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In Memoriam:

John Joehnke

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**Commodore Joehnke
at Fall 2000 Banquet**

We would be remiss if we published this edition of the *Konza Sailor* and not pay tribute to our recently departed Commodore John Joehnke. I am sure I write for each member of the Blue Valley Yacht Club when I state that John's service to the Club has certainly touched the lives of every one of us.

During 5 of the 6 years in which John was a member of the Club he held leadership positions. In addition to touching every person's life, he also touched every piece of equipment and prop-

erty that is owned by the Club. If John wasn't involved with acquisition of the piece of equipment, he certainly was involved with its repair, at least once.

Perhaps most notable of John's contributions was his intense interest with working with the Boy Scouts and the members of the Kansas State Sailing Club. He knew that the future of our Club lay in the hands of the youth and he worked tirelessly to develop their skills and interest in sailing.

John, we miss you and wish you eternal peace.

Commodore's Message

By Ken Hays, Commodore

Welcome Sailors! I would like to welcome everyone to another year of excellent Kansas sailing, provided we ever get some water back in the lake. That of course leads to another quick reminder that as boats are put back in the water, to keep an eye out for those pesky stumps.

For those of you that have not been out to the lake since last fall you will notice many changes. These include a new larger shelter, a ramp from the end of the jetty, and the widening of the boat ramp to the edge of the jetty. I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped, especially Wayne Martin and Tom Manney for bringing their tractor and skid loader to help move the heavier rock and dirt.

We have had a great response on our new yacht club list server (bvycmembers@yahoo.com) that

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All members of the Club are encouraged to submit articles for inclusion to the newsletter.

FOR SALE

Sunfish: includes complete racing gear (racing sail, fiberglass centerboard, compass, deck cleats, epoxied rudder, outhaul, cunningham, etc.) plus a Seitech dolly. Asking \$1600.00. Marty Ottenheimer, 785-485-2703 or omar@ksu.edu

Catalina 27: 1977 tall rig, with bow sprit, new mast spreaders, 2 mains, Atomic 4 inboard; hasn't been sailed since 1984; needs some TLC. \$4700 firm.

and

Clark San Juan I: 1979 model, needs some TLC. \$2700 negotiable. Both by Gene & Colleen Lingren, 776-7156 or lindgren@kansas.net

Starfish: 1969 model, sail and hull are like new. \$650 David Thompson, 539-5212, 770-7786 or thomsond@ksu.edu

2003 Race Program

by Catherine Wisian, Racing Director

Everyone knows that whenever there are two or more boats on a body of water there is a race! The official race program for the Club will begin this year on May 4. (See complete schedule below.) As we've done in the past, we hope to share the burden of administering the races and thereby give everyone an opportunity to compete in most of the races.

We need volunteers to run the committee boat for as many of the races as possible, especially in June and July. Two people are needed for each race to set up the buoys before the race, take them down after the race, run the starting sequence and record finishing times to come up with the results. Detailed instructions are available on the Club web site, however individual instruction will be provided if needed.

To sign up for a time, please email me, Catherine Wisian, at clw7777@ksu.edu or call 537-4914 and I'll get you signed up. Please help out with this so we can all have fun racing this season. Thanks for all the help.

2003 Schedule

May

Sunday, May 4
Sunday, May 11
Sunday, May 18

Saturday, May 24:
*Scott Liebler Memorial
Long Distance Race*

June

Sunday, June 1
Sunday, June 8
Sunday, June 15

July

Sunday, July 13

August

Saturday, August 30
Long Distance Race

September

Sunday, September 7
Sunday, September 21

October

Sunday, October 5
Sunday, October 19

November

Sunday, November 2
Sunday, November 16

Spring Workday Scheduled for Saturday April 5

By Tom Manney, Vice Commodore

The BVYC Board of Directors is unanimously optimistic that the lake is coming up and we truly will have a sailing season. Therefore, we have planned an ambitious Spring Workday to get the grounds in ship shape. We need a big crew and expect to have something important for everyone to do.

Date: Saturday April 5 (If the weather doesn't cooperate: Saturday April 12)

Time: 8:30 to 12:30

Lunch will be provided

The following are our major goals:

Pouring the concrete floor for the new shelter:

We expect to have the forms in place so we can place and finish the concrete. If you have any appropriate tools please bring them, and if you plan to help, dress accordingly. **Note: Please don't park your vehicle where it might obstruct access by the concrete truck.**

Relocation of the porta-potty and trash cans:

The toilet including its concrete slab, will be moved up between the first two sheds where it will be more protected from the wind and less conspicuous. The trash and recycling cans will be moved to the South East corner. The main task will be to construct a new enclosure.

Painting: The main painting jobs we have thought of are the wooden parts of the new shelter, the gate at the entrance, and possibly the new enclosure for the trash cans. If you think of something else, please let us know.

General Cleanup: Aside from a few odds and ends around the grounds, the main cleanup task we

would like to accomplish is to sort out the trash pile ("bone pile") that is west of the dinghy park. The goal is to make one pile of the stuff that should be hauled to the dump and one pile (preferably organized) of the good stuff. Unless we get some spectacular growing conditions in the next three weeks, there doesn't appear to be much need for mowing except for using a string trimmer in the dinghy park under the boats. If you have a reliable string trimmer that you're willing to bring, please do.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 537-0624 or email to: tmanney@ksu.edu



Putting the finishing touches on the sloped ramp between the stone jetty and water's edge on March 15.

Next project: framing the floor in the new shelter and then pouring the cement on April 5.

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Commodore's Message

Bart Bartholomew organized. This is a great way to get information out to the entire yacht club and can be used by any of the club members.

Finally, have an excellent sailing season and I hope to see you on the lake.

Ken Hays
Commodore

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Have you ever wondered what the Blue River Valley was like before the construction of Tuttle Reservoir?



Come to the Spring Banquet and hear our guest speaker, Kevin Larson, tell us the history of Tuttle Reservoir. Kevin Larson grew up overlooking the Blue River Valley and spent a lot of time in the valley; he will share a wealth of information about the valley before, during, and after the construction of the dam.

Read the enclosed flyer and make your reservations early! Bring friends who would also like to know more about our history.