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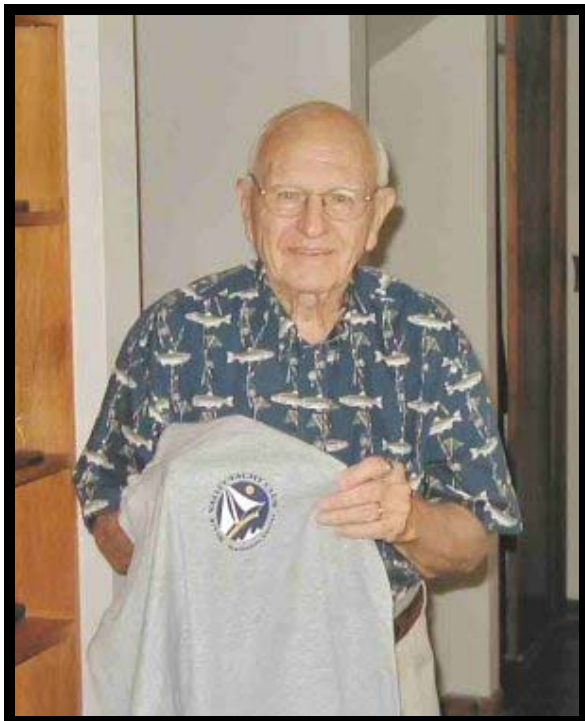
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In Memoriam:

Dr. Philip H. Hostetter

April 4, 1917 - September 28, 2004

By Bart Bartholomew, Secretary



**Phil Hostetter in his home on August 24
after receiving a BVYC t-shirt from members
of the Board of Directors**

With the passing of Phil Hostetter on September 28, the Blue Valley Yacht Club lost a charter member, a devoted sailor, a true friend and the omnipresent photographer who has treated many members to the products of his camera and darkroom. Phil will be sorely missed by all those who have had the privilege of knowing him.

For those members who did not attend the memorial service that was held to celebrate the life of Phil or

subscribe to the *Manhattan Mercury*, I am including a reprint of his obituary.

Dr. Philip H. Hostetter, age 87, of Manhattan, died Tuesday morning, September 28, 2004, at his residence.

He was born on April 4, 1917, in Albert, Kansas, the son of Harvey Edgar and Mae Edna (Charlesworth) Hostetter, and was a 1934 graduate of Holton High School in Holton, Kansas. In May of this year he was honored as "Alumnus of the Year" of Holton High.

Dr. Hostetter graduated from the University of Kansas Medical School in 1942. Shortly after his graduation he was called to service with the U.S. Army, serving with the 24th Infantry Division as a Battalion Surgeon in the Philippines during World War II.

Following the war Dr. Hostetter returned to Kansas and served in clinics in Halstead and Baldwin prior to coming to Manhattan in 1950 to work at the Ball Clinic. In 1955, he opened his own clinic on Poyntz Avenue where he maintained his practice until his retirement in 1992. From 1956 until 1976, Dr. Hostetter served as district coroner for the Manhattan area.

Dr. Hostetter was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Manhattan Kiwanis Club of which he served as president in 1968. He also was a past president with the 24th Infantry Division and was the recent recipient of the prestigious Verbick Bowl Award. Other memberships and activities included being a founding member of the Blue Valley Yacht Club, past president of the State Academy of Family Physicians and was formerly

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

For Sale:

Kingfisher 22 sailboat: Sleeps 4. Cushions, motor, etc. are stored and in good condition. Boat needs some TLC. \$500. 785-494-2517 or 565-1152.

Catalina 22 sailboat: 1969 model with 7.5 hp Mercury outboard. Boat has a swing keel with good sails (storm jib/working jib/main) and many amenities (porta-potty, life jackets, etc). \$2500 or best offer.

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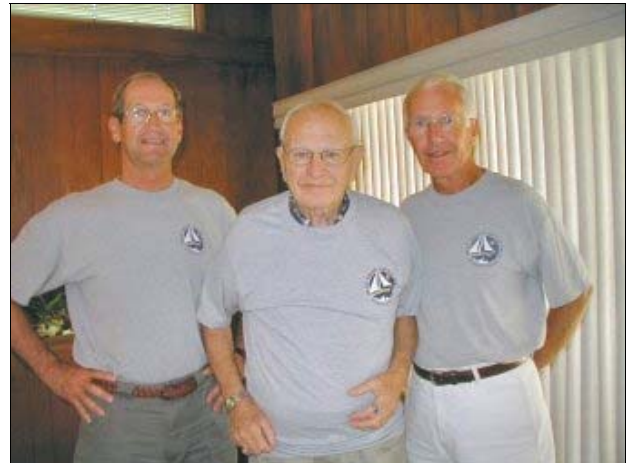
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active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, especially enjoying time spent at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He was an avid photographer, and enjoyed traveling with his wife to many locations throughout the world.

On September 7, 1941, he was married to the former Helen Marie Whitwam. She preceded him in death on March 12, 1997.

Dr. Hostetter is survived by two daughters: Carol Pacey and her husband David of Manhattan, Kansas, and Dorothy Brecheisen and her husband Warren of Cedar Falls, Iowa, by two sons: Jim Hostetter of Topeka, Kansas, and Bob Hostetter and his wife Judy of King City, California. Two brothers: Robert Hostetter of Beaverton, Oregon and Homer Clyde Hostetter of Mesa, Arizona, eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren and his companion: Shirley Dodge also survive.

Franz Samelson, during a visit with Phil earlier this summer, learned that Phil did not own a BVYC t-shirt. Franz suggested that the Club give Phil a t-shirt. On August 24, Bob and Jane Mullen and Bart and Mary Bartholomew visited with Phil and presented him with the coveted BVYC t-shirt.



Bart, Phil and Bob modeling their BVYC shirts

As mentioned in the above obituary, Phil was one of the few remaining founding members of our Club. When most of us think of Phil, one of two images come to mind. The first has Phil in control of his Catalina 22, Frogg, and seating in the cockpit is his wife, Helen. Although Helen never took part in sailing the boat, she was often with Phil when he ventured onto the lake. The second image is of Phil taking pictures either at the Club grounds or from his boat out on the lake. A number of BVYC members are fortunate to have one or more of Phil's photographs proudly displayed in our homes.

The memory of Phil and Helen Hostetter will live long within the Blue Valley Yacht Club.



Fall Pig Roast enjoyed by many members

By Bob and Jane Mullen



Club members gather at club shelter for Annual Pig Roast

photos by Bob Mullen

Fifty two hungry people turned out for the annual pig roast on September 18 at the club shelter. The weather was beautiful, the pork was tasty and the table crammed with tasty dishes prepared by the members. The event was held following a KSU football game but everyone got to the BVYC grounds at nearly the same time as the pig so no one missed out on hot food or cold drinks. Warm weather and a light breeze held into the evening so several sailors raised the sails and continued the good time aboard their boats. Seven year old Ian Miller did not party aboard his boat but did entertain us with his sailing prowess by skillfully helming a remote controlled sloop around the harbor.

The club grounds sparkled as sailors arrived at the pig roast. This was a result of the labors of twenty members who attended the fall workday held that morning. After a nutritious breakfast at daybreak the group set to work and gave the grounds a good face lift. The shelter even got a power washing and was free of bird droppings. Seldom has so much been done by so few; nearly everyone had done a good day's work when they departed in late morning. It was a remarkable job and the neat appearance of the grounds seemed to make the food taste much better.



Ian Miller demonstrating his sailing skills

Editor's note: Sailors such as Ian are the future of our sailing club. Have YOU supported the youth sailing activities sponsored by the Blue Valley Yacht Club?



WIND FROM THE REAR

A year-end report on accomplishments

By Wayne Martin, Rear Commodore

Fall is upon us and another sailing season is about to fade into memory, but hopefully not before several more chances to enjoy skimming along on our amply full (unlike last year) lake. It's been a fun year to sail at Tuttle Creek Reservoir with unusually consistent water levels and cool (for Kansas) temperatures giving the lake a more Northerly feel. Come about January it will probably feel downright Canadian, but for now our weather has been most tolerable.

I'm happy to report that all moorings have been serviced, at the same time confessing a rather Tom Sawyer position on the whole affair. After having completed construction of the new work barge last year with the help of several members, some refinements were made this spring and a few bugs were worked out. The addition of a 3700 lb. Warn 12 volt winch and deep cycle battery to the barge made the job of pulling moorings "almost like fun". Bob Mullen and I tested the apparatus by servicing three moorings one morning and after working on a few more refinements I thought that the barge was ready to go to work. While I was involved with servicing one other mooring, that was my last involvement with the mooring work this year. Bob recruited several volunteers, namely Ron Frey, Ned Gatewood, Chris Ross, Gene Lindgren, Bart Bartholomew, Ken Hays, Chuck Oaklief and Doug Gibson, and while my attention was diverted in other directions succeeded in totally completing the entire job. Not wanting to deny these worthy gentlemen the "fun" of pulling moorings I of course did not voice any objections. I do have small pang of guilt, however, because I keep thinking that there may have been some way I could have charged them for the privilege of doing the mooring work.

Seriously, though, thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the moorings this year, especially Bob Mullen for heading up the project and getting all the eager unpaid helpers. Chief Pulled-in-Many-Directions really appreciates it.

Next year may be a quieter year at the club, that is until your board of directors decides what improvements to make with next year's membership proceeds. Like responsible drunken sailors with a paycheck I'm sure the board will act on several proposals designed to make the club more enjoyable to the membership as well as easier

to maintain. There's a lot to be said for ease of maintenance. For instance, after replacing all the hinge hardware on the dock this spring with much sturdier bolts and pins, I did not find myself hanging off the dock attempting emergency repairs in forty knot winds even *once* this summer. A few more years of these improvements and the hardest job we'll have will be to let the dock in and out. Saturday morning may become a time for sailing. What a concept!

Here's hoping that we have the same high water levels next year. It's great to sail without colliding with underwater obstacles. The rudder always looks better affixed to the boat than lodged on the aquatic equivalent of a granite boulder with half the transom dangling off of it. One particular stump I know of proudly wears at least four different colors of bottom paint (yes, you know the one). We hope that the claims of the Corps holding the lake relatively near normal pool during dam reconstruction are accurate. If we have to start yielding to dump trucks while sailing we'll know those assertions were in error. Find out next year....

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the club this year. Our facility is looking better than ever and will continue to improve. Just a reminder that we will be winterizing equipment and pulling the dock walkway out of the water on 4 December. This is an informal workday, so if you would like to join us in battening down the hatches please plan on being there.

Until next time, stay upwind



Colleen Lindgren at the helm with first mate, Anne Marchin, during June Women's Sailing Seminar

Women's Sailing Seminar was a highlight of the year

By Diane Barker, Commodore

As another great sailing season draws to a close, I'd like to remind you that this is some of the best sailing weather we have on Tuttle Creek. There's nothing like being out on the water with the migrating birds rising off the water around the boat, filling the air with the flash of setting sun on their wings.



And now to the nuts and bolts of the club. I'd like to thank all of the members who have come out for work-days to spruce up the club and those who consistently take the time to mow and tidy up around the shelter, dinghy park, and grounds. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are appreciated.



From Left: Diane Barker with Colleen Lindgren and Ann Marchin applying newly learned skills on the water

One of the events that made this a particularly fun season for me was the Women's Sailing Seminar held

June 19 and 20. Saturday morning we had a lively ground school at Java taught by Jane Thompson and Jack Hayes with props provided by Chris Ross. Then on Sunday we got on the water with expert sailing instruction from Marty and Harriet Ottenheimer, Gene Lindgren, Chris Ross, and with Anne Murray on stand-by. Our instructors did a great job, and the students reported that there was no yelling or cursing as they executed the required maneuvers of tacking, jibing, and approaching a mooring or dock.



From left: Ann Murray, Marjorie Marchin, Katherine Marchin and Gene Lindgren preparing for hands-on training

Our novice sailors who now simply need to log more time at the helm include Colleen Lindgren, Tracie Kalic, and many Marchins: Anne, Marjorie, Katherine, and Madelaine. Diane Pikul attended the ground school, but we have yet to give her the instruction on the water. Each participant and instructor received a beautiful cap compliments of the club with the BVYC logo stitched on the front. These commemorative caps will certainly become collector's items as I have since learned that these are "old man" style caps. Women, don't let that deter you, sail with pride in those caps. As we say in sailing, "you learn something everyday whether you want to or not."

Thanks again to all those who helped put the Women's Sailing Seminar together, especially Henry Otto, and to our participants. It was great fun, and I hope we make sailing seminars a regular part of our club activities.



Women's Seminar photos provided by Diane Barker

BVYC Annual Dinner and Corporation Meeting

Saturday, November 13th, 2004

Valentino's Restaurant

Gathering at 6:00 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM

Italian Buffet – Business Meeting – Election of Officers

Program: “Won’t You Come Home Dick Bailey?”

A BVYC member - dismasted, shipwrecked and currently sailing in Lake Champlain - will come home to tell his story

Also

During the evening members may view and buy beautiful photographs taken by Phil Hostetter, noted photographer and charter BVYC member who recently passed away

Cost of the dinner will be less than \$10.00 per person

Members pay at the door with cost dependent upon age and type of drink

Please let the social directors know if you can make this important event

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Zelenka and crew represent BVYC in Perry Commodore's Cup

By Randy Zelenka, Race Director

As most of the local racers know there hasn't been much of a racing season this year. In the spring we had very strong winds and I began to think the committee boat was possessed and attracted heavy winds once launched. As the season progressed the committee boat finally succumbed to engine problems beyond repair and was taken to the local shop. After one attempt to repair the motor is still not operational and it is back in the shop and may have finally had it.



Randy Zelenka and crew preparing the "Line Drive" prior to the first race

With the racing itch working hard I read about the Perry Yacht Club Commodore's Cup and decided to assemble crew for the race. Once I found 4 volunteers (Bob Mullen/Dave Sislo/Ken Hays/Sean Kalic) who were willing to master a sprit boat and spinnaker sets and douses. The Antrim isn't a complicated boat but there

are enough lines to confuse anyone who hasn't been on that type of boat before. We had a month to figure it all out and go to Perry Lake to compete. We practiced as time allowed and everyone had the thrill of a full-blown broach and happy to see the boat actually does right itself. Our tactician actually got to swim along while lying in the lifelines.



The "Line Drive" running before the wind

It felt good to compete against larger boats, as we were one of the smallest boats in our fleet but rated the fastest. We raced well but made our share of tactical errors; a bad spinnaker set or douse or steering down the bad side of the course is all it takes to lose a race. We got better as we continued to race, and continued improvement by helmsman and crew made the boat go faster. On the last race we took the gun, a nice end to the regatta.

There were 35 boats competing in the regatta, and we did well, finishing the regatta in the top 50 percent and had a great time. The Perry Yacht Club put on an excellent regatta and we represented the BVYC well.

Regatta photos were provided by Randy Zelenka



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Enjoy cool weather and clear skies but BE SAFE

By Bob Mullen

Although weather is cooler than normal, the lake level is higher than normal for this time of year. According to Greg Wurst, COE, the lake will remain at its present level of around 1075 for some time because a drawdown of Tuttle Pond to build a road and addition to the park. Outflow of the lake will remain at a trickle. This should be welcome news to BVYC sailors. The beautiful lake, lack of rain and predicted sunshine in spite of cool weather makes for a great fall sail. A warm jacket and thermos of spiced cider would enhance the sailing atmosphere. Dinghy sailors should note the decreasing water temperatures and keep safety in mind when heading out.



[Consider taking the Kansas On-line Boater Safety Course](#)