

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB



Newsletter – February – 2017

Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

Last year there was much confusion around the payment of SAS affiliation fees. Members of our club being affiliated to SAS, in similar vein to any other organisation in South Africa which is affiliated to a National body and ultimately the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC), are required to pay an affiliation fee.

Your committee has taken cognisance of agreement reached with SAS for the payment of the affiliation fee a number of years ago and have agreed the respective fee to be collected by KYC on behalf of SAS from members. This fee will be invoiced together with the annual subscription due 1st April 2017. If any member would like more information in respect of the SAS fees to be invoiced please contact Nicky. If she is unable to assist please leave your contact details with her and I will get back to you.

The behind the scenes work ensuring that the data base for our new membership system is correct is nearing completion. Any system is only as good as the information captured; should you have recently changed your address, phone number, email address etc please contact Nicky in the office on 044 382 0166 as soon as possible. It would also be a good idea to give her a call and check that your details in the system are correct. Correct information will ensure that you receive all communication from the club - Please help us to help you.

After many months we have employed the services of a Bosun, Ahmed Pandey. Ahmed comes highly recommended and once he gets his feet wet (not under the desk) he will add significantly to the wellbeing of the club. With your co-operation and support I have no doubt that Ahmed will soon become an asset to our club. Roger who has filled the gap left by Ian Price in 2015, will continue to play a key role in guiding and assisting Ahmed learn the ropes. The club is extremely fortunate and grateful for the support and assistance that Roger gives to the club, the appointment of Ahmed in no way changes that relationship. In the absence of a committee member to carry the responsibility for the Maintenance/Bosun portfolio, Ahmed reports to me. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with Ahmed.



BAR TALK One may well ask 'what is bar talk', difficult to define but could be defined as rumour mongering, dissemination of disinformation (false or deliberately misleading information, often put out as propaganda), with a view to undermining or discrediting and so on. A recent bit of **Bar talk** from Asches happy hour relating to membership " *we were not accepting any applications at present as we are first wishing to eliminate all the old dead wood* ". Rather disturbing as it could not be further from the truth, in fact your General Committee have recently been discussing how to attract and grow our membership. Rather than spread gossip why not ask a committee member, or give me a call 083 226 6028, for the true story.

Oakhill School will again be hosting their annual Chukka Festival in the Knysna Quays over the period 9th to 12th and 16th to 19th of February. Discussions have been held with the organisers to ensure that our club is not unduly affected and that members will have free access to KYC during this period. To enforce control an Allsound Security Guard will be stationed at our entrance gate with the express instruction that access is only to be granted on production of a

valid membership card. If you haven't collected your card it is suggested that you do so as soon as possible to avoid any inconvenience to yourself.

Your club continues to serve you the members, of which we have some 1 500 plus, if one counts numbers. To achieve and maintain the standard that the club delivers takes a lot of work most of which undertaken by employees, however this band requires support and guidance; this comes from the committee. There are a number of vacancies on the committee and a few more pairs of hands, prepared to get involved and steer this ship would go a long way. Ideas, suggestions and arm chair advice is cheap and easy, the doing is what it is all about. Given our membership numbers there must be members who are prepared to come onboard to ensure that one of the oldest yacht clubs in the country continues to prosper and grow from strength to strength on all fronts. Come on board now, test the waters and consider nomination at the next AGM. Give me a call 083 226 6028 and we can have a chat over a cup of coffee.

A rather disappointing comment from a member recently that members don't bother to read what is published in a newsletter and accordingly don't expect any response when asking for help; well I wonder how true this is. If a newsletter serves no purpose then possibly we should scrap it.

What is your view?

Let Nicky know, one lucky caller will earn a prize.

In-shore sailing – Colin Mathiesen

14th/15th January the Mackinac up river race was sailed at Belvidere. A great fun filled weekend with an assortment of boats participating some classic oldies such as a Solent Scow



which was built in Itchenor UK in 1954. Mike and Sue Mills did us proud again, providing steak rolls and drinks at a ridiculously low prices, in addition they ended the day by making a donation to the club for junior sailing. Saturday sailing was followed by some entertainment.



Thank you Mike and Sue, your support is appreciated.

In the first inter-club regatta of 2017 sailed at Redhouse Yacht Club over the weekend of 21st/22nd January, our juniors put up a sterling performance with JP Kriel 2nd in the Laser 4.7 class followed by Lameck Jason in 5th position, sailing in a fleet of 20 boats, while Sanele Maggazza (helm) and Ryan Hughes (crew) took 2nd in the Gypsy All Africa event earning them a silver medal; well done to them and coach Mike Pogodin, the hard work pays off.

Three of our juniors and one senior took part in round 3 of the Southern Charter Classic held at Hermanus Yacht Club over the 4th/5th of February.

Multiple classes made up a large fleet. JP did very well again achieving a 1st in the Laser 4.7 class followed by Lameck Jason in 3rd position; Georgiou Divaris with Ferdinand Holm of GLYC took line honours in the Fireball class as did William and Lucinda Edwards, in the Hobie 16 class. Well done Guys and Girls, great sailing.



Junior sail training has started again with sessions being held during the week and on Saturday mornings.

While we talk about junior sailing, instruction is not confined to juniors; parents are also welcome, making sailing a family activity.

Contact Nicky in the office for more information on 044 382 0166

The annual inter-club regatta will be hosted by KYC on 11th/12th March, note the dates and be part of the fun.

Canoe Polo – Nelson das Fontes

CANOE Polo National Selections 2017

We are extremely proud of Daneel Van Wyk and Cobandean Suttie.

Quick description: Canoe polo is an exciting contact water sport. Played in special kayaks, teams of 5 players, each team trying to score in their opponents goal which is suspended above the water, using both paddles and hands to skilfully control the ball.

The national selections for CANOE POLO was held at Shongweni dam in KZN over the weekend, which saw a very highly contested selections with the largest number of players ever recorded. The selectors and coaches had their hands full. Determination, skill, fitness and potential saw two of our very own young players making the cut for the U21A squad (never mind the B squad). This is extremely impressive as our two players are the youngest on the squad. This is also the very first time our club has produced players on the Junior National Squad. This is a great achievement and the rest of the local players are extremely proud.

We will be hosting the 2018 SA CHAMPS in Knysna next year in March



Well Done! Daneel van Wyk and Cobandean Suttie. Hard work does pay off.



“Cobandean Suttie” sheer determination



Those wanting to try Canoe polo must please contact Nelson – 0722777664 or inquire at the Knysna Yacht Club. Kids older than 12 years only. You don't have to be a member at first.

Up coming events

Oakhill Chukka Festival 9th – 12th February & 16th – 19th February 2017

Valentines Dinner – Tuesday 14th February

Yes, we will be open on Tuesday night to have a special Valentines Dinner. Bring your loved ones and spoil them with a lovely dinner.

Wine Tasting & Snacks in Conjunction with Vinimark – 23rd February @ 17h30 – R20.00 p/p

Come and enjoy wines from Kleine Zalze. Tickets available at Office or Bar.

Wine & Chocolate tasting at KYC, Thursday 9th March

Make a note now and plan to be part of an enjoyable evening at KYC. Bring your guests and try out some different wines from Saxenburg, Plettenvale and Signal Hill wineries with chocolate from Caroline's Chocolates.

St Patrick's Day – Friday 17th March

Every year on **March 17**, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green. **It's party time!**

Membership

Our new membership system Club Master will be operational from 1st April and will provide additional benefits ensuring the proper administration of our membership.

Invoicing of subscriptions for the 2017/18 financial year, commencing on 1st April, will take place in March giving members ample time to plan. A significant amount of time has been spent following up outstanding subscriptions; wasted effort which could be better utilised improving efficiencies around the club. With your help ensuring that your contact detail maintained by the club is up to date and payment of subscriptions in made timeously, this wasted effort can be avoided. In terms of our constitution a member who has not resigned in writing by the end of March in any year shall be liable for the fees due for the following year.

If your personal details have recently changed in any way let us know. Please call or email your new details to Nicky at secretary@knysnayachtclub.com

Are you over 65 years of age and have been a member in good standing for 7 years or more, or 75 years of age with 20 years membership in good standing, you could qualify for Senior or Veteran membership, and qualify for a discount on your annual subscription effective 1 April 2017; make application in writing to the secretary.

We welcome the following new members to our club and hope that their membership lives up to expectation, it is great to have you on board:

Leslie Clinton
Johannes & Wilna Blignaut
Russel Haye
Edward Kay-Shuttleworth
Maria & Johannes Bezuidenhout
Clive & Alison Evans
Pierre de Groot
Kenneth & Jane Fraser
Newton & Claudia Cockcroft
Ilse van Staden
Wessels & Belinda Els
Ian Fleming
Chris & Denny Campbell
Roderick & Nicolette Dunbar
Kerry Kate Henderson de Bourbooy

We are still looking for the members who have made the following eft payments with no reference to allow correct allocation. If one of these relates to a payment that you have made, please mail Proof of Payment to secretary@knysnayachtclub.com

3 rd March	Reference on Statement	Y/club subs	R1 953.00
30 th May	“ “ “	Cash Deposit	R 500.00

NB when you do an eft, please use your Surname or membership number as the reference.

Vehicle Parking - Use of Causeway

The **CAR PARK** remains unruly despite requests in previous newsletters. Some members may have noticed slips under their windscreen wipers, requesting current parking disc to be in place. This has had no noticeable effect. Roughly, half the cars parked in the KYC parking area do not have current discs, so the owners are presumably non-members, who do not receive our newsletters or members who don't care.

The car park is often full, forcing members to park far from the Club, which is an unnecessary inconvenience for members.

Cars without discs will henceforth be regarded as belonging to trespassers, and may be immobilized, as this seems to be the only way to convey the message.



IS THIS REALLY THE WAY WE WANT TO GO?

The **CAUSEWAY** and adjacent **OLD UNUSED SLIPWAY** are available for loading and off-loading only, not parking. The only exception is a vehicle driven by or used as conveyance for a **DISABLED PERSON**, in the case of the former such vehicle should display an official Knysna Municipal disabled disc. If a passenger is disabled, the driver is requested to park in the regular parking area after dropping off their passenger, leaving the disabled parking area open for another disabled member.

Areas marked with **YELLOW LINES** including the area in front of the **GARAGES (STORAGE UNITS)** are reserved for boat and equipment access. No parking is allowed here, except during night-time Club functions, and then only when the regular parking is full.

No **TRAILERS** may be parked in the car park. The Secretary may issue permission, in exceptional circumstances, for a specified limited period. Unauthorised trailers may be removed or disabled or both.

Restaurant and Bar

Restaurant

Breakfast	08h30 – 12h00	(Tuesday to Saturday)
Lunch	12h00 – 14h00	(Tuesday to Saturday)
Dinner	18h00 – 21h00	(Wednesday and Friday nights)

Please phone 044 382 0166 to Reserve your table.

Bar

Monday's 15h00 – 22h00

Tuesday's – Saturday's 11h00 till late

Sunday's 14h00 – 22h00

Wednesday nights– Happy Hour from 18h00 – 19h00 with a Lucky draw in Ashes Bar.

Lucky Draw Winners for January 2017

4 January	Ben Brownley	R350.00
11 January	Elaine King	R115.00
18 January	Jacque Mansfield	R200.00
25 January	Puleng	R295.00

Friday nights – Another lucky draw but you have to be present at the club when the draw takes place around 19h00. The jackpot currently stands at R1700 and grows by R50 per week until won or reaches R4 000; don't miss out be at the club and stand a chance to WIN