



TAHOE YACHT CLUB

BLOCK & TACKLE

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*Ring in the New Year at
Tahoe Yacht Club*

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James M. Stratton, Jr.

August 24, 1928 ~ November 17, 2009

With sadness, we report the passing of Jim Stratton on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Tahoe Forest Hospital following a lengthy illness.

A TYC member since 1988, Strat had been part owner of MOLLY, the Chris-Craft Constellation that served for many years as the Committee Boat for the club's sailing program. In 1998, he turned author along with MOLLY partner, Rick Wood, to write the "The Safety Net" column for BLOCK & TACKLE, and over the next eight years, commented on everything from dockside manners to "rules of the road."



Although a veteran Transpac racer and skipper/owner of a variety of craft, boating was not the first love for the young man, raised in Berkeley where his father was a doctor and his grandfather, a professor of psychology at UC Berkeley. After graduating from Thacher School in Ojai, Strat took to the air as an U.S. Navy air cadet, serving two tours with patrol squadrons in Japan during the Korean War and attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Following his Navy stint, he flew as a pilot for Pan American Airways before moving into corporate flying with Volkswagen America from which he eventually retired some 20 years ago.

While based in San Francisco, Jim began building his Tahoe City home to use as a weekend get-away just after the 1960 Olympics. An avid skier, he'd worked as an instructor at Sugar Bowl during the early 1950s and helped to set the downhill courses for the 1960 winter games at Squaw Valley. After retiring, he made Lake Tahoe his permanent address and his Olympic Circle home became the site of 30-plus years of memorable Memorial Day weekend parties.

Jim is survived by his brother Dwight (Kathleen) of Escondido, Calif.; sisters, Patty, now living in Spain and Margo Peters, Pt. Richmond, Calif.; and his daughter, Michelle Stratton of Tahoe City. Memorials may be made to any Parkinson's Disease research or support organization of your choice. A celebration of Jim's life will be held on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, 2010.

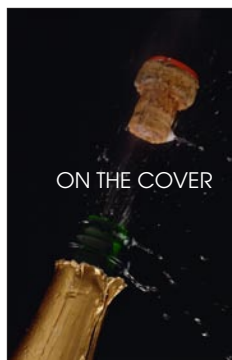
New Year's Eve at TYC

6:30 ~ 9:30 p.m.

Come celebrate New Year's Eve or just stop by for a cocktail and appetizer before you head out and about. The evening's complimentary for TYC members and guests but... **we do need your RSVP to help us plan.**

- Hosted appetizers and assorted finger foods prepared by Chef Paul Selak
- And a very special look back at 2009!

RSVP to 530.581.4700 or gm@tahoeyc.com



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Founded 1925

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Comments
from the
Commodore

As the holidays are upon us and a new year is fast approaching, there is a lot going on and lots to be done at the club. December promises to be another busy month for social events at TYC. Be sure to check the updated calendar in this issue or at www.tahoeyc.com for complete details on up-coming events in this very busy holiday season.

On the Social Calendar,

As always, we start the month with our “First Friday Celebration” on December 4 followed by the first “Souper Saturday” of the season on December 5, a light buffet supper followed by a guest speaker. This special night features Staff Commodore Bill Briner’s first-hand account of the early days at Squaw Valley culminating in the 1960 Olympics.

Then TYC’s holiday season “officially” gets underway with a visit from St. Nicholas on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the annual Santa Party. This is one of the club’s favorite events for children and grandchildren with lots to keep them busy: games, story-time and, of course, a word or two with Santa.

The clubhouse will be open every day of the week between Christmas and New Year’s Day at 4 p.m. for après ski and we have many special events planned for the holiday week.

On Sunday, Dec.27, our annual Holiday Winetasting provides a casual opportunity to enjoy some fine wines while socializing with old and new friends. It is also a great chance to introduce new people to TYC so please invite your neighbors and houseguests to come along.

Based on the success of our first Wii night over Thanksgiving (see page 7), we will be hosting Game Night at the club featuring the first-ever TYC Wii Bowling Tournament on Tuesday, Dec.29. If all of that is not enough, there is a Monday Night Football potluck every Monday evening in December.

A very special look back at 2009 at TYC’s New Year’s Eve

Please join your TYC friends in closing out the year in style at our annual New Year’s Eve Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 31. The club will be hosting delicious appetizers catered by TYC member Chef Paul Selak. Suzanne and I are also planning a very special



**Clubhouse
Holiday Hours**

Closed December 25
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26-27
- 12 noon to 8 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday, Dec. 27-31
- open for après ski at 4 p.m.

look back at 2009 along with a toast to 2010, Tahoe Yacht Club’s 85th season. We anticipate a full house and ask that you make reservations early so that everyone can be accommodated.

Holiday Shopping at the Boatique

While you are visiting the club this month, take a minute to complete your holiday shopping at TYC’s ship’s store. We have stocked up with new winter clothing for men and wom-

en as well as some wonderful household items like our Tervis Tumblers. All of these items come with the TYC burgee and make great gifts to share your love of Tahoe with family and friends.

If you can’t make it into the clubhouse in time for your holiday shopping needs, call and have the merchandise sent to your home. Or visit our online store at www.tahoeyc.epromo.com for even more gift ideas. Remember, too: purchases made in store or online apply toward your 2010 minimum.

Membership, a Gift of Lifelong Memories

Last month I mentioned our goals for new membership in the coming year. The 40/40 plan—40 new memberships at an average age of 40 years—is being put into action. The Membership Committee is hard at work to grow our club and this plan addresses the need to increase the size of our membership while focusing on the younger members who will be the future of this club. We need every one of our current members to help in this effort.

Tahoe Yacht Club has endured for 84 years because it has brought joy to the lives of its members who share a common bond in Lake Tahoe and all of the activities that this special place has to offer.

COMMODORE’S REPORT *continued next page*



Commodore Andy Wagner (center) and his wife, Suzanne Boucher (far right) join Lou and Fran Gerhardy and Nileta Morton for the Penguin’s season opener potluck dinner at the club on November 27. More pictures, page 5.

COMMODORE'S REPORT *continued from page 2*

This holiday season, please bring your family and friends into the club and allow them to experience TYC for themselves. Why not consider membership in TYC as a gift that can lead to lifelong memories?

**Thank you to our
Dedicated Volunteers**

I want to thank those dedicated members who continue to volunteer their valuable time to make our club function throughout the year. Whether it is conceiving and hosting parties, decorating the clubhouse, putting on events, planning for Tahoe Yacht Club's future or cre-

ating this newsletter, none of this would happen without volunteers.

The Board and committee structure with member participation is critical in making the club function. I particularly want to thank TYC's board members for their willingness to take on time consuming jobs while bringing relevant skills and passion to their work.

As members of the Tahoe Yacht Club you need to recognize that without these dedicated individuals' tireless commitment the club could not exist in its current form. You also need to volunteer your own time; our club cannot continue to exist with the participation of only a limited number of individuals.

Holiday Wishes

Suzanne and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and the very best in 2010. We look forward to an exciting year at the Tahoe Yacht Club. Times may change but the club will continue to deliver a variety of events for everyone and lots to do with old friends and the new friends we will meet.

Happy Holidays!



Andy Wagner
Commodore

NOVEMBER SOCIAL SCENE



Special thanks to TYC member Andreas Papaliolios (above) for all of his efforts in creating the wine and food pairings that made this an evening to remember.



Owen Korsmo, Marie O'Rourke and Hilary Ludwig were among the 34 members and their guests to enjoy the estate grown wines from the Santa Cruz Mountains vineyards.



Fred Greifenstein and Director Tom O'Rourke began the evening with Sarah's Vineyards' Chardonnay, followed by a Grenache, Syrah, and Double Gold-winning Pinot Noir.

November 14:

Winemaker's Dinner: a special Fall Harvest Celebration



The November dinner paired the gourmet cuisine of Scott Yorkey, (left) executive chef of Jake's on the Lake, with six award winning wines from Sarah's Vineyards, brought to us by Assistant Winemaker Tim O'Kelley. The four-course meal, served by Jake's staff, began with seared Mahi Mahi skewers and spaghetti squash cake, along with a 2007 Chardonnay to sip with the passed hors d'œuvres.



From left: Gordon and Jeanie MacAulay invited fellow Sacramentans and house guests, JoAnn and Leonard Martinelli, to join them for the club's annual fall Winemaker's Dinner.



Bev Bloodwoorth, Director/Treasurer Hal Robinson, Staff Commodore Doug Ball, Donna Reynolds, guests Robin and Milke Ball, and Nancy Ball.



Wes Schimmelpfennig, Director of the National Ski Patrol, Squaw Valley USA with fellow Penguin Jon Bloodworth



John McKinney and Sue Campbell with Dale Reynolds (center).



"Head Penguin" Allan Ramsey with his latest additions to the "flock" on display at the clubhouse.

2010 PENGUIN SKI SCHEDULE

- January 8 (Friday) – Squaw Valley USA**
Meet 9am at the Funitel/Lunch 12:30pm, Village (tba). Leaders: Nancy Cunningham and Wes Schimmelpfennig. Potluck at TYC - 5:30pm
- January 22 (Friday) – Alpine Meadows**
Meet 9am upstairs in Lodge/Lunch 12:30pm at the Chalet. Leaders: John Twomey, Andy Wagner and Suzanne Boucher. Potluck at TYC - 5:30pm
- February 5 (Friday) – Sugar Bowl**
Meet 9am at Judah Lodge/Lunch 12:30 pm in Dining Room, Main Lodge
Leaders: Lynne Osmundsen, John Twomey
- February 19 (Friday) – Kirkwood**
Depart TYC 7:30am. Meet 9am main lodge/Lunch 12:30 pm, Bub's Pub;
Dinner 7pm, restaurant tba. Leaders: Larry Tomlinson, Walter Nelson
- February 27 (Saturday) – Homewood Mountain Resort**
Meet 9am at Homewood Lodge; Leaders: Pat Lucas, Hank Upton
- Feb 28 to March 3 – Penguin Ski Trip to Mammoth Mountain**
Make reservations NOW at the Westin Monache Resort, our four star condo-hotel in the Village at Mammoth: (760) 934-0400. Check-in is Sunday, Feb. 28, 29 Penguins already reserved! Leaders: Allan Ramsey, Larry Tomlinson
- March 4 (Thursday) – NEW Ladies' Ski Day, Mt. Rose**
Meet 9am at main lodge; Leader: Suzanne Boucher
- March 7 (Sunday) – NEW Snowfest Kids' Day, Homewood - tba**
- March 19 (Friday) – NEW The GREAT TYC SKI RACE, Squaw Valley USA**
Race at 11 am on Shirley Lake 3/Lunch in the Village after race; Post-race party tba. Leaders: Bernie Atkinson, Hal Robinson, Wes Schimmelpfennig
- March 20 (Saturday) – NEW LOCATION Nordic Day-Snowshoe/Cross-Country at Sugar Pine Campground on 1960 Biathlon Olympic Trail**
Meet 12 noon, location tba; Leaders: John Twomey, Bill and Fritz Briner
- March 26 (Friday) – Mt. Rose**
Meet 9am at main lodge/Lunch 12:30pm on Main Lodge deck. Leaders: Allan Ramsey, Doug Ball. Potluck at TYC - 5:30pm
- April 16 (Friday) – Ski Day and Barbecue - Squaw Valley USA**
Meet 9am at Far East Express Lift/Barbecue 12:30pm, Tomlinsons' Olympic Valley home. Leaders: Andy Wagner, Allan Ramsey

November 27
Penguin Potluck

The snow is here, the mountains are open - great timing for more than 30 TYC Penguins who got into the spirit of the up and coming ski season at November's potluck. And what a grand feast it was!

Whatever your ability on the slopes (or age, for that matter), TYC's Penguin Days are a great way to meet fellow members, try different runs with experienced leaders, and have a great time afterward at the après ski potlucks back at the club. And there's still time to join the group for the Mammoth Mountain weekend ski trip.

For questions and to add your name to the Penguin e-mail, contact Allan Ramsey at (775) 827-2039 or at the Lake at (530) 581-3054 or e-mail gm@tahoeyc.com.



Alex McDonald and fiancée at November's Penguin potluck.

First Friday Friday, November 6

Like to meet people and get involved? Have ideas for new events or how to add to the club's traditional ones? Join the Hospitality party team! E-mail Dick and Nileta Morton at morton@jutland.com to learn more.



Lynne Osmundsen (center) introduced two guests to TYC at November's First Friday.



TYC Director Larry Tomlinson and Walter Nelson



Judi Hartman and Jane Murdock



Fritzi Briner, Nileta Morton (Hospitality hostess for November's First Friday), and Rod Sumpter



Wii Games at TYC Friday, November 6

Above: It's a hot game of tennis for Staff Commodores Jack McKenna and Stacy Conner with Blake and Ryan Conner nearest the "net."

Left: Suzanne Boucher and Nileta Morton come out fighting for a round of Wii boxing.



TYC members of all ages enjoyed the club's first Wii night over the Thanksgiving holiday, competing in bowling, boxing, tennis and more games on the Nintendo Wii system. Ryan Conner, son of Staff Commodore Stacy Conner, proved his bowling skills with a high game of 248 followed closely by his younger brother, Blake, with a 174 game. Suzanne Boucher was crowned boxing champion after four knock-out matches.

Given the success of this initial event, TYC will be hosting...

Game Night at the Club

featuring the first-ever TYC Wii Bowling Tournament
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 4:30 - 8 p.m.

In addition to games on the Wii, there will be backgammon, dominoes and board games available for all to enjoy. The bar will be open with snacks and we will be ordering pizza for those that want to participate. Get out of the house after Christmas and enjoy an evening of games at the Club. Bring your friends and house guests. Everyone is welcome to attend!

WINTER BOATING



From Business Manager
John Heyne

Tahoe City Marina Expansion Expected to Start Soon

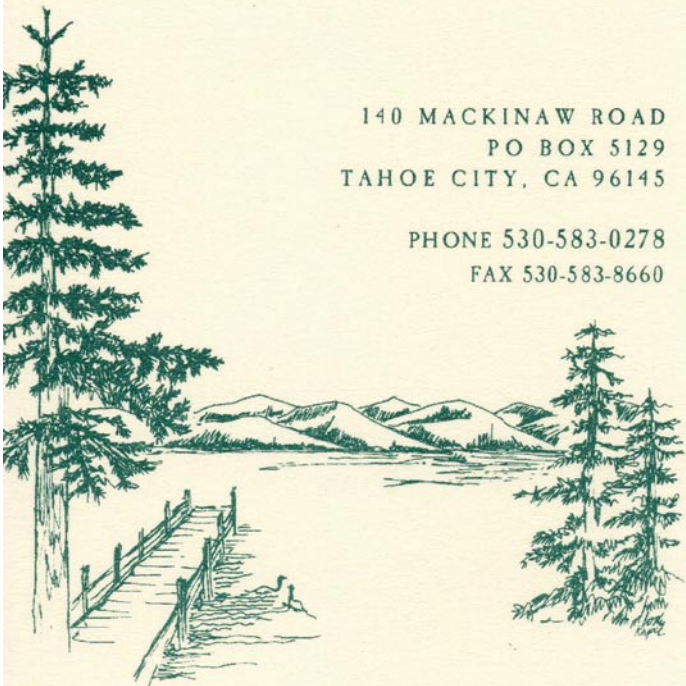
On Sunday, Nov. 22, crowds looked on as an enormous concrete block was lifted off a large semi-truck and craned into Tahoe City Marina. To everyone's amazement, the 77,000 lb. structure, freighted from Florida, floated when it was lowered into the water.

This concrete block, one of five that have been placed in the marina, will be used as barriers to cut waves and wind while construction begins on the Tahoe City Marina expansion this winter. They will then become permanent structures used to keep the waters calm within the marina piers. The crane that was used to lift and lower the concrete structures can be leased for a rate of \$10,000/day.

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7 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL POTLUCK Baltimore@Green Bay - 5pm 	8	9	10	11	12	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>It's a potluck party for kids of all ages with plenty to do for the little ones - games, story time and, of course, a visit from Santa.</p> <p>Bring the kids, the grandkids, and a potluck dish to share, appetizers to dessert. (And don't forget your camera!)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SANTA PARTY Saturday, Dec. 19 at 5:30pm</p>  </div>
14 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL POTLUCK Arizona@San Francisco - 5pm 	15	16	17	18	19	
21 <i>Winter Solstice</i> MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL POTLUCK NYGiants@Washington - 5pm 	22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> Clubhouse Closed	26 Clubhouse Open 12 noon to 8pm	
27 HOLIDAY WINE-TASTING - 6pm Clubhouse Open 12 noon to 8pm	28 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL POTLUCK Minnesota@Chicago - 5pm	29 GAME NIGHT Wii Bowling Tournament plus dominoes and more! 4:30 - 8pm	30	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 6:30 - 9:30 pm	HOLIDAY HOURS: Clubhouse Open Monday thru Thursday, Dec. 27-31 for après ski at 4pm	

JANUARY 2010

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16  Board Meeting Clubhouse - 10 am
17	18 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	19	20	21	22  PENGUIN SKI DAY Alpine Meadows (Potluck 5:30pm @ TYC)	23  FONDUE POTLUCK - 5:30pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30  TASTING EVENT - 6pm
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