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April/May 2016

Hail the Happy Hawkers



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From the Commodore's Desk

BY the time you read this the sailing season will be over and we will be into presentation nights for sailing school and the season's trophies.

Looking back we have had an excellent run with the weather, this is one of the few seasons where I have had to turn my race card over and make entries on the back. Not only has the weather been excellent but so have the support to me and the club from the general committee, for which I am very grateful. On the water I have been impressed by the quality of the course laying and starting teams, it would be hard to find better in any club, even twice our size. On behalf of all sailors I thank the rescue boat crews, and especially from all those who required rescue or assistance.

Turning our attention to the land, we have had a fabulous social and bar program, the highlight has to be the theming for our Arabian Nights New Year Eve. Thank you to everyone who helped at each function, setting up, cleaning up, serving at the bar, setting the trivia, showing their talent, playing in the band or making a friend of a dolphin and making each event enjoyable for everyone. All those involved with working bees, facility improvement and finances have also done a great job.

Both the facilities and finances are in good shape. I am especially excited about the extension to the top of the ramp to eliminate the sand-

pit which was the hardest four metres to cross after each sail!

Recently we ran two new events. The first was the Hobbie Hawk titles. To see 15 of our junior sailors out on the water was a real testament to the success of our sailing school and our aim to involve more young families in the club. The second was not actually new but this was only the second time it was played. The SYC Golf trophy was hotly contested by 31 golfers vying for the Ottocraft Trophy which was donated by the Ottos and won by the Ottos back in 2005.

On a sad note many of you will have heard of the passing of Peter Johns. Peter was a past commodore, his wife Helen was queen of the tower and between them they made a great contribution to the club. Peter will be remembered as a real gentleman and always impeccably dressed without a hair out of place, except when sailing his Solo!

Cheryl and I look forward to catching up with you all at the club over winter. If you have any suggestions on what we could do better or differently next season please let me or the appropriate member of the general committee know as we are now deep into planning for 2016/17.



- Chris Gurney

Presentation Night

Saturday 28th May

5.30 pm for 6 pm sharp start

2 course Carvery dinner \$30 adults \$16 kids under 16

Rear Commodore's report

HELLO Sailors!

All good things must come to and end and sadly it's the finish of another successful Somers sailing season.

The weather gods were kind to us and we had an amazing run of good sailing days – only a couple of lost races over the whole season.

Fleet sizes were generally up on previous seasons – championships had up to 70 boats racing - making things very hectic with race administration.

At the request of many sailors we trialled more back to back races - with the whole of pre-Xmas series being this format. So the season began with plenty of start line and buoy rounding practice!

This was well received so next season we intend to do back to back races for both the pre-Xmas and autumn series

The new Division 4 - Laser division – appears to have been very successful- keeping the Laser fleet together and away from those annoying Tarsars, Sabres and Pacers.

We are working at the moment on changes to next year's sailing instructions and program, so if you have a pet request please see me or your division representative.

There have been some great achievements at state and national level during the year - congratulations to those Somers sailors who represented us.

We again won the Westernport Challenge. Thirty-three boats crossed the sandbar to defend our title - with great results from a number of our sailors .

It was also very hectic running the Laser State Titles (78 boats) but a wonderful opportunity to show others what a great lot of volunteers we have - report on this elsewhere in this issue.

The new Pacer fleet has been a wonderful addition to our club – not only for the sailing school but for teams racing and for members to sail on occasion. We are indeed fortunate to have the six new boats available for members to use

We were able to hold the teams racing events right in front of the club on two separate days in the season. There was much tight racing and yelling and sailing competitors off the course. Great fun!

We intend to do more of this next season and encourage spectators – stay tuned!

The new RIB has been an invaluable addition to our rescue boat fleet – enabling us to run two consecutive sailing schools at Xmas time .

The four sailing schools were again fully subscribed and expertly run by Emma Morris, Adam Gristwood and their team of junior instructors.

After running more than 65 races this past season it never ceases to amaze me how many volunteers are required. I do try and thank most race day volunteers after the race – but again a huge thank you to all involved in making our club the great place it is, with such professional sailing.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Presentation Night on the 28 May!

- Amanda Nutting



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Division 1 report

THE club championship series was completed in March and Matt Stone made a clean sweep with a series of wins. Matt didn't even need to compete in the last three races.

Matt was closely followed by brother Daniel with a large list of second places. Brian Gristwood was third overall with a large list of third places. Matt was also first on handicap but since you can't win both the series went to Janus who had a nice series of placings.

Well done to Andy Griffin and Chris Tuck for a well deserved second place in the handicap series and to Andrew Robertson for third place.

There was a club race intermission towards the end of the championship series for the Labor Day long weekend state titles. Matt and Tash competed together in the Mosquito sloop division and came a creditable third place overall for their first race series together. Winds were generally light for the series so strong wind specialist Daniel had a difficult time in the cat rigged division but finished just out of the overall series placings. Well done to both Matt, Tash and Daniel.

The Gippsland Easter regatta saw Matt, Daniel, Tash, Michelle and Robbie compete. Long distance racing is the big drawcard for this event so if you like racing around Raymond Island or competing in a 30 km marathon this is the one to enter. Daniel came second in the series and Michelle and Robbie came third.

The autumn series saw races 1 and 2 cancelled which resulted in a three race series with a limited field of entries due to gear failures, sold yachts or competitors travelling elsewhere.

Brian Gristwood was equal first coming into the last race of the series and with yours truly on patrol boat duty, Brian chose to race sloop rigged with Amanda Nutting for the last race. Thank you Brian for your generosity and sportsmanship. It is greatly appreciated. Morgan Carter got time off work and won the autumn series on handicap. Well done Morgan.

Other noteworthy events of the March and April were:

Gary and Sue Morris got their Tornado Sea Dragon back together and raced a couple of Easter series races. The grandchildren were also been seen enjoying time out on the water.

Jeremy Pearse broke a rear beam anchor plate in race 2 of the Easter regatta resulting in a very floppy hull. Closer inspection found that the anchor plate was drilled right to the edge which meant there was virtually no thread engagement for the beam bolt. Surgery is required to get the anchor plate re-positioned and new drillings in the hull so it will be conducted after the season has finished.

Griffo broke a shackle on the bridle in the last race of the Easter regatta which resulted in the mast coming down on the trampoline.

Most of the fleet did an extra leg in race 3 of the autumn series. We really need to count and remember which lap has just been completed !!

Andrew Robertson broke the mast hound in race 4 of the autumn series which also resulted in the mast coming down on the trampoline.

Matt and Daniel sold their Mozzies and have ordered new ones for next season.

Jeremy Pearse ordered a new Impulse and has put Overture on the market.

Janus capsized his A class catamaran on the start line in the last race of the autumn series and forgot to un-cleat the mainsheet before righting. This created havoc among divisions 2 and 3 as he travelled slowly down the start line towards the start boat hanging off and being dragged under the front beam.

A full listing of the results can be found on the website.

- Peter Foulsum

Division 2 report

ANOTHER beautiful 10kt day for championship 6 with the Morris family Hobies leading us all the way from the start. It was a battle between Simon with Harry and Emma with Maz trying to hold off the Paper Tiger challenge by Adam, who split their results with Simon finishing ahead of Adam and then Emma.

Steph came in next with Phil not far behind. Elly and Ella Roberts in the 16 doing well ahead of Steve W, who had a good tussle with Malcolm ahead of Peter T. Lynden Roberts didn't have a result as he was OCS.

Championship 7 again was a beautiful 5 to 10 knotter, just right for the lighter skippers but Phil met Malcolm and Steph at the windward mark and the three rounded together, with Steph getting the jump on them and trying to chase the Ho-

bies of Simon and Emma. Malcolm with his downwind expertise in close pursuit, passed Steph on the next leg but was re-passed never to be headed again. Simon and Emma finished a long way ahead of Steph, Malcolm, Phil, Elly on the Hobie 14 with trap, and then Peter. Steve Schaper was just testing out his newly straightened mast.

Championship 8 was sailed again in winds of only 5-10kt and the Hobies dominated for the entire race, with Adam, Steve w and Steph fighting for the first windward. Positions changed throughout the race in all the groups, with Simon ahead of Emma, then Steph, Adam, Elly, Stan, Steve W, Steve Schaper and Peter T.

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Championship 8 was an interesting place swapping race, with Simon and Emma dominating Steph, Adam, Elly, Stan, Steve W, Steve Schaper, and Peter T. The last Championship was sailed in a shifty 18kt wind with Adam finishing in front of Emma and Maz, and Peter T not finishing.

The Easter regatta saw Steph on duty, and Phil leading Malcolm, Xavier from Balnarring, Peter T and Steve W. Only Xavier contested the second race. I assume all the Division 2 sailors must have been to church on Easter Sunday, as no one turned up to sail! Monday was a very light day, and Mal and Steph had a great tussle with the latter finishing ahead, then came Peter T, and Steve W.

The autumn series race 1 and 2 were abandoned due to heavy conditions but race 3 was the opposite, with Adam coming out on top of the four-boat tussle, with Malcolm next ahead of Steph, Steve W, Peter T, and Dillon and Maz re-

tiring. A misty, dreary race 4 with a steady 12 to 15 kts blowing, saw six of us battling in two groups with Emma and Harry just reaching the windward in front of the first group of PTs in close pursuit and the second group not far behind. The battle raged until the end when Adam just forged ahead of Steph by 17 seconds and Malcolm another 65, with Steve Schaper ahead of Peter T.

The last race of the season has made us come back for more next season, as it was a beautiful sunny 10kt steady southerly, with only PTs and Stan's Hobie 14, which we 14 footers overwhelmingly want to keep without 16 foot boats in our division. It was a great contest among the front four, and the following three. Adam showed his all season superiority, with Phil after a short rest demonstrating that he hadn't forgotten anything ahead of Steph and Malcolm. Stan led the following bunch of Steve Schaper and Peter T. We hope Simon Boadle gets his boat into shape for next season.

- Steph Schwarz

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Division 3 report

WHAT a season in Division 3 with Michael and Georgia taking out the championship followed by Chris and Toby and Mike in the Impulse.

The autumn series was also hotly contested with the honors going to Chris and Toby, followed by Mike, Rob and Warren in a well-deserved 3rd place in the Tasar. Nick was attacked by an unknown sea creature late in the autumn series adding to the all-round excitement, rumours of sting rays, leather jackets or the very rare marine echidnas are doing the rounds, either way we wish Nick a speedy recovery.

What was pleasing to see this season was the Division 3 fleet needing to really concentrate throughout the races as in most cases no clear break was established at the front of the fleet. Strong tides and subtle wind shifts featured

prominently in the autumn series and the fleet did very well adopting to these conditions putting in multiple tacks up wind to take advantage of very localised conditions.

I feel the Division 3 fleet this year has lifted the bar in relation to its overall race craft and I for one was able to move from club to other regattas with more ease, as the skill/race craft differential was minimised, a real credit to our local competition and race organisation I feel.

Finally thanks to all the Division 3 sailors for your good humor and good mateship on and off the water and to the many volunteers at the club; without the rescue boat crews and race control officials none of the racing would be possible.

See you at presentation night.

- Nick Carter

Division 4 report

THE inaugural season of Lasers having their own division has finished with the verdict being that it was an outstanding success.

Every race had something for everyone. No matter what sort of day you were having, there was always someone around you to keep company and provide encouragement to push you to the finishing line. Just about everyone won a race, be it on line honors or handicap.

Since the last newsletter Harrison Ede (radial) won the club championship with Steve Clifford (full rig) claiming handicap. Well done Harrison and Steve on taking the major awards.

On LH David Fakhry (full rig) and Lucy Ede (4.7) took the minor placings, and David and Lachlan Harvey (4.7) took the handicap minor placings. Nick Bailly (full rig) was just pipped on a count back for third place. With 17 entries for the series, the division was strong.

Steve Clifford showed his strong improvement

over the season by taking out the autumn series from Nick Bailly and Maddi Poon (4.7).

Late in the season the division was excited to welcome Max Taylor who has purchased Lucy Ede's Laser 4.7 (Lucy traded up for a newer boat). This is very exciting with several young lads from the Hobie Hawks keen to follow Max and Ed Alsop (4.7) into Lasers. Next season the competition will hot up, especially in the 4.7s.

Not resting on their current performances, Harrison and Lucy attended Yachting Victoria's Youth Coaching Camp over the school holidays at Mornington. They both commented that they got a heap of tips during the three days from VST head coach Mark Tonner Joyce and dual Olympian and former World Laser Radial Champion Sarah Blanck. Lucy is now keen to join Krystal Weir's girls 4.7 squad over winter to find more improvement.

- Nick Ede

Division 5 report

WELL that's another wonderful Somers sailing season over.

Division 5 championship results were:

Yardstick - 1. Wendy Wilson- Sabre Heart Beat, 2. Grahame Tiplady - Sabre Lyverbird, 3. Allison Hatton and Eileen Poon- Pacer Puffin Billy.

Handicap -1 Libby Moore-Sabre Bob, 2. Allison Hatton and Eileen Poon- Pacer Puffin Billy, 3. Wendy Wilson- Sabre Heart Beat.

The Easter Regatta saw sisters Amanda and Diana Nutting reunite in Pacer Rasscall, providing us with lots of spinnaker entertainment (I couldn't hear any yelling- but it was very windy) and they still manage to stay in front.

A short (and generally cool but with good winds) autumn series saw more Pacers than

Sabres in most races.

Yardstick was won by Wendy and handicap by Ant and Hugo Davenport- Pacer Tacks Return.

Evan and Ida Gaulke in 125 Odds 'n' Ends were the great improvers (watch out for them next year if they get their spinnaker going!) during autumn and Dennis Paskins in Sabre Red Hot Go must be congratulated for never missing a race.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at presentation night and maybe even out on the water sometime over winter!!

There are lots of great opportunities for winter coaching and racing - see Somers YC Facebook page for more details.

- Wendy Wilson

Kayaks/Stand-ups/Surf skis

CURRENTLY more than half these water craft stored in the yard are unregistered and have no legitimate yard space.

From a legal liability perspective there is no difference between these craft and any other type of waterborne craft. As a result, as we require members to carry a minimum of \$5,000,000 liability cover for the operation of registered boats and we should also be requiring any member operating a tinny, kayak or similar craft to carry similar cover if they are going to operate the craft through our club. We understand that it is

possible to add small watercraft to a home-owner's policy and through that policy be protected for any liability arising from its operation for purely pleasure purposes.

In preparation for the next season we will require all of these craft stored at the club to be registered with the club and have the appropriate insurance. Yard fees are applicable unless already stored in an existing paid yacht space (i.e. under your Hobie).

- Chris Gurney

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2016 Victorian Laser state titles



AT the Laser State Titles over the March long weekend, Somers Yacht Club once again proved its reputation as a super friendly club that can run high level titles in a very professional manner.

Conditions were excellent and varied, with 78 boats – including sailors from as far away as NSW, Queensland and even Sweden - competing in three Laser divisions: Standard rig, 4.7 and Radial. Taking advantage of their local knowledge and home ground advantage, the Somers sailors did their club proud, with their final series placings as follows:

Standard (16 boats): Michael Vandenberg – 5, John Tilleard – 10, Steve Clifford – 12, David Fakhry – 13.

4.7 (25 boats): Lucy Ede – 14, James Briggs – 15, Wendy Wilson – 16, Courtney Harvey – 19, Hayley Poon – 21, Lachlan Harvey -22.

Radial (37 boats): Harrison Ede – 16; also Janease Graham (Mark & Di's daughter, well known at Somers over many years) – 12.

Noteworthy outcomes included: Lucy Ede coming 8th in race 3; five Somers sailors finishing in consecutive positions 16-20 inclusive in race 3, and 15-19 inclusive in race 5 ("helms of a feather finish together" – we're a very close knit bunch at Somers); Harrison Ede coming 5th in race 3; and Steve Clifford coming 6th in race 6, ahead of all the other Somers sailors for the first time in his life (well, he thought that was noteworthy anyway!)

- Steve Clifford



**For more about the Laser States visit the VLA website for an article by VLA President John d'Helin.*

Sparrow regatta

A small group of Sparrow sailors gathered at Somers over Easter for the 2016 Sparrow Regatta.

Defending champ Warren Slater and his daughter Georgina came over from Safety Beach SC. Emile de la Couer and his dad Neil sailed all the way over from Point Leo in light winds arriving just in time to eat their lunch on the beach before heading straight back out for the first race.

Maddi Poon with Daniel Laverty, Lucy Ede with Taylor Poon and Wendy Wilson with Lisa Tuck (and David Wilson) from Somers made up the fleet of five Sparrows. We enjoyed great sailing conditions - from 20 knots and big swells to very light and shifty winds (and everything in between).

Unfortunately the goose-neck detached from the mast during the first race on Lucy and Taylor's boat Shasonus ending their series. Shasonus has been sailing in Sparrow Titles at least since 1978 when Robyn Shaw came 32nd in a fleet of more than 40 boats! Hope she will be back again next year.

Warren and Georgina in The Rookie sailed consistently well, finishing a comfortable distance in front in every race. Warren was very generous with his vast sailing knowledge and gave us lots of great tips.

Emile and Neil in Ripley sailed bravely for two days despite an OCS, a capsize and a head wound following a whack from the boom. On the third day they had to sail back to Point Leo but fortunately made it back to Somers a few weeks later to be presented with the Harvey Encouragement Plate and a sailing bag donated by South Eastern Sails.

Wendy and Lisa in Octopus had lots of laughs and narrowly avoided a swim during the first run in Saturday's big seas. Lisa truly is a "super crew" and gave me some great sailing advice. David Wilson made a guest appearance as the crew on Monday, much to his mother's delight.

Maddi and Daniel in Neenca were mostly right on our tails for some fun and competitive racing. Their loud singing made us sail even faster towards some peace and quiet! Neenca is the



Warren and Georgina Slater- winners of the Open Championship



Lisa Tuck and Wendy Wilson with Captain Sparrow

Vice Commodore's well maintained boat-still with its original mainsail! Hope to see John sailing it one day!

Captain Sparrow came to present the trophies (thanks Steve!), making a spectacular entry flapping along the balcony. The Open Championship was won by Warren and Georgina, Junior by Maddi and Daniel with the Judy Hale Ladies Plate going to Wendy and Lisa.

Many thanks to Somers YC for being a fun and generous host to the Sparrows over the past five years. Next year we move to a new venue..... to be advised soon. - **Wendy Wilson**

Hawks Away - The Biggest Little Regatta in Somers

ON Saturday 9 April, 15 young Somers Yacht Club sailors came together for the second Hawk World Titles.

A flock of brightly coloured sails stood ready on the beach as the sailors attended a detailed briefing by their fearless leader, Emma Morris. Never one to miss an opportunity for instruction, Emma quizzed her attentive audience on race rules and start sequences.

A south westerly breeze and incoming tide tested the brave young sailors, the one short lap of the triangle course no easy feat during the first three races for the battling Hawks.

After lunch a few were hesitant to resume sailing. However, conditions improved considerably with a drop in wind and change in tide. A little sunshine smiled upon us as five more back-to-back races were held, a highlight being the challenge of depositing a rubber duck at the gybe mark.

After a day full of capsizing, colliding and raucous exchanges at the start line our weary sailors returned to the club house for a BBQ dinner and the race results. Once again a Morris won the series, congratulations Zoe on a stellar effort!

It was exciting to see so many younger members on the water honing their skills. This event would not have been possible without many generous people who donated their time and expertise, particularly the Morris family. Bring on 2017!



Above: Happy Hawks sailors left to right back row: Max Taylor, Ed Alsop, Lachlan Lee-Smith, Bodie Carter, Elly Morris, Georgia Wood-Freeman. Front row left to right: Genevieve Holden, Hayley Poon.

- Anthony Davenport

Right: Emma Morris presenting Zoe with the winning trophy





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Vale - Peter Johns

LONGER –standing members were saddened to learn of the recent death of Peter Johns.

Peter joined the Club in 1979, and for many years sailed his Solo dinghy *Sinabada* with considerable success.

In the early days there were 22 Solos sailing at Somers – Ian Brock had been a great persuader! Peter's name appears numerous times on the race results honour boards on the clubhouse walls. He was also the Victorian State Solo champion in 1990/91, and again in 1995/96 jointly with John Carter.

He was always concerned about other sailors – one Solo State Titles at Balnarring the wind strengthened dramatically, and the race was abandoned. Your scribe was unaware of this, and was heading grimly towards Bass Strait when Peter pursued me in 25+ knot wind to alert me to the abandonment.

Peter was actively involved in the club's administration and after two years each as Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore, he served as Commodore from 1993 to 1995.

He was particularly involved during a very challenging time for the club when severe beach erosion threatened the clubhouse.

There were innumerable working bees as we sought to emulate King Canute, but more importantly were the lengthy negotiations with the



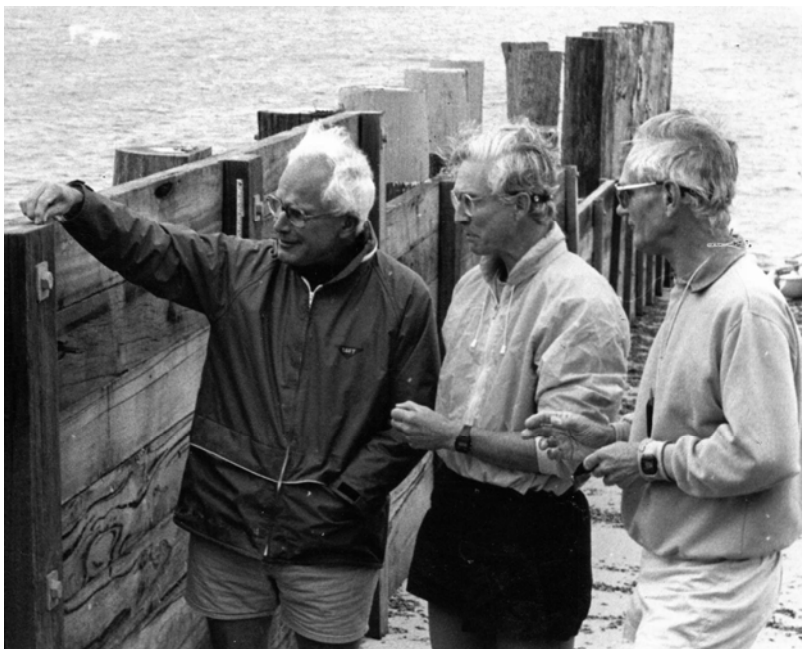
Ports and Harbours Department which eventually led to the building of the rock retaining wall in front of the Club and the relocation of the boat yard in front of the Clubhouse. The club was saved! His many contributions were recognised when he received the Don McCutcheon Award in 1997

Peter was eventually forced to give up sailing by the progression of his Parkinson's disease (which also confines two other past Commo-

dores – Donald Ede 1989-91 and Alan Angwin 1993-95 – to Shoreham House Aged Care Facility), but he was able to continue for some years

as race officer and other roles in the tower. Here he joined his wife Helen, who for many years ran the team of race recorders. Sadly his condition worsened, and they had not been able to visit Somers for three years and finally resigned from the Club a year ago. Peter was an engineer, and worked for many years in the family business – Johns & Waygood Engineering - which

provided most of the lifts in high-rise buildings in Australia. Always unflappable and invariably polite, everyone regarded him as the perfect gentleman. He will be sadly missed.



Above: Don Ede, Peter Johns and Gary Grist

- Jeremy Grant

Social news



AS the sailing season draws to a close for another year I would like to thank all of the people who have assisted in the planning and running of the variety of social events conducted throughout the sailing season.

The social committee tries to plan and provide a variety of social events to add to the rich tapestry of life at the yacht club and cater for all age groups where possible.

The Easter Bunny visited SYC on Easter Sunday and we thank Max Taylor for making this possible. During the visit parents and friends were able to enjoy Hot Cross Buns and coffee on the balcony. Many thanks to Di Nutting for coordinating this event in my absence.

We thank the Jets, who have performed on several occasions throughout the year, for giving us the opportunity to dance or just enjoy music over a meal at the club. They are booked for the Queen's Birthday weekend on June 11 when we will hold our winter BYO BBQ. Be sure to put this in your diary.

Please remember that items such as plates and table cloths should not be removed from the club. It is difficult to organise events when items are missing from the kitchen and storeroom and cannot be accounted for.

Vic will continue to provide meals on Friday nights throughout the winter months. Please message him to assist with catering.

Planning for the next social season is under way. We are looking forward to doing it all again in October.

- Libby Moore



Above: Two little boys gather up their haul of Easter eggs

SYC Golf Challenge

WELL! What a day! Eight teams lined up at Cerberus last Sunday on an absolutely fantastic morning. The golfing was keen and the scores reflect some fine shots played.

Results are below: (all figures rounded)

Dennis Middleton (C), Sue Duncan, Ian Marchment & Bob Welch	(Net) 29
Tim Brock (C), Stephen Brown, Dennis Paskins & Adrian Ross	31
Grahame Tiplady (C), Richard Fakhry & Janus Kanowski	32
Rob Briggs (C), Malcolm Kemp, Denise Kempster & David Tootell	33
Peter Whitnish (C), 'Bart' Bartholomew, Caroline Tootell & Clare Whitnish	35
Bill Murray (C), Chris Gurney, Ron Kempster & Jan Murray	35
Alan Harwood (C), John Baldwin, Noel Blanche & Arthur Lund	36
Marg Harwood (C), Senga Gadsden, Marg Lund & Peter Thompson	36

Congratulations Team Middleton! It is proposed that each team member becomes a captain next year so they can't defend their title.

But the golf was only the half of it. The competitors were joined by many others at the yacht club for what can be only described as a most amazing lunch prepared by Cheryl (with a little help from Chris) Gurney. For those who missed it, words cannot adequately describe how nice it was – but scrumptious is a word that comes to mind. Two fantastic courses – and some of us



Commodore Chris Gurney presenting the trophy to team Middleton: Sue Duncan, Ian Marchment, Dennis Middleton and Bob Welch

were allowed to go back for seconds.

The Somers Yacht Club Golf Trophy was presented to the winning team (for the second time since 2005) by Chris Gurney and Stephen Brown. Next year we expect an even bigger competition and encourage all members of the club join in for a fun day.

Another major highlight of the day was, for the 'stayers', seeing Melbourne's demolition job on Collingwood over a red or two before heading home. It just doesn't get much better than this!!

Thanks to Stephen and Senga for the arrangements on the day and the team who helped with the salads and the setting up at the YC – thank you all.

- Tim Brock, Acting Golf Captain

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SEVENTY-TWO members turned out for the working bee and managed to do lots of great things including laying a new wooden ramp in the yard improving access to the beach for boats.

Happy birthday Mum

SOMERS Yacht Club member Phillip Johnson and his brother Ian help their mother Dorothy celebrate her 100th birthday at Shoreham House recently.

As well as her sons and their wives, Mr Johnson also had four great grandchildren and six grandchildren on hand to help with the celebrations.

Mrs Johnson moved to the Mornington Peninsula 10 years ago to live at Shoreham House.

She has fond memories of holidaying with the family at Merricks Beach.





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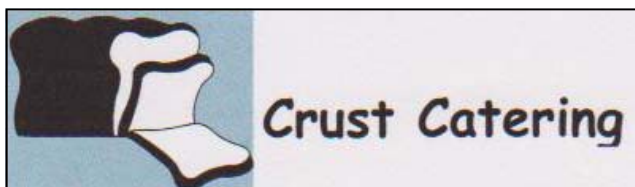
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WHILE most of us are dealing with the coming winter, the colder weather and water, at least one Laser sailor was soaking up the sun in Mauritius and enjoying a spot of fishing.

David Fakhry took over an hour to land this 80+ kg yellow-fin tuna, and a nice mahi-mahi for some beautiful sashimi.



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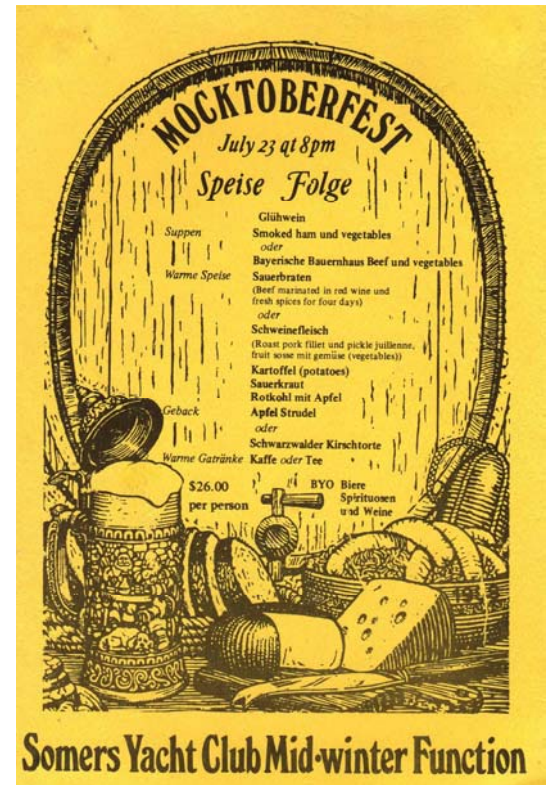
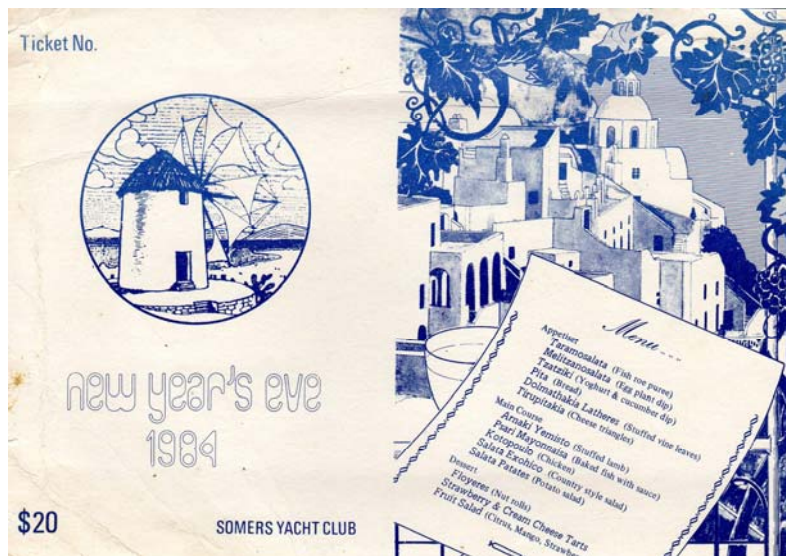
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Memories of times past at the club



Do you remember any of these events? If you do then you are older than you think!! Thank you Rod Nuske for providing these menus and event notices from his archives.





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