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Welcome aboard

By Diane Barker, commodore

Welcome aboard the 2005 sailing season with the BVYC. Now, while the snow is on the ground and ice coats the Indian grass, is the time to patch those sails and dinghies. The Spring Banquet will be here before we know it, and some of us will have boats on the water.

This year the Corps of Engineers has required the Blue Valley Yacht Club to carry liability insurance as a condition of renewing our lease. This has caused a modest increase in the membership dues from \$75 to \$100. If you get your membership in early, the fee will be only \$90. Of course we never raise fees lightly, but club liability insurance has been a much-discussed con-

cern. I'm sure we will all sail a little easier knowing that the BVYC has this coverage.

Please take a look at the tentative calendar and mark our yearly events, the Spring and Fall Banquets, Pig Roast, the Chapman, Shipley and Bennett Spring Series races, the Scott Liebler Memorial Day Long Distance Race, and the Labor Day Long Distance Race. Keep watching the newsletters for additional events like full-moon sails, raft-ups, sailing seminars, safety seminars, bonfires, and racing schedule updates.

If I don't see you out at the club, I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Banquet.



Club ends 2004 season with Fall Banquet

By Bart Bartholomew, editor



Club members and guests dining at Valentino's Restaurant

Forty three members and guests of the Blue Valley Yacht Club gathered at Valentino's Restaurant on Saturday, November 13, for the Club's Annual Fall Banquet. Bob and Jane Mullen, social chairpersons, had arranged for our partaking of the sumptuous array of foods prepared by the restaurant and had also arranged for the guest speaker. Thanks Bob and Jane for a wonderful evening and for all the social gatherings that you had organized throughout the year.

The annual banquets always provide opportunities to get to know the new members who have joined during the season as well as to re-welcome former members and guests. It was especially enjoyable to have Ralph Teaford and his guest, Elaine Shea, spend the evening

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

For Sale:

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. 785-456-1215 or 785-761-8883

Lost and Found (Call 539-4759)

Found – at the pig roast. Navy knit shirt; x lg; short sleeves.

Lost – at the Dec workday. Wool rag gloves with leather palms. Did anyone find them or did animals carry them off?

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Send in your application now

By Bart Bartholomew, secretary

Happy New Year! You have undoubtedly used that greeting many times during the past few days as you extended to family members, friends and colleagues your wishes for the best of everything during the new year. How about helping your board of directors have a happy new year by filling out and sending in your application with a check right now.

I have heard over the past few years that some of you delay filling out your application because you don't know your registration number and you are waiting until you make a trip to the yacht club to copy it from the boat. To make things easy for you I have included a spreadsheet that contains all of the data that you submitted last year with you application. IF THE DATA HAS NOT CHANGED, then you don't have to send it to me again. Obviously, you need to fill in your name and we need to know which of the fee categories apply to you. Those two areas of information and CHANGED INFORMATION are all that needs to be put on the form. Of course, don't forget the check.

One of the major challenges that I experience is to maintain a list of current email addresses. Again, check your email address on the spreadsheet closely and tell me if it is incorrect. During the year, if/when you change your email address, PLEASE tell me. As you are aware, the main means of communication within the club is via email and we don't want to miss you.


While I am on the topic of email addresses, I will explain again several email lists that I maintain for the Club. I will list them and tell you to whom they pertain.

sailors@bluevalleyyachtclub.org All members who have given me an address

directors@bluevalleyyachtclub.org All members of the board of directors

You can also find direct links to the individual members of the board of directors on the Club's website and in each edition of the on-line newsletter.

In summary, send in your application early so that you can save a few dollars and so that the board of directors can make appropriate financial decisions for the year.

I hope you have a new year filled with great sailing. 

Water safety will be the theme for 2005

By Bob Mullen

A look around the BVYC grounds would reveal several activities that are safety concerns. Raising a mast by manpower or by use of the mast lift is one; raising a boat in the boat lift is another. Launching and retrieving boats by auto or tractor have elements of danger, and harbor maintenance as well as overall grounds maintenance often requires the use of hazardous equipment. The directors and general membership seem to be aware of the dangers associated with these activities, and that awareness has prevented major injuries although there have been some accidents and near misses.

We have not been so fortunate in pursuit of our major club activity out on the lake because water safety often is taken for granted, given lip service or simply relies on common knowledge (often ignorance) of the participants. In the shadow of last November's drowning it goes without saying that we can do more to educate our members in water safety, so, the BOD is now in the process of developing a Water Safety Education Program.

The four sailors who drowned during the past three years were not wearing PFD's (life jackets) nor were there sufficient life jackets aboard the vessels that capsized. The state and federal rules require

that a vessel have a PFD for each person aboard, but does not require that everyone wear them. It is unlikely that a BVYC Safety Policy will augment those state rules. We do not envision members being assigned police duty to ensure that rules are followed; rather, we hope that safety education will provide an awareness of good seamanship and water safety practices and that members will feel comfortable promoting safety around the club area. The club is exploring specific ideas that include:

Assistance from the CG Auxiliary or Power Squadron

Safety Testing

Purchase of a more reliable rescue launch/ race committee boat

A slogan similar to "Buckle UP"

We are asking for input from the membership before a policy is completed. Please send your thoughts and ideas to any board member. Also, if you hear of a good deal on a boat that would serve our purposes, let us know.



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with us. For the new members, Ralph was a very active member of the club for a number of years. You still see evidence of Ralph's time in the club every time you enter the tool shed, use the mast stepping lift and see that maroon colored Flying Scott out on the lake. Ralph and Elaine- thanks for coming to the banquet.

One of highlights of the Fall Banquet is the presentation of the race awards. The racing season had been greatly reduced this year due to the uncooperative spirit of weather and equipment. Nonetheless, several races had been held and awards were presented.

We were pleased that Nancy Chapman could be with us again to present the **Chapman, Shipley and Bennett**

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Bob Mullen receiving the Chapman, Shipley and Bennett Spring Series trophy from Nancy Chapman

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Spring Series trophy to Bob Mullen. Bob also received an award for second place in the Summer Series.

The coveted **Scott Liebler Memorial** trophy was awarded to Chris Ross by Race Director, Randy Zelenka, with Ken Conrow receiving recognition for second place and Bart Bartholomew for third. Bart also received an award for first place in the Summer Series.



**Chris Ross receiving Scott Liebler Memorial trophy
from Randy Zelenka**

The nominees for the Board of Directors for 2005 were announced by Rear Commodore Wayne Martin and they were unanimously approved by the membership. The Board is listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Closing out the evening were remarks by two of our very own, Dick and Dee Bailey. The Bailey's educated and entertained us with tales of their adventures both on land and sea with their new pride and joy, a Hunter 26, named Wind Rider. To avoid misquoting Dick and Dee, I won't attempt to summarize their experiences. Suffice it to say that if you missed their presentation, be sure to seek them out and ask them to tell you about their experiences.

Dick and Dee's remarks were entitled, "Won't you come home, Dick Bailey", a play on words with the title of a song that some of the Club members are old enough to remember. Dick and Dee, we're glad that you are safely back home. One thing that I surely learned from your remarks is that I will certainly check my truck's fuel gauge before starting to tow my boat across a twenty-eight mile long bridge.

