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Welcome Aboard

By Commodore Diane Barker

Welcome aboard sailors to the 2004 sailing season at the BVYC. The cove is frozen at 1071.61 while the boats are safely parked in their newly marked berths and covered with tarps on the hill and in the dinghy park. The roof is back on the old shelter with the committee boat and tractor stowed beneath. This winter quiescence belies all the preparations for a lively sailing season that must be going on in garages and basements across town.

So patch your tenders, mend your sails, fiberglass your hulls, and check your rigging while ye may. Our first official event will be the Spring Work Day and Spring Banquet on April 3rd. Check this newsletter for the basic calendar of events, but keep a close watch as Randy Zelenka fills in the racing schedule and as the Board adds social events like moonlight sails, raft-ups, and women's sailing programs.

Because the past Board of Directors and membership accomplished so many improvements at the Club including the new shelter, extended jetty, electricity, and the new work barge, we should have more time to sail. I'm not saying that we are through making improvements, but let's take advantage of our much-improved yacht club and spend more time out on the water.

So make ready and make way for a great sailing season!

Buon vento,
Commodore Diane



Photo by Ray Coffey

Henry Otto and Chris Coffey welcomed in the new year with a lively sail in the Flying Scott on New Year's Day

Reminder:

Complete your membership application and send it along with your payment so it is received before February 1, 2004 and your membership dues are \$65 instead of \$75.

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

For sale:

Kingfisher 22. Cushions, motor, sails, etc. are stored and in good condition. Boat needs some TLC. \$500.

Alvin Adams, 785-494-2517 or 565-1152.

Time and Weather Checks

By Bart Bartholomew, Webmaster

How many of you, like I, have been frustrated with trying to synchronize your watch with the Race Committee's watch at the same time you are listening to the instructions for a race, wondering whether your crew will arrive on-time, trying to decide on which sails to install, etc. just before a BVYC Race?

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BVYC Communications

By Bart Bartholomew, Webmaster

The BVYC fleet may not consist of the latest makes and models of sailing yachts, but we surely are a progressive group of sailors in other matters. Would you believe that of last year's membership only one member was without email and access to the Internet? Hopefully, this year's membership will be equally as high-tech. With our high-tech membership, communications within the Club can and should be almost instantaneous.

The Board recently approved moving the Club's website to a new Internet Service Provider (ISP). The new ISP supports the use of FrontPage for publishing the web-site which certainly makes my life as webmaster less cumbersome. The ISP also provides the opportunity to make email distribution more easily tailored to our needs.

I have made up two email distribution lists that I feel the membership at-large will want to use periodically throughout the year. These lists are:

directors@bluevalleyyachtclub.org to communicate with all the members of the Board of Directors

and sailors@bluevalleyyachtclub.org to communicate with all the members of BVYC.

Additionally, I have made a unique, easily memorable email handle for each of the board members. If you go to the Directors page of the Club web site and click on a given director's name, you will be ready to send a message to that person using an @bluevalleyyachtclub.org email address. For instance, the Commodore's email handle is:

commodore@bluevalleyyachtclub.org

As we go through the year, and you perceive the need for additional email distribution lists and/or other ways in which we can make use of the Club's Internet service, please share your ideas with me or any member of the Board of Directors.

Smooth sailing and smooth communicating,
Bart

2003 Fall Banquet and Annual Meeting

The Blue Valley Yacht Club (BVYC) held its Fall Banquet and Annual Meeting on November 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 212 of the K-State Student Union. After a delicious meal, arranged by Social Director Sean Kalic, Commodore Ken Hays called the meeting to order and received reports from each member of the Board of Directors.

The highlight of Race Director Catherine Wisian's report was the presentation of Race Awards for the 2003 BVYC Race Season. Two traveling memorial trophies were awarded to Ken Conrow. The first trophy, the Scott Liebler Memorial Trophy, is in memory of Scott Liebler, deceased son of Al and Sony Liebler (long-time residents of Manhattan, now living in Oklahoma), and the second trophy is the Chapman, Shipley and Bennett Spring Series Trophy given in memory of the three KSU students who



Mrs. Nancy Chapman presenting to Ken Conrow the Chapman, Shipley and Bennett Spring Series Trophy

Director nominees for the year 2004. The new Board of Directors for the Blue Valley Yacht Club consists of: Commodore Diane Barker, Vice Commodore Ken Hays, Rear Commodore Wayne Martin, Treasurer Tom Albright, Secretary Bart Bartholomew, Social Directors Bob and Jane Mullen, and Race Director Randy Zelenka.

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Race Director Catherine Wisian presenting Scott Liebler Memorial Trophy to Ken Conrow

lost their lives in a sailing accident on Tuttle Reservoir in December 2001. On hand to present the Chapman, Shipley and Bennett trophy was Nancy Chapman, mother of Kyle Chapman, from Olathe, Kansas. Other award recipients were: Summer Series – first to Marty Ottenheimer, second to Ken Conrow, and third to Harriet Ottenheimer; Fall Series – first to Randy Zelenka, second to Ken Conrow, third to Mike Lucas, and fourth to Franz Samelson.

Rear Commodore Wayne Martin presented the Board of



2004 BVYC Board of Directors:

Front Row, from left:

Bob Mullen, Diane Barker, Randy Zelenka, Ken Hays

Back Row, from left:

Wayne Martin, Bart Bartholomew

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**Harriet
Ottenheimer
and
Catherine
Wisian**



**Marty
Ottenheimer
and
Catherine
Wisian**

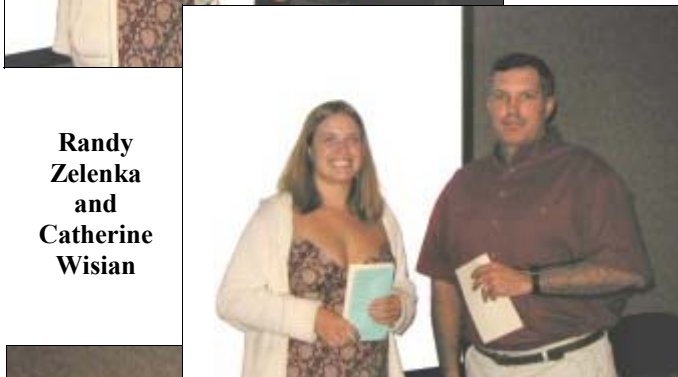


Above, from left: **Jan Irby, Ken Hays, and Harv Irby**
As Outgoing Commodore Hays presents memento Club burgee to the Irbys

After the business meeting, the sailors and guests of BVYC were treated to an interesting slide show presented by Harv Irby. Harv has crewed for many world-class races and has experienced exciting sails in the Caribbean and European waters. He came back to Kansas with memories of regattas, races and moonlight sails. Harv and his wife, Jan, very graciously shared these memories with those in attendance at the BVYC banquet.



**Ken Conrow
and
Catherine
Wisian**



**Randy
Zelenka
and
Catherine
Wisian**



**Franz
Samelson
and
Catherine
Wisian**

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Everyone can arrive at the Club on race day with synchronized watches if each Captain will take the time to set his/her watch using the link on the BVYC home page which links you to the Official US Time page. If everyone does this before traveling to the Club grounds, all racers' watches will truly be synchronized.

Similarly, the link to Weather Underground will give you the current weather conditions, including the radar image, as well as the forecast for the next few days. Use the Weather Underground information to plan your sailing and other water activities. Of course, for a more accurate, deck-side report you can always call Bart or Mary and they'll give you an on-site weather report (which by the way, is often much different from the weather experienced in Manhattan.)

Blue Valley Yacht Club Tentative Schedule of Events 2004

JANUARY

5 - Board Meeting at Bob and Jane Mullen's home; 7:00 pm

7 - Publication of Newsletter #1
-Membership application
-Calendar

7 - Full Moon

FEBRUARY

2 - Board Meeting at Diane Barker's home

6 - Full Moon

MARCH

1 - Board Meeting at Ken and Shelly Hay's home

6 - Full Moon

15 - Publication of Newsletter #2
-Membership cards
-Member booklets
-Membership list
-Spring banquet information
-Workday information
-COE Safety Brochure

APRIL

3 - Spring Workday: 8:30-12:30

3 - Spring Banquet

4 - Daylight Savings Time begins

5 - Board meeting hosted by Wayne Martin at Bob Mullen's house

5 - Full Moon

10 - Alternate Workday

15 - Publication of Newsletter #3
- Liebler Memorial Race
-Race Schedule for Chapman, Shipley, Bennett

Spring Race series

MAY

3 - Board Meeting hosted by Tom Albright

4 - Full Moon

22 - Scott Liebler Memorial Race and picnic (alternate days 23d or 24th)

JUNE

3 - Full Moon

7 - Board Meeting hosted by Bart Bartholomew

15 - Publication of Newsletter #4
-Racing info
-Social events

JULY

2 - Full Moon

5 - Board Meeting hosted by Randy Zelenka

AUGUST

NO Board Meeting

1 - Full Moon

13 to 15 - Kansas Sea Base (tentative)

16 - Publication of Newsletter #5
-Labor Day Race info
-Fall Work Day info
-Pig Roast info

30 - Full Moon

SEPTEMBER

4 - Labor Day Race

13 - Board Meeting hosted by Bob and Jane Mullen

18 - (Tentative) Fall workday & Pig Roast

28 - Full Moon

OCTOBER

4 - Board Meeting hosted by Diane Barker

5 - Publication of Newsletter #6
-Annual Meeting and Banquet info

28 - Full Moon

31 - Daylight Savings Time ends

NOVEMBER

1 - Board Meeting hosted by Ken Hays

13 - Annual Meeting and Fall Banquet

26 - Full Moon

DECEMBER

4 - Winterization and dock removal workday.

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Editorial

By Bart Bartholomew, Editor

As I assembled this edition of the *Konza Sailor*, I was once again reminded of the need for input from the members of the Club. I sincerely hope that you will consider submitting articles, that would be of interest to the Club members at-large, for inclusion in our newsletter and/or posting on the web site.

You might say, "I have nothing to write about!" How about that trip you took, your new boat, a family activity, a humorous event that you witnessed at the Club or on the lake, an item of historical or nautical interest, an interesting sailing experience, what it was like to win the race, etc., etc., etc.?

Of course, use that digital camera, take pictures, and send pictures with your articles. I promise to give you a by-line on both the article and/or your pictures where ever I use them Thanks Ray for your photos for this edition.

Let's publish and progress together during 2004!

At left:

Photo by Ray Coffey

Chris Coffey and Henry Otto proudly displaying the US National Flag and the Club burgee on the John Joehnk Memorial Flagpole prior to the New Year's Day Sail by Chris Coffey, Henry Otto, and Ray Coffey.

