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Pioneer Valley Yacht Club PO Box 60602 Longmeadow, MA 01116 April 2009



Commodore's Message

Committee News

Now that we can hear the birds singing in the morning and almost see the buds on the trees, another wonderful season at the PVYC is only around the corner!

We've had a busy past month—John Mientus and his Grounds crew took on the Herculean task of clearing the brush next to Anthony Road; as a result, we have reclaimed a considerable amount of property on that side. They have also erected a beautiful split rail fence that will demarcate the new parking area for members. Seeding is planned for both the front and back lawns within the next two weeks. The BOG approved a new roof and rebuilt chimney for the clubhouse; that work has just been completed and looks great! Thanks to a tree that came down on the power lines, we've got a new stove and microwave in the house so everything is coming together well for the upcoming season.

Many people may not understand how the PVYC operates on a daily basis. The PVYC is managed by an eight member Board of Governors (BOG) and seven officers who are elected annually in a general election. These individuals represent the interests of the members and meet on the second Monday of each month to make decisions related to policies, expenditures and other matters. The BOG meetings are open to any member who would like to observe; if a member has an issue that he/she wants addressed, that member can contact me to ask that the item be added to the agenda.

The PVYC is a 'working' club and, other than a cleaning service and lifeguards, we have no paid staff. Your dues cover only a portion of the 'cost' to run the club. The 15 hours of committee work that each membership contributes yearly are critical to our success, allowing us to keep the membership and usage fees affordable. The PVYC has several committees, each headed by a Chairperson who is responsible for assigning work to committee members and monitoring the completion of that work. The committee members and chairs are really the backbone of our club. They provide hundreds of hours of 'sweat equity' every year to maintain and renovate the grounds and facilities, conduct social activities, and operate the pool.

Find a list of BOG members, officers and chairs at http://www.ourpvyc.net/officers_and_board.html ; I am sure that any of these folks would be happy to hear from you if you have any concerns. It is important to continually involve new members in the governance of the club. We do sometimes have a position open for an Alternate. Please contact me at (413) 567-7957 or breeding@stcc.edu if interested in a future opening.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year at the PVYC and hope to get to know you and your family as the season gets underway.

Mary Breeding, Commodore

The Board of Governors next meeting will be on Monday, May 11th . Future Monday meetings are scheduled for June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, Wednesday, November 18th (general meeting/election), and December 14th.

Editor's Note

The deadline for the next issue is June 10th. Please submit news items by email to: bobbijg2@verizon.net, phone: 413-566-8271, or mail to 36 Wehr Rd, Hampden, MA 01036.

Social: Our St. Paddy's '09 season opener was a great success, with some incredible food and great fun!

Saturday, May 9th New Member Meeting, 10:am
Saturday, May 25th Memorial Day picnic, 12 - 2:pm
Saturday, June 27th Summer Kickoff Dance, 6:pm -?
Saturday, July 4th Independence day picnic, 12-2:pm
Wednesday, July 22nd Family Fun/Swim night, 5-8:pm
Monday, September 7th Labor Day picnic, 12 - 2:pm
For more info, go to
http://www.ourpvyc.net/2009_social_calendar.html

Cyndie Eisnor, chairperson

Docks: All hands on deck on Saturday, May 9th at 8:00AM rain or shine.

Dave Grant, chairperson

Welcome

Matthew & Tara Brais Ed & Amy Carroll
Douglas & Janet Allen Martin & Cheryl O'Connor
Bart & Laura Heemskerk Frank & Heidi Payeur
Rick & Elizabeth Norman Thomas Doney

Guests at the PVYC

One of the questions that comes up most frequently relates to the guest policy at the PVYC. All rules are detailed at <http://www.ourpvyc.net/reference.html> but the critical points to remember are:

- You can invite no more than 4 non-members to be your guests at the club
- Guest fees must be paid upon entering the pool for any adult or child guest who will be inside the pool area and the same individual can be your guest at the pool no more than 2 times per month
- Gatherings of more than 10 guests are prohibited at the PVYC but small social gatherings of no more than 10 guests are allowed on a limited basis and with advance approval of the Commodore.

These rules have been established by the Board of Governors in an effort to balance the interest of all members to have access and enjoyment of the peaceful surroundings of the property with the interest in responsible social gatherings of members and their guests. The good faith cooperation of all is needed for this policy to work; your cooperation is appreciated.

Reminder: The PVYC is a working club. Each membership is expected to either contribute 15 hours of work season or pay a \$225 (\$15/hour) committee work assessment when submitting their membership application. In completing their applications, members could select from the following committees:

Boatyard	Jason Kology	413-5662243
Dock	Dave Grant	413-566-8271
Grounds	John Mientus	860-749-0381
House	Ann-Marie Kristoffy	413-567-8389
Membership	Linda Abrams	413-567-1710
Pool	Bud Breeding	413-567-7957
Race	Cory White	413-567-3512
Social	Cyndie Eisnor	860-731-0812

Each committee member is responsible for contacting his/her committee chairperson to determine work assignments/work party dates. Since work at the club is well underway, if you have not yet heard from the Chairperson of the committee that you selected, please be sure to give him/her a call as soon as possible. Any membership that has not contributed 15 work hours by late October will be assessed **\$20/hour for work hours not completed**.

Quotable Quotes

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work".
Thomas A. Edison

