

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

Established 1910



Newsletter – October 2014

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

September-month has seen a whole year of different seasons!

Our Spring party was hugely enjoyed by the Club Members who had the braai's going and partied in Asche's (some of them until the early hours of the morning I hear) to the sounds of DJ Lou. We all enjoy the variety of music he spins – something for all ages and tastes. We were also treated to the piano music of Hermann, our visiting French sailor, who surprised us by playing for hours and hours. He has subsequently treated our Club Members to many hours of delightful piano tunes in the Galley.

We have had a successful and busy Restaurant and are pleased to announce that we will be open again on Sunday 26 October for Club Members and their friends to enjoy the delicious food that Dawn and her crew always prepare. Do remember that the Monday immediately following this day the Restaurant and Restaurant Bar are closed. Please support the Restaurant and pre-book your table to avoid disappointment, especially if you want your favourite table closest to the water.

On this note the Restaurant THURsday Specials are becoming very popular at lunchtime.

We have seen a number of new Juniors on the water with Mike Pogodin last month as well as a good group of our Development Sailors whose progress we are watching closely – they are competitive and love being on the water. We welcome Cundell Statt who has also started his sail-training with his boats from the Yacht club premises and look forward to the greater fleet of competitive young sailors he brings to the Club competitions.

You will see on the Social Calendar that this month kicks off an inaugural annual KYC Oktober Beer Fest as well as our gifted Club Members Art & Craft exhibition.

On the Sailing side the extremely high Spring tide has kept some of our Keelboats stranded and limited to many tacks and gybes while sailing and the weekend weather has not always been warm and sunny – we have many hard-core sailors on the water surprising us with their enthusiasm and pure pleasure for the sport.

We are so fortunate to be living in such a beautiful permanent holiday place. Do enjoy our delightful Spring weather with a braai at the Club.

Have a great October!



Social News – September/October

Neil Sharrocks



We had a fantastic Spring Party with braai's and music from DJ Lou last month and Asche's is definitely getting busier for sundowners as we leave winter behind.

We kept Lovemore very busy behind the bar and enjoyed the fabulous Strawberry Daquiri's

Please support our **Inaugural** Annual October festivities – 25th October 14h00.

There are many of our **Club Members** who have artistic talents not seen by all – from photography, arts and crafts to wood- work. Please spread the word – this is an opportunity for them to display and sell to our Members and their guests. Good time to start special **Christmas Gift-buying**.



We are looking for all our talented Club Members to exhibit –

please contact Tracey at the office on 044 -382 5724

We also celebrate **Oktober Bierfest** at KYC with Bratwurst Bring 'n Braai – special Beer mugs for sale and filled with a superselection of local and international beers for the day.

Come along and enjoy with us.

 **Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for September were –**

03rd	Tiaan	R150
10th	Rob Clark	R226
17th	Edward 88	R174
24th	Mike Barber	R228



We are still waiting for the lucky Member to win when their name is drawn for the **Friday pot** – now standing at R1950!

The **Rugby Pot**, at the end of September stands at a potential winnings of R6824.

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 **Saturday 04 October: The Springboks are back with their game vs New Zealand. Don't miss out on your opportunity to predict the correct Rugby Score. Winning prize money now stands at R6824**

 **Saturday 11 October: Parkes Cup 1 – enjoy Mrs Margaret Parkes' reknowned tea and cake spread. Our thanks to Mrs Parkes**

 **Saturday 18 October: Parkes Cup 2 with Mrs Parkes tea and cake delights**

 **Saturday 25 October: KYC Members Arts & Crafts Exhibition & Oktober Bierfest – bring your friends along to see, experience, buy and enjoy.**

 **Any Thursday in October is KYC Restaurant Lunch Special !**

 **Any Friday in August is Asche's Evening. Watch the evening sun go down with your favourite drink and enjoy our Shooter specials.**

 **Anyday in October is braai day - Spring is here!**

 **Sunday 26 October: A la Carte Menu in the Restaurant.**

Monday 27 October the Restaurant and Restaurant Bar will be closed

Inshore Sailing

Allan Waterston

At the end of last season the Enterprise which had been donated to the club some years ago was looking a little tired and the makeshift rudder blade was broken in half.

The Enterprise is an ideal double handed boat which can be used by young and old for sail training and enjoying the water.

Well, what started out as a small project to replace the rudder blade turned out to be a complete makeover and the craft has been refurbished and brought back to a condition where it is capable of being sailed without having to 'MAKE A PLAN' because this or that had gone missing. The club has made the necessary funds available to purchase materials, fittings and halyards for the project, a necessary component in the project but by no means the largest which is labour and expertise. In the case of the latter, one of our members Maarten Visser has given freely of his time and driven the project (and I may mention the writer). Without the dedication of Maarten accepting nothing less than the best the club would certainly not be the proud owner of a pristine Enterprise, which could well be in a better condition than when it arrived at the club.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank Maarten for the work that he has put in. The club appreciates all the work that has gone into the refurbishment and hopefully all sailors who have the opportunity to sail her again will share that appreciation. The challenge for the club now is to care and maintain the boat in the condition that it has been returned.



The Club Enterprise and Allan Waterston with Maarten Visser – Our thanks to you both, she is looking beautiful



Entry by Tracey Young:



This international event was staged on 21st September and was a grand success. 21 South African Clubs took part, and an international entry of some 20 000 people competed. But more importantly it achieved its goal by setting a new Guinness World Record as the Largest Sailing Race ever held.

This is what Bart's Bash achieved:

- Bart's Bash was set up to remember Olympic gold medallist Andrew 'Bart' Simpson, to inspire the next generation of sailors, to encourage clubs to open their doors and to fundraise in support of the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation's charitable programmes.
- Set the new Guinness World Record for the Largest Sailing Race
- There were 768 venues taking part in 68 countries
- The record was achieved after processing the results of 3,600

boats, who have sailed over 10,000,000 metres in total, which equals 13% of the data the organisation expects to receive in the coming days.



Said Richard Percy, CEO of the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation. "The turnout on 21st September exceeded our expectations and we are very happy that we provided a truly global opportunity for people to come together and enjoy sailing. We hope this event will become a regular feature in the global sailing calendar"



*Pictured left Top: The Sea Cadets
Bottom: Among the Junior Competitors were Cundell Statt's Juniors*

Our sincere thanks to Peter and Pamela Klews, who witnessed our participation as non-Club members, as well as to our Bridge and support Crew who not only had to record this event on film but had to do a lot of extra paperwork! We are very proud to be part of this international Event – our Sailing Members did us proud.



A fantastic turnout by both Senior and Junior Sailors



Two of the Keelboaters which took part. Above is SV Mercury and left is SV W-Squared



We have a number of new novice Juniors on the water to start our Sailing Season with Mike Pogodin as well as our Development Sailors that have returned with some new talent too! Cundell Statt has been busy with his group of Juniors – super to see them all on the water and we wish them luck as they head off to the first big Regatta at the start of October.

Pictured above here is: Ethan Thorne, Gareth Cairncross, Mike Pogodin, Ryan Steenkamp and Ashley Cairncross who sail on a Wednesday afternoon.

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

The Breede River K2 Canoe Marathon was held between Robertson and Swellendam, once again a great success with paddlers enjoying good weather and a medium flow river on the two day event. On Day One a number of boats were severely damaged at Bollard Bridge and at the 31 km mark Jonkeer low level bridge caused mayhem. About 40% of the field capsized there and the river was full of upturned canoes and swimmers trying to make the banks of the river.

Of the 201 boats that finished Neil and Di Steenkamp were the top placed Knysna combo in 76th position followed 4 minutes later by Paul Dugmore and Nelson Das Fontes and a further minute later by



Pictures taken by Michaela Vogt

Brett Esterhuizen and his Plett partner. Hubby Sandberg and Andre Rabie were the 3rd placed grandmasters.

Other Knysna entrants were Danie van Wyk, Greg Vogt, Alastair Fraser, Zac Isaac, Don Brink and Greg Chauncey.

25th October will see paddlers at Plett for the last race of the Winter Series, weather permitting.

Boat Parking & Administration

Boat Parking: Please remember that your boats must have a KYC number and your boat sticker 2014/15 can be collected from the member Secretary.

Boats not accounted for with stickers on KYC property by 31 October will be auctioned off by KYC.

Please note that the trailer park is only open Monday - Saturday 0830-1700.

We have regretfully had to terminate the Club Membership of many members who have defaulted on the Membership subscriptions. Please diarise and make provision for those annual subs which are due in APRIL of each year. We value each and every one of our members and it is always sad to say farewell to anyone. The following Unidentified deposits have been made for subscriptions which we cannot allocate against Membership. Please confirm urgently with Rob Clark if you recognise one of these as yours-

Date Received	Reference Used	Total Received
09 April 2014	Grethe Marit Delas	R1537.00
10 April 2014	Account A05 JWamco	R1537.00
09 May 2014	Knysna Yacht Club	R977.00
16 May 2014	Membership Fees	R1350.00
23 June 2014	Cheque Deposit	R 249.30
28 June 2014	W Ratcliffe/J Koch	R254.00
04 July 2014	Payment	R1537.00
31 July 2014	RoPace Construction	R1517.00

Thought for the Month

It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are – e.e. cummings

The author would like to thank all the contributors for their input and photos and Albert Lombaard for making the colour copies available at the club for the first couple of weeks each month.