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*See page 12 for Extended Holiday Hours

OFFICE:

Friday thru Tuesday, 10:30 am-5 pm

BAR SERVICE

Friday, 3 pm to 8 pm

Saturday and Sunday, 12 noon to 8 pm

Monday, 5 pm 'til end of the game for
Monday Night Football Potlucks
thru December

From Director Jenny Ludwig, Membership Chair

"Old Friends" Category Welcomes Former Members Back to TYC

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Directors announces the addition of an "Old Friends" category of membership. In honor of Tahoe Yacht Club's 80th year anniversary we are inviting old friends back to membership during 2005, those former members who might be interested in rejoining and becoming part of our boating community again.



Jenny Ludwig

During this membership renewal period, please pass this new information onto friends who have been part of our historic yacht club. "Old Friends" will not pay an initiation fee, just a \$100 processing fee and the yearly dues amount required of regular membership - \$700 for ages 36 and over, \$310 for ages 22-35. All Club privileges are available in this category which includes all social occasions, Clubhouse usage for private events with no rental fee, reciprocal privileges, and voting rights (to name just a few). "Old Friends" applications are available at the TYC office for pickup or our Club manager will mail them upon request.

Update Your Membership Information with 2005 Dues Renewal

By now, you will have received your membership renewal packet for TYC's upcoming 80th anniversary year. In addition to your 2005 dues invoice with optional donation to RBOC, there is the opportunity to thank our Club employees by contributing to the staff Holiday Bonus fund for a job definitely well done this past year.

There is also a form to update and/or correct your personal membership information. Please take a moment to review the information shown—your mail and e-mail addresses, phone and fax numbers, credit card info for Club charges, and boat ownerships—that we have on file. It is also from this that we compile the annual TYC roster and submit our member/boat listings to "Yachting Yearbook" which is distributed to all PICYA member clubs.

The Membership committee is reviewing your Club's membership categories with the goal of enhancing what exists and perhaps adding new levels. By developing a fresh approach to our Club's already welcoming atmosphere we hope to attract new local Tahoe members as well as give reason for out-of-town regulars to look again at our beautiful facility and the countless activities we offer through the year.

The strength of our Club comes from all members – we're the ambassadors to promote TYC and it's from our enthusiasm that new members come on board. Help TYC by letting friends know that this is an active Club which offers multiple activities —on and off the water— throughout all the seasons. From snow skiing to water skiing, this is the place to be all year long!

Welcome TYC's NEWEST Members

Elected October 30, 2004:


Dave Brown, Fountain Valley, Calif.

(Regular Membership-ages 22 thru 35) Dave looks forward to meeting new friends while boating and water skiing during the summer and skiing during the winter. Dave, who's in property management/sales with H.B. Property Management, is also enthusiastic about helping with TYC events (*Sponsors: Donna Block, Linda Gattuccio*)

Michael A. Cardoza, Costa Mesa, Calif.

(Regular Membership-ages 22 thru 35) Michael's application notes he comes from a very "nautical" family with interests ranging from the *Concours d'Elegance* to water and snow skiing. The son of Junior Staff Commodore Donna Block is in sales/marketing with SBC Communications Inc. (*Sponsors: Donna Block, Brad Shore*)

The next vote on Membership applications will be at the January 8, 2005 Board meeting. Applications are available at the Clubhouse or may be downloaded from www.tahoeyc.com.



Comments from the Commodore

I first attended a Tahoe Yacht Club event more than 30 years ago with my good friend Jim Field to watch Marshall Krause's Besotes, ORANGE CRATE defeat their Belmont, HOT CHOCOLATE, in the power boat regatta on the West Shore. That was pretty exciting stuff for a high school kid. During my college years, I attended one of the first *Concours D'Elegance* and Wooden Boat Shows with Staff Commodore Howard Turner and was hooked. Now, I am truly honored to serve as your Commodore for this our 80th year.

Very special thanks are due to Bruce and Donna Block for their outstanding leadership this past year. It has been a learning experience and a pleasure to watch Donna navigate the many issues that a Commodore must deal with. She did an outstanding job and the Club is in excellent shape. Donna was responsible for the creation of several successful new events which we will continue to build upon.

Our Club is unique on the West Coast as it is located in a resort area where many of our members have "second" homes. This makes the operation of a year 'round club quite a challenge. I am pleased that we have a strong Board with sometimes diverse opinions. This is healthy and leads to a careful consideration of the issues before us. Let me remind you that the membership is always welcome to attend our meetings. The Board and I really do value your input and want to hear your ideas and concerns.

I would like to thank all the Staff Commodores that I have spoken with over the last two months for their counsel regarding the loss of our Vice Commodore, Eric Conner, on October 8. This was a tragic and unprecedented event.

With the unanimous consensus of my fellow flag officers and directors, I have asked and am pleased to report that Stacy Conner will come on the Board as Port Captain. Stacy was a very active partner with her late husband in many aspects of the Club, particularly the very successful sailing program. She brings invaluable experience and enthusiasm to this leadership position. Rear Commodore and Treasurer Jack McKenna has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Vice Commodore with Port Captain Philip Ballantyne advancing to Rear Commodore.



At the Halloween Potluck Party, Thurston Howell III from Gilligan's Island aka Commodore Paul and Carol Cunha

PHOTO: Jim Stratton

Check the calendars in this issue for our up-coming events including a full listing of 2005 Penguin Days. And be sure to join us at the Club for our New Year's Eve Celebration on Friday, Dec. 31. D'lish will be catering and we'll have live music for dancing the year away! Look for your invitation in the mail and get your reservations in early as we expect a full house.

There will also be a New Year's Day open house at the Club from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for "Friends, Fun and Football." It's a potluck so bring a dish to share or chip in for pizza which we'll order around noon. Stop on by and watch your favorite Bowl game on the big screen.

Lastly, congratulations to Rich and Sue Stout for the award from the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association for the BLOCK & TACKLE, given at the PICYA awards dinner in November. Producing the BLOCK & TACKLE is a tremendous amount of work and they do it so well.

Carol and our children, Robby and Catherine, would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Happy Holidays and the very best for 2005! We look forward to an exciting year at the Tahoe Yacht Club with old friends and the many new friends we will meet.

We'll see you at the Lake.

Paul Cunha

TYC earns "Two-stars" and Newsletter Award from PICYA

Great news! On November 1 at the PICYA Annual Awards dinner held at Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda, our Club's BLOCK & TACKLE and editor, Sue Stout, were awarded 2nd place trophies for the PICYA Newsletter of the Year. (Benecia YC took 1st and San Jose Sailing Club, 3rd.) TYC will have the perpetual trophy to display until September of next year and Sue will be presented her plaque at the next board meeting.

As you know, Sue and husband/Commodore Rich Stout (1998) produce our newsletter and a number of other Club pieces and do an absolutely superb job of organizing, editing and printing. (They also won a 3rd place for BLOCK & TACKLE about seven years ago.) Please join me in congratulating them for a job well done.

The Club of the Year awards were also given out and, I'm pleased to report, TYC earned "Two Star" status with a total of 103 points. These points reflect the many beneficial activities of our Club as well as attendance at PICYA seminars and meetings by our members, staff and board. You are all to be congratulated for your part. We have won "One Star" awards in 2002 and 2003 and a "Two Star" is pretty good for a Club located somewhat away from the center of things in the Bay and Delta.

Help RBOC protect your boating interests

Our thanks, also, to all of you who made contributions to the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) when you paid your 2004 dues this past year. We turned in our check totalling just over \$1,500 last spring which was much appreciated!

RBOC is the nonprofit governmental advocacy organization that protects and enhances the interests of recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. As I have written many times, it is our first line of defense with the California legislature, and is particularly critical in these times of state budgetary "mischief." (Note, too, that Lenora Clark, wife of former PICYA Commodore Richard Clark, has been appointed as a commissioner to the California Dept. of Boats and Waterways, so we will be represented through PICYA as well as RBOC.) Please consider helping RBOC with its work with a contribu-

tion when you make out your check for your 2005 TYC dues!

I would also invite any of you who would be interested in attending a PICYA meeting in the coming year to contact me or our Club's General or Assistant Manager. The dinner/business meetings are held the first Monday of each month at yacht clubs throughout the Bay and

Delta. I do my best to make most of the meetings but could use some help, especially in the Marin and Stockton areas. You'd not only be helping TYC but have an opportunity to meet other boaters in your area.

Best wishes to you all for a great 2005 and thanks, in advance, for your support of RBOC.

From TYC Assistant Manager Valerie Melucci

PICYA Management Conference at San Rafael Yacht Club

On October 23, I had the opportunity to meet with fellow yacht club managers and directors and hear from representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, RBOC, PICYA, California Dept. of Boating & Waterways, and experts on such issues as Risk Management and Club Accounting and Taxation. I learned so much and came away with even more pride in our Club. Here are just a few things from the meeting that I'd like to share with you.

- Do you know that as a PICYA member Club, you get 50% off your Boat U.S. membership? The number to remember is GA84722Y. Mention it along with your TYC membership and take advantage.

- Did you know that teak-surfing is

illegal? Current legislation aimed at preventing unsafe boating practices prohibits anyone from hanging onto the back of a boat at any time the engine is turned on.

- Do you know that RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California) monitors the activities of the legislators in Sacramento and tries to influence the wording of proposed legislation so it does not adversely affect recreational boaters in California? Many of you noted a place for an "optional" RBOC donation in your membership renewal packets for this year. Aiding the RBOC protects the interests of the state's recreational boaters, which is all of you. Please don't hesitate in making a donation!



Randy Walker

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John Mitchell

With sadness, we report the death of long-time member John R. Mitchell who passed away October 9 at Tahoe Forest Hospital, Truckee. He was 76.

A native of San Diego, John joined the Navy at the age of 17, just prior to the conclusion of World War II, and continued to serve on active duty in Guam during the Korean War. Following his service, he returned to San Diego and, in 1958, went to work for Global Marine, an off-shore drilling company. During his 28-year career with Global he had the opportunity to work in a number of countries from Australia to Yugoslavia.

It was in the former that he met his future wife, Roz, and the two were married in 1975 on the Rock of Gibraltar.

In 1978, John and Roz relocated to Lake Tahoe, becoming year 'round residents of Tahoma, members of TYC and the owners of SOLACE, a 1940 17' Chris-Craft barrelback in which John took pride in restoring and showing in the *Concours d'Elegance*.

Mitchell was also a member of the LaCumbre Masonic Lodge, Santa Barbara; Antique and Classic Boat Society and the Tahoe Maritime Museum. He is survived by Roz; sisters Margaret Polak and Carolyn Hawes, both of San Diego; daughters Diane Veazy and Nancy McCune of Santa Barbara; and five grandchildren.

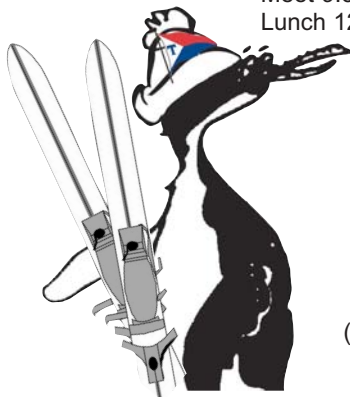
As Commodore Glory Beall (1984) wrote in the fall issue of ACBS' *Western Wood*, "We will all miss John, the jokes, the shirts, his great sense of humor, love for his pets and friends."



PHOTO: Brad Hill

TYC Penguin Days 2005

- Jan. 7 (Friday) Alpine Meadows**
(Team Leader: John Twomey)
Meet 9:30 am on Main Lodge deck;
Lunch 12:30 pm at Chalet
- Jan. 21 (Friday) Ski & Skate Day at Squaw Valley USA**
(Team Leaders: Bernie & Carol Atkinson)
Meet 9:30 am - Tram Building;
Lunch 12:30 pm - Resort at Squaw Creek
- Jan. 29 (Saturday) Homewood**
(Team Leader: Hank Upton)
Meet 9:30 am - Lodge deck;
Lunch 12:30 pm - Top of Hill Cafe
- Feb. 4 (Friday) Northstar-At-Tahoe**
(Team Leader: Allan Ramsey)
Meet 9:30 am - Village ticket area;
Lunch 12:30 pm - Lodge Top Mountain
- Feb. 18 (Friday) Kirkwood**
(Team Leader: Walter Nelsen)
Meet 8 am at TYC to car pool;
Lunch 12:30 pm (tba)
- Feb. 27 -March 5 **Penguin Days at Sun Valley, Idaho**
- March 5 (Saturday) Homewood**
(Team Leader: Bruce Block)
Meet 9:30 am - Lodge deck;
Lunch 12:30 pm - Top of Hill Cafe
- March 11 (Friday) Heavenly**
(Team Leader: Andy Wagner)
Meet 8 am at TYC to car pool;
Lunch 12:30 pm - Top Old Tram Restaurant
- March 19 (Saturday) Nordic Cross-Country/Snowshoe Day at Paige Meadows**
(Team Leaders: John & Margaret Twomey)
Meet 11am at Paige Meadows (*call for directions*) and pack a picnic lunch to enjoy in the Meadows
- March 25 (Friday) Sugar Bowl**
(Team Leader: Lynne Osmundsen)
Meet 9:30 am at mt. Judah Lodge;
Lunch 12:30 pm - Main Lodge bar area
- April 8 (Friday) Mt. Rose**
(Team Leader: Allan Ramsey)
Meet 9:30 am - Main Lodge deck;
Lunch 12:30 pm - Main Lodge deck



Après Ski Potlucks
5:30 pm at TYC
OPEN TO ALL!

More info: Contact
"Head Penguin" Allan Ramsey
(775) 827-2039 / (530) 581-3054
or Ski Day Team Leader(s).



TYC Penguins inaugurate the season on opening day at Squaw Valley (left to right) Staff Commodores Ken Selvidge, Bill Briner, Jim Gregory, Rich Stout, and "Head Penguin" Allan Ramsey.

From Allan Ramsey, Hospitality Committee Penguin Chair

Penguins get Early Season Start

Wow! The TYC Penguins received an early snow from the Antarctic and we hit the slopes on October 30 and 31 at Squaw Valley USA and Alpine Meadows. There were 11 TYC members including Bill and Fritz Briner, Jim Gregory, Alex and Claire McDonald who joined TYC this year, Wes Schimmelpfennig, Ken Selvidge, Rich Stout, Andy Wagner and Suzie Boucher, along with myself. What beautiful skiing and weather! Even though our "official" season doesn't begin until January 7, we will be on the slopes every weekend, weather permitting.

It's going to be a busy season for the Penguins with many new TYC members participating and two new Saturdays at Homewood Mountain Resort added to the schedule. Remember: **All abilities are welcome!** Penguin Days are not just for "hot shots" and our team leaders are there to help anyone unfamiliar with the runs. Save the schedule at left or pick up an extra copy at the Clubhouse. And don't be shy about calling any of us if you have questions.

We also have quite a group planning to make the annual ski trip to Sun Valley, Idaho. If you're interested in joining the fun, please give me a call for more information.

And all TYC members are welcome to join us for our **5:30 p.m. Après Ski Potlucks** back at the Clubhouse following all ski days with the exception of our two outings at Homewood on January 29 and March 5. The food theme for each evening will be assigned by the day's team leader. Even if you didn't ski (or don't ski but are in the area), please join us and be happy—we guarantee to put a smile on your face.



**TYC is in need of
NEW BARSTOOLS**
and there's a way for you to help.

Sponsor one of our beautiful new wood-back swivel stools and we'll engrave your name on a plaque on the back of the chair. The cost: \$240 each (*and one is already spoken for*).

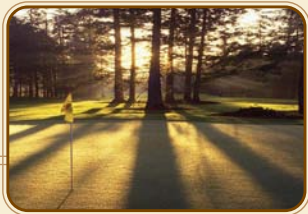
Please call Assistant Manager Valerie Melucci at (530) 581-4700 for more information and to **"reserve your seat at the bar!"**

Chair, pictured left, is catalog sample only. Actual chair will have TYC burgee fabric and swivel seat.

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING HERE.

Situated just outside the historic town of Truckee, Old Greenwood will offer fully furnished, luxury Cabins and Town-homes along side a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course. Ownership is offered on an exclusive Co-Ownership basis and is designed for the affluent vacationer who wants all the benefits of resort home ownership, without the inconveniences of maintaining a second home. Ownership will also provide access to Tahoe Mountain Club, with four-season amenities beyond anything ever offered in the region.

Old Greenwood is currently under development with the Grand Opening this Summer, 2004!



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Adolf Rosenauer knew all the words to sing along with popular entertainer Hans Keller of Reno's Bavarian House.



New members (far left and right) Janet Damkier and Frank Winiarski and guests



New members Troy and Victoria DeFrees-Parrott



Bill Robotham with Dee Skinner and Bob Ramsey



Stacy Conner and sons, Ryan and Blake, show off their lederhose for cameraman Jim Stratton.



Marilyn Kubek (right) and her guest, Mrs. Rossignol of the Rossignol ski family (left) with Jane Murdock

Oktoberfest

September 25

Hospitality Hosts: Dr. Adolf and Eva Rosenauer

HALLOWEEN POTLUCK, October 30 - Hospitality Hosts: Director Hank and Joan Upton



The cowgirl and the rodeo clown - Di Dorsa and Director Bruce Ells



Ellen and Gil "Davy Crockett" Magnini helped Hospitality Hosts Hank and Joan Upton decorate the Clubhouse in ghoulish fashion for the party.



Viki and Pete "Roy Orbison" Pappanastos, guests of new members Frank and Brigitte Winiarski, took first place in the costume vote.



That's Allan Ramsey behind the cobwebs and mask.



"Harem Girl" Val Melucci, TYC Assistant Manager

Mickey Gregory with Roz Mitchell



SOUPER SATURDAY

OCTOBER 2

Hospitality Hosts:
Rich and Sue Stout

Mark McLaughlin, award-winning non-fiction writer, weather historian and lecturer, returned by popular request and kept all enthralled with "Tales of Tahoe" well past the hour.



Nileta and Dick Morton, with Carol Coppola, (center), brought one of Mark McLaughlin's books for him to autograph.



Bearing an uncanny resemblance to the "Skipper" and "Mary Ann" of Gilligan's Island - Keith and Suzi Mason took second place in the popular vote.



"Fisherman" Jim Fleming reeled in his guest, Lucinda, a mermaid in sequins, shells and green satin tail.

PHOTOS: Jim Stratton, Allan Ramsey, Rich Stout

Clubhouse News

From Assistant Manager Valerie Melucci



Hard to believe it but CHRISTMAS is here! Have you started shopping yet?

Make it easy on yourself this year and get everything you need at one store...TYC's BOATIQUÉ! Come into the Clubhouse and peruse our newest logowear merchandise or *my favorite*—the 2005 BOATS OF TAHOE Calendar. Still having a hard time making a decision? Get a TYC Gift Certificate for any denomination.

Penguin Ski Days start January 7 at Alpine Meadows

Ski bunnies, get out your gear and get fired up for what is expected to be a great snow season. All level skiers are welcome on the slopes, and all levels of "socialites" are welcome to the Club afterward for drinks and potluck. Call or stop by the Club for the Penguin Ski Schedule.

New Drinks@ TYC

Next time you're in the Clubhouse be sure to try something new at the Bar. We have a new red wine, bottle beers and, of course, our Winter Drink Specials!

- 2003 Jan Kris Crossfire: A blend of Merlot, Cab, and Syrah with great flavors and soft tannins.
- New beers: Lake Tahoe Red Ale and Shipyard Export Ale
- And hot or cold creations for the winter season!

Notice a new face behind the Bar?

Join me in welcoming our newest member of the bar staff, **Emily**



Battersby. Working on getting her real estate license and living in Olympic Valley, Emily makes a great addition to our team. Please come by the Club and say hello. Bartender **Bob Wilson** will be missed by all of us, but you might just see him in another yacht club. Bob is now a great addition to the team at St. Francis YC in San Francisco. If you're in the area I'm sure he wouldn't mind seeing some familiar faces!

Reciprocal Visits to Other Yacht Clubs

Planning on traveling or visiting other yacht clubs this Holiday season? Drop us a line, a fax or an e-mail so we can contact the club to verify reciprocity. Once verified, we'll provide you with a letter of introduction and check-in procedures. (And be sure to have your TYC membership card handy; a number of clubs request that you show it.)

Happy Holidays, Happy Skiing (or Snowboarding), and see you soon at the Clubhouse!

And a final reminder...

**TYC will be closed on Christmas Day
but WILL BE OPEN**

**for après ski DECEMBER 26-30 - 4 to 8 pm
and on NEW YEAR'S DAY - 11 am to 4 pm
for "Friends, Fun & Football" potluck**

Inaugural Sierra Nevada Foothills Wine Tasting Tour a Hit!

On Saturday, Oct. 9, 15 TYC members and guests visited six different wineries in the Shenandoah Valley near the historic town of Plymouth in Amador County. The fall color and scenery were beautiful on our crisp morning drive as we enjoyed a delicious breakfast of frittata and smoked salmon appetizers, a surprise prepared by Sandy Kelly, Deborah Dorland and Paul Selak for the ride to the wine country.

The group learned that winemaking in the Sierra foothills dates back to the early 1850s when many European immigrants, traveled west in search of "California Gold," found that the land - not gold - would be their means to survive. Both table and wine grapes were planted throughout the hillsides and Amador County quickly became the home to more wineries than any other region in California. By the 1890s, there were over 100 wineries in the foothill region—more than in Napa and Sonoma counties combined! Today Amador County, better known as the Gold Country, is home to more than 25 different wineries and the oldest Zinfandel vines in the state.

The tour began at **Karly Winery** with a private tasting of Sauvignon Blanc, Mediterranean varietals including a delightful white wine blend dubbed "Chateau Blanc", and four of their world renowned zinfandels. Karly was started from scratch by Lawrence L. (Buck) Cobb and his wife Karly in 1980 and has grown to produce more than 11,000 cases annually.

Our next stop was **Renwood Winery** which has made a name for itself among wine connoisseurs both nationally and worldwide. Renwood produces six proprietary and vineyard designated Zinfandels: "Old Vine," Grandmére®, "Fiddletown," "Grandpère®," "D'Agostini Bros.," and "Jack Rabbit Flat." The "Grandpère®," vineyard is believed to contain the oldest zinfandel vines in California and produces one of the most intense wines that we tasted—a favorite among many in the group including Phillip Ballantyne, Deni Mateer and Andreas Papaliolios. Renwood also offered a number of Italian and Rhone varietals.

A gourmet lunch prepared by Gar Woods Grill & Pier Restaurant was served at our next stop, **Montevina Winery**. Delicious sandwiches of steak with caramelized onions and fresh turkey, potato salad, fruit and rich chocolate brownies were served under the

cases. We had the opportunity to taste several of Shenandoah Vineyards' current releases as well as a number of their special reserve wines and were treated to a special art exhibition of renowned outdoor photographer Galen Rowell.



Getting set to board Gar Wood's "wine bus" (kneeling left to right) Katie Maze, Barbara Flanagan and Deni Mateer; (standing) Andreas Papaliolios, Marylinn Coldiron, Suzanne Boucher, Phil Ballantyne, Jane Murdock, Sandy Kelly, Paul and Deborah Selak, and Andy Wagner with the bus driver (far right).

trellises behind the tasting room. Among those enjoying their lunch were Jane Murdoch and Allan Ramsey, Jim Stratton, Marylinn Coldiron and her guest Michael Street and Barbara Flanagan and her guest Katie Maze. The food was terrific and there was enough for a small army!

Montevina's 400 acres of estate vines are sustainably farmed, meaning organic farming practices – no pesticides, fungicides or herbicides – are followed, except in rare instances when pests, mildew, or other problems seriously threaten the crop. The vineyard is devoted primarily to zinfandel barbera, sangiovese, and syrah, with smaller plots of other Italian grape varieties such as nebbiolo, refosco, aglianico, and freisa.

The afternoon included visits to the sister wineries of Shirley and Leon Sobon—**Shenandoah Vineyards** and **Sobon Estate Winery**. Shenandoah Vineyards was founded in 1977 when the Sobon family moved to Amador County from Los Altos, where Leon was a Senior Scientist with the Lockheed Research Lab. From the first offering of 1,200 cases, the winery has continued to thrive and is now producing about 30,000

The Sobon Estate Winery was established in 1989 when Leon and Shirley Sobon bought each other a second winery, the historic D'Agostini Winery, one of the oldest in the state, for their 30th wedding anniversary present. Tasting here included four different zinfandels and many other varietals including cabernet, syrah, roussanne and viognier.

Our final, unexpected stop came when "pirates" Sandy Kelly and Deborah Dorland commandeered the bus and took us to **Villa**



Allan Ramsey and Jim Stratton rest up for the next tasting room.

Toscano Winery—a charming new winery built in the Tuscan architectural style by founder Erika Wright and co-owner Jerry Wright. Villa Toscano offers a number of excellent Italian varietals including Barbera and Sangiovese. Highlights of this visit included tasting the "Bella Rosa," a deep red Tuscan blend, and barrel tastings of several "futures" from the 2003 vintage.

Many thanks to TYC member Tom Turner, proprietor of Gar Woods Grill & Pier Restaurant and his staff for providing the transportation, gourmet lunch and generous hospitality. Plans are already being made for next year's trip. Don't miss the Second Annual Sierra Nevada Foothills Wine Tasting Tour!

Mark your calendars for January, February and April Wine Events

Due to recent events, the annual Winemaker's Dinner has been postponed until spring on April 2, 2005. Details will be announced in the next edition of the BLOCK & TACKLE. We will also return to our monthly winetasting explorations of different regions and varietals on January 22 and February 19 at the Clubhouse beginning at 5 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring appetizers and other wine accompaniments to enjoy while sampling some fabulous wines. If you do plan to attend, we ask that you contact the Club in advance of the event.

New ideas for events are always welcome. Under the theme, "A Tasting of the TYC," we are discussing a "brown bag" tasting where members will bring a favorite bottle, concealed in a brown paper bag, to share with the other guests. We would also be interested in featuring a tasting of wines from TYC member-owned wineries.

As always, we would appreciate any comments, ideas and suggestions. If you are interested in participating in the wine events committee and/or putting on an event, please contact Andy Wagner at (530) 581-3881, or e-mail ARW@TradewindsCapital.com.

Members wanted for New Power Boat Events Committee

Under the direction of Commodore Cunha, a new committee is being formed to address the needs of TYC's power boat owners. This committee will be charged with managing all of the Club's existing power boat activities including the Over-the-Bottom Regattas, Polar Bear Water Ski Days, and Cruises with the Commodore, as well as developing ideas to provide more opportunities for member involvement. Whether you have a classic woodie, modern fiberglass runabout or anything in between, we intend to deliver a summer full of exciting events in 2005!

We would appreciate any suggestions for new events and ways in which to improve the TYC's power boat activities. In addition, we are looking for enthusiastic members to assist with organizing these events.

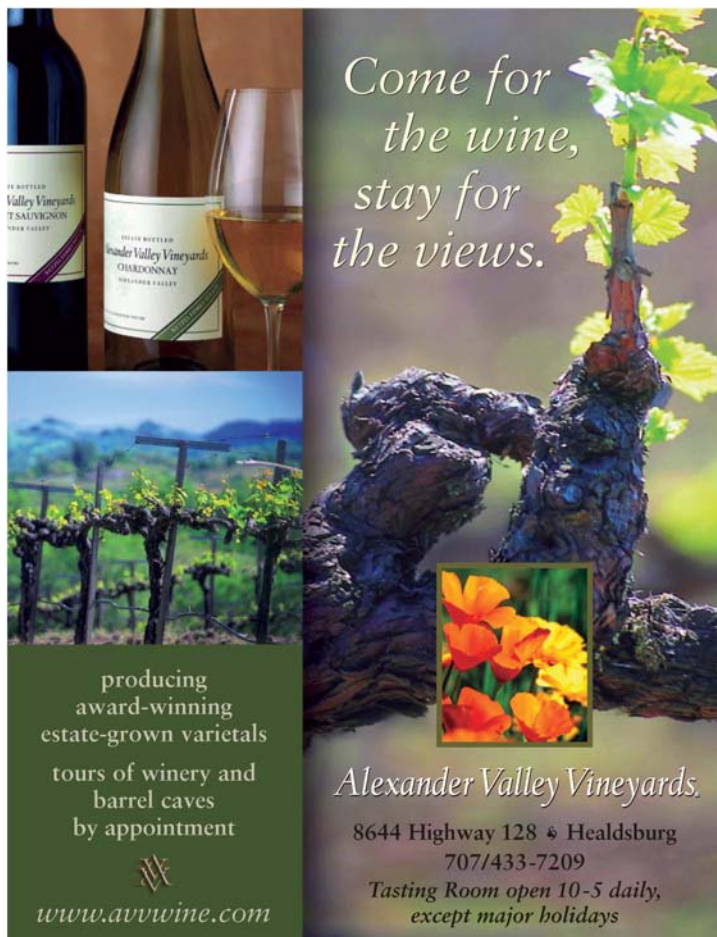
This is your chance participate in the direction of the Club and better get to know your fellow members. If you are interested in joining the committee and/or taking charge of a specific event, or have any suggestions, contact Andy Wagner at (530) 581-3881 or e-mail ARW@TradewindsCapital.com.

TYC "Polar Bears" Enjoy a Great Summer

This summer's inaugural season of TYC's Polar Bear Water Ski Days was a great success. These events, open to members and guests of all ages and abilities, attracted a diverse group with members turning out for waterskiing, wakeboarding and the opportunity to share some beautiful mornings on Lake Tahoe.

Seven dedicated Polar Bears rose early from their dens to find flat water—perfect conditions for waterskiing—at eight o'clock in the morning on July 5. The morning of September 5 was another perfect day and the Polar Bears were thrilled to see Commodore Les Bartlett (1978-'79) on the dock ready for a run. After missing a couple of seasons, Les proved the value of experience while Andreas Papaliolios, representing the "new school," demonstrated his wakeboarding skills.

The Polar Bears offer a special thanks to Brad and Diane Shore for providing the boat for our adventures and especially to "Captain Brad" for his patience in pulling us for "just one more run."



Come for the wine, stay for the views.

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Fondue Potluck

at the Clubhouse



* Don't have a fondue pot? Toss up a salad or bring an appetizer to go with...!

Saturday, January 8
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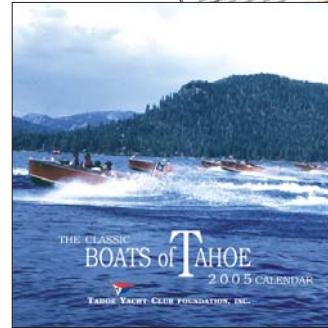


Just Arrived in time for her Christmas— Chenille zip-up from Oarsman, a machine-washable 97% poly/3% acrylic. Choice of Santa red or coal black with TYC burgee, in sizes S-L, \$55

*From TIPSY for the kids on your list—*Hooded fleece with pocket pouch in red or black, \$25 or Santa red zippered fleece with standup collar, \$22. Both in children's sizes S-L.



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TYC Foundation's
The Boats of Tahoe
2005 Calendar

Enjoy Wooden Boat Week all year long! More than two dozen photos of *Concours* award-winning classics by TYCF Director and Commodore ('02) Brad Hill, along informative captions of each of boat featured.

Wrap up your holiday shopping in style
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*A Boatique Best Seller—*Embroidered cotton-web belts with brass buckle and leather ends, \$43



*He can't have too many polo shirts—*100% cotton pique polos from Port Authority in white or navy with full TYC logo, sizes S-XXL, \$34



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- TYC APRONS with handy pockets at the hem. In navy, white or jean, \$20
- TYC COOKBOOK filled with more than 60 of our members' great potluck and picnic recipes, \$15
- WINE GLASSES and MUGS with TYC burgee, \$6 ea.

Gift Certificates
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY






WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY






SATURDAY

december

			1	2	3	4 <small>Private Party, 4-7 pm</small>
5	6  MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL POTLUCK 5 pm 'til ? Dallas at Seattle	7 <small>Rotary Dinner Meeting</small>	8 HANUKKAH	9	10	11
12	13  MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL POTLUCK 5 pm 'til ? Kansas City at Tennessee	14 <small>Rotary Dinner Meeting</small>	15	16 <small>Private Party, Noon-3pm</small>	17	18  Santa Party for "kids" of all ages! Clubhouse - 5:30 pm
19	20  MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL POTLUCK 5 pm 'til ? New England at Miami	21 WINTER BEGINS	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS
26	27  MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL POTLUCK Philadelphia at St. Louis	28	29	30 <small>Private Party, 6-11 pm</small>	31 New Year's Eve Party at Clubhouse 7 pm to Midnight 	

CLUBHOUSE AND BAR OPEN for après ski, DEC. 26-30 -4 pm to 8 pm

january 2005

						1 FRIENDS, FUN and FOOTBALL Open House Potluck 11 am to 4 pm at TYC
2	3	4	5	6	7  PENGUIN SKI DAY Alpine Meadows Meet 9:30 am-Main Lodge Deck; Lunch, 12:30 pm-Chalet Host: John Twomey Après Ski Party-5:30 pm @TYC	8  Board Meeting TYC- 10 am FONDUE POTLUCK Clubhouse - 5:30 pm
9	10	11 <small>Rotary Dinner Meeting</small>	12	13	14	15 "Souper Saturday" Guest Speaker: Doug O'Handley Clubhouse - 5:30 pm
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed)	18 <small>Rotary Dinner Meeting</small>	19	20	21  PENGUIN SKI & SKATE DAY Squaw Valley USA Meet 9:30 am-Tram Bldg.; Lunch, 12:30 pm-Squaw Creek Resort Host: Bernie & Carol Atkinson Après Ski Party-5:30 pm @TYC	22  Wine Tasting Clubhouse - 5 pm
23 30	24 31	25 <small>Rotary Dinner Meeting</small>	26	27	28 <small>Private Party, 6-11 pm</small>	29  PENGUIN SKI DAY Homewood Meet 9:30 am-Lodge Deck; Lunch, 12:30 pm-To of Hill Cafe Host: Hank Upton



**SPECIAL
HOLIDAY HOURS**

TYC will be closed
on Christmas Day.

**CLUBHOUSE and BAR
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4 to 8 pm

SUNDAY, DEC. 26 thru

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

and

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Friday, Dec. 31

7 p.m. 'til midnight

Catered Buffet

Dinner by D'Lish

Live Music

for Dancing by the
Erika Paul Trio

Champagne

toast at 12 midnight

\$95 per person

Pre-paid Reservations
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Santa Party
for "kids" of all ages!

Free Hot Cocoa

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No reservations needed!

Just show up in Christmas colors with a favorite

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