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Season's Greetings



CHRISTMAS PARTY

6 PM Friday,

December 13th



Bring

Hors d'oeuvres



Gift

Exchange



Good Cheer

Good Company



The club will be very festive, so please come and enjoy the labors of our merry decorators. The party is going to be a gift exchange - woman-to-woman & man-to-man. The limit is set at \$10.00. It can either be serious or just plain fun! Along with your gift please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share with everyone, and enjoy the spirit of the holiday.

Elected Board for 2003



**Commodore
Pam Edwards Harju**



**Vice Commodore
Bill Booth**



**Rear Commodore
Pat Barrett**



**Secretary
Brenda Cheaqui**



**Treasurer
Warren Walz**



**Director Position I
George Way**



**Director Position II
Fred West**



**Director Position III
Spencer Swain**

New Years Eve Party

This year the New Years Eve Party will be informal and will not have a cover charge or a limit on attendance. Please bring an appetizer. WE WILL NEED A COUPLE OF BARTENDERS, RSVP (360 299 2328). The party will run from about 9PM to whenever. Bring in the New Year with friends. See you there. Linda Harbers

Hot Springs Report

Despite wind and rain, five couples from the AYC languished in the hot mineral pools at Harrison Hot Springs Resort November 15-17th. The weather did not deter the group from taking short hikes around the area and shopping in the village of Harrison. Well, maybe Maury and Helene Fink were not able to play golf but they did join Phyllis Bell and Bill Short in an afternoon of bridge. Complimentary tea and sweets late afternoon provided everyone an opportunity to check in and get ready for the lively happy hour before dinner. The only thing missing at the Black Forest restaurant Friday night was the oompa-pa-pa band! Late night contemporary entertainment at the resort was found at the Islands bar or dancing to the Jones Boys in the Copper Room. Land cruisers were Spencer & Meilen Swain, Maury & Helene Fink, Rod & Phyllis Bell, Dave & Karen Thomson, and Cruise Captains Bill and Marcia Short.

A Note About Directors

George Way and Fred West are the newly elected directors to the AYC Board, George has a one year term and Fred has a two year term. The guy at the bottom will have one more year of a two year term. The tenth and eleventh positions on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the newly elected Board of Directors plus the directors fulfilling the balance of their terms. The tenth position on the Board of Directors shall be the Race Chairman. The eleventh position on the Board of Directors shall be the Cruise Chairman. The tenth and eleventh positions on the Board of Directors shall be for a term of one (1) year.

Commodore's Comments:

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you this past year. I have enjoyed my year as your Commodore and realize that I could not have done it without the help of the many volunteers who pitched in and did more than their share. This included the great support and direction from the officers and directors on the board who had the courage to move ahead and tackle challenges like the basement, the grounds, and building exterior. Wednesday and Friday nights found many a volunteer fry cook flipping hamburgers throughout the year, or members tending bar, washing dishes, cleaning trash out of the basement, running races, conducting cruises, or decorating the clubhouse for great meetings and parties. It was a lively, fun year.



With success come challenges. As we have grown and increased our activities at the club, some positions of responsibility have had a tremendous increase in their workload. The Rear Commodore is in charge of running the bar which includes scheduling volunteers to tend bar and purchasing and going after supplies for the bar. The Rear Commodore is also in charge of the building and grounds maintenance. We could use some members to step forward and assume some of these tasks. Likewise, the Vice Commodore could use help on setting up tables for dinners, clean up, locating programs, organizing a meal, or helping with the scheduling of the clubhouse facility. The club has come a long way from just a few years ago when there was only one meal served a month and the same for the bar.

I look forward to another great year under the leadership of our new Commodore, Pam Edwards-Harju and her newly elected officers and directors. Join me in supporting their work with lots of encouragement and help along the way whenever or wherever there is the need. Again, thank you for letting me be your Commodore. It has been great fun and now it is my turn to go sailing!

Bill Short, Commodore

WANTED Knot News Editor

Energetic, resourceful, inventive, reliable and altruistic person for a small task to be performed monthly for the northwest's oldest yacht club. Must be able to put up with reluctant or non-existent reporters. Work under pressure to meet deadlines. Plus anything else that needs to be done. Benefits: Unlimited editorial freedom. If interested contact Bill Short at 293 8844 or Pam Edwards-Harju at 299-2200.

Suggestion Box

Thanks to John Satterlee, there is now a Suggestion Box standing at the end of the bar. Please place any suggestions or gripes or whatever you might have to say in there and they will be passed on to the Board. Suzanne Emery

Rules of Procedure to be in 2003 Roster

Huh? Wassat? The Rules of Procedure were adopted some time ago by the Board but sort of disappeared since only a few copies were printed. They will now be in the roster for all to read. The rules cover such things as committee duties, processing applications, financial policies, clubhouse use policies, audits and bar operations to name a few. They are SOPs that can be revised by the Board and provide guidance so that each new Board doesn't need to 'reinvent the wheel'. Since the ByLaws can only be changed by a vote of the membership these Rules provide the Board a useful tool in managing our club.

For instance, the board recently changed some conditions and rates for the rental of the club which should generate some additional revenue. Take a look when you get your roster.

Basement Decorating Committee Formed

Barbara Ritts is chairperson of the newly formed committee to decorate our almost completed basement. Pam Edwards-Harju, Karen Thomson and Dick Smock are the other members. If you have any ideas, comments, a burning desire to help or need information on the project contact Barbara Ritts at (360) 293-3369.

AYC SCHEDULE for DECEMBER

Friday	Dec. 6-8	Victoria Land Cruise
Friday	Dec. 6	Open Bar
Friday	Dec. 13	Christmas Party
Tuesday	Dec. 17	Board Meeting
Friday	Dec. 20	Open Bar
Friday	Dec. 27	Open Bar
Tuesday	Dec. 31	New Years Eve Party