies showing in the Ballroom from March 12 to 17, their showing was free to all Corinthians. A big thank you goes to Michael Moradzadeh for putting this together and all the volunteers!

The Easter Brunch is on March 27. Have your children get their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. There is going to be the traditional egg hunt, mother Goose will be there for story telling, and there will be crafts for the children.

After the Commodore's Cruise from April 10 to 17, will be Opening Day on the Bay on April 24. Decorate your boat on April 23, there are fabulous prizes to win!

In May, we have Jazz Night on the 7th, Mother's Day on the 8th, and on the 14th you will be treated to a 'Broadway Melody Night', with talented members performing for you. Watch for the flyer in the mail! Make your reservations early!

Father's Day Brunch is on June 19. This year as part of the Father's day brunch we are putting together a small surprise for all the Dads out there. In order to do this, we need digital pictures of your Dad, Dad having fun, Dad and you, Dad and Family or what ever makes Dad happy. We hope to put a smile on every father's face so please send it in to brenda.weiss@gmail.com via email by Wednesday, June 1st and then we will see you at the club on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th.

Stay tuned for more in future Telltales!

At Your Club

by Vice Commodore John Warren



It's been raining and cold most of the winter and as we enter March the weather has turned to beautiful days on the Bay with lots of sunshine. I do believe that the weather has had an effect on the attendance at the club, but now that the sun is back members are coming out of the woodwork. The usual Friday night crowd has been at the club, but I'm seeing other members that don't frequent the club as much showing up also. Spring is in the air! I say this because as spring approaches and with Friday Night Races not so far off in the distance, we know that more and more members will be using the club restaurant and bar. Our club management is working very hard to create new and creative menus for lunches and dinners. The bar and restaurant staff are anxious to serve you. The new (POS) Point of Sale computer system, which I'm sure you've noticed at the bar, is becoming more familiar to club employees and new software menus on the touch screen will allow even faster service. The bottom line, we are working to make the restaurant and bar a more enjoyable place for members and guests. Check out the current menus for Thursday Bistro Night plus Friday, Saturday, and Sunday dinners at www.cyc.org.

This year the Club staff is focused on improving your dining experience. However, we also need your help to improve our service. Members who dine in our Club normally stay longer than most restaurants, talking and enjoying the view. The result; our tables turn only an average of 1.5 times or less each evening. Ordinary restaurants turn their tables at least twice a night. Since our restaurant seating is limited we need to maximize the opportunity for all our members. If you walk into the restaurant early in the evening (6:30PM or so) without reservations and see open tables, you might assume space is available. If other members have made reservations for later that evening, those tables need to be ready when they arrive....its protocol and most proper that those prior reservations must be honored. The best way to enjoy our restaurant on the weekend (especially on Friday) is to **MAKE A RESERVATION**. It's a simple phone call to the club. Making a reservation will result in a more enjoyable evening, improved quality of food and timely service. With that said, we don't live in a perfect world and there could be a few tables available depending on the night and the number of guests. We want you to dine in our beautiful Club as often as you can and appreciate your consideration regarding this challenge.

As a reminder, in January we started our Birthday Celebration promotion for members. Our Birthday gift to you as a member is a complimentary dinner at the Club. Please bring your significant other and/or friends to the club to celebrate together. Remember to bring your birthday card to the restaurant in exchange for your free dinner (that's a must). If you haven't received your Happy Birthday Card from CYC, we probably don't have your birth date on record. Please call the office and update your records and no, we don't need to know the year. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

Football season ended with the Second Annual Super Bowl Party and Chile Cook Off. The crowd was even bigger than last year and WOW was the Chili great! Congratulations to the Winners. This is definitely turning into a fabulous event. Next year...how about the Niners vs. the Raiders?

On March 6th, we had another sell out Crab Feed. Many thanks to Sharon Barr, Mary Ann Bogue and the staff. They worked so very hard to make this a successful and fun event. We apologize to those who did not make their reservations prior to the cut off date as we had to turn away members.

The last Bistro Night of March is Slottow Night. Come one, come all and listen to Kim, Kenzie and Dick play your favorites. This family is extremely talented and will be playing guitar, flute and piano. Join us for a fun evening of food, libations and music.

Visit our terrific web site at www.cyc.org or check out the club calendar for additional upcoming events. We're off to a great start, making positive changes and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Rear Commodore's Report

by Rear Commodore Michael Moradzadeh

Fridays To Commence April 8

That's right, no longer will you have to sit dully home watching "Joan of Arcadia" reruns. Friday Night Racing commences April 8 and runs to Labor Day. There will be a few new

courses and a slightly modified format where the two halves will be separated by a middle "mini-series."

Sign up now on the website, or pick up an application at the club office!

MidWinter Wrap-Up

From "nothing short of miserable" to "not bad, not bad at all" our second weekend's weather cooperated to give us some decent racing conditions. An enthusiastic committee and cooperative racers provided for a smooth race, which was exactly what we wanted.

Out of our record 145 entries, nearly 120 showed up for the last day of sailing! Corinthians put in some pretty decent showings, especially in Non-Spinnaker, and eked out a victory in the coveted Aotea Team Trophy competition (Smogen III, Basic Instinct, and Chica).

Full results are at www.cyc.org.

Horsfall Vincent Wrap-Up

Changing dispositions faster than a moody teen, nature withdrew her sunny, but windless Friday and delivered a cloudy, windy Saturday – perfect for our annual Horsfall/Vincent Regatta. This fun race around Angel Island followed the same course as last year: around the Y marker and then either way around the Island.

Or at least that was the plan.

Out of our ten starters, four took alternate routes. While everybody did circle Angel, there was a fair amount of creativity relating to the treatment of the Y mark off Elephant Rock. This led to a little bit – OK, a lot – of good-natured teasing afterwards at the bar.

In any case, when we reckoned the results, Smogen III (LeVicki) beat Dry Land (Johnson) in the spinnaker division. The margin was smaller than Dry Land's time off the start though, so watch out Julle! In non-spinnaker John Nooteboom bested the fleet in Tension II, posting the best corrected time overall. And finally in the "Did not read the instructions" class, Charlie Brochard in his new Olson 34 "Baleineau" trounced his fellow wanderers to receive an Honorable Mention!

Next year, I guess we won't skip the skippers' meeting!

The Corinthian Women

by TCW President Susan Travis



"Ladies Seminar Was a Smashing Success". That was the headline in the 1985 Telltale article. It was twenty years ago that three women from our club, Jytte Birnbaum, Roz Colver and assisted by Renee Soleway launched

the first sailing seminar in response to CYC women's request to learn more about sailing. The first year, 18 women took the 6 day course and 11 graduated. Evidently, graduation requirements were stringent! The course material covered much of what we teach today- terminology, sail trim, safety and boat handling. The course was taught every two years with attendance increasing and instructors and boats added as needed. The instruction boats used were similar in size and easily managed by new sailors. They used member boats, as we do today, starting with Knarrs, a Santa Cruz 27, an Islander 28 and a Soverel 33 for the first year.

By the third session in 1990, Chris Canada and her sister, Donna Block joined the founders to help teach the larger class. In 1993, an intermediate course was added that covered advanced



*Women's Sailing Seminar founders in 1985 (above)
the Class of '85 (below)*

sail trim, spinnaker and racing tactics and Marcia Peck and Kay Rudiger were asked to help instruct.

The WSS (Women's Sailing Seminar) has continued each year with the attendance increasing to about 60. Many women took the class more than once because of their positive experiences. The WSS also encouraged women who were interested in racing to come to the Friday night races and volunteer to crew.

This year the WSS is May 21, 22 and June 4th. A celebration of our 20th year is being planned. Please come and honor the founders on the 22nd. Celebration information will be posted at the Club and the website.

Women's Sailing Seminar

by Deborah Newton



We are excited about this year's Women's Sailing Seminar and plans for it are under full sail. Our sailing seminar is one of the few in the Bay Area designed by women for women. We feature a lot of hands-on instruction both on the

water and in the classroom. Last year, participants loved our new skills-based stations where they practiced tying knots, articulating the rules of the road, sending a radio message, and trimming

sails. This year, we are adding even more interactive sessions to build beginner skills and enhance learning.

As you may know, the seminar is a wonderful way for women sailors and want-to-be sailors to enjoy the world of sailing. Several women have become CYC members as a result of the seminar. If you have any women friends, you would be doing them a great favor by introducing them to the club, new friends, and our beloved world of sailing. Seminar dates are:

- Beginning Seminar— May 21-22
- Intermediate Seminar— June 4 (one day only)

If you know anyone interested in the seminar, please send her to the CYC website where she can download a registration form or get one from the club. Or, you may send her contact information to Deborah Newton, Seminar Coordinator at:

Deborah@ovationstudiosllc.com or call Deb or Rich at 415.789.1721. We have already signed up many skippers, instructors, and volunteers. If you want to help out, let us know. Please come to the reception on the deck Sunday, May 22 around 4:00pm and share your experiences with this new and excited group of sailors.

Film Festival: Movies Really By the Bay

by Rear Commodore Michael Moradzadeh

By the time you read this, we should be done picking popcorn up off the ballroom floor. Over 25 films will have been shown in our Ballroom thanks to a new cooperative agreement with the film festival.

With a gala kickoff in our Ballroom on Thursday March 8, the Tiburon International Film Festival became a part of the CYC landscape. Cardboard on the windows and the loan of a rear projection system for the stage turned our ballroom into the most elegant theater on the lower Tiburon peninsula. A cash bar and popcorn stand completed the experience.

By my estimate, we got some of the best films in the festival. American Bellydancers and Pablo Neruda are thought by the organizers to be some of the gems of the many programs shown. Many of the producer, director, and actor Q&A sessions are held at our clubhouse too. Movies in the Clubhouse are free to card-carrying CYC members, adding to the fun for us.

The festival is in its fourth year and shows no signs of slowing down. At this writing, we're just a few days into the experiment of hosting the festival at the club, but it seems to be going well. We are learning a few things, such as whether you can sell drinks to moviegoers at 10:30 am (no) and whether the festival increased dining room attendance (it seems so).

We're hoping to make this an annual event. One issue, of course, is CYC's out-of-pocket costs. We've solicited contributions from our membership. We've already had a few generous contributions. If you'd like to donate, please send a check to the club, made out to Corinthian Sailing and Education Foundation, with a note that it's for the festival. Tax Deductible!

Festival information is at www.tiburonfilmfestival.com.

Horsfall and Vincent: Who Were Those Guys?

by John Colver



Corinthian's spring regatta is named for Warren "Vince" Vincent and George Horsfall, two members who were much loved by their fellow members and contributed a lot to the

Club. Vince's father, Ben, was a prominent member of Corinthian and a major factor in Bay racing in the early 1900s, with the MOONLIGHT and the RAINBOW. Many of Ben Vincent's trophies are on display at the Club.

Vince originally joined San Francisco Yacht Club in the 1950s, for reasons he never explained, but came over to Corinthian in the early 1960s. He introduced me to CYC in 1964 and we sailed together on the SPINDRIFT, a Hong Kong "O" design (36 ft. of solid teak, displacing 25,000 lbs in which we took three back to back Farallon races in our division (and won a couple of Buckners). He and I jointly owned a 22 ft. (plus 8 feet of bowsprit) gaff sloop built around 1900, aptly named the PANIC; he crewed for me on my first Knarr; and his last boat was the Lady Helmsman sloop DAMERIGHT he bought from the Birnbaums. We also did a lot of offshore racing and cruising together on various boats and a bunch of deliveries between SF and LA.

Vince was also a link to the past through his father's friendship – which Vince continued – with many legendary yachting figures of the pre-War era, including Tom Short, Charlie Langlais, Ray Kilborn (his uncle) and Lester Stone – all former members of CYC. Vince was Commodore in 1983 and 1984 – the last time a Commodore served two years back to back, a practice the Club followed for many years to provide continuity and stability. He died in 1988 and one of the biggest turnouts in CYC history, set sail to scatter his ashes under the Gate.

George Horsfall is best remembered as our perennial Race Committee Chairman in the 1980s, at a time when if you had been "conned" into accepting the job, it was yours until you found a replacement (has anything changed?). George was Rear Commodore for a couple of years, but had no aspirations to advance up the ladder, as his primary love was racing and remaining connected with it. He was also a great supporter of the Ladies Sailing Seminar started by Rosalind Colver and Jytte Birnbaum; and he also raced his Ranger 23 BALZAPHIRE with an all-ladies CYC crew. Sadly, George also went to greet his maker in 1988.

So these are the two Corinthians in whose memory and honor, the CYC spring regatta is named. Even if you didn't know them, pause for a moment and raise your glass. It was because of people like Vince and George, Corinthian remains as strong today as it did 120 years ago.

Membership Committee

by Doug Owen



Kind of a catchy title, don't you think? But seriously, who's on this committee, and other than pass applications for membership on to the Board of Directors, what do we really do?

This year, the Committee is chaired by Jytte Birnbaum; Peter and Jytte are Life Members, and Jytte has been involved with Membership many times for many years in the past, and has chaired the Committee in years past also.

The Committee consists of (alphabetically) Sharon Barr, Julian and Debbie Cohen, Will Deady, Anita Dillon, John Dodge, Diana Fischer, Fred Mayo, myself, Ron Roberts and Mary Ellen Wetlesen. That represents 147 years of combined membership, in addition to the benefit of two Staff Commodores, and one current member of the Board of Directors. As with any group that provides some direction to the Club as a whole, knowledge of the history of the organization, what has worked (or not) in the past, and what, hopefully, will be the most well considered direction in the future is very valuable.

At present, in addition to attempting to find ways to bring new members into the Club, the Committee arranges and conducts interviews of prospective members, provides membership information at various functions and Club events where non-members are present (i.e., Corinthian Midwinters, Tiburon Film Festival, Speaker Series, etc.), and sponsors new member events, such as the Open Boat gathering for new members in October of each year.

In addition, we are considering several new member events which would serve to make the newer Club members more at ease and familiar with the Club and its existing membership.

We also process Honorary Memberships as directed by the Board of Directors, Race and Crew memberships annually in accordance with the Bylaws, process and record Leaves of Absence and changes of status in membership as directed by the Board, and requested by the membership at large.

We're always open to suggestions and ideas to increase membership, as well as to create events and ideas that would serve to integrate newer members into greater enjoyment of the Club; please feel free to give any of us a call. Also, if you happen to be a newer member and have any suggestions or questions, your input is very valuable, and we want to hear from you! This is your Club every bit as much as anyone else's, and your comments are welcome.

If you have friends that might be interested in our Club, or if you know of anyone that would like to explore the benefits of membership, or wish additional information, why not give one of us a call? We don't necessarily need an application to be filed to provide a tour of Club facilities, and we would like to meet your friends who might wonder what Corinthian is all about.

Midwin







Fun in the Sun at the Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club

We enjoy a wonderful atmosphere populated by some pretty interesting and unique people; help keep our Club alive and vital by introducing others who would benefit from membership!

special recognition goes to our prizewinners, John Bogue, Nadine Bundschuh, and our first prizewinner, Lisa Wear.

This truly was a weekend of "Fun in the Sun"!

Fun In The Sun

by Sharon Barr



If you say it often enough, sometimes a wish will come true! The sun did indeed shine on the Corinthian Cruisers for the traditional kick-off cruise to Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club on March 5.

Approximately 30 Corinthians set sail by sea or by land. Port Captain, Al Howe, met us by catching a line and with a warm welcome.

Vice-Commodore, Ingrid Hogan, and her crew provided a wonderful dinner of prime rib, roast chicken, all the fixings and genuine hospitality.

Beach music, "surfin" tunes and festive attire set the mood for our "beach party". Everyone came dressed for the event, but

A Little Bit of Music

by Dick Slottow



About a month ago Commodore Bruce Powell called to ask if I would play the piano at the newly introduced Bistro Nights. This was conceived to provide members with another

evening for dinner at the Club, and hopefully with some background entertainment.

Not being one to ignore our leader, I accepted, recognizing this would be a gratis performance, but would no doubt allow me a free drink or two. In preparation for this event, I went to the Club to try the piano. I had played it many years ago and recall it was a nice instrument. However, things have changed. After striking one chord, I went home, picked up a revolver and returned to the



Dick Slottow at the new piano

Club and shot it!

Following a short search, another piano was located, and in the interest of speed, I purchased it thinking the membership would fall in behind me and provide reimbursement funds. I was not far off. Twenty donors contributed to the piano fund and will ultimately find their names engraved on an attractive plaque to be located on the wall near the piano. Those generous contributors are:

Harry and Sondra Blake

Dan and Esther Carrico

Colette Clowes

John and Rosalind Colver

Bill and Chris Canada

Jack and Bert Cooper

Dick and Pat Collins

Michael Day

Will Deady

Peter Mason

Bill and Karen Miller

Marck and Tracy Murray

Herb and Rita Myers

Gordon and Ingrid Noble

Bruce and Pascale Powell

Mack and Jeanne Shields

Dick and Jean Slottow

John and Jackie Taylor

Fred and Mary Wardenberg

The Corinthian Women (who picked up the remaining cost)

The piano purchased is a 30 year old Knabe console that appears to be in great shape. It sounds terrific and should have a long life at CYC providing it does not get dragged up and down the stairs to the ballroom.

The piano now receives my personal care every Thursday evening, and is the center of Bill Canada's band on jazz nights in our dining room.

Should anyone wish to dine with us on Thursday Bistro night and has a specific tune request, I'll play it if I

know it. Otherwise "Misty" will have to do!

My personal thanks are extended to all who helped support this project, and specifically The Corinthian Women who took an extra big step. Should anyone feel slighted because their name is not on the list above, please send a \$100 check to The Corinthian Women, designate it for the "Piano Fund" and let me know. Make certain the check is delivered before the plaque is engraved.

Superbowl Chili Cookoff

by Dave Johnson



What a day...over 15 chilis presented, including regular, no meat, chicken, vegetarian, kangaroo (was it really kangaroo?) to mention a few! All delicious

and all deserving honorable mention.

With over 100 of your closet friends with chili, hotdogs and pools - the only way to watch the game. Mystery judges led by John Bogue (accepted all bribes) with prizes awarded for:

Most Unusual - Chef Tinker,

Best White (Chicken) Chile - Chef Debbie Cohen,

Best Overall Chile shared by Chefs Holko and Nix.

Reserve February 6, 2006 NOW - where would you rather be CYC or Detroit to watch next year's game! Call Frances to confirm your reservation now! Superbowl Trivia - Did you know that Detroit is the 13th American city to host the Superbowl?



Superbowl Chili Cookoff



Read any Good Books Lately?

by Port Captain André Klein



Was one of your New Year's resolutions to catch up on some reading? If so, you are missing a wonderful resource right here at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Perhaps some of you don't know that we have a library. . .but we do, and a very good and comprehensive one at that. It's always fun to browse through some of the 'oldies but goodies' as well as the more current offerings. The Club collection has some of everything as you can see if you take a look through the catalog located in the library. It lists everything from first-person sailing adventures through how to do it, history, biographies, autobiographies, and even some fiction.

Any day that the office is open, you can stop by and someone will let you in to browse or borrow. There is information on how to find your favorite topic and the shelving arrangement is described.

In addition to books we have some videos, The Corinthian Women's collection of pictures and memorabilia from years past, and statistical collections. You might even find yourself immortalized in one of the photos.

Our library is an on-going resource thanks to donations from members who have finally decided to clean up their own libraries. You know the saying "one man's trash is another man's treasure." We welcome all donations and will treasure them. All such donations should be left at the office and will be incorporated into our shelves as soon as possible with proper identification of the donor.

One book you may want to take a good look at was written by one of our own members, Staff Commodore John Colver, and is titled "Songs of the San Francisco Bay Knarr Fleet". As many of you know, John, along with his wife Rosalind sailed a Knarr for many years and he did a wonderful job researching this interesting and entertaining book.

By the way, we seem to have lost a newly donated book entitled "Life in Belvedere and Tiburon" by Don Hillary. If someone has borrowed it, seen it, or has a clue to its whereabouts, please let the office know.

Also, if you have any suggestions on how to improve our collection, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you, seeing you, and helping you pass the last days of winter with a really good read.

From the Galley

by Chef Ian Morrison



With the exception of Midwinters and Valentines Day, January and February are slow times around the Galley. That doesn't mean that there isn't work to do, though. It is a time for planning and sales efforts that will keep us busy the rest of the year. On February 27 we had a booth at the San Francisco Wedding Faire. Sales Manager Leila Heyman spearheaded this effort and with the construction assistance of Sous Chef Jerry Roberts put together a fabulous presentation that included videos of weddings at CYC, a full dinner setting, and pictures of the club. Hundreds of brides stopped by, and many signed up to receive more information.

Our Sales Assistant Claire Ramage has been busy as well. She

has been spending time visiting party planning companies to build new and re-establish old relations. Party planners are instrumental in bringing corporate and convention business to the Club. When one said they hadn't booked lately because they didn't have a yacht company with a boat that could come in at the Angel Island Dock (where guests are dropped off for CYC parties), Claire found them a 450 capacity yacht that would fit. We are now working on a party of 300 with them for later this summer. Claire also came up with what I think is a great idea: Hosting a reception for wedding planners at the Club. A guest list of several hundred has been put together, and invitations sent for the midweek date in April. Good relations with wedding planners can mean a lot of good business for the Club.

Reservations

In the past, I've always bought extra food to accommodate late reservations. However, the current economic realities no longer allow me this luxury. Since food is purchased on Wednesdays, the Club is asking that reservations be made no later than Tuesday for the following weekend. This year's Crab Feed on March 7 sold out on Wednesday, and a waiting list of over 10 was drawn up. Unfortunately we weren't able to accommodate them. So please reserve early. We want to serve everyone who wants to come.

Who Are Those Guys?

by Marcia Peck



Howard Folker

Born in Mill Valley, April 7, 1922, Howard Folker is a true Marinite. As a matter of fact, his family lived there for sixty years before that!

His father passed away in 1929, the same year as the crash, and Howard's mother took in boarders to make ends meet. Howard attended Tam High and started working as a contractor and floor refinisher when he graduated from high school. His floor jobs made him some fast money and he bought a Mercury sail boat and joined the San Francisco Yacht Club. His group of friends included a young Hank Easom and Rolph Croker. Laughs Howard, "I think I only sailed the boat once 'cause I was working so much, and I already realized I'd joined the wrong yacht club."

In 1941, Howard went to war, and became a member of the Navy underwater demolition team, the first Navy seals. He was stationed on the destroyer escorts, the Crosley and the Bull, in the Philippines and Okinawa. Says Howard, "we carried so much of the explosive, Tetratol, they kept us as far away from the rest of the fleet as possible!" "All we had to wear were trunks, a mask, fins that weighed a ton, because they were made from reclaimed rubber, and a knife! Then you had to carry a canvas bag with 28 pounds of tetratol, slung around your neck. We had seven minutes to tie them to the target on the beach and ten minutes to swim back to a moving rubber boat. Some men would detonate, and swim 1500 yards offshore to be picked up. We were getting ready for



Howard Folker

D-Day."

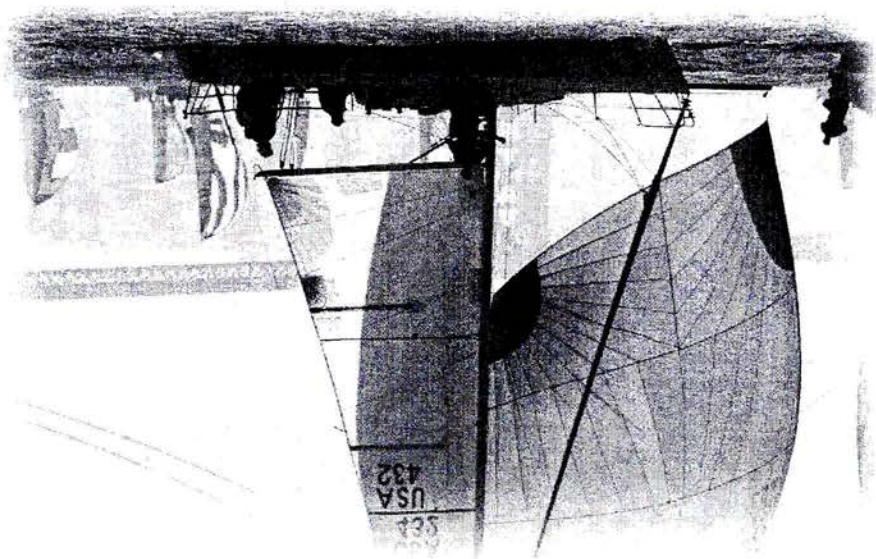
Luckily, Howard made it home, and left the Navy in 1945. He went back to his contracting business in Mill Valley, and built the home he still has today. In 1947, he met his future bride, Erdmuth, at a dance in the Corinthian ballroom! Unfortunately, she was Hank Easom's date! Says Howard, with a twinkle, "it took two years, but I married her." They raised two daughters, and joined the Corinthian in 1981. Says Howard, "all my friends were here, and we spent most of our time at the club. I got involved in doing the club's foundation work, driving piles, and putting a concrete retaining wall around the parking lot. Our group of guys was called the 'Pelicans'. We'd work all day and the club would give us lunch and one beer. I was the port captain in '85, and I put the sprinkler system in the club. We also made the bars you see today."

"I'm retired now and will soon have my eighty third birthday. My life has been fantastic! I'd do it all again. I feel the same way about the Navy. I'd do it all over again."

Editor's Note

by Bruce Powell

We've passed something of a milepost with the Club web site, www.cyc.org, as we are now approaching 500,000 visits since it was started in May of 2000. It has been greatly expanded since its beginnings, featuring over hundreds of pages and thousands of photos. Most recently we've added a Club History section featuring some photos from around the turn of the century. If you haven't visited the site yet, take a look!



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Calendar of Club Activities...

March						
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MARCH

Thursday 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Bistro Nights	5:00 p.m.
Saturday 5	Pt. San Pablo Cruise	
Sunday 6	Crabfest	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 12	Horsfall/Vincent Regatta	
Saturday 12	Jazz Night in Member's Dining	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 23	CYC Speaker Series – Gary Jobson (Buffet & Bar opens at 6:00 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.
Sunday 27	Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt	11:30 a.m.
Thursday 31	Slottow Night	5:00 p.m.

MEETINGS		
Wednesday 9	Corinthian Women	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 17	Harbor Management Committee	10:00 a.m.
Thursday 17	House Committee	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 17	Membership Committee	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 24	CYC Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 p.m.

APRIL

Thursday 7, 14, 21, 28	Bistro Nights	5:00 p.m.
Friday 8	First of the Friday Night Race Series	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 9	South Beach Cruise	
Sunday 10	Commodore's Cruise (returns Sunday 17)	
Wednesday 13	Auxiliary Bridge	11:20 a.m.
Thursday 21	CYC Speaker Series – Bruce Schwab (Buffet & Bar opens at 6:00 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 23	Boat Decorating & Party for Opening Day	all day
Sunday 24	"OPENING DAY" on the Bay Ceremony, Breakfast, Blessing of the Pleasure Craft and all day celebration	

April						
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MAY

Thursday 5, 12, 19, 26	Bistro Nights	5:00 p.m.
Saturday 7	Jazz Night in Member's Dining	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 11	Auxiliary Bridge	11:20 a.m.
Wednesday 11	CYC Speaker Series – Ron Holland (Buffet & Bar opens at 6:00)	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 14	Cabaret Show & Dinner (in Member's Dining)	7:00 p.m.
Sat 21-Sun 22	Women's Sailing Seminar	all day

MEETINGS		
Wednesday 11	Auxiliary Bridge	11:20 a.m.
Thursday 19	Harbor Management Committee	10:00 a.m.
Thursday 19	Membership Committee	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 19	House Committee	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 26	CYC Board of Director's Meeting	6:30 p.m.