



On the Wind

Burnham Park Yacht Club Monthly Newsletter • March 2011



Business Meeting

Friday, March 4

6:30 p.m.

WAX Planning Meeting

730 p.m.



St. Patrick's Day Party
and Buffet

Saturday, March 12

6:00 p.m.



Board Meeting
and Dinner

Sunday, March 13

4:00 p.m.



Charting Seminar

Saturday, March 19

3:00 p.m.



Commodore's Log

Spring is right around the corner and with that comes a new boating season. We here at Burnham Park Yacht Club will get to experience that newness with the changes we will see in the harbor. The Chicago Park District and Westrec Marinas are currently working on the movement of the star docks and other small harbor repairs/improvements. At the Club, we are going to be having our own Spring Clean-Up day in March. We are asking members to let us know if they are interested in volunteering their time in some small projects around the club that need fixing up. If you are interested in helping, please email Lauren at lauren@bpyc.com with your best contact info.

With only a few short weeks left before the harbor re-opens, we are doing the needed repairs to get the club ready for the boating season. Our tender boat has been repaired while being in storage. We have received a baby changing station that will be installed in the ladies bathroom. We are in the process of updating some kitchen appliances and implementing new galley themed food nights, such as our Fish Fry Fridays...more will follow as the season changes. The Women's Auxiliary is working hard to update the membership directory, and I kindly ask that you send any new contact information to Lynn Rosenberg or Geri Lauric, along with any advertising sales. Lauren has been working on clearing out the office and storage rooms so we can change to a more updated, functional/organized look. All these things add up to improving the club and us setting the standard high. This is just one of our many goals this season and we are off to a great start.

I thank you, again, in advance for your continued support here at the club. Only 6 short weeks until my boat will be back in the harbor, which means I know I will be seeing more of you soon!

Respectfully,

Breck Grigas
Commodore

From the Women's Auxiliary

Our Annual Planning Meeting and Dinner was held on February 4th. We have several great new ideas for the coming boating season. Please come join the fun and the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary.

During the month of April, Judi McInerney and Patty Martin will be organizing a Wii Sports Tournament featuring tennis, bowling and boxing (for all ages). Family fun, sibling rivalry and friends will join in for the challenge! Ok...parents and grandparents, let the kids show you how it's done these days. Come to BPYC and learn how to play the games. More details will follow.

On May 1st, we will be re-living and celebrating the Royal Wedding....An Afternoon Tea, with your best royal hat. It's not too early to start planning your look. Be on the lookout for additional information.

On May 30th, we will be calling all nautical cowboys/cowgirls and city slickers for a round up at the BPYC. We are hosting a country and western party. There will be an instructor teaching the country 2-step and line dancing. A cow poking DJ will be playing all your favorite country music, as well as the classic oldies but goodies. It's time to rustle up that special Burnham-goes-country outfit and get ready for some real fun! Chef John is working on a special menu which will delight all!

We are also planning a self defense class this spring at BPYC. As the season progresses, we will provide further details. If you have any other new ideas, please let us know.

The 2011 directory is under construction. We desperately need all members to work on the advertising aspect. An advertising form has been emailed to all members and can be downloaded from the attached link provided in that message. If you have not received the email, applications are available in the office at the club or at <http://>

Good news... The Amendment - Section 13-15 - Women's Auxiliary - was presented to the Board of Directors - making the WAX a Committee of the BPYC - and was accepted on February 13th. This will now go out to the Membership for a vote. Details to follow.

Thank you.

Lynn Rosenberg, President
Women's Auxiliary - BPYC

Valentine's Dinner

Tom and I were very impressed with the innovative menu that Chef John offered for Valentine's Dinner at the Club. The duck with the cherry - chocolate sauce was excellent, and the lobster bisque was the best I have ever had.

We have celebrated Valentine's at many fine restaurants over the years, and have always come away a bit disappointed by rushed service or so-so food. Having the option of fine dining at the Yacht Club, made a celebratory dinner enjoyable and effortless.

Judi McInerney
BPYC Secretary

From the Rear Commodore

I want to thank the people who have come down to patronize our club during this cold, snowy winter season. I would like to ask the people who haven't been down much to the club to please come down and invite your friends to join you. As members of this club, we are also like shareholders. The profitability of the club hinges on many factors. We are trying to provide great food and great service at a reasonable price. When ten people show up on a Saturday night we are obviously not making any money. If 100 people show up we can make enough money to help lower the prices. If you have a complaint or suggestion please let me know. I have heard many favorable comments about how great the food has been.

We have the best deal in America on Friday nights with our Fish Fry special. It's great food at a great price! To make this work we need to do volume so please tell your friends and relatives and bring them down. We are planning some upcoming special dinner nights like the Prime Rib special we had last year. We welcome any suggestions you might have. How about a lobster night?

One area we are working on is getting our outside grill operational and in compliance with the city building code. Hopefully we can have some outdoor grilling parties this summer. Summer is coming one of these days.

We will have our first open house for boaters Saturday April 9th. Once again we need every members help in letting as many people know as possible about the open house.

We need more members. We lost a few for financial reasons and we lost Mike Turner with his passing. Another reminder we are not here for a long time so we should have a great time while we are here and what better place to have a great time than the Burnham Park Yacht Club.

We will also be targeting social members at the nearby condos. We will announce soon some weekends where we are going to offer a morning breakfast buffet to our members. This will be in conjunction with an open house for social members.

In our letter to new members we will list dates for dock parties which we plan to have throughout the year. The dates on those will be announced soon. We still need dock captains so please let me know if you would help us with this.

The tender is in storage and had to have work done to the transmission but it will be ready in time for the start of the season.

Charlie Martin
Rear Commodore

March Birthdays

- 2 Jonathan Engel
- 9 Wayne Kohoutek
Linnea Zilly
- 11 Dennis Szymkowiak
- 14 Scott Broderick
Gerald Sloan
- 15 Loren Thompson
- 17 Terrance Holm
- 19 Martin Krasnitz
David Pitts
- 20 Rami Akhras
Matthew Joseph
- 23 Lawrence Rynning

Membership Cards

If you have not received your 2011 membership card from the club yet, please be patient. We have run into technical problems with our card printer, which, unfortunately, is no longer in production. We are working to get this corrected with the best possible solution for the club and you, the members. In the meantime, we will be here to answer the door and let you in! We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. It should be corrected within the next few weeks. Thank you.

Attention Members

We are in the process of updating the BPYC Directory. For any changes to your information, i.e. dock/slip number, phone number, address, email etc. please advise us of the changes. Please e-mail: geri.lauric@rbc.com.

Thank you for your help.

Geri Lauric
BPYC Women's Auxiliary

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Chef's Corner

Three very important aspects of my life are my family, friends, and food. Time with my wife Suzy and our 3 young daughters, Rebecca (6), Annika (4), and Sophia (2), is always my inspiration in all aspects through-out my day. I love spending time and growing with my friends and other family members. Finally, I have earned this great opportunity to share my passion for the culinary arts with you and your family and friends this past year. With many diverse food tastes at the club, it gives my culinary team a great challenge to appeal to all members. Over my tenure as chef thus far, we have been able to do many different things. We have our house staples like our BBQ Ribs, Commodore Steak, and Harbor Burger. Every week we have been incorporating a variety of great specials to add to our menu, including our Catch of the Day seafood specials, meat, poultry, and wild game specials, pastas, risottos, stews, and more. We offer many ethnic variations using top notch ingredients that we purchase at the club. We work very closely with our seafood, meat, and produce vendors to assure that we get the highest quality and freshest ingredients available. Most of these items have come at the requests of our members. With a smaller private club we get a chance to talk to our members and learn about their families and their tastes. Many of you have requested some of your favorite items from your favorite restaurant and some have even asked for some old family favorites. This is a great way to really get to know everyone, their tastes, and a great way to challenge my team and expand the dining experience at the club.

My culinary training from Kendall College provided me with the philosophy that the main principle in cooking is to satisfy the one that you are serving. We have a great team of Sofia, Vic, and me in the kitchen that brings several dimensions to your dining experience. Sofia brings her love of food, Latina influence, passion to learn, and great work ethic into the kitchen. Her experience and knowledge of the club and its members has made all the difference as we continue to take the restaurant to a new level. Vic also brings a great level of expertise to our team. As a graduate of Kendall College and a wide array of experience in the front of the house as a bartender, waiter, and manager, we are very fortunate to have him here. Vic adds his Executive Chef and Pastry Chef experience to the mix. For those of you who took advantage and attended some of our special events, you had the chance to see some of the great talent that Vic brings to the table. And there is much more to come!

I cannot say enough about Lauren and what she is bringing to the club as a manager and as a person. Her passion, hard work, dedication, loyalty, honesty, and love for the club are only outmatched by her love for people. Her positive energy and excitement is the foundation of this club and will continue to bring back longtime members and invite new members to join.

Although we have many great ideas and experiences that our backgrounds bring to the club, we really value your feedback, suggestions, and requests. We want your ideas so that you can enjoy the full experience of your great club.

We are rapidly approaching another great boating season here in Chicago. The club is a great place to unwind with your close friends and family and enjoy all that the club has to offer, along with the tremendous view of this magnificent city! This summer, come in for breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays, lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday, or just stop by for a few cocktails and say hello. If you are too comfortable on your boat to change and come into the club, call up and order something from our catering menu and our tender service will bring the club to you.

Although the boats are not in, we are still open on the weekends until May 15th. We have weekly menus featuring seasonal items and we are always open to requests. If you have any special occasions, big or small coming up, please call the club to make a reservation and we can customize a menu that will satisfy you and your guests. We are already booking events for the upcoming boating season and we are filling our calendar with many special events! So please hurry and secure any dates with your special occasions! We can accommodate any event that you can think of, including baby and wedding showers, birthdays, retirement parties, memorials, business and social meetings, engagement and bachelor/bachelorette parties, and any other event that you can think of. And best of all....you will not have to do a thing... just show up and enjoy the food, the company, and the spectacular view. Please take advantage of your great club! As you walk in and are greeted by Lauren and our staff, we hope you feel at home and enjoy your experience.

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Manager's Message

Oh so much has been going on at the BPYC this past month! We "kicked-off" the month with a great Superbowl party and buffet! Chef John created a wonderful spread of food that incorporated everyone's favorite football munchies and the bar specials kept us hopping all night long! The club was decorated with Packers' and Steelers' colors of green, gold, black, and red while the game was watched on the giant screens in both the bar and dining room. We sold squares with cash prizes, which truly added to the excitement of the night! Members were singing and dancing along to the half-time show, which showed just how much energy was buzzing around! All in all, while my heart is still loyal to our dear Chicago Bears, the night was fantastic!

On February 12, we celebrated Valentine's Day at the club. John, Vic, and I shared a vision that was one in the same...romance. It was to be a dining experience that highlighted love. And I believe it did just that. As each couple was seated, they were presented with a small plate called an amuse bouche, which consisted of a caramelized onion tart, bacon, mascarpone, and pistachio stuffed dates, and oven roasted grape tomatoes stuffed with gorgonzola. Second course was a trio of roasted beets with goat cheese paired with a Belgian endive salad, highlighted with a tarragon-mustard vinaigrette. The menu was then verbally presented to each couple with their choice of entrée: Chilean sea bass with a citrus glaze or roasted duck breast with a chocolate, dry cherry, ancho sauce, both accompanied by baby root vegetables in puff pastry and wild rice. The meal finished with a trio of sweet French cream puffs, filled with chocolate, vanilla, and raspberry pastry cream, with fresh edible rose petals adorning the plate. Sweet moscato sparkling wine was paired with the meal. Candlelight was twinkling in the bar, soft romantic music was playing in the background, and red roses were given to each couple. Chef John and Chef Vic delivered the food to each table. It was about detail. It was about romance. It was not to be rushed. It was a beautiful

night and a well executed team effort by everyone on staff at the club.

We have started our Friday Fish Frys!!! The first one started on February 18 and we will be running it till the end of April. Every Friday night, you can come into the club for an all you can eat fish fry, served with fries and coleslaw for only \$9.99, children \$5.99. If you do not desire fried fish, or have certain dietary restrictions, baked cod is available as a substitute. The bar runs different beer specials weekly for you to enjoy as well! Please come check it out! We welcome you to bring your family and friends and to make reservations.

As you can all see, we survived the "Snowpocalypse" of 2011! It was quite the sight by the club with 6-7 foot snow drifts, icy water in the harbor that actually pushed up the docks, and mountains of snow everywhere! The city came and plowed a very narrow pathway for cars to get through, but it was challenging just the same. The only minor damage that occurred was from the wind. There is a fence we have on the north side of the club by the entrance to the bathrooms that was detached. We are very fortunate that we only experienced this.

I encourage you to come into the club during March! We will be celebrating March Madness BPYC style! Along with college basketball, we have Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, St. Joseph's Day Italian Weekend, Fish Frys, bar specials and upcoming events in April that will be sure to please. Kindly share your feedback with me as to how you enjoyed an evening at the club and/or what you would like to see more of. Spring is right around the corner and this warmer weather is starting to get me excited for our May 15th opening weekend! Stop in and say hello, call me up, or send me an email: lauren@bpyc.com I'd love to hear from you!

Lauren Cornille
Club Manager

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Look for my article every month as I give updates, special menus and events, and market updates. I will also be following up with weekly emails to keep everyone in touch with our specials that we will be running over the weekends. Special requests can always be made by calling the club and checking on the availability of the products that you are requesting.

On a final note, I would like to ask everyone to make reservations so that we can adjust our staffing and purchasing so that we can continue to exceed our financial goals for the club and give you the best quality service. Come down to the club and enjoy the best that life has to offer... family, friends, and food!

We look forward to serving you.

Chef John & the BPYC Culinary Team



March

T W O T H O U S A N D E L E V E N

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 CLUB CLOSED	2 CLUB CLOSED	3 CLUB CLOSED	4 6:30 Social Meeting 7:00 WAX Meeting Fish Fry 5 - 9pm	5 Mardi Gras Menu
6 Mardi Gras Menu	7 CLUB CLOSED	8 CLUB CLOSED	9 CLUB CLOSED	10 CLUB CLOSED	11 Fish Fry 5:00pm-9:00pm	12 St. Patrick's Day Party and Buffet 6:00pm
13 4:00 Board Meeting Dinner 4:00pm-8:00pm	14 CLUB CLOSED	15 CLUB CLOSED	16 CLUB CLOSED	17 CLUB CLOSED	18 Fish Fry 5:00pm-9:00pm	19 3:00 Charting Seminar Special Italian Dinner Menu
20 Dinner 4:00pm-8:00pm	21 CLUB CLOSED	22 CLUB CLOSED	23 CLUB CLOSED	24 CLUB CLOSED	25 Fish Fry 5:00pm-9:00pm	26 Dinner 5:00pm-9:00pm
27 Dinner 4:00pm-8:00pm	28 CLUB CLOSED	29 CLUB CLOSED	30 CLUB CLOSED	31 CLUB CLOSED		

Plan Ahead
April 10 - Chocolate Tasting

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Treasurer **Pat Carney**

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Educational Programs at BPYC

On Saturday February 5, BPYC had our winter educational course on Anchoring and Docking. It was well attended and Loren Thompson did a great job covering the choice of anchoring gear and how to avoid problems when you do anchor. Bill Van Emburg reviewed a couple of different ways to make docking less stressful and to save the topsides. There was a lively discussion with the participants and everyone enjoyed the event.

BPYC is continuing this educational series with a program on "Charting" on Saturday March 19, 2011 at 3:00 PM. At this day in age, we

have all come to rely heavily on our GPS and mobile electronics. Unfortunately, they can fail and usually do at the worst possible time. Having a good understanding of the charts and the basic navigational skills can make your "on the water" experience both safer and increase your confidence. Bring the southern half of the lake chart, some dividers, and a ruler to the program. Please give Loren Thompson (708-307-7181, lthomp9529@aol.com) or Dick O'Connell (630-456-3638, r.oconnell@sbcglobal.net) a call or send an email RSVP if you are coming.



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