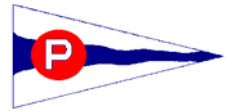


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Whispers over the Waters

February 2011

2011 OFFICERS &

DIRECTORS

Commodore:

Harry Gillean

Vice Commodore:

Larry McAfee

Secretary:

Karen Blankenship

Treasurer:

Steven Huntley

First-Year Director:

Douglas Mann

Second Year Director:

Constantine Foltis

Past Commodore:

Gail Hart

Coming Events

February 12 (Saturday) Work party at the clubhouse - 9:30 AM - We plan to do the following at this work session :

1. Repair and finish the pilothouse interior sheetrock.
2. Repair the floating dock and gangway shore-end landing.
3. Begin galley improvements.
4. Pick up the table donated to us earlier, transport it to clubhouse and put it aboard.
5. Other smaller miscellaneous maintenance jobs as required.

Future major project - The entire hull exterior above the waterline, including main and upper decks, needs to be repainted. Maintenance chairman Bob Trail cannot do that and is looking for someone with the proper expertise to be a project manager for this task

February 17-19 (Thursday-Saturday) - Miami Boat Show - Stay in hotels. Room reservations are required ASAP (may be sold out by now). Contact David or Linda Girardin at 328-1774 for more information.

2011 COMMITTEE

CHAIRS

Barkeeper: Guion Lindsay

Boating rendezvous:
David Girardin

Dinner planning:
Karen Blankenship &
Dorothy McAfee

Door Committees:
Constantine Foltis

Facilities:

Fund Raising:

Improvements &
Maintenance: Robert Trail

Internal Communications:
Constantine Foltis

Membership:

Planning Committee:

Programs: Robert Trail

Publicity: Jean Morris

Public Relations: Gail Hart

Sunshine:
Jeannine O'Connor

Webmaster: Keith Mehl

Charities:

February 19 (Saturday) - Dinner - Social hour starts at 3:00 PM, but you may arrive any time before that by boat or car for socializing and enjoying the clubhouse. Dinner will be served at 4:00 PM. The club will provide the main entrée, a chicken dish, and attendees are asked to bring any one of: an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert. A donation of \$8.00 per person is requested to cover the club's costs.

The door committee this evening will be Ernie and Brenda Ricard. Subsequent door committees are signed up through May. We are looking for additional volunteers for this duty to cover the remaining monthly dinners from June through December. There is a sign-up sheet at the desk by the entry door for this purpose.

March 3 (Thursday) - Board of Directors meeting - Five o'clock at Andrea's Bookstore. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

March 5 (Saturday) - Azalea Festival - We plan to participate in the Azalea Festival Parade on March 5, with our clubhouse mock-up as a float. On the preceding Saturday, February 26, the club members who originally built it for the Christmas Parade will reassemble it and decorate it for the occasion. Any assistance with this task will be welcomed. The line-up for the parade starts at 8:30 AM at the Price Martin parking lot. The parade starts at 10:00, toward the river.

Remaining 2011 Activities

Details of each of the following activities will be included in the newsletter immediately preceding each event. Unless noted otherwise, all monthly dinners will be on the third Saturday of the month at the clubhouse. Board of Directors meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month at Andrea's Bookstore. Other activities may be subject to later change or cancellation, or new ones may be added.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 12	Work party
March 19	Dinner - Come early for games - Door committee: Doug Mann
April 7	Board of Directors meeting
April 7-10*	Raft-up at Hontoon Island State Park.*
April 16	Dinner - Door committee: Connie and Helene Foltis
May 6	Board of Directors meeting (Friday) - 8:00 PM @ tent on waterfront
May 7	Mug Race Hospitality
May 13-15	Raft-up at Fernandina public marina
May 21	Dinner - Door committee: Gail Hart
June 2	Board of Directors meeting
June 9-11	Raft-up at Silver Glen
June 18	Dinner
July 7	Board of Directors meeting
July 9	Work party
July 16	Poker Run to clubhouse, then dinner
August 4	Board of Directors meeting
August 13	Work party
August 19-21	Raft up at clubhouse and spend <u>early</u> Saturday at Redneck Riviera sandbar
August 20	Dinner
September 1	Board of Directors meeting
September 10	Work party
September 17	Dinner
September 24-25	Raft-up behind Murphys Island
October 6	Board of Directors meeting
October 8	Work party
October 9	Boat to Oktoberfest at Gilleans' residence
October 15	Dinner - nominate candidates for 2012 Board of Directors
November 3	Board of Directors meeting
November 4-6	Raft-up at Green Cove Springs public marina & take smaller boats up Black Creek
November 12	Work party
November 19	Oyster or pig roast dinner - elect 2012 Board of Directors
December 1	Board of Directors meeting
(No date)	Palatka Christmas Parade
December 10	Work party (decorate the clubhouse for Christmas)
December 17	Christmas party

*There is some question at present about changing the dates of the April Hontoon Island boat trip. Contact David Girardin about this if concerned.

Past Events

January 15 - Work party at the clubhouse - The smaller-than-usual group of workers accomplished the following:

1. Steve Huntley repaired the shore end of the gangway with materials (wheels and plates) that Bob Trail provided.
2. Doug Mann and Guion Lindsay cleared the overgrowth along the shoreline.
3. Gail Hart cleaned all the tables and set up the salon for the dinner.
4. Bob Trail cleaned the tape gook off the windows left from the Christmas decorations.



January 15 - Dinner at the Clubhouse - Sixteen members and two guests attended and enjoyed a pleasant social hour and a potpourri of various pot-luck dinner dishes that the attendees contributed. Everything was delicious, but for the first time no one brought a dessert. After dinner, the 50-50 winning ticket was drawn, and Karen Blankenship won it, keeping \$16 of the \$32 collection. Outgoing Commodore Gail Hart made some announcements, as follows:

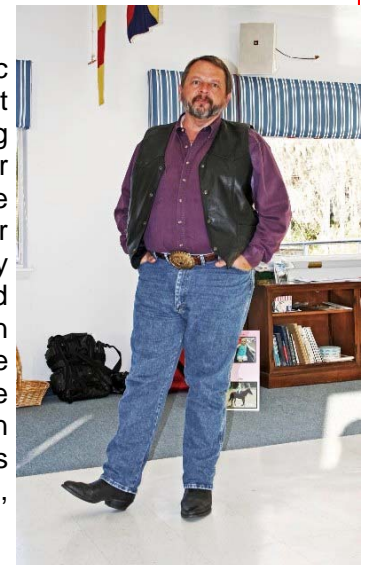
1. She thanked everyone in the club who helped out in 2010.
2. The 2010 Member of the Year was the husband-and-wife team of Guion and Ella Lindsay. Ella was not present, and Guion accepted the plaque for both of them. See page 5.
3. The new Officers and Board of Directors for 2011 assumed direction of the club. They are:

Commodore	Harry Gillean
Vice commodore	Larry McAfee
Secretary	Karen Blankenship
Treasurer	Steve Huntley
First-year director	Doug Mann
Second-year director	Connie Foltis
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L-R: Larry McAfee, Karen Blankenship, Harry Gillean, Gail Hart, Steve Huntley, Doug Mann, Connie Foltis

4. Gail introduced our two guests, her daughter and son-in-law, Stacey and Ric Lehman, who operate Haven Horse Ranch in the St. Augustine area. Ric spoke about their varied programs, which include those normally found in horseback-riding establishments, but his main topic was about their charity: equine-assisted therapy for special-needs children and adults. This therapy is given free of charge to those who are severely disabled or diagnosed with autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and other physical, learning and/or emotional disabilities. The main reason for Ric and Stacey attending our meeting was to promote a fund drive to help support this work. The fund drive is in the form of a contest called "Birdies for Charity". (A birdie is one under par in golf.) The participants each donate \$20 and guess the number of birdies that will be made in the upcoming TPC (The Players' Championship) in Ponte Vedra. There are many prizes, up to a grand prize of a trip to Australia. All donations go strictly to Haven Horse Ranch's equine-assisted therapy program. For more information, see their news release at the end of this newsletter, and check out their website, www.havenhorseranch.org



Ric Lehman

Past Events - continued

February 3 - Board of Directors Meeting - The Board discussed the following topics:

1. The minutes of the previous Board meeting were not available, so there was no discussion on this subject.
2. Treasurer Steve Huntley distributed copies of the monthly treasurer's report, and discussed the high points. Our finances look good right now, even though all the dues expected are not in. More members are paid up (28 as of Feb. 3) than by the same time last year. This is probably because Steve sent out invoices this time. Overall, we are still losing money, however - last year we spent about \$900 more than we took in. This money drain is expected to continue unless we get more members, because our expenses are constant. We still cannot afford insurance. Liability alone would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000 per year, which would require a substantial increase in membership. A copy of this month's report is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.
3. Harry Gillean discussed picking up the large table donated to us at the end of last year. He has a large-enough trailer and will bring it to the clubhouse during the next work party on February 12.
4. We have been invited to participate in the 2011 Palatka Christmas Parade again this year. It is now on our schedule of the year's activities.
5. Harry also advised that we will also participate in the Azalea Festival early next month, with our clubhouse mock-up as a float in the parade on March 5. Steve estimated that it will take approximately three hours to bring all the components out of the clubhouse lower hold and reassemble them on a trailer ashore.
6. It was agreed to have the PYC year's activity schedule published in the Palatka Daily News.
7. The meeting wound up with a discussion of various schemes to increase membership.

Miscellany

Magnetic Palatka Yacht Club Logo Signs - Linda Girardin has arranged for a number of these signs to be made, that can be attached to car doors or other smooth steel areas. They are similar in appearance to the club's vanity front license plates that have the PYC burgee on them, except that these also show the club name and website. They come in two sizes, 6" x 12" and 4" x 8", and sell at \$12 (large) and \$9 (small). Linda will take your orders for your magnetic logo signs, or you can order them directly from Sunshine Trophy in Palatka. Also, new vanity front license plates will look like this when our present supply runs out and more are ordered.



For Sale - 15ft Nissan bowrider powerboat presently being refurbished - \$2700. Includes a galvanized trailer in good condition, new bimini and cover, and a recent \$600 engine overhaul. Will complete to buyer's specifications. If interested, contact Bob Trail at 649-8710 or griffinaero@yahoo.com.

After-Dinner Programs - Our program Chairman Bob Trail sometimes has a hard time finding presenters with topics for these programs. We club members could probably contribute some topics ourselves. We have all taken some interesting trips and done some interesting things in our lives, or know someone who has. Many of these experiences would make entertaining programs. They don't even have to be recent. Any member who would like to present or suggest something along this line, contact Bob at 649-8710 or griffinaero@gmail.com. And remember, dinner is free. Also, up to two presenters from outside the club will enjoy their meals as guests of the Palatka Yacht Club. Audiovisual resources are available, and all necessary assistance will be provided.

PYC Library - Anyone who has surplus books, VHS tapes, DVDs, pictures, or whatever, that relate to **PYC Library** - Anyone who has surplus books, VHS tapes, DVDs, pictures, or whatever, that relate to boating, boats or past club memorabilia, could donate them to the club, where they will be kept in the clubhouse for anyone to look at or sign out and take home. Contact Bob Trail for more details.

Nautical Origins of Some Common Expressions - "Leeway" - Leeway is the lateral drift of a vessel forced off course downwind by wind pressure on the side. Ashore, a person is given leeway when allowed more freedom of action or time to accomplish a task.

Interesting stuff you may never need to know - It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago, that for a month after a wedding, the bride's father would supply his new son-in-law with all the mead (a type of honey beer) he could drink. This period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon. The word "month" is a derivation of "moon." The inventors of our calendar assigned the number of days in the month to approximate the time it takes the moon to circle the earth

Club-owned Sunfish - At present, the Club's Sunfish sailboat is locked on the clubhouse floating dock on a secure cradle, from which it can be easily launched for any member to sail. The key for the lock is on the clubhouse bulletin board. The boat's accessories are stored onboard the clubhouse.

Boat U.S. Membership - Our club members are entitled to Boat US membership while paying half-price dues, \$15.00 instead of the regular new membership price of \$30.00. Contact Steve Huntley at 904-692-2952 or protopterus@basicisp.net if you are not already included in this special arrangement for PYC members.

PYC Tent - Any members desiring to reserve the PYC tent should contact Commodore Gail Harry Gillean at 325-0802, 325-1322 or harrygillean1@bellsouth.net. The tent is stored onboard the clubhouse when not in use.

Newsletters - If you have an e-mail address and are currently receiving paper copies of our club newsletters through the mail, you are urged to file your e-mail address with publisher Connie Foltis at cfoltis@live.com. He will e-mail your newsletter to you each month as a PDF file in full color, which you can then print yourself. This would decrease the labor and club's cost of printing and mailing paper copies every month. The same goes for the annual club handbook.

Contact Connie about writing an article for the newsletter (ex: a boating-oriented autobiography or a description of an interesting trip you have taken). You may also place an advertisement or digital photograph in it. Personal advertisements by members are free. Entries should be received before the end of the first week of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. If anyone knows of a member who is not receiving his or her newsletter, please notify Connie at the above e-mail address, or telephone 386-328-6783.



St. Johns County's HAVEN HORSE RANCH to Aid Local Disabled Children Through Charity Program with THE PLAYERS Championship

(SAINT AUGUSTINE) Hoping to build on their success in 2010, local Haven Horse Ranch is announcing today that they will be participating in the 2011 PLAYERS "Birdies for Charity" campaign. This unique, community-based fundraising initiative is held in conjunction with THE PLAYERS Championship Golf Tournament at TPC Sawgrass, May 9-15, 2011.

This year, Haven Horse Ranch is partnering with Bozard Ford, Sonny's BBQ, PIP Printing and the entire St. Augustine Independent Restaurant Association to improve the lives of local disabled children.

Because of the generosity of our community, in 2010 Haven Horse Ranch, a SpiritHorse International Center raised more than \$25,000 through the Birdies initiative for its equine-assisted therapy. As a direct result of this program many local children received life-changing benefits -- in the last quarter alone, 5 children learned to speak their first words and at least one child walked his first steps ever.

* Wyatt a 4 ½ year old with Cerebral Palsy went from a walker and leg braces to taking his first steps ... in just 3 months time (see pic at right).

* Yogi, a 4 year old Autistic child went from a catatonic state to laughing, waving, hugging and speaking his first words in just 4 months time!

Now, you too can be a part of the miracles. Beginning today, you can make a donation to **Haven Horse Ranch's Disabled Children's Therapy Programs** and be eligible to win some fabulous prizes. Your donation will enable you to guess the total number of birdies that will be made during The PLAYERS Championship. The individual making the correct or closest guess will win a **7 day, trip for two to the 2011 Presidents Cup in Melbourne, Australia!**

*Plus, if you make your contribution and guess through Haven Horse Ranch, Bozard Ford will include a free Oil Change and Car Wash and you will be entered to win domestic Airline Tickets for two, Dinner at The Raintree or our **Grand Prize**, a 4 day-3 night stay at **The Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas!** But only if you pledge through Haven Horse Ranch. Deadline for all entries is Wednesday, May 11.*

Pledges can be made at participating restaurants, Haven Horse Ranch, by phone at 904-813-5710, or online at <http://www.havenhorseranch.org/supportthekids/birdiesforcharity.html>

This is a great chance to not only win some fabulous prizes, but get in on the greatest prize of all; improving the life of a local disabled child. 100% of your contributions go to the children, \$0 to administration or basic overhead.

For more information go to www.havenhorseranch.org or call us at 904-813-5710.