



# Konza Sailor

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## Club ends year with Fall Banquet

Manhattan's recently renovated Union Depot was the site of the Club's Annual Fall Banquet on December 2. The Club, having grown accustomed to social extravaganzas throughout the year thanks to the hard work and creativity of social chairpersons, Jeff and Jennifer Hancock, found the Fall Banquet to be equally enjoyable.


Upon arrival in the depot, one immediately became aware that the evening belonged to sailors. The model sailboat surrounded with trophies was indicative of the activities to follow. Commodore Wayne Martin welcomed members and guests and everyone settled down for a delicious fried chicken dinner, catered by the famous Brookville Hotel.

Following the dinner each board member reported on accomplishments within his purview during the past year. A major report was that of Race Director Gene Lindgren as he passed out trophies, certificates and wine to the winners of this year's Club Races. Members of the Club were once again pleased to have as their guest, Ms. Nancy Chapman from Olathe to present the Chapman, Shipley and Bennett Memorial Trophy. Ms. Chapman is the mother of Kyle Chapman, one of the three K-State students who lost their lives in a sailing accident on Tuttle Reservoir in December 2001.

The evening ended with a presentation by Dr. John Harrington, Jr., Professor and former Head of the Department of Geography at Kansas State University. His presentation, "Rapid Global Changes – Assessments, Drivers and Implications" gave each of us much food for thought and discussion on the controversial topic of global warming.



**The Handcocks' model sailboat and various trophies create the ambiance for the annual awards banquet**

If you missed this year's Fall Banquet and other social activities, all is not lost. By unanimous vote, the entire board of directors who served so admirably during 2006 will once more be at the helm of the Blue Valley Yacht Club during 2007. Thank you directors for a wonder 2006 season. We will look forward to even greater events in 2007. 

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

**Editorial**

**By Bart Bartholomew**

I am glad that I was present at the Fall Banquet and heard with my own ears that I had been “appointed” as the newsletter editor. If I hadn’t heard it myself, I would have thought it was either a bad joke or a bad dream. Since I know it’s true, allow me to thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Actually, I enjoy being the newsletter “editor.” What I don’t enjoy is being the newsletter “writer.” Here is where each member enters the equation.

I can not imagine a single member of the Blue Valley Yacht Club who doesn’t have something to share with the other members. If you are wondering, “What can I share?” here are a few ideas. You could: write an article about a very special sailing experience right here on Tuttle Reservoir, write an article about a sailing experience you have had on a vacation, write an article about a certain sailing skill that you think may be educational to new or less-experienced sailors within the club, submit a photograph pertaining to any of the above, write a book review on one of your favorite sailing books, . . . the list goes on endlessly. I, of course, will look forward to lots of input from our board of directors but I am of the opinion that the newsletter must be more than their reports. Please do your part in making the Konza Sailor a worthwhile publication.

While I hopefully have your attention I will also address my function as you webmaster and communications coordinator.

As webmaster, I attempt to maintain a website that provides information to prospective members and serves as a repository for historical documents and photographs. Again, I know that most of you have digital cameras. Please send me photographs of sailing activities so that I can post them on the Club’s web site. I promise to give you credit for the photographs that I use.

As communications coordinator, I attempt to keep an up-to-date email distribution list that contains a valid email address for each of our members. I can only do that if you tell me when you change your email address. Our current distribution list for all the members is:

[konzaboaters@bluevalleyyachtclub.org](mailto:konzaboaters@bluevalleyyachtclub.org) If you have a need/desire to write to the entire club membership, the above address will take your message to everyone.

Last, but not least, even though I am absent for extended periods of time, I am never far from my laptop computer. I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year. Smooth sailing! Bart



**McHUMOR** by T. McCracken



## Commodore's Welcome

(from Fall Banquet program)

By Wayne Martin

Although it ended much too early, the 2006 sailing season at BVYC was most successful. We've made progress in many areas, so perhaps it would be instructive to reflect on the accomplishments completed this year.

Our work on the shelter continues with safety railings installed on the east side. Plans are ready for a set of steps leading down to a patio where the fire pit is now. Hopefully we can bring about completion of this phase of the project next spring. Some type of retractable screen or wind block is also being discussed, but thus far no plans have been finalized.

The most decrepit sections of the main dock were replaced and stabilized earlier in the season. It was a refreshing change not to be hanging off the dock in gale force winds trying to repair a broken hinge or damaged coupling. Our plan is to complete the upgrades early in 2007 so that the dock will remain serviceable well into the future. The BOD has decided that since the lake is so low this year our dock will remain in place until the spring when it will be pulled and revamped in a timely manner that will not inconvenience anyone.

The club grounds looked really good in 2006 thanks to the efforts of several key individuals, most notably Ron & Linda Frey. Many thanks for the energy everyone put into making BVYC a much nicer club in 2006.

Work on the moorings is an ongoing endeavor. Bob Mullen's excellent record keeping detailing what has been accomplished will serve subsequent Boards well in deciding which moorings require attention. Thank you to Bob and all the volunteers who helped him this year. Mooring work is difficult at best and we appreciate your exertions on behalf of the club.



**Commodore Martin  
welcomes guests at Fall Banquet**

Social activities were a great success thanks to Social Directors Jeff & Jen Hancock and the hard work of the members. Henry Otto and Ron & Linda Frey also deserve special recognition for the excellent and fun events they planned and implemented.

With the little space left here I would like to personally thank the Board of Directors for what I consider a very productive year. The same BOD will remain in place for the 2007 season if the membership will have us. Many exciting plans for the new year are being discussed and we have a chance to dramatically improve our facilities in 2007. Remember, most of the accomplishments achieved thus far are due to the efforts of the members through volunteer labor, and to everyone who helped at the work days and on their own time I salute you for your dedication.

Thank you all for being members of the BVYC and for your love of sailing. We look forward to making our organization better with each passing year.

Sail safe! We'll see you on the water.



## Stumps galore!

If you haven't been out to Tuttle Cove within the past month or two I strongly encourage that you take a trip on the next sunny day before the water rises once again. With the water level hovering around the 1068 level, portions of our cove appear more like a stubble field than a body of water.

Most frightening to me is the fact that one of our moorings is in the middle of a large cluster of small stumps. My guess is that there are similar stumps in the

vicinity of other moorings as well. In my opinion, we should never allow someone to dive overboard from one of our moored boats.

I have often heard people say that the buoy at the mouth of our cove marks a hazard. Take a look now and see that the buoy marks a huge field of hazards.

Likewise, take a look at the lake and notice the lone stumps that appear a considerable distance from the shoreline.

The low water level provides us an excellent opportunity to learn about our sailing environment; take advantage of this opportunity. **Bart, Editor**



## Photographs from the Fall Banquet



Above,  
Food a-plenty for hungry sailors and guests

There are many additional photographs on the Club website:  
[www.bluevalleyvachtclub.org](http://www.bluevalleyvachtclub.org)

Below:

Ms. Nancy Chapman presents the Chapman, Shipley and Bennett Memorial Trophy to Marty Ottenheimer



Below:

Bob Mullen, Suzanne Otto, Henry Otto, Ron Frey and Linda Frey proudly pose with the trophy received for their entry in the Mayor's Holiday Parade. The Ottos and Freys decorated Bob Mullen's Sunfish and entered it in the parade. Their efforts resulted in this handsome trophy. What will we do to top this next year?



Above:  
Race Director Gene Lindgren presents the coveted Scott Liebler Memorial Trophy to Chris Ross, Captain of Fools' Night Out

