

TAHOE YACHT CLUB

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JANUARY - APRIL 2012

**TYC welcomes
new members and
PICYA delegates**

January thru April 2012

Club Calendar



around the Clubhouse

from Mariana Dye, General Manager

Winter is in full swing and, being your year-round clubhouse, we have plenty in store to keep you warm on these cold winter days and nights. Check our web site often for events and details or, if you prefer, you can always give me a call at (530) 581-4700 and I will be glad to update you on what is happening in and around the clubhouse.

Welcome Nick Bellarosa, TYCs new clubhouse manager

I am very excited to introduce Nick Bellarosa, our new clubhouse manager who will be responsible for coordinating all social and private party events as well as membership drives. In addition to managing our facilities, he will also be supporting our sailing program and **BLOCK & TACKLE**.



Born and raised in Summit, N.J., Nick received undergraduate degrees in both fine arts and marketing in 2002 from Kean University. He moved to Tahoe in the winter of 2007 to take advantage of the diverse recreational opportunities Northern California provides. The accomplished snowboard mountaineer has also raced mountain bikes at a professional level, and spent "way too much time," he says, fly fishing on local waters. Nick joins us from the Resort at Squaw Creek where he has been employed for the past five years. As the newest member of the TYC "boat," he is anxious to meet the membership and bring new ideas to the club.

Kate Howard leads advertising sales campaign

This year Kate Howard will be leading our 2012 advertising sales campaign for our quarterly Block & Tackles. If you wish to have an ad in any of TYC's quarterly publications, including the big Members' Magazine due out May 1, or know a business that might benefit, please give Kate a call and she would be happy to provide all the information required. Kate can be contacted at the clubhouse, by cell at (781) 799-6362 or by e-mail at katehoward@gmail.com.



General Manager Mariana Dye and "friend" welcomed members to the October 29th Halloween party.

Kate and Martin Fitch are our winter team of bartenders and along with Nick and myself, look forward to enjoying the coming winter with you.

NEW for 2012 Social and boating events now apply toward your minimum

Now there are more ways to meet your minimum! Beginning January 1, 2012, the board has approved \$100 of your annual member minimum can be applied toward any club sponsored event: socials, sailing, powerboating. The remainder of your minimum can be spent in bar and retail purchases, together with club rental for your private parties.

You can always check your statements, minimum expenditure, and roster information by using the "Member Login" in the upper right hand corner of our web site - www.tahoeyc.com. If you do not remember your login information, send us an e-mail or give us a call and we will be happy to assist you.

I am sure that the next time I sit down to write to all of you, spring will be in the air and we will have begun our countdown to the annual Fizz Fling, the club's traditional opening of the summer season. But for now, I would again invite you all to take advantage of our beautiful view and good company in the clubhouse.



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SNOW (ONCE UPON A TIME)

PHOTO: Staff Commodore Steve Lapkin



Comments
from the **Commodore**

Fellow Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your commodore. As I write these comments, we are closing out the month of December and the year 2011 with sweet and sour emotions. The sour taste comes from the still slowly performing economy and the high unemployment rate facing the country. Fortunately, the economic black cloud has finally passed over the club, and we are beginning to see improvements in TYC's financial condition, and a strong increase in membership. The sweet part of closing the year is remembering all the good times we have had including the recent First Fridays, "Souper Saturday," our Halloween party and fall Winemaker's dinner, Christmas gatherings and New Year's Eve -- all good times.

As 2012 unfolds before us, we can look forward to many more good times, and the many exciting events that have been planned for you by the hard-working Hospitality committee headed by Vice Commodore Dick Morton. The number of social events we offer is unprecedented for a yacht club of our size. We have been trying hard to include more members in managing these events, and are asking you to volunteer your time with some of the Hospitality events. Please contact Dick about the event you would like to help with or host.

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**



Staff Commodore Donna and Commodore Bruce Block (front and center) welcomed in the new year with their Tahoma neighbors/new members Heidi and Bud Bensley (behind right) and the Bensleys' guests, Tom and Leslie Ward.

Don't forget that we now have food service available at the club for both lunch and dinner from our downstairs neighbor, Dockside 700. Menus are available at the club, our bartenders will place your order and you will be served directly, all the while enjoying that fabulous view from your own private club.

Your board of directors have been meeting monthly to deal with the club's business, its problems and finding solutions for those problems. All our meetings [posted on the club's web site calendar and in BLOCK & TACKLE] are open to the membership, and I hope you will attend and participate.

In conclusion, you should know we are also working with the America's Cup organization to see how TYC can participate and be of help to them in 2013 when the Louis Vuitton Cup (challenger selection series) and 34th America's Cup finals move to San Francisco Bay.

That's all for now. See you at the club.

Bruce Block
Bruce Block, Commodore



Enjoying the music being played by the "American Bandstand" disk jockey in the Commodores' Room: (above) Sally Tollette; (right) Rod Sumpter and Susie Mason



Director Roger and Joan McGee



Vice Commodore Dick and Nileta Morton



Chris and Fiona Miller



Staff Commodore Jack and Cindy McKenna



Susanne Walker, with Bill and Olga Keever



Sally and Phil Chapman with son, Chris, and (right) Pat Lucas



JC Krise and Joyce Drechsler



Jim and Sally Subject



New Year's Eve at the Club *(continued)*

Toasting to the new year: (from left) Staff Commodore Rich and Sue Stout, John and Debbie Daugherty, Staff Commodore Jim and New Year's Eve birthday girl Mickey Gregory

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House Committee Report

On December 12, work began on reupholstering the bar chairs, the hickory table chairs and one sofa. Tahoe Canvas is doing the work for us and made a very generous offer that we accepted, including an upgrade to leather for the bar and hickory seats without an up-charge, Thank you, Tahoe Canvas/Deborah Selak.



from Rear Commodore Tom O'Rourke

Repairs to the rear bathroom were undertaken to replace the toilet, light, and light switch allowing for a safer and more pleasant environment.

Recently the Health Dept. inspected the clubhouse and found a slight defect in the bar dishwasher and our hot water supply to the bar sink. As a result, a new temperature gauge has been installed on the dishwasher and a 6-gallon instant hot water tank installed at the bar with all work passing inspection.

Our two clubhouse storage rooms, across the hall from the restrooms, are being re-organized to save space and remove unwanted items. When the job is completed we will be able to close our rented storage locker in Tahoe Vista and save \$175 a month in storage fees.

Welcome TYCs

NEWEST MEMBERS

Delia Grinzewitsch

Sacramento / Homewood, Calif.

Regular Membership approved September 2011. Sponsors: George Grinzewitsch, Bruce Block

With a wonderful sense of humor, Delia joins TYC for the opportunity to meet and mingle with people who share common interest in enjoying the Tahoe area. In addition to her Northern California homes, she also spends time at her home in Palm Desert at Big Horn. No stranger to private clubs, Delia is currently a member of three: Northridge, Del Paso, and Bighorn Country Clubs. Delia has one son, George, also a TYC member, and two grandchildren. She brings a 1998 21-ft Sea Ray to the club's fleet.

Brian Hamilton

Reno, Nev.

Young Adult Membership approved December 2011. Sponsors: Fred & Marla Gartrell

The son of new members Keith and Lyn Hamilton (July 2011), Brian is a student at the University of Nevada, Reno. Brian enjoyed Tahoe Yacht Club so much this summer that his mom decided to gift him his own TYC membership. Brian likes boating on his parents 30-ft. Cobalt, homeported at the Tahoe City Marina.

Judd & Margaret Holiday

Granite Bay / Homewood, Calif.

Regular Membership approved December 2011. Sponsors: Sue Stout, Deborah Selak

Judd is a real estate broker for Century 21 Select and Margaret is an administrator for San Juan Unified School District. As members of Sacramento YC, the couple enjoyed their reciprocal guest privileges at TYC on visits to their West Shore home. But now that the kids (Ryan, 24 and Amy, 21) have flown the coop, the Holidays are spending more time at the Lake, ready to make new Tahoe friends and join the TYC family. The Holidays, who kept a small ski boat on Tahoe for a spell, are now "between boats," so Judd is a good candidate for OTB crew this summer.

Lew Mitchell

Vallejo, Calif.

Regular (Old Friend) Membership approved November 2011

Tahoe Yacht Club is delighted to welcome back Lew Mitchell, a TYC member from 1975 to 1980. Lew has many stories to share: first as a retired naval officer/aviator (ask him about flying in *Tora Tora Tora*, the epic movie about the attack on Pearl Harbor) and as a former res-

taurant owner. He and his late wife and chef Louise were owners of Tahoe City's popular Waterwheel, near the current River Grill Truckee river location, before moving to Los Angeles where they operated a very successful upscale oriental restaurant for many more years. Lew is also a former Tahoe City PUD board member.

Dr. Ray Roberts & Michelle Perry

Reno, Nev. / Tahoe Vista, Calif.

Regular Membership approved November 2011. Sponsors: Rod Stumpter, Deborah Selak

Ray and Michelle have been homeowners in Incline and Tahoe Vista for years, and enjoy boating on the Lake, TYC functions and meeting new people. The couple, who also enjoy skiing, biking, and hiking, are excited about the club's year 'round activities, and especially interested in the Penguin program, the Foundation's *Concours d'Elegance*, along with the club's social and wine events. They are owners of *Peska*, a 1992 18.5-ft Sea Swirl.

Richard & Susan Votaw

Tahoe City, Calif.

Regular Membership approved December 2011. Sponsors: Rick Raduziner, Stacy Conner

Rich owns a very successful local insurance company: Farmers Insurance. The Votaws and their two children, 14-year-old Nicholas and Simon, 9, love boating and will be a great addition to our membership. Rich and Susan are a big part of our local Tahoe City community. The Votaws own a 2006 26-ft Sea Ray, christened *Zireli* and are interested in social events.

Congratulations to all of you for being proactive "boosters" for our club, resulting in a successful year of attracting new members!

To date, the board has approved 30 new memberships: 21 regular members, one non-resident member, two young adult members, and six "old friends" (past TYC members rejoining).

Our returning "old friends" offer continues and our new 2012 membership campaign is being defined so stay tuned. YOU are making a huge difference so let's keep this terrific momentum going!

TYC Membership
Committee

Lew Mitchell (above) and Judd and Margaret Holiday at December's First Friday



Ring in the New Year (below) Dr. Ray Roberts and Michelle Perry



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Staff Commodore Donna Block, Commodore Bruce Block, PICYA Commodore Linda Breninger, Past RBOC President David Breninger, and TYC Delegates Kathy and Ray Holstead. PHOTO courtesy Johnnie Owen

TYC hosts 60 Northern California club delegates for fall PICYA meeting

from Ray Holstead, TYC Delegate

TYC was proud to host the October PICYA delegates meeting at our clubhouse on October 1 where approximately 60 delegates attended the Saturday evening dinner meeting catered by TYC members Chef Paul and Deborah Selak. The delegates enjoyed our beautiful Lake views and commented on how friendly and welcoming our club is. The delegates were welcomed with a Champaign toast hosted by Commodore Bruce Block. A special thanks to General Manager Mariana Dye and the staff for doing an outstanding job behind the bar, organizing the dinner with Selaks, decorating the clubhouse, and making all delegates feel welcome. I've been told by many that this was the best delegates' meeting of the year.

The November Delegates meeting is the annual awards program held at Encinal YC in Alameda. Benicia YC won the Club of the Year (COTY) with a perfect score of 250 points to earn the title and Five Star rating. Tahoe Yacht Club was awarded a Two Star rating in the Club of the Year Award with 144 points (just missing the Three Star of 150 points) and earned a certificate of appreciation for having another perfect year's attendance at delegates meetings for a total of four consecutive years.

Upcoming events are the Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers at Corinthian YC on January 28, Management Conference on March 24, and Opening Day on the Bay on April 29. I encourage you to consider attending the Manager Conference to learn about yacht club management and Opening Day on the Bay aboard the California Hornblower for an incomparable view of the parade and a delightful day on San Francisco Bay. Current information for these and all PICYA activities is always available at www.picya.org.



96th annual

Opening Day on the Bay Sunday, April 29

Go to picya.org for pictures of 2011's winning decorated boats and information to come on this year's theme.

RBOC: Copper-based bottom paints allowed in California

The biggest issue facing RBOC this year was the future use of copper-based bottom paints in California. After much work, RBOC was able to get SB 623 amended to allow the use of low leach, low copper content paints. The legislation was made into a two-year bill which allows RBOC, the author, and interested parties to investigate the science in assessing the toxicity of copper bottom paints while not penalizing California's recreational boaters.



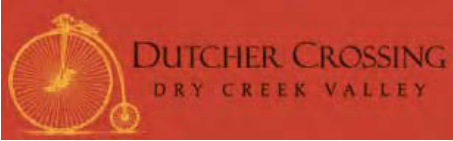
Other issues include: working with the State lands commission and the Department of Boating and Waterways to develop legislation dealing with abandoned vessels; defending boaters' interest in the ethanol debates along with Boat/US; and the potential degradation of the GPS system. RBOC is grateful for your calls, letters, and emails to senators, congressional representatives, and state politicians that directed attention to these important matters.

RBOC work supported by your voluntary contributions

Along with your dues renewal, please consider the optional \$20 (or more) RBOC donation. Recreational Boaters of California is the non-profit governmental advocacy organization that works to protect your boating interests, and strives to achieve a balance between protecting the environment and the responsible use of our waterways. Because RBOC is supported only by voluntary contributions made by PICYA member organizations, please give this optional line item donation on your renewal statement favorable consideration.

Wine-tasting

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TYC



Saturday, January 28 6 p.m.

Dutcher Crossing is a charming boutique winery some 70 miles north of San Francisco, where guests are often greeted by its proprietor, Debra Mathy, and her Golden Retriever, Dutchess. Along with winemaker Kerry Damskey, Mathy takes a hands-on, on-site approach to running the business she's owned since 2007. Dutcher Crossing's signature wine is a vineyard-designated cabernet

sauvignon-syrah blend. Although done for decades in Australia, this is the first of its kind in Dry Creek Valley, according to Damskey who has become a strong advocate of blending in his 30-plus year career.

While Dutcher Crossing boasts numerous gold and double gold medals, the most recent is a 2011 San Francisco Chronicle Gold Medal for its 2009 sauvignon blanc. Not to be outdone, its 2010 bottling was named NorthBay biz magazine's 2011 best sauvignon blanc; the third year in a row for the winery's "go-to" wine. With their sauvignon blanc, Damskey likes to start with good, defined Dry Creek Valley fruit, add viognier to bump up the



New Wine Events Chairman Ray and Pat Landgraf enjoy a glass of Duckhorn merlot at November's Winemaker's Dinner.

flavors, then a bit of roussanne and semillon to give more body and texture.

Join us for our January 28 wine-tasting and bring your friends. There's no cost or reservations needed for the evening but the contribution of an appetizer to enjoy with the Dutcher Crossing wines would be greatly appreciated!

Winemaker's Dinner

with

ROMBAUER WINERY

Saturday, April 21 ~ 6 p.m.



When former Braniff pilot Koerner Rombauer and his wife moved to Napa Valley in the early 1970s, they had no intention of starting a winery. But the Southern California natives did have an appreciation for the role of wine in the fine dining experience. (*Koerner is the great-nephew of Irma Rombauer, whose "Joy of Cooking" has been the bible of American home cooking for nearly 80 years!*) It wasn't long before they became partners in Conn Creek Winery, learning the business from the cellar on up before beginning construction of their own winery in 1981, adjacent to their home just off the Silverado Trail in St. Helena.

Today, Rombauer is the "must visit winery" in Napa Valley with its famous caves that extend more than a mile into the hillside providing a constant temperature and humidity resulting in optimum conditions for aging the family's wines. And its wines – the lion's share in chardonnay, followed by cabernets, zinfandels and merlot – are consistently ranked high in the wine trade journals and featured on the wine lists of many of the finest restaurants throughout the country.

Plan now to join us on April 21 and enjoy Rombauer's emphasis on the "joy of wine" as a complement to good food and good friends at TYC's first Winemaker's Dinner of 2012.

Ramazzotti Wines



Saturday, February 11 6 p.m.

Founded in 2002, Ramazzotti is a small family-owned and operated winery located in beautiful Sonoma County's hidden gem - Geyserville, Calif. Joe and Norma Ramazzotti's experience growing grapes and managing vineyards in Dry Creek and Alexander Valley has resulted in a winery of handcrafted, small lot artisan wines which include their signature blends of Regale (cabernet), Raffinto (Super Tuscan), Ricordo (zinfandel); sparkling, rosè, chardonnay, sangiovese and port.

According to TYC wine events chairman Ray Landgraf, the sangiovese and Super Tuscan should go especially well with Fred and Linda Greifenstein's "Polentata," featuring homemade Polenta al Sugo, planned for the evening...more details to come!



Speaking on behalf of Duckhorn Vineyard: Ashley Kassis

Below: Susie Mason with Gehren Thelan and Kim Stearns



Jake's on the Lake Executive Chef Scott Yorkey with Commodore Bruce Block, Deborah and Chef Paul Selak.

Below: Ron Roth (left) with Jimmie Richardson and Richard Okano.

PHOTOS: Keith Mason



Mary Fran Rowland with Lou and Fran Gerhardy




An Evening with Duckhorn Wine Company was an enjoyable and educational night. Ashley Kassis took 52 members and guests through the Duckhorn family of wines. Migration chardonnay and pinot noir, Duckhorn merlot, and Paraduxx Napa Valley red were paired with wonderful food prepared by Jake's on the Lake under the supervision of Chef Scott Yorkey. Thanks to Andreas Papaliolios and Scott Yorkey for developing a menu that complimented the wines so well for our fall Winemaker's Dinner at the club on November 19.

From Ray Landgraf,
Wine Events Chairman

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SOCIAL SCENE



This was her costume AND her cake for Dorothy Prowell's 87th birthday.



Halloween Party

Saturday, Oct. 29

Another over-the-top Halloween costume party with the prize for the scariest going to "Moammar Gadhafi" (Bill Yundt, inset). Too bad there wasn't a category for Commodore Bruce "Cereal Killer" Block." (Check out the knives in the Cheerios box.)



Leading the fashion parade: (above) John and Eve Lockton; (below) Alex McDonald and Sharene



Lynn Hurst kicks up her heels in blonde wig and cheerleader uniform.



"Golfer" Jon Spencer and "pirate" Sally Stone with Napa Valley guests, Tyra and Todd Meginness



It's not Halloween without a witch or two or three: (from left) new member Andrée Benson, daughter Suzanne Byer, and Mickey Gregory



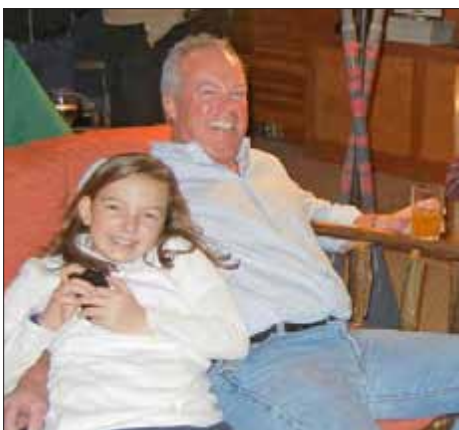
An un-masked "Phantom of the Opera" Steve Lind (far left) with Donna ("Carmen Miranda") and Bruce Block, Mary Jo and Bill Hutchens

First Fridays

November and December 2011



TYC Directors Rick Raduziner and Fred Greifenstein, treasurer



Stan Morrical and daughter, Claire, chillin' out in front of the fireplace



New members Patty and Steven Vanni



Snowbirds Theresa Avril (standing) and Staff Commodore Ron Rupp with daughter, Brittany.



Rod Sumpter (left) brought a cake for all to share to celebrate Jorge Farinacci's 34th November birthday.



Chuck and Cindy Pfaff

FIRST FRIDAY HOSPITALITY HOSTS

Bruce and Donna Block (November)

Deborah Selak and Sue Stout (December)

Get involved with Hospitality!

TYC's Hospitality committee is planning a great year of social events and we'd like you to get involved as a party-er AND a planner!



from Vice Commodore Dick Morton

"First Fridays" are a great way to start your weekend and catch up with friends. Starting at 5 p.m., enjoy hosted hors d'oeuvres at the club (the menu arranged by a different Hospitality host each month) and your favorite libation. "Souper Saturdays" soup-and-sandwich supper followed by a speaker is both a fun and informative monthly event. Theme parties range from Chinese New Year and Murder Mystery Night dinners to our traditional March "McPotluck," and Easter Egg Hunt for the kids, right on through to Oktoberfest, Halloween, Santa and New Year's Eve. AND we're always open to new ideas!

Joining the Hospitality committee is your chance to meet members and get involved. The club has a budget for the social events; what we need NOW is your ideas and enthusiasm.

If you'd like to volunteer or just learn more about what we do, please get in touch—Dick and Nileta Morton, Hospitality committee co-chairs, (530) 546-4559, Morton@jutland.com or Nick Bellarosa at (530) 581-4700, clubmanager@tahoeyc.com.



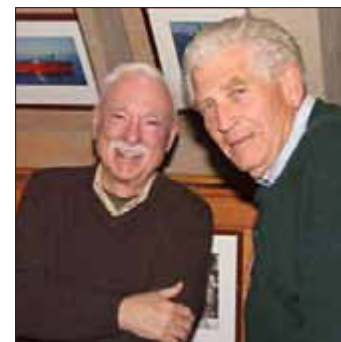
Guest speaker Bill Watson, Thunderbird Lodge manager and curator, and TYC member, with Susan Grove, California State Parks.

Below: Staff Commodores Ken Selvidge and John Utter, Port Captain

Souper Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 12

More than 50 members and guests were treated to a rare glimpse of the legendary George Whittell, in recently recovered "home" movies, including his 60th birthday party with Cal-Neva showgirls at the Thunderbird Lodge and aboard his magnificent new yacht. A fascinating presentation and look back to Tahoe in the early '40s.



SOCIAL SCENE



Santa Party Saturday, Dec. 17



The elves gave each child a hand-puppet so they could make Santa's shy puppet "Lamb Chop" feel welcome before entertaining all with her rambunctious rendition of Jingle Bells.



In addition to the hand-puppets, everyone who visited with Santa received a gift — from sleeping bags to pirate ships and brightly-colored snow sleds.

Staff Commodore Donna Block joined Santa in thanking Rod Sumpter, Jorge Farinacci and Mariana Dye for helping to make this the best Santa Party yet.



Mac'n cheese and mini hot dogs were popular items on the potluck buffet.



One good swing was all it took for the pinata to give up its candy treats.



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Penguin Ski Days off to a rocky start

At this point all we can say, for sure, is to keep watching your e-mail for the latest updates on our Penguin ski schedule for 2012. Winter may be officially here but the good skiing is yet to come with only limited runs at many resorts, mostly with man-made snow. Keep doing your “snow dances” for a good storm or two before our first outing, now moved to Friday, Jan. 27, at Alpine Meadows.

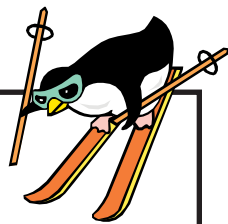


from
Head Penguin
Allan Ramsey

It's exciting, however, to hear of the new changes and improvements at many of our Tahoe Basin ski resorts for this year and in following years. The best news is the combining of Squaw Valley and Alpine ski areas and on one season pass. This solves many issues on being able to enjoy both ski areas for the price of one. This will make great skiing together, not only on our Penguin ski days but the weekend and weekdays in between.

While we are waiting for more snow, tune up your skis and your body so you will be able to enjoy the ski season (and Penguin potlucks) ahead. For those new to TYC, skiing with the Penguins is a great way to meet other members and all levels of skiing are welcome.

We will be sending you e-mails the weekend prior to each event with updates. Questions? Contact any of our Penguin leaders or call Mariana or Nick at the club, (530) 581-4700. See you on the slopes!



2012 Penguin Days

January 27 (Friday) –Alpine Meadows
Meet 9am lodge; TYC potluck 5:30pm
Leader: John Twomey, Allan Ramsey

February 3 (Friday)–Squaw Valley USA
Meet 9am Funitel; TYC potluck 5:30pm
Leaders: Nancy Cunningham, Wes Schimmelpfennig

February 10 (Friday)–Diamond Peak
Meet 9am lodge. Leader: Tom Rowland

Feb 25 (Friday)–Homewood
Meet 9am at main lodge TYC potluck 5:30pm.
Leader: Pat Lucas

Feb 25 to March 3 – Penguin Ski Trip tba

March 9 (Friday) – Sugar Bowl
Meet 9am at Judo Lodge/lunch at Old Lodge, 12:30pm.
Leaders: Lynn Osmundson, John Twomey

March 14 (Wednesday) – Kirkwood tba

March 23 (Friday) –Mt. Rose
Meet 9am main lodge; TYC potluck 5:30pm.
Leaders: Doug Ball, John Twomey and Allan Ramsey

April 13 (Friday) – Squaw Valley USA
Meet 9am at Funitel; Season-end barbeque at 1pm
Leaders: Larry Tomlinson, tba

**April 14 (Saturday) - Nordic Day (Snowshoe/
Cross-Country) at Paige Meadows**
Lunch on trail. Leader: John Twomey

TYC Presents:

“What Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas ...even Murder!!!”

Annual Murder Mystery Dinner & Play

Saturday, Feb. 18 - 5:30 p.m.

Two young lovers have eloped in defiance of the bride's father, Blackjack White who refused to give his daughter's hand in marriage to her betrothed, a burly biker with a bruising personality. As the happy couple stands at the altar ready to take their vows, Blackjack bursts into the tiny Las Vegas chapel in a violent rage, determined to stop the wedding. In the ensuing scuffle a gunshot rings out and Blackjack White drops dead to the floor with a bullet in his heart.

Who fired the shot? It has to be someone present at the ceremony:
Don't bet on the obvious...anything can happen in Vegas.

The fun of this event is to solve the crime. Each table is assigned the job of figuring out who 'done it'. TYC prizes will be provided to the table that has the correct solution. Ties will be broken and determined by the best presentation of facts and humor.

Presentation writer/director: Les Schwoob

Hosts: Les and Linda Schwoob

Dinner presented by D'Lish Catering Co. of Tahoe City

Call now for dinner reservations: (530) 581-4700

RUSSIAN DINNER

with premium Russian vodkas

Saturday, March 3 @ 6 pm

The menu is 100% authentic, as anyone who has been to Russia in the winter will attest. As we did last year, two Russian women from Reno – Tatyana and Olga – will be preparing the zakuski (appetizers) which include four kinds of piroshkies, salads, herring and salmon... all of which go very well with the six different premium Russian vodkas served on ice.

TYC Treasurer Fred Greifenstein, who spent over a year in Russia, will be serving up borscht (which is actually Ukrainian but don't tell anyone), Shchi (Russian beef stew), homemade black bread and more. Desert will be cranberry mouse and sweets from Reno's Russian Candy Store.

This is a winter event which is not to be missed!

Dinner: \$30 (includes the vodka)

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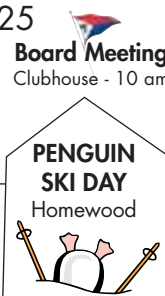
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Clubhouse Closed	3	4	5	6 FIRST FRIDAY Cocktail Party - 5 pm hosted hors d'oeuvres	7
8	9 Clubhouse Closed	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> Clubhouse Closed	17	18	19	20	21 Board Meeting Clubhouse 10 am 
Chinese New Year DINNER PARTY - 6pm Celebrate the YEAR OF THE DRAGON, Saturday, Jan. 21, with traditional Chinese appetizers and entrees catered by Tahoe City's Chinese Cuisine PLUS sake, hot tea and dessert. Reserve your chopsticks today!						
22	23 Clubhouse Closed	24	25	26	27  PENGUIN SKI DAY Alpine Meadows	28 WINE-TASTING with Dutcher Crossing - 6 pm
29	30 Clubhouse Closed	31	JANUARY 2012			

FEBRUARY 2012		1	2	3	4
 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY POTLUCK - starting at 2pm <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>The game (AND Super Bowl XLVI commercials) are more fun when you watch with friends! No reservations; no charge. Just bring your favorite snack, pizza, casserole or dessert to add to the football-watching spread.</p> </div>		 PENGUIN SKI DAY Feb. 3 - Squaw Valley USA	<i>Groundhog Day</i>	FIRST FRIDAY Cocktail Party - 5 pm hosted hors d'oeuvres	
		8	9	 PENGUIN SKI DAY Diamond Peak	11 WINE-TASTING and Polentata Night 6 p.m.
12	13 Clubhouse Closed	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17
MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT Dinner and Play - 6 pm "What Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas...even Murder!"					
19	20 <i>Presidents' Day</i> Clubhouse Closed	21	22	23	24
		 Dinner Night Friday, Feb. 24, with Chef Paul Selak Reserved seating, 6:30 to 8:30 pm The table is set just for you, lakeside in the Commodores' room. Watch your e-mail for menus and reserve your seating time by the Wednesday preceding each dinner.			
26	27 Clubhouse Closed	28	29 <i>Leap Day</i>		 Board Meeting Clubhouse - 10 am PENGUIN SKI DAY Homewood
PENGUIN SUN VALLEY SKI WEEK tba - FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3					

MARCH 2012

MARCH 2012				1	2 FIRST FRIDAY Cocktail Party - 5 pm hosted hors d'oeuvres	3 RUSSIAN DINNER - 6 pm
4	5 Clubhouse Closed	 31st Annual Winter Carnival March 2-11 (Parade: Tahoe City, Saturday, March 3, 11:30 am) Event Schedule: www.TahoeSnowFestival.com			9  PENGUIN SKI DAY Sugar Bowl	10 SOUPER SATURDAY with Charles Goldman 5:30 p.m.
11  Daylight Saving Time Begins	12 Clubhouse Closed	13	14  PENGUIN SKI DAY Kirkwood	15	McPotluck - 5:30 p.m. Bring an "Irish" dish to share, appetizer to dessert (anything GREEN also qualifies). Sample them all and vote for your favorite to take a prize! 	
18	19 Clubhouse Closed	20 <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21	22	23  PENGUIN SKI DAY Mt. Rose	24
25	26 Clubhouse Closed	27	28	29	30	31  Board Meeting Clubhouse - 10 am
				<i>Dinner Night with Chef Paul Selak</i> - reserved seating 6:30 to 8:30 pm		

1 <i>April Fools' Day Palm Sunday</i>	2 Clubhouse Closed	3	4	5	6 <i>Good Friday Passover begins at sundown</i> FIRST FRIDAY Cocktail Party hosted hors d'oeuvres	7 EASTER EGG HUNT & POTLUCK Clubhouse - 11 am 
8 <i>Easter</i>	9 Clubhouse Closed	10	 PENGUIN SKI DAYS Friday, April April 13 - Squaw Valley USA & BBQ Saturday, April 14 - Nordic Day, Paige Meadows		13	14 <i>Last Day of Passover</i> TAX NIGHT - 6 pm
15	16 Clubhouse Closed	17	18	19	20  WINEMAKER'S DINNER with ROMBAUER WINERY Clubhouse - April 21, 6 pm	21  Board Meeting Clubhouse - 10 am
22	23 Clubhouse Closed	24	25	26	27	28
29 PICYA OPENING DAY ON THE BAY - San Francisco	30 Clubhouse Closed	<h1>APRIL 2012</h1>				