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Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"



December, 2019



Commodore's Corner

The past two weekends saw two of the most fun events of the entire year. The Commodore's Ball on November 16 was outstanding. Thanks especially to Vice Commodore Mike Stanton for a terrific job in organizing and planning a noteworthy event, at which everyone had a great time. My family especially enjoyed meeting all the members and dancing to the memorable tunes of GrooveSpan.

There are so many people to thank for making that evening a great one, so I won't try. But I must especially thank Bruce Dickinson and Brenda Knight for organizing the hospitality suite before and after the Ball. Thanks to Nancy McCabe and Judy Okay and the flower ladies for the exemplary flower arrangements, and a definite "attaboy" to Barbara Bates for taking photos throughout the evening.

The second weekend saw our first ever Casino Night. Over 60 members came out to enjoy exemplary hors d'oeuvres followed by three hours of game playing with blackjack, roulette and Texas Hold 'em. It was an extremely fun evening and there were numerous requests to repeat the evening again next year. It's just a shame that the gaming company doubles their cost to hold such an event on New Year's Eve, as it would be a perfect time to repeat the experience.

As my tenure as Commodore comes to a close, I want to say what a pleasure it has been this past year to be your titular leader. I want to thank everyone who has contacted me over these months to offer advice and suggestions on how to improve the operations of the club or to share with me their opinions. Whether or not these suggestions were followed, let me assure you the input has all been appreciated.

Serving as your Commodore has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Thank you very much!



Vice Commodore's Corner

Well, this year is wrapping up very quickly. I want to thank all of our members who took the time to volunteer at SIYC this past year; without our volunteers the club would not have run as smoothly as it has. We had another record Pasta Night with over 128 members attending—well done Monica Simpson, Anissa Hutchins-Stanton and the entire pasta team. The Veteran's Day Celebration was a huge success. Our veteran's enjoyed good food and great songs.





Vice Commodore's Corner

(cont'd.)

Thank you Susan Smith for a job well done. If you attended this years Commodore's Ball, then you know it was a great evening honoring our Commodore Gary Knight. A huge thank you to everyone who helped put it all together; you know who you are and I personally thank you very much. Keep an eye out for the New Year's Celebration signup sheet. It's going to be a blast. Good food, good music and great company. We hope to see you at SIYC.



Rear Commodore's Corner

In November, nine dinner/special events were held that included eight dinners, one breakfast and a Casino Night that generated food and drink income. Two days were closed, November 17 for the Commodore's Ball and November 28 for Thanksgiving. I'd like to thank the members of both the Pasta and Taco Teams for their continued efforts in providing us with great meals that were highly attended. I'd also like to give special thanks to Bruce Dickinson and Craig Wilson for carrying the drinks and hors d'oeurves to the Hospitality Rooms in the Holiday Inn before the Commodore's Ball and returning it back to the Club Sunday morning.

December is a busy month with special events and the holidays upon us. Ten dinner/special events are scheduled beginning with the Wednesday, Dec. 4, pasta dinner; Saturday, December 7, Lighted Boat Parade; Tuesday, December 9, St Mary's Musica; Friday, Dec. 13, Sawatdee Thai Dinner; Saturday, Dec. 14, BOG dinner; and Wednesday, Dec 18 is Taco Night.

There are two sign up events: First, the BOG dinner on December 14, at 7:00pm, when Marge is serving a shrimp platter with French fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, dessert and coffee for \$15.00. Second is a sign up and prepay event, New Year's Eve with a cocktail hour from 6:30 – 7:30pm with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Dinner begins at 7:45pm with filet mignon, shrimp on the barbie, wild rice, grilled zucchini, salad, rolls and coffee for \$40.00. Champagne toast at 11:00pm. Sign Up by COB Saturday, December 28 and prepay by placing check in V/C's Inbox or mail check to SIYC, attention V/C. Payments must be received by December 31.

The Club will be closed December 24 and 25. December birthdays will be celebrated on Thursday, December 26 at 6:00pm.

Quartermaster, Sharon Hayden has introduced a Holiday Sale of \$5.00 off SIYC merchandise, except for burgees, koozies and special orders.



Fleet Captain's Corner

A special thanks to Dennis Chandler, Al Redfield, Wayne Joy and Bill Favor for winterizing the pier and the Crab Shack.

While it may seem early to think about next year's cruises (having just winterized the pier), it's not the case. Rather, the 2020 cruising season is really shaping up. We now have cruises in the planning stage to Cambridge, Taylor Island, Indian Creek, Wicomico for Opening Day and again for the crab feast, Miles River YC, and the Chesapeake YC. You'll note several new places on the list this year. But, I'm still looking for ideas so please contact me if you have one and are interested in leading a cruise.





Reminder

All Captains & Crew! The annual Solomons Lighted Boat Parade will be held at 6:15pm Saturday, December 7th, weather permitting, during the Solomons Christmas Walk. This year's parade will be hosted by the Solomons Business Association (SBA), the Solomons Island Yacht Club (SIYC), Solomons Yachting Center (SYC), Zahniser's Yachting Center (ZYC), Sail Solomons and the Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron (PRSPS).

All boats, of any size, shape or make, are most welcome. Come out and show the Solomons community your holiday spirit by decorating your boat. All that is required is to decorate your ship's starboard side, decorate more if the moment strikes you. Awards will include: First Prize/ Best in Show, Second Prize/ Sail & Power, Third Prize/ Sail & Power, and Honorable mention. Boats will be judged on: Technical Merit, Creativity, Theme, Crew Involvement, and Overall Presentation.

There will be a captain's meeting covering the route of the parade, safety issues, and the rules for judging. The date and time to be announced. Captains, please ensure that your boats are at the facility prior to the start of the meeting. A dock master will be available to aid in docking. Call on VHF channel 09 for further instructions.

The awards will be made as usual at the Club immediately following the parade. If you would like to dock at the Club please contact either Dennis Chandler or Tony Baratta to arrange a slip.

Let's beat out the competition and be the best boat parade on the Bay. In last year's event, we were voted as runner up; losing first place to East Port YC. Let's go all out this time.



Fleet Surgeon's Corner

Just a thought as we approach the end of 2019 and enter a new decade.

Do you know your husband's, wife's, partner's medical histories? If you are out together and your loved one has a medical emergency and is unconscious, could you give EMS their medical history? Do you know their allergies? Their medical conditions? Medications? Their blood type? I mention this because I recently realized that someone who lives in my house couldn't give any of this information.

Our phones provide an easy way to have this information available if needed. Think about correcting this if you find your situation is very much like mine. Think of it as a gift to yourself. Stay healthy and don't forget to use our hand sanitizers at the club.



SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors and General Membership would like to extend get well wishes to Kenny Hoofnagle, Carol LeBlanc, John Zalusky, Rex Miller, Anne Mychalus and anyone else who might be recuperating.

Do you want to Eliminate Holiday Shopping Stress? Let SIYC ease your mind and optimize your time. Come shop reduced price merchandise for the month of December!!! Happy Holidays, and as always, THANK YOU for shopping SIYC!

Social Committee Report

<u>November Travel Presentation</u> was presented by John & Judy Okay and Curt & Judy Larsen. They did a very nice job showing us Malta & Sicily. Thank you so much. Thank you to John & Laurie Ford for bartending topside at this event.

December 2 - John & Laurie Ford - Will be presenting Food, Wine and Culture trip to Umbria and Le Marche in Italy.

January 6, 2020 Suzie & Ron Williams - Northern Argentina. This will be the first presentation for the new year so we need more people to sign up please. Everyone really looks forward to these Monday night presentations!

Please continue to contact either me, Susan Smith (<u>susanmogansmith@yahoo.com</u>) or Bobbie Sass (<u>bobbiesass@aol.com</u>) to let us know when you are ready for us to schedule a Presentation for you to share with the club members.

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE TOPSIDE IF POSSIBLE FOR THESE PRESENTATIONS. THANK YOU. We will always TRY to have a bartender for upstairs. It would help if someone can <u>volunteer</u> to do it. On that night we have to have one downstairs as well.

FYI, Just a reminder of what happens on Presentation nights. Appetizers start being served at 5:30 and the Presentation starts at 6:00pm.

We had a great <u>Veterans Day Celebration</u> with GrooveSpan singing WWII era songs and an over the top POT LUCK DINNER! Along with that Tony Baratta had his wonderful Slide Show for us to enjoy. It is always so much fun to see those old photos of our members and their families. Thank you Tony for an excellent job!

Throughout the year if you come across some photos you haven't submitted yet to Tony please email them on. Our new members—please be sure to email your military photos of you or your family members to Tony. His email is ab2@psu.edu

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RESEND THE PICTURES HE ALREADY HAS.

<u>CASINO NIGHT</u> was a Huge success. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. We ended up having 2 Black Jack Tables, 1 Roulette Wheel and a Texas Hold'em table that Dennis Lawson never got up from! WAY TO GO DENNIS! I even had to tell members it was time to let our Dealers go home. Who knew y'all can stay up late??? Thanks so much for supporting us on this event. I will say I was a little nervous how it was going to turn out, but I think we should actually do this again.

Our winner were:

1st place Betsy Cooksey \$11,070 2nd Gary Knight \$9,200 3rd Carol Lightstone \$8,600 4th Dennis Lawson \$5,400

5th Russel Bowie \$5,105

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6th Jane Connelly \$4,485

Needless to say they did not win that amount of money 🖨 🚳 😂

I gave out very nice prizes! First place won a Trophy and a \$50 gift Certificate to the Bugeye Grill 2nd - 6th also got great prizes! Please make sure you again thank the contributors of these generous donations.



Social Committee Report (Cont'd.)

Booby Prizes went to:

Ginger Dickson

Pam Pentkowski

Bruce Dickinson

Maureen Wolfe

Maarja Gandy

Peggy Whilden

They all were the first people out of money. Oh well but I think they had fun!!

Michelle Perrie won \$90.00 and the Club got \$91.00 for the 50/50 drawing. Don't worry Michelle wasn't running the 50/50 this time!!!

<u>December 7, Saturday</u> is my last event that I am running and will be attending. It is the <u>Soup Night</u> & Ugly Sweater Contest along with the Boat Light Parade.

Please bring your Crock Pot of Soup with a Ladle to serve it with and PLEASE LABEL what KIND of soup it is, to the club by 5:30pm, Topside. We will not be judging the soups, HOWEVER we will have Secret Judges walking around to judge your ULGLY SWEATERS for a prize!! I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

<u>December 9, Monday 6pm - St. Mary's Musica & Marge's Spaghetti Dinner - This is a fantastic musical presentation that we have really enjoyed in the past. It will really get you in the Holiday Spirit.</u>
Please sign up so Marge knows how much Spaghetti to prepare.

I want to THANK EVERYONE for participating in our events throughout the year and remind you all who was on my Social Committee. I can't thank these people enough for all the help they gave me.

Bobbie Sass

Rick Sass

Betsy Stoddard

Sue Stevenson

Judy Okay

Nikki Goodman

Sharleen Wagner

Kate Wilson

Kathy Hoskins

Cindy Kobrine

Barbara Skouzes

Barbara Zeiller

Terrie Johnston

Donna Taylor

Betsy Montanio

Carol Snapp

Monica Simpson

Anissa Hutchinson-Stanton

Lou Lindholm

Peggy Whilden



Social Committee Report (Cont'd.)

I can't leave out the Kuzmick's, Tyrrell /Budnick for my Kick Off Dinner & Al Redfield my Specialty drink maker, Michelle Perrie my 50/50 helper, Gary Gateau head Cornhole Organizer, Bruce Dickinson top Hotdog griller, John Simpson and my husband Doug Smith for creating MANY props for my games, decorating and always cleaning up after functions when asked.

There are a lot more members and wait listers that always jump in and help when needed. It truly takes a village to put on all these events for SIYC!

I want to also give a SHOUT OUT to P/C Mike Bucko who had the great idea to start a Social Committee. When he was Rear Commodore in 2012 he went around to a group of us and asked if we would be on a Social Committee. Barbara Baratta & Betsy Montanio we're our first Co Chairs and from there we evolved.

To recap the Events the Social Committee Sponsored in 2019 are as follows:

Eleven Travel Presentations and One Encore Presentation. Bobbie Sass co - ran this event with me.

We were treated to fun and exciting travels from Iceland/Greenland, The Virgin Islands, Alaska, Greece/Italy, Camino de Santiago Spain Pilgrimage, Outer Mongolia, Antarctica, Amsterdam, Riviera to Orvieto Italy, Malta & Sicily and a Wine & Culture trip to Umbria & Le Marche in Italy!!! While we were enjoying these presentations we were dazzled with the many culinary dishes and appetizers to share that everyone brought!

We can't go without thanking our very own "I. T." guy, Rick Sass, for all the help and instruction he gave to most of us in accomplishing our presentations.

Then there were:

Valentines Day Trivia Party, Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Sing a long with Ben Connelly, March Madness/ Potluck Dinner and Games & Trivia, Texas Hold'em Lessons & Game, SIYC Spring Tiki Bar Opening Dinner Dance, 3rd Annual Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show, Kentucky Derby Dinner Race & Hat Contest, Cruise to Solomons Weekend, Golf Tournament (our Official Leader was RALPH SWARTWOOD), Chili Contest, Johnny Seaton & Bad Behavior, Halloween Dinner/Party & Contest, Veterans Day Celebration with "GrooveSpan", Casino Night, Soup Night & Ugly Sweater Contest and St. Mary's Musica.

We had 36 outside Contributors to SIYC for the events we put on. They totaled over \$1,345.00. I will List and thank all of them in the 2020 yearbook, of which they will get a copy. This was very generous on their part to donate to a social organization. We owe them a lot of gratitude for contributing to our enjoyment!

I am very happy to turn over the Social Committee to two very capable Co Chairs, Monica Simpson and Anissa Hutchinson Stanton. This Committee started with co chairs and really needs to continue that way to take the burden off one person. We all felt this was a better idea so the Chairman doesn't get burned out and the work load gets spread out. So WELCOME MONICA & ANISSA!! THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS OVER!

I have had a WONDERFUL time heading this committee and have enjoyed working with all of you. All the kids in my family know "Nanan" will do ANYTHING that involves a fun time. So thank you for allowing me this wonderful opportunity with SIYC!

SUSAN SMITH, SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR











TRAVEL PRESENTATION JANUARY 6, MONDAY 6 PM TOPSIDE NORTHERN ARGENTINA PRESENTED BY SUZIE & RON WILLIAMS



SUZIE AND RON WILL GIVE THEIR PRESENTATION ON NORTHERN ARGENTINA, TOPSIDE. SHOULD BE ANOTHER FUN EVENING. PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE IF POSSIBLE



























































Join us for New Year's Eve Party 2020 Dinner & Entertainment

Resort Attire

December 31 , 6:30 pm, \$40

6:30 to 7:30 Cocktail Hour

With delicious Hors -d'oeuvres

7:45 Filet mignon /Shrimp on a barbie

Wild rice, grilled Zucchini

Rolls, Coffee

Dessert



Champagne toast 11
Pm
Pre-pay required

















Club Photographer Barbara Bates spent much of her evening shooting pictures for all of us at the Commodore's Ball. Thank you Barbara!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BABIES







ARTIST WALL

Thanks to Dottie Swann for displaying her beautiful shell art this month. The holiday season is here and we will again be displaying Christmas cards on the mantle that you send to the club with your SMILE donation. See the Commodore's Corner. The art wall will be open to any member for Fall and Winter scenes or something that reminds us of the holiday season. Please let Sue Stevenson (410-991-6142) know if you are planning to display, so we can arrange a date for set up.

\$\$\$ Savings for SIYC Seniors \$\$\$

If you are a Regular Member turning 85 this year, celebrate at SIYC: You might be able to pay your annual dues half price as a Senior Member. Read all about it on the SIYC Year-book 2019 on page 21 to see if you qualify. You will need to send a letter to the Board of Governors requesting a change of membership. For more information, ask Lucy Tonacci, Membership Chair, tonacci@comcast.net, 410-474-0819.

Brain Teaser: What always runs but never walks, often murmurs, never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats?

Answer will be in next months Solomon Sez.

The first person to give

Susan Smith

susanmogansmith@yahoo.com the correct answer gets a bar chip for a drink!

November's Brain Teaser WINNER was: NO ONE EVEN GUESSED. I have no winner!!

The question was: Wash it and it isn't clean. Don't wash it and then it's clean. What am I?

The Answer was: WATER

















Very Successful night. Everyone had a blast!

Michelle Perrie was the 50/50 winner. She received \$90.00

Our Booby Prize Winners were: Ginger & Bruce Dickinson, Pam Pentkowski, Maureen Wolfe, Maarja Gandy, Peggy Whilden. They won Car Air Fresheners!!

Our Dealers were amazing, Food was good and plentiful. Everyone wants to do this again. We made money!!! Yahoo!!!



1st place Betsy Cooksey 2nd Gary Knight 3rd Carol Lightstone

4th Dennis Lawson, 5th Russel Bowie 6th Jane Connelly



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3rd





1st



4th







Having utterly failed at her attempt to reform the degenerate gamblers among us......

Chaplain Jane decided to join them!





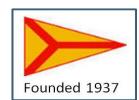








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Staff Bartender	Travel Presentation - Umbria & Le Marche Italy		Pasta Night			Lighted Boat Parade				
Redskins/Packers in the Captain's Lounge Staff Bartender		Bob & Carol Lightstone	Dee Peters & Dennis Lawson	Curt & Judy Larsen	staff Bartender	Staff Bartender				
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s Redskins/Eagles in the Captain's Lounge	¹⁸ Jack Chenevey	17 Member Bartender	ns Kat Tyrrell & Jerry Budnick	Gary Heal & Nancy Ririe	20 Staff Bartender	Staff Bartender				
Staff Bartender			Taco Night			Mac & Cheese & Meatloaf				
22 Redskins/Giants in the Captain's Lounge	25 Mike & Carol Snapp	Club Closed. Merry Christmas.	es Club Closed. Merry Christmas.	28 Carolyn Keefe & Bill Brier	Staff Bartender	Staff Bartender				
Staff Bartender				December Birthdays		Cream of Crab soup				
23 Redskins/Cowboys in the Captain's Lounge		31 Staff Bartender								
Staff Bartender		New Years Eve Party. Signup and prepay in the lounge required.								



DECEMBER, 2019 MENUS

December 4, Pasta Team 6:00 pm, \$10.00 White Christmas Pasta Dinner (Topside)

White Lasagna with Chicken & Spinach Vegetarian White Lasagna with Spinach Bread with Fresh Roasted Garlic Olive Oil Salad

Cannoli Assortment

Featured Chianti Wine (Purchase separately)

December 7, Lighted Boat Parade, 6:00-9:00 pm

Hot Dogs

Bring crockpot of soup by 5:30 pm

December 9, ST. MARY'S MUSICA, 6:00 pm, \$10.00 (Music follows dinner)

Spaghetti with meat balls

Caesar Salad

Italian Bread

Tiramisu

Coffee

December 11, 6:00 pm, \$10.00

Hot Roast Beef Sandwich w/Gravy French Fries

Salad

Dessert

December 14, BOG - 7:00 pm, \$15.00 (Sign Up Required By December 11)

Chicken cordon bleu

Parsley potatoes

Veggie

Salad and rolls

Coffee

Dessert

December 18, Taco Night 6:00 pm, \$8.00

Tacos

Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

December 21, 6:00 pm, \$10.00

Meatloaf

Macaroni & Cheese

Veggie

Rolls

Dessert

December 24, Christmas Eve Closed

December 25, Christmas Closed

December 26, Dec. Birthdays, 6:00 pm Bring a dish to share. Cake provided by Jane Crawford.

December 28, 6:00 pm, \$10.00

Cream of Crab Soup

Salad

Dessert

December 31, New Year's Eve Party \$40 Cocktail Hour: 6:30-7:30 pm with Heavy Hors D'oeuvres. Dinner at 7:45 PM:

Filet Mignon with Shrimp on the Barbie

Wild Rice

Grilled Zucchini

Salad

Rolls

Coffee

Champagne Toast at 11:00 PM Sign Up and PrePay Event to V/C



Shiver Me Timbers #13

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- 1 Not fore
- 4 Deep sea diver's acronym
- 9 Helm fixture
- 14 Coniferous tree
- 15 Offers comfort
- 16 Outboard power measure
- 17 String of flowers
- 18 A boat or a car
- 19 16th of a pound
- 20 Prophet
- 22 Swing and Baroque
- 24 Free speech supp.

- 25 Lively
- 27 Cheesy Dutch village?
- 31 Kind of run
- 32 Cut of a women's garment (hyph)
- 33 Asian language suffix
- 34 wave
- 36 Life raft wood
- 38 A drunken sailor has three?
- 43 Dons a sailing cap
- 44 "To ____ own self be true,"
 - -Shakespeare
- 45 Gov. money mgr.
- 46 Group of ships



STARTING JANUARY, 2020; YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BOATS WILL BE CHALLENGED IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

STAY TUNED!

Shiver Me Timbers

- 48 Country on the Caspian Sea
- 52 Yoga accessories
- 54 '___ Madonna'
- 55 Wound inflicted by a bull
- 56 Stick your finger in a hole, maybe
- 58 Drinking buddy
- 60 South Pacific island country
- 63 Garbage grouch of Sesame Street
- 66 to be tied
- 67 Baby bird?
- 68 City on the Yodo River
- 69 First lady?
- 70 Conical dwelling
- 71 Stairway post
- 72 Like port light, or port wine

DOWN

- 1 Not sinking
- 2 Menacingly wild
- 3 Sea
- 4 Harbor swimmer
- 5 Word with head or suit
- 6 Navy ship initials
- 7 Spelling contest
- 8 Behind a vessel
- 9 Hold it, horse!
- 10 A drink on the _____
- 11 White-tailed sea eagle
- 12 Comp. key
- 13 Downwind
- 21 Similar to a sloop
- 23 Bread choice from 28 DOWN
- 25 Thin strip of wood
- 26 Manned a craft
- 28 Sandwich spot
- 29 Part of the NBA
- 30 Strong heavy brew

- 32 Sponsor's spots, for short
- 35 all relative
- 36 "Big" clock
- 37 Anchors ____
- 38 Do the crawl
- 39 Zeus' wife
- 40 Far ____
- 41 Things are not always as
 - ___ appear
- 42 Top 40 tune
- 46 Painful shot
- 47 Famed creature's black abode
- 49 High end construction worker?
- 50 Come into port
- 51 Fished without a hook
- 53 Fern seed
- 57 Nevada's Meade
- 58 We want to have it and eat it too
- 59 High pressure report
- 60 Concord, e.g.
- 61 Visited the mess
- 62 Swab the deck
- 64 Compass pt.
- 65 Crow's call



SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S NAUTICAL CROSSWORD

Solution 23-24



