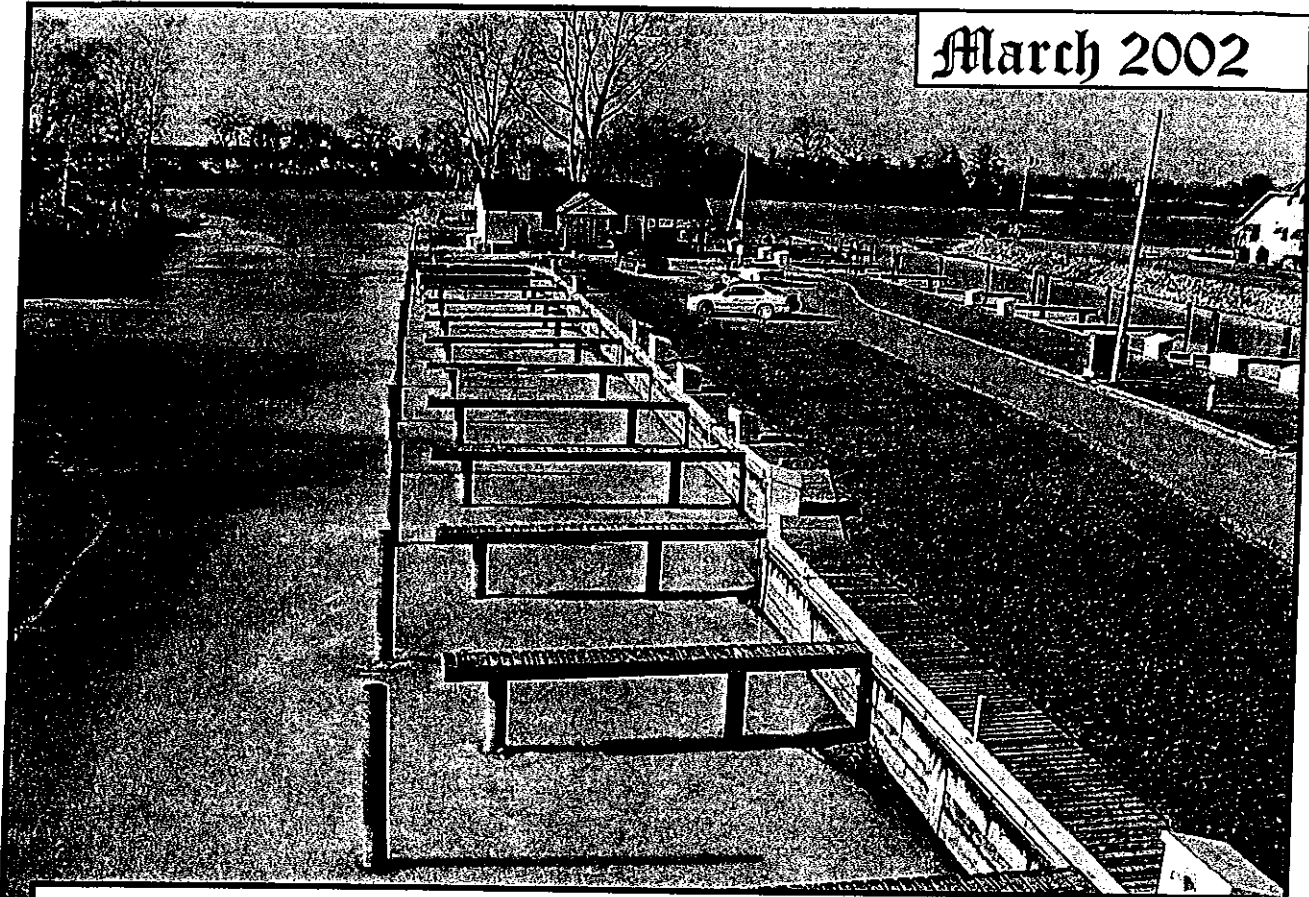


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La Salle Mariners Yacht Club

LMYC looking west toward Grassy Island

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club 2002 Officers

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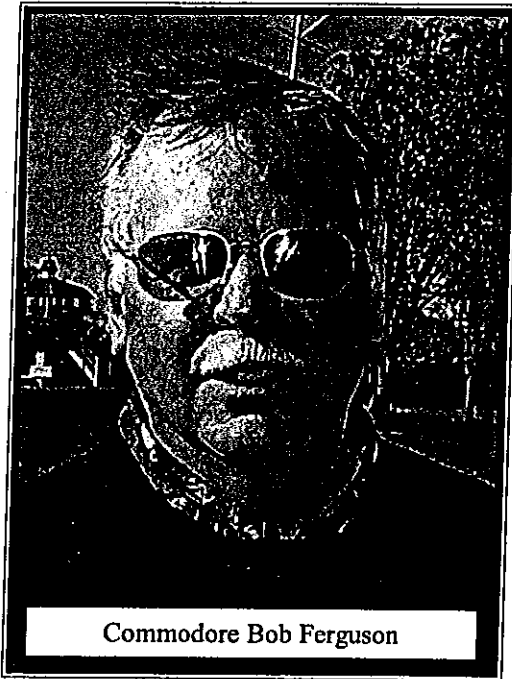


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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Bob Ferguson



Vice-Commodore Chris Barron

Here it is the beginning of March and we have thus far endured a very mild winter — no ice in the river and very thin ice in the wells, if any. Contrary to Wiarton Willie, it like our ground hog at LMYC will be sailing early. I personally hope to have the tarp off my boat by the first day of spring and ready for launch by the middle of April. There are some advantages of owing a minimal maintenance "Shark".

We should soon be seeing some construction activity on the north side. This new dock/deck addition should help join the north boardwalk to our "Emperor's Dock". It seems during the hot weather the focal point has been to gather in this area. This should provide increased attendance to those preaching from the "Table of Knowledge".

We are now scheduling work hours for the 2002 boating season. Don't wait until the last minute to get your work hours in, or even worse be left out. Get your work hours in early so you can be sailing when the weather is nice while others are working on theirs.

Commodore Bob Ferguson and Vice Commodore Chris Barron

The Currents is published monthly. While The Currents has researched and inquired to assure that information contained in The Currents is accurate, we recommend to double check to assure complete accuracy. Not receiving The Currents? Call the Editor to get your copy.



News and Information



It's A Boy

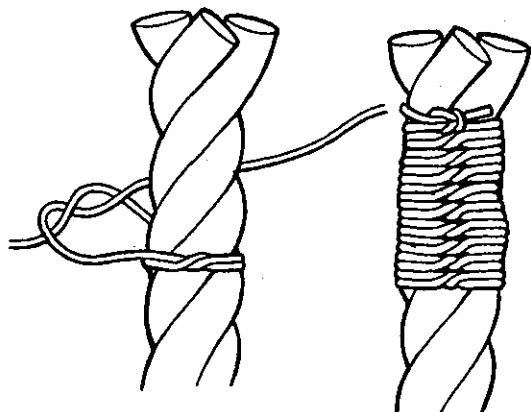


Congratulations to John and Debbie Nayduck on the birth of their son John Zackary Kelly Nayduk (Zack) was born at 5:10 PM on December 10, 2001 at Metropolitan Hospital. He weighed in at 10 pounds, 8 ounces and was 22.75 inches long. Proud parents John & Deborah are doing fine.



Name This Knot

A method of whipping the end of a rope by centering the whipping twine around the part of the rope to be whipped and half knotting it with an overhand knot at every half turn so that each consecutive knot is on the opposite side of the rope. The whipping is finished off with a * reef knot.



WEST COUNTRY WHIPPING



Reminder

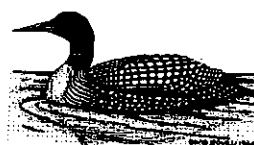


The newsletter is usually in the clubhouse around the beginning of the month. If you are in the area please pick up your copy. More copies picked up, the less we have to mail.

Grey Duck

To the members of the Grey Duck Society. The Duck provides a vital service to all club members. In order for this service to continue members must fulfill their obligation and feed the duck on TIME. Some members have not been feeding the duck on time and it is extremely hungry. AGAIN THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

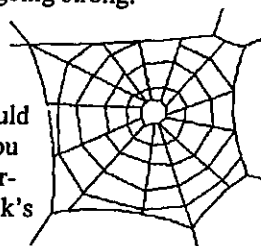
Note: When buying feed for the duck please address as Grey Duck.



LMYC Web Page

Our LMYC Web Page is still going strong. The Web Master Nick Maroukis is still waiting for club members to give him stories, pictures or information that could be of interest to this club. If you have any information please forward to his Email address. Nick's address is as follows:

maroukis@earthlink.net



Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to John and Debbie Nayduck on the passing of John's father John Nayduck Senior on February 2, 2002. Funeral was held at Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home in Windsor. Your prayers are most appreciated.



From The Social Director

Hi everyone:

I hope February found you all well and happy. The club enjoyed two lovely evenings, the first being a Valentine's Day Party and the second was a Video Night.

Thank you to Richard & Linda Parchoma, and Bob & Carol Ferguson who were romantics at heart and joined some new guests to make the Valentines evening very enjoyable.

Richard and Linda also hosted a nostalgic video evening as everyone remembered the club in its 21st century.

March will bring two more special events. A St. Patrick's Day party is planned for Saturday March 16th to allow all the Irish and the Irish at heart to "put on the green". Please come out and enjoy the evening. The main Irish fare will be served to you; all that is required is a side dish, (a green side dish of course).

March will also bring a very important evening of thanks and celebration for the past Commodore, Bob Reaume. The party will take place March 23rd at 8:00pm and it will be a potluck.

I will be calling members for attendance commitments and organize the side dishes for both the March 16th and March 23rd parties. Please feel free to RSVP at 969-2350

PHRF Meeting



Jurgén Hendel, Scott Giles, Jim Ouellette

The first PHRF Meeting of the new year was held on Sunday February 10, 2002 at South Port Sailing Club. The outgoing executive Commodore Scott Giles, Secretary Treasurer: Jim Ouellette and Chief Handycaper: Jurgén Hendel began the meeting at 1:00 pm. Approximately twenty members were in attendance. The main purpose of the meeting was to determine the future of the Essex Country PHRF Association.

A new executive was elected.

Commodore: Chuck Beaumont

Vice-Commodore: John Murphy

Secretary/Treasurer: Alan Prettyman

The Chief Handycaper will be appointed before the next meeting which is scheduled on March 24, at 1:00 pm at South Port Sailing Club

The meeting adjourned around 2:00 pm

Commodore: Chuck Beaumont



John Murphy, Chuck Beaumont, Alan Prettyman

Winning Streak To Continue



John Murphy suffered a shoulder injury earlier in the year in a horse riding incident. He recently has undergone corrective surgery and despite this injury vows that he will continue his winning streak in 2002.

Racers Beware

BOATWISE CLASS

On April 12th and 13th a Power Squadron Boatwise Class will be held at the club. Boatwise is a Course which teaches children, ages 8 to 12, boating safety/awareness.

If you would like to register your son or daughter and/or for more information call **Mary Ellen** at 736-6596. There will be a limit of 15 for this class... so register early.

Sextant Wanted

If you have a sextant you would like to sell or one you would be willing to lend me, for my Celestial Navigation Course, please call. Thanks, Mary Ellen ... 736-6596

Lake Water Levels

Did you ever wonder why the water is dropping in our Great Lakes. There are many variables to consider. The following illustration gives one scenario.

WHY LAKE LEVELS DROP

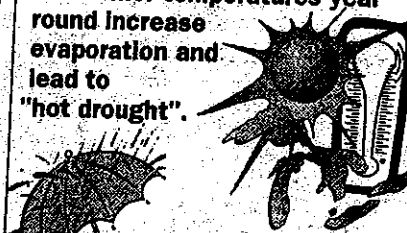
1. Less snow fall and accumulation in the winter means less snow melt and run-off in the spring.



2. No ice cover on the lakes means water continues to evaporate during winter.



3. Warmer temperatures year round increase evaporation and lead to "hot drought".



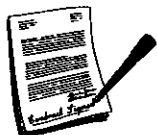
4. Not enough rain.



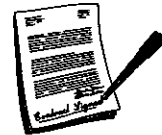
PHRF Meeting

The next PHRF meeting will take place at South Port Sailing Club on March 24, at 1:00 pm. All interested members should attend.

Commodore: Chuck Beamont



LMYC Bylaw Amendments



The following are the proposed Amendments which were approved by the Executive and the Past Commodores. These amendments will be presented at the next general meeting to be voted on. Bring your Bylaws Booklet

Bylaw amendments

12(g) for unworked hours. When a club member, in good standing, reaches the age of 60 and has been a Full member for at least 25 years, that member no longer needs to record work hours.

12(j) Winter haulout and storage will begin October 1st and must be completed by November 15th.

Delete 12 (f)

12.(i) at the owner's expense. Boats still on club property after May 15 will be charged a daily fee, set by the executive on an annual basis.

17.(d) Temporary dockage may be available at the club for those full members who do not have a well there. The first 3 days will be free then a prorata on a daily basis of regular docking fees. Members who store here may have 10 days to prepare or de-commission their boat.

As a new Full member of LMYC I acknowledge a three (3) year probationary period. During this period the executive will review my standing and membership continuance based on my involvement in club functions, work hours, meeting attendance, use of our facility, and maintain membership in good standing and compliant with all club bylaws. Failure to satisfy the above criteria will, at the executive's discretion result in my membership being revoked.

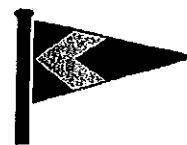
If during the 3-year probation period, a membership is revoked, the initiation fee may be returned (prorata) at the discretion of the executive.

This goes under 3.(c) But is to be part of the new Full membership application

As of Jan 17,2002

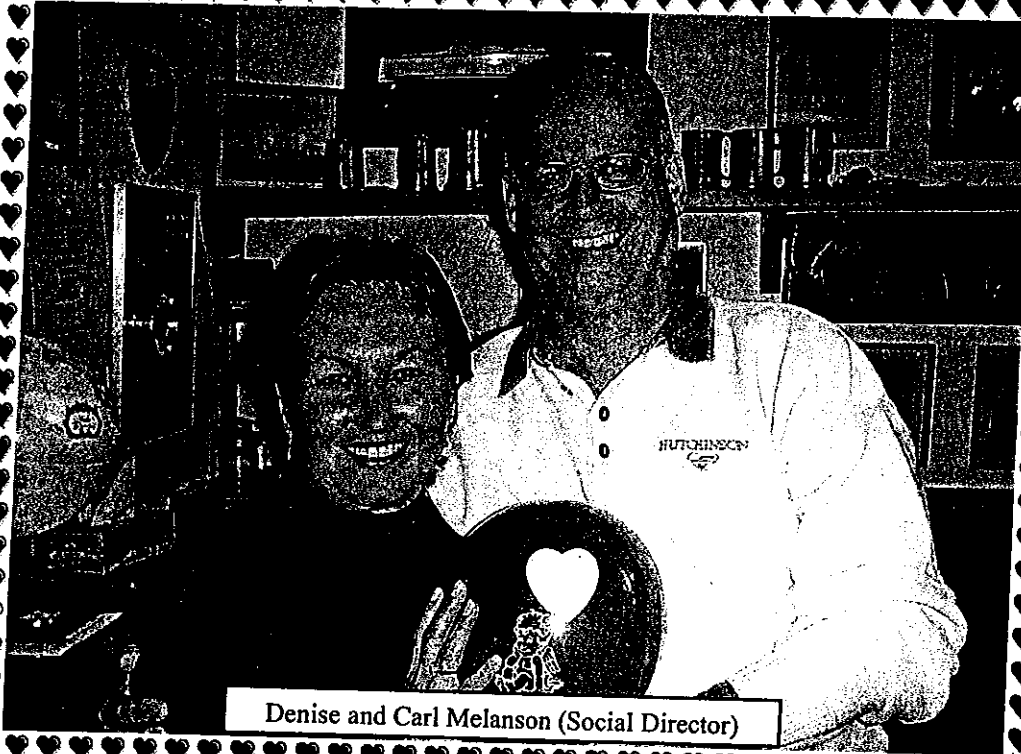
BOLD indicates current wording

Amended Feb 7, 2002 Executive meeting





Valentine's Party



Denise and Carl Melanson (Social Director)

LMYC Valentine get together was held at the clubhouse on February 9, 2002. The clubhouse well decorated reflected the romantic mood of the event. Low lights and multitudes of candles added to the event. Members and friends spent the evening enjoying each others company and snacking on finger foods provided by the attending members and friends.

Thanks again to Carl and Denise Melanson for their hard work providing and evening of entertainment to LMYC members and friends.



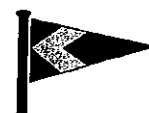
Friends gathering around the bar



Linda & Richard Parchoma - Bob & Carol Ferguson



Darts at LMYC

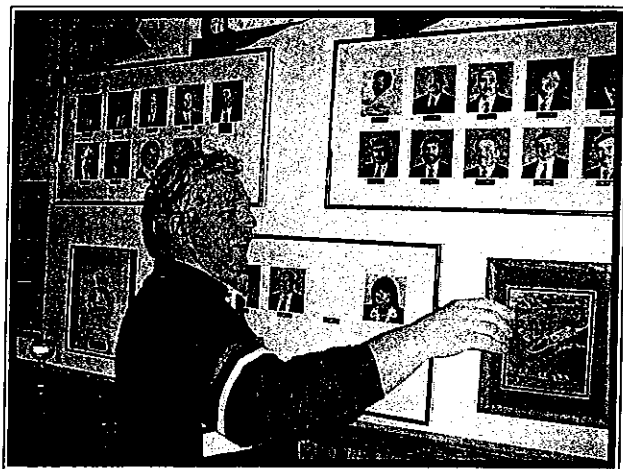


The sport of darts is unique in several ways: the equipment required to play is reasonably inexpensive, a relatively small amount of space is required to play, and special clothing is not required. Age, gender, size and physical strength/endurance have almost no effect on a player's ability to do well. These factors combine to make darts the appealing and popular game it is today at LMYC.

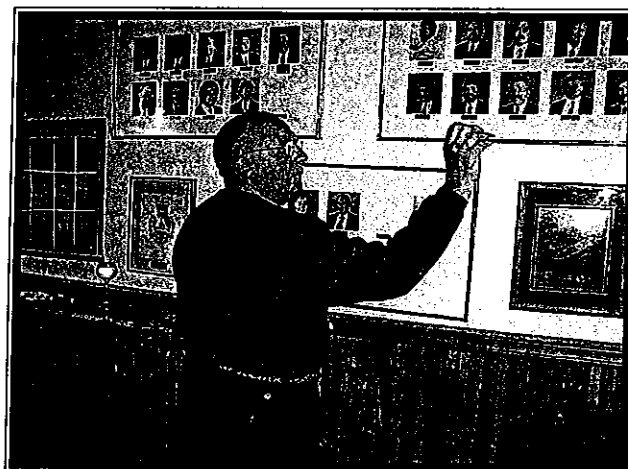
Darts at LMYC began officially in 1978 and when the game was first played some unnamed club members at that time "erroneously thought it to be an invasion by woodpeckers" (LMYC newsletter 1978)

Presently 20 members and friends attend the weekly event at LMYC, which consists on two main types of games Cricket and 701. Teams are made up each Wednesday with the members in attendance. The rates to play are very reasonable. 25 cents to play and if you lose you have to contribute 10 cents. If a player happens to achieve a score greater than 100 all in attendance have to contribute 10 cents.

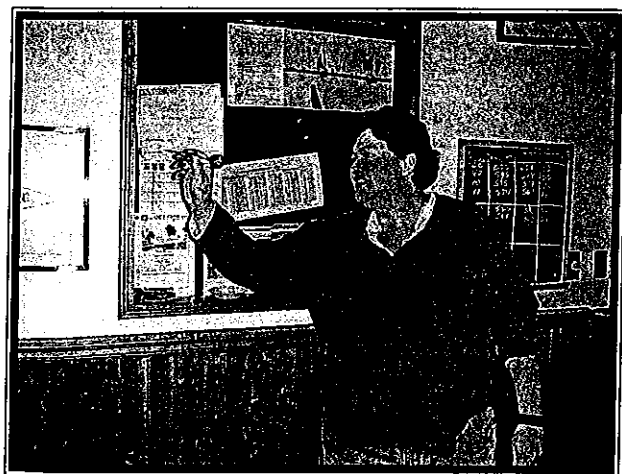
There is still a chance to become involved. Darts are held at the clubhouse every Wednesday evening until approximately 1 week before Launch Day. On the last day of darts the members and guests have a party and present awards for the achievement acquired during the winter months.



Ralph Kepran



Alex Buliga

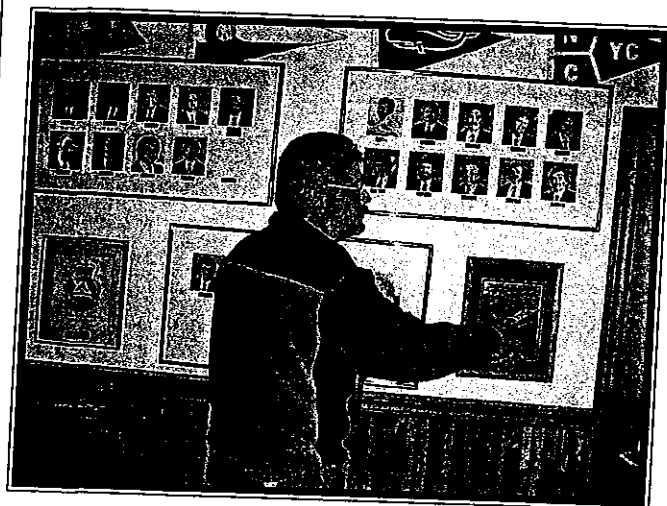


Paula Anderson



Linda Schreiber

Darts



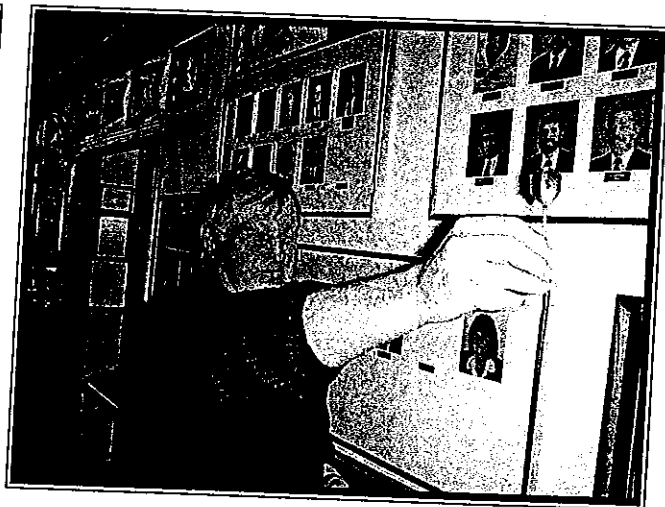
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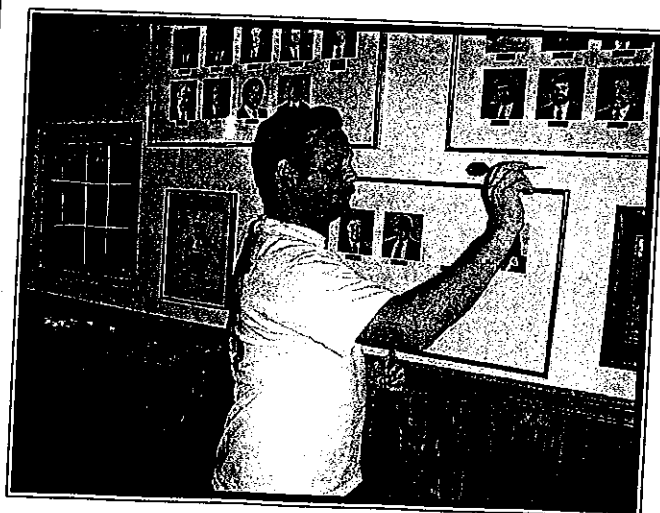
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June Smith



Jurgen Hendel



Dave Soulliere



Bob & Lindy O'Brien



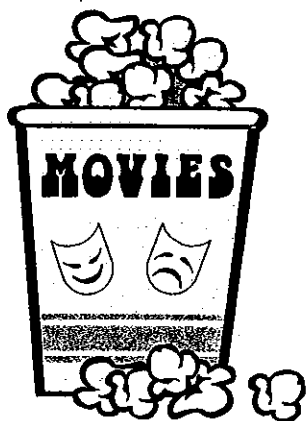
Movie Night at LMYC



LMYC Members viewing the Video

Approximately 15 members attended Movie night at LMYC. Those in attendance enjoyed popcorn, and snack food while viewing a 1989 video yearbook on LMYC. Members saw themselves and the club in an earlier age when they and the club looked considerably different. The video included scenes from darts, launch, couples race, shakedown, regatta, and Santa and the kids.

After the video members reminisced about the club and its members. This was an enjoyable evening for those in attendance. If you missed the video on LMYC never fear. It will be replayed 15 years from now.



Ralph Kepran, Liz Metcalfe & Doris Kepran

Going Away Party



February 6th was a 'Dart Flight' sendoff for James and his family.

James Soulliere son of Linda Schreiber and his family are going back to Japan and Wednesday Dart Night was the perfect venue for the sendoff going away party. The above picture illustrates all the members and friends who attended Dart Night for darts and the sendoff. After darts farewells and hugs were in order.



Jim Ouellette teaching Eric Soulliere how to fly



Doris Kepran and Natsumi Soulliere chatting



Rob Ferguson Update



Hanging out with the Locals — (Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary)

Rob Ferguson LMYC member is presently in Australia attending Teachers' College. This is a short update of his adventures.

Hi Everyone,

We arrived first in Fiji and stayed on one of the islands nearby for 5 days. The building where we slept had no walls but a roof which was geared towards backpackers. Lots of large sailing ships passed by. We got a chance to do some snorkeling inside the reef. We spent most of the time with the natives which we enjoyed except for their cava drink which I found distasteful.

We arrived in Brisbane on the hottest day of the year (113 degrees).

We are living off campus(4 of us) in a town house which looks just like Melrose Place if any of you remember that television program. The pool is situated in the middle. It is very hot here usually over 100 degrees. This weekend we are renting a Camper van and heading for Sydney for a week.

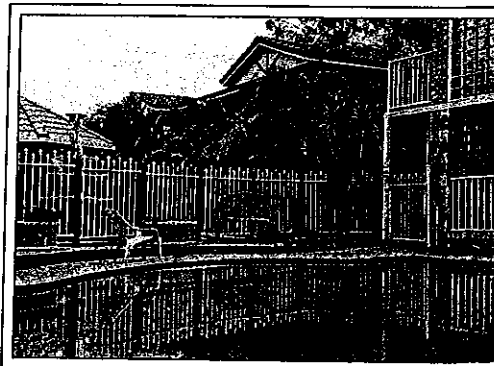
Had my 3rd day of pre teaching and so far so good. I spent yesterday by the pool supervising my high school students. It was a good day to try out some of my discipline skills.

Last night we went to Chinese New Year. For the Festival they had dragon dancing and fireworks. They also let off about 5000 Chinese firecrackers all at once in the middle of the street.

So far Australian life is treating me very well.

Anyone wishing to write to Rob can do so at this address:

*Rob Ferguson
10/116 Klump Rd.
Upper Mt. Gravatt
Queensland 4122
Australia*



Rob Ferguson's Australian Residence



Everything under the sun

February 14-19, 2002

Miami Beach Convention Center
Sealine Marina and Yachting Center
Miamarina at Bayside (Strictly Sail)

Miami Boat Show

Strictly Sail:

I have just returned from the Miami Boat Show, and was totally astounded as to how the other half lives. The Power Side of the show, was a pure glut of wealth, however the sailing area was remarkable.

Having the chance to board a multitude of Catermans ranging in size from 26' to 64' allowed this new sailor to day-dream about life at sea. There were probably 300 mono hulls in the water ranging from 12' to a 104', with the price tag to match.

I think that an adventure like this is so interesting, as it shows different layouts, as well as the latest electronics', sails, hardware and safety equipment that is available. Traveling to Florida with a few golfing buddies, I encouraged them to spend a day with me at the boat show, and after the total awe of the size, as how many boats you could see, one realizes that the annual car show in Detroit is tiny by comparison.

I just had to jot down a few things, as one of the greatest comments that I heard that weekend was, "Did you notice the difference between the sailing people and the power boat people".

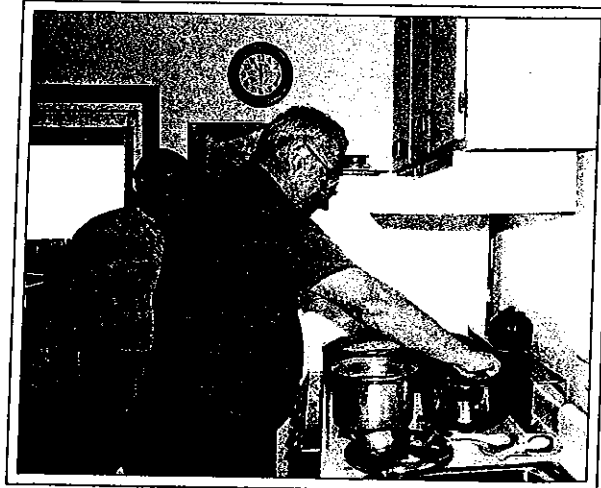
"The sailor's are genuine, and the power boat people seemed slick and plastic".

Know I know why I enjoy sailing, not only for the trill of the sail, but because the people are great.

Car Melanson
"Summer Delite"



Brad Blackton and Rick Beresford enjoying Luncheon



Jerry Angus and Bob MacKenzie in the kitchen

Monday Luncheons are a great success at LMYC. Approximately 15-20 members and friends attend the culinary delight every Monday at noon. Try your hand at cooking or come down and enjoy a different menu every Monday. Don't be late. Call ahead if you are not a regular.

Up Coming Events at LMYC

PAST COMMODORE'S PARTY



Let's thank and celebrate



**BOB REAUME
FOR HIS YEAR AS
OUR CAPTAIN AND
LEADER**

**The place: LaSalle Mariner's
Yacht Club**

**The time: Saturday March 23rd at
8:00pm.**

The fare: Pot luck and b.y.o.b.

**R.S.V.P. Denise
969-2350**



St. Patrick's day Party!!!

Saturday March 16

**LaSalle Mariner's
Yacht club
At 7:30**

**Corned beef and cabbage and cot-
tage roll will be served to you**

**Just bring a green side dish and
some Irish Humor**

**We'll bring the music and the little
people will follow!**



RSVP: Denise at 969-2350

B.Y.O.B

*Searching for an unusual Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary gift? Thinking of something to remember a loved one?
BUY A BRICK!*

Have the names of those special people inscribed on a brick in the LaSalle Millennium Unity Garden west of Laurier Drive at the water.

Up to 3 lines with 14 spaces on each line can be inscribed on a brick and depending on the number of orders received and weather permitting bricks will be installed 2 to 3 times per year

Order forms are at the club on the Bulletin Board or are available in the La Salle Tax office at the Town hall.

Get one brick for \$60.00 or two for \$100.00(Receipts for income tax purposes are forwarded in time for fiscal year-end upon request.