



Alwood Yacht Club

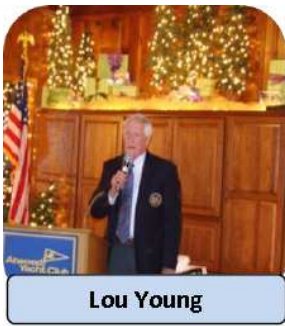
Scuttlebutt
Sept. 2012

September's sun sets on
the summer sailing season

Commodore: Lou Young

Vice Commodore: Denny Snyder

Rear Commodore: Richard Mertes



From the Commodore's desk

This year Atwood Yacht Club is celebrating its 64th anniversary. Our club has grown and prospered over the years due partly to the efforts of its leadership and adherence to our bi-laws and constitution.

One of the underlying factors for our continued success must also be credited to our core of volunteers who over the years has contributed so much to the club. In addition to volunteering their time to work on club projects, many members have chosen to become more involved in leadership roles by becoming club trustees and officers.

So if you have the inclination and are motivated in becoming more involved in the decision making and management of the club, we urge you to contact a member of our nominating committee, namely Randy Wells (Chair), Randy Longacher, and Lennie Persinski, for arrangements to be interviewed. Currently, they are interviewing candidates for trustee, the secretary/treasurer and the rear commodore positions.

Our annual membership meeting and the election of officers are only weeks away. Traditionally, the nominating committee chair presents the list of nominees to the trustees and officers during the September board meeting, which this year is Thursday, Sept. 20th, prior to the ballots being mailed to the active membership. So if you have an interest in a position, don't get shut out.

As many of you are aware, we have recently undergone a compliance audit by the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control. This was the first such audit of its kind since 1995 and the club passed with flying colors. The reason behind this audit was due to the fact that the state liquor compliance division assumed responsibility for the beer and wine wholesalers in 2010, a category in which we are included. As such, this agency has been charged with conducting these statewide audits on a timely basis. Contrary to the rumor mill, it has nothing to do with any recent events at the club.

It should also be mentioned that we requested an expansion of our permit premises and the new boundaries have been expanded to include the west shoreline with all buildings, the northeast shore, including the "Sailors Point", but not beyond the access road to the E. Basin Street docks, and to include the grass area out to Lodge Road. In addition, a request was submitted that Basin Street be included within the permit premises. Hopefully, we should have a favorable response before the end of the month on this section also.

The only restrictions are the parking areas and docks where "no alcohol permitted" signs are to be permanently posted. Members and guests who take any liquor from the lounge should be respectful of these boundaries. It should be noted that throughout the state, parking area restrictions apply where there are liquor permits and we are not being singled out. Obviously we have several internal parking areas which are conveniently located to provide easy access to boats, so common sense should apply when crossing these lines with alcoholic beverages. A revised map detailing these expansions will be displayed in the lounge once completed for viewers' edification.

On behalf of the board and club officers, we appreciate the encouragement and support from our membership throughout this year. Clearly, progress has been made in many areas and it obviously has been recognized by many. So thank you for letting us do our jobs and supporting us. To all members, have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. It is hard to believe that the summer season is over and we are approaching fall.



Jan H. Kennedy

From Communications Desk

News

OTHER STUFF

Condolences to Jill Simmelink on the passing of her mother, Ruth Dooling, 95, on Aug. 1. As you know, Jill is the wife of former Commodore Tom Simmelink. Tom said Ruth had been relatively good, but failed quickly in the last couple weeks of her life.

Condolences also go out to Kevin and Trish McCullough on the death of their mother, Edith "Cal" McCullough, on Aug. 24. Edith, 96, had been a resident at the Carroll Health Center.

Bea Farber, widow of former Commodore Bill Farber, is living in North Carolina. If you would like to communicate with her, here is her address: Bea Farber, c/o Radbourne Manor, 3505 Oriole Pl., Charlotte, N.C. 28269. I'm sure she'd be thrilled to know she is remembered back here.

AYC Golf Aug. 15, 2012 Results

1st Place: Gary Zell, Jim Kutscher, Eugene Dunlap and Bev Dunlap
 2nd Place: Joe Sekely, John Johnson, Linda Clow and Wayne Shaw
 3rd Place: Curt Adams, Betty Persinski, Dick Mertes and Jim Wemple
 4th place: Steve Tischbein, Lenny Persinski, Jan Kennedy and Jack Wyrle
 Hi Score: Paul Clow, Bob Montgomery, Jeanine Day and Dick Young

Chip In's:	Wayne Shaw and Paul Clow			
Long Drive:	Senior Women:	Cleo Young	Junior Women:	Sandy Russell
	Senior Men:	Eugene Dunlap	Junior Men:	Gary Zell
Close to Pin:	Senior Women:	Bev Dunlap	Junior Women:	None
	Senior Men:	Eugene Dunlap	Junior Men:	Dick Mertes
Long Putt:	Men:	Gus Elson	Women:	Jeanine Day

HARVEST MOON REMINDER

Just a reminder: you can attend the Harvest Moon celebration for free if you bring an hors d'oeuvres. If you don't, you will have to pay \$20 to attend. That includes the Friday night Welcoming Party on the porch with hot dogs, pizza and beer, the Saturday breakfast, the after race, open bar cocktail hour, the hors d'oeuvres party and the Sunday morning breakfast.

THANKS, JOHN

A big AYC Hip, Hip Hooray to member John Hoopingarner. As per his tradition, he completed his benefit swim through the shark-infested waters of Atwood Lake from the West Marina to the club and raised more than \$1,000 for the Junior Sailing program. There will be more money coming as people, hearing about his feat, send in contributions. Well done, John.

Hello fellow AYC members,

As your nominating committee chair I want to take this opportunity to invite you (active members) again to become part of the AYC Board of Trustees. We will also be interviewing for Trustees, Secretary/Treasurer and Rear Commodore positions.

Each of the nominating committee members can tell you it is a great way to meet new members, become involved, and rewarding as well. There are many committees to become involved with that could be a wonderful match for you and your talents. So please, support your club and be a representative for your fellow members by running for a position.

The nominating committee has set up the following dates and times for your convenience.
Aug. 30th and 31st 6 to 9 p.m. at the AYC and again on Sept. 6th and 7th from 6 to 9 p.m.
Call me at 330-365-1428 (h) or 330-417-5380 (c) to set up an interview, or Lenny Persinski at 412-276-3850 (h) or 412-480-9657(c), or Randy Longacher at 330-343-5282.

WE NEED & WANT YOU!

Thank You – Randy Wells - Chair

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Henry Ford



Kyle Courtwright



It's hard to believe that Labor Day is almost here already, and we have a great band coming out to the club on Sept. 1. Mark your calendars for "7 T 7" on that night for your entertainment. The following morning the pontoon fleet will sponsor a breakfast.

The following Friday, Sept. 7, "Mobile Jams" will be here to kick off the Harvest Moon Regatta events. On Sept. 14, back by popular demand, the "Good Guys" will be here.

Saturday the 22nd, we will be having another round of Wacky Golf at the club for your golfing pleasure. Then to end your month on Sept. 29, we will be having the band "Counterfeit" play at the club in conjunction with a pig roast (total \$20), so please sign up early for that event. #696S

As always, I encourage each and every member to come out and enjoy the events here at the Atwood Yacht Club. Bring family and friends to have fun!

"Life is not the party we hoped for...but while we are here we might as well dance."



Saturday Aug. 4th was a windy day. A WINDY DAY!! I wish we had held two races. And the winning sailors who harnessed that wind most effectively were Joe Sirgo and team on Hasta Manana, and Bernie Marucci and crew on Songbird. Congratulations to those talented teams.

On Saturday, Aug. 18th the AYC Cruising Fleet met for another race, the Ralph Redmond Memorial Rhumb Line Run. The wind was too light to race, but we did partake in some other traditions, including a small shot of Pusser's Rum beforehand. Many of you may not be aware that our small sailing group has maintained ties with the British Crown and Admiralty for a long time. So Adjunct Commander Kevin McCullough read to us the following letter from her Majesty, the Queen of England, Elizabeth II.

"Dear Commander McCullough: It is always a pleasure to receive your letter and I want to thank you for congratulating me on my Diamond Jubilee. I was sorry that I could not obtain passes for you and your friends to the ceremonies. I gave the request to my security people and they had some rather dubious questions. They were a little worried about some kind of terminator, or was that TIMINATOR? They also questioned your mission of DISCOVERY. We are not colonizing the world anymore. As for the TWIN WAVE system, we already have a fine Bose system. I do not think that we wanted a HEAT WAVE during the events, nor Dusty Women trying to make GOLD or money. They said we had enough acts without having a SONGBIRD. Besides, I prefer my music, as they say - ADAGIO, slow and easy. Why would we need a RED SLED when we have a beautiful carriage drawn by horses. We would surely have enough food without involving HASTA MANNA - whatever kind of dish that is - and please leave SYLVESTER the cat at home. He would upset my poor little corgies. As for refreshments, I think your offer of TOP SHELF items should be left out; as of late I only sip a little sherry now and then. Please tell your fellow sailors that I do appreciate their cares and express my regrets that they could not be here. Frankly, your people scared the hell out of my security team. As for your request for your ration of Pusser's, they have wholeheartedly approved it, as long as you stay in America. With regrets, sincerely Elizabeth II, Queen of England."

A NOTE ON THE HISTORY OF PUSSEY'S RUM - for well over 300 years, Great Britain's Royal Navy issued a daily "tot" of Pusser's Rum to the crews of their ships - and always a double issue before battle and after victory. This tradition was discontinued July 31, 1970. It still lives on in some of the former outposts of the British Empire, including here at AYC.



Jeff Schmitt



As you read this article we will have completed eight months of the year 2012. As far as our membership goals for this year are concerned, we are zeroing in on what we had hoped to achieve. But, (isn't there always a but) we are not there yet and time is of the essence. At latest count we are at 267 active members, 99 Senior members, 3 junior members and 3 non-resident members. We as a committee would like to see the active member number grow to at least 275 before the end of the year. So again I'm asking for your help in achieving this very attainable goal.

Recently, I had the opportunity to engage in conversation with one of our fellow members (who would prefer to remain anonymous). And as it often does, the topic turned to AYC membership. The subject we discussed was one that I was aware of but had not given the necessary amount of thought as it related to obtaining new members.

There are a number of social events that the Club holds on an annual basis that are always well attended by both members and their guests. That is, after all, why the events are repeated year after year. As we continued our conversation the light went off in my head. (Don't worry; it didn't hurt much because it doesn't happen often.) It was brought to my attention that quite often the member's guests are the very same guests that attended the previous year. It is apparent that they must have had a delightful time or they would not have agreed to come back again. Here is where the light thingy happened. These are the folks that need to be invited to join our club. Let's turn these guests into members, and ask them to bring a guest to the next function. See how it can kind of snowball on itself? Next time you invite a guest who has been to our club before, give them a membership packet. If you don't feel comfortable soliciting for a new member, look me up. I'll have no problem in twisting their arm. As you have heard me mention before, and will hear again and again, **MEMBERS DRIVE MEMBERSHIP**. Invite someone you know to become an Atwood Yacht Club Member.



Meet new members, the Boyd Family

Travis is senior vice president at the Bank of Magnolia for 19 years, and Nicky works at Canton South High School as a guidance counselor. Daughter Rebecca, 12, is in the 7th grade, and son Jack in the 4th grade in the Sandy Valley School District. "We live in Sandyville. We just bought our 1st pontoon boat last year and have really enjoyed our time on the lake."



Gary Jones



The team of Junior Sailing volunteers has completed a great summer of training kids to sail. We had two weeks of overnight camps attended by 46 kids. The program was changed this year and the kids not only learned to sail, but also how to rig and care for their own boats. We always have a great group of kids that do not cause trouble and just have a lot of fun while learning new skills. #224

Also, just completed was a very special three days of training for nine Junior Sailors who plan to enter the Harvest Moon Regatta. This group learned weight balancing, sail trim, boat care and had a lot of practice races. We wish them the best of luck at the regatta.

There is no way to name all the volunteers who helped in this small space, but I can tell you there were more than 30 who gave at least a week of their valuable time this year, and lots of people who gave donations of water and treats. It takes a lot of hard work to make a great camp for the kids. Most of the people who do this do it for the love of children and sailing and don't have kids in the program. Saying thanks is hardly enough. It is seeing the kids on those colorful Sunfish that is the real reward.

Thanks also to those who haven't been able to use the houseboat dock this summer, but the new docks saved our boats from damage this year. Gary Jones will be able to spend more time on AYC projects instead of fixing boats. Thanks to our friend, Rex Carper, who designed, supplied parts and helped build the Sunfish docks. What a great improvement for the safety of our kids and boats.



"Big Gary" Lenhart instructs junior sailing campers

Bobbie Jones



Atwood Yacht Club Auxiliary



The drawing for the beautiful wall hanging crafted by member Cathy Palmer will be auctioned off during The Auxiliary Style Show on Oct. 25th, and many members still haven't picked up their envelopes with the packet of 13 tickets. The price is \$1 per ticket, or \$10 for the 13 tickets. You can sell the tickets to friends and family, or just buy them yourself, but this is a major fundraiser for The Auxiliary, so please contribute to this worthy cause, as the money will end up in projects for the club. The tickets remain in a box in the lounge.

The "Musical Reunion" hosted by Tom and Barb Newbold was a success. We owe thanks to Dick and Suzanne Farrell, Jim and Colleen Eckle, Cathy and Jeff Schmitt, Mary Pearl, Cathy Palmer, Tim and Linda Kamerer, Michael and Mary Byrne, Sarah and Art Gibbs, Mike Sheppardson and Bobbie and Gary Jones for their hard work and stiff backs at the end of the day.

Members are reminded of the Harvest Moon Regatta on Sept. 7, 8 and 9. The Hors D'oeuvres Party will be Sept. 8. Members are asked to bring a sample of their best appetizers and they will be allowed to attend for free. Those not bearing an appetizer will be charged \$20 each, which covers all events over the weekend.



Gary Jones

From the Pool Chairman



The pool and snack bar is closed Monday to Friday due to school starting early this year. Sorry, but we can not have the pool open without a lifeguard.

The pool will close at the end of the Harvest Moon Regatta. It has been a great year at the pool. Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed it.