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AYC 2013 RACE CALENDAR

January 1 Red Eye Regatta
 Brunch & Registration 10:30-11:30a
 Skippers' Meeting 12:30a
 First Signal 1:30a
More information online

AYC 2012/13 NON-RACING EVENTS

December 31 New Year's Eve Gathering 7:00p - 1:00a
 In the clubhouse, organized by Doug Casey

January 8 Keel Fleet Annual Meeting 7:00p
 In the clubhouse

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 Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day January 1
 Easter Sunday April 24
 Independence Day July 4
 Thanksgiving Day November 24
 Shopping Day November 25
 Christmas Day December 25

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Dear Commodore,

December 5, 2012

We are sending this letter in hopes you and your organization may help us out. The Mastic Beach Yacht Club has been a home to boaters and yachtsman for the past 82 years. With a membership of 125 people we are very active within our community with donations to all causes and local organizations.

Recently, we were in the path of "Superstorm Sandy". During this storm our club was hit with storm surge much higher than any previous storms, our Clubhouse was flooded.

Due to this storm we have lost power, all of our refrigeration, furniture, paperwork, appliances etc.etc. We did not, however, lose our integrity and ambition. We are going to bring our clubhouse back, but we need help. Unfortunately, we did not have flood insurance. Being a modest organization, it was never something we could afford.

At this time we are reaching out to other Yacht Clubs in hope of donations to help us rebuild our Club. If there is anything that you and your membership can do...it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Matthew V. Gioia

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Commodore

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 Kayne Farmer
 Robert O'Brien
 Tony Labecka
 Raymond E. Farmer
 Theima Farmer
 Robert Dwyer
 Warren McDowell
 James Pallace
 Walter Flann
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From The Commodore

by Johannes Brinkmann



Blown Away!

On December 7, AYC capped an eventful and successful 2012 with a very festive and well-attended annual banquet. My thanks go out to **Molly Lewis** who organized the venue and to **Jan Thompson** who headed this year's annual awards committee, assisted by **Pat Manning**,

Bill Records and **Susie McDonald**. Thanks also to **Steve Hawks** and **Jackie Wheelless** who worked hard behind the scenes to make the event a great success.

At the banquet we recognized many deserving award recipients, details of which are in this month's Telltale. The common thread among them all is their generous volunteer spirit and their love for sailing and AYC. Along with four special 2012 awards and the seven perpetual awards, we also recognized the club's single-handed champions and the winners of the new Bernstein-Brinkmann AYC Fleet Challenge Trophy. I was literally speechless when **Scott Young** pointed to my name on that trophy, and I continue to be simply blown away by the honor of sharing in the name of the Fleet Challenge Trophy with the Bernstein's!

I would like to thank each member of our 2012 board for the many contributions and hours of hard work they put in over the last 12 months. Five of our board members are staying on for another year: **John Saunders** - B&G, **Jon Nash** - Harbor, **Barry Bowden** - Race, **Jenny Loehlin** - Training, and of course **Christopher Dwight**, our new Commodore. We owe each of these individuals a debt of gratitude for continuing to serve our club for another year!

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the three board members who are rolling off the board this year: **Randolph Bertin** - Secretary, who had served on the board previously and graciously came back to give us another year in 2012. **Don Dwight** - Treasurer, whose expertise and guidance over the past four years helped put the club's finances on an even keel, and **Jim Tillinghast** - Past Commodore, whose advice and mentorship have been invaluable to me, who did a fantastic job with membership this year, and who has given AYC so much of his time over these last three years!

Our three new 2013 board members, **Molly Lewis** - Treasurer, **Jennifer Schwan** - Secretary and **John Morran** - Vice Commodore, hit the ground running earlier in the month as the old and new board members gathered for a half day working session on the 2013 budget. As in previous years, many challenges and opportunities face us in 2013. I can assure you that the board is working diligently to balance AYC's need for fiscal restraint in light of the ongoing drought, with the urgent need to maintain our facilities and improve ramp access.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be AYC's Commodore this past year. It has been a truly rewarding experience. As the year winds down, I wish each of you time to enjoy the holidays with family and friends, and the best of health and happiness in the New Year!

Vice Commodore Report

by Christopher Dwight



2013 Is Rapidly Approaching

Where did 2012 go? It has been a whirlwind year at AYC, and despite the challenges with lake levels, we have managed to maintain a great level of activity out at our club. Among those activities, we conducted five club-sponsored regattas.

We started the year in March with our annual Road Runner Regatta. We had great turnout once again with 93 boats competing. Congratulations to **John Morran** and the many volunteers who overcame our challenging lake level to make a successful regatta.

Soon thereafter was our Opening Day Regatta. The day started with light rain and no wind, but regatta chair **David Lewis** convinced the breeze to fill in just enough for us to get a race off before it died back down in the afternoon.

For 2012, **Wade Bingaman** broke with tradition and created a completely new format for our annual Turnback Canyon Regatta. For 2012, we didn't sail to Turnback Canyon, nor did we overnight up at Lago Vista. Instead, Wade, with the help of race commander **Barry Bowden**, crafted a long distance course that brought the fleet back to AYC on Saturday. The returning sailors were greeted with a sand beach, live music, and a crawfish boil. A second long distance race was sailed on Sunday. The feedback I have received on this format was resoundingly positive.

Over the hot summer, we took a hiatus from club-sponsored regattas. At the beginning of September, we held our Centerboard Regatta. Under the leadership of **Vic Manning**, we had 59 registered boats, of which 58 participated.

We completed our 2012 regatta schedule with the 2012 Governor's Cup. **John Howard** stepped up to chair this event, which saw 34 boats participating despite the draw of football and the Labor Day holiday.

The tradition of great volunteer work remains core to AYC, and our 2012 regattas would not have been successful were it not for the hard work of the regatta chairs and the many volunteers they solicited and managed. Please be sure to thank **John M.**, **David**, **Wade**, **Vic** and **John H.** when you next see them.

With the close of 2012 I will be transitioning from Vice Commodore to Commodore. We have had the great fortune of having many of our 2012 board members return for 2013. This high level of continuity makes the annual leadership transition much easier. Both the current board and board elect members are actively working on the 2013 operating budget, priorities for major 2013 expenditures, and the 2013 race calendar. This is an important time for the members to reach out to the board with suggestions or concerns. Please reach out to the board members directly, or through our General Manager, **Steve Hawks**. I look forward to another year of service in leading AYC for 2013.

Buildings & Grounds Report

by John Saunders



This has been a quick year. Some things got done, and there are always others that come up. It has been a pleasure working around AYC, and seeing some projects completed. Many thanks to every member and our staff for their help and support. Here's a year-end update:

- ♦ Boats improperly stored on AYC property are being billed for that storage. Those

members who are paying for storage for a boat will not be billed for that boat if it is out of the water. Those just parking boats on the property for free will be billed monthly for Unauthorized Storage. House Rule 22, and 29.

- ♦ We (UT Students) have painted names on trailers on AYC property. Those painted will be billed accordingly. House Rule 26.
- ♦ Stuff thrown down on the property is not the responsibility of AYC. House Rule 3. When this stuff impedes mowing, safety, and management of the property it may be disposed of. As I have stated previously, it will be treated with the care it was given when it was thrown on the ground. This includes items in the grass behind dry sail slips. Have you taken care of your area or created a mess? Just take a look around to see. We all do it, just clean it up.
- ♦ We are working to improve the entrance drive where the trenching left its marks. The trenches need to settle and will be graded soon. Trees and plants will be added in that area.
- ♦ All of the water fixtures on the property are now low flow. This will save water and money, as well as place us within current guidelines.
- ♦ There is a wind surfer storage rack at the top of the south ramp. We will remove this shortly. The hulls currently stored on it are somewhere between neglected and scrap. If one is yours, please contact the office or me, or remove it.
- ♦ It is now a bit easier to get down the hill to the water on the point. We seem to have more outside contractors on the property. If you are engaging anyone to work on your equipment stored at AYC you must have them register at the office. Forms are available there. What may seem like a small matter may become much more complicated with an injury. A member is responsible for the actions of any guest. Please make sure you have responsible folks representing you.

This is the last Telltale of 2012. Building and Grounds will continue to improve AYC infrastructure, maintain facilities and assist with such policies as mentioned above. Projects will continue into the new year.

2012 B&G projects: >>>\$40,000

New tractor

Clean-up day

New mast hoist and rigging

Walks and roads on point
Move beer tapper in club house
Remove beer can box
Oak Wilt trenching
Plant trees
Cabin sewer repair
Low flow water improvements
Parking lot light repairs
Mark trailers
Front gate and ice machine door signs
North ramp repair

Treasurer Report

by Don Dwight



Passing the Purse Strings!

After four years, the time has come for me to pass the purse strings. **Molly Lewis** has graciously agreed to join the 2013 AYC Board as your new Treasurer. I can tell you from the couple meetings we've had to go over budgets and transition, the club is in good hands.

She's asking good questions and I can see she will bring a fresh perspective to some old challenges - budgets, capital priorities, financing. I am committed to supporting her through the transition and hope that you all will too.

I had a great time bringing nearly 30 years of public accounting experience to bear on some of the club's challenges that arose on my watch. Our books are in order and have successfully been reviewed or audited in each of the last four years. We have saved well over \$500,000 in the bank. We've established a good business relationship with our banker, Wells Fargo, providing access to capital funding as needed. We've made tons of capital improvements - everything from new docks to new FJ fleet. I learned a lot along the way too.

Perhaps the greatest lesson for me is the value of stewardship. I take some pride in seeing so many of this year's board members opting to stay on and serve another year. The value of board continuity to the club is priceless. As any business owner can attest, there are many plans that take more than a year to execute. I can tell you first hand, building a "savings" mindset and instilling the discipline to hold ourselves to account has taken several years. We, the membership, owe an enormous debt of gratitude to those continuing board members who are staying the course to finish what they have started. They are the stewards of the club we all enjoy. I would encourage you to join them if and when time and opportunity permit you. It's without a doubt one of the most personally rewarding experiences of my life.

My very best wishes to our new treasurer, **Molly Lewis**, and the AYC Board of 2013! Thank you one and all for your service!

Race Commander Report

by Barry Bowden



This past year has been a very busy year in spite of the record low lake levels.

The year began with the traditional Red Eye Regatta on January 1 and picked up steam from there. With the help of **Christopher Dwight** a race schedule was developed and presented to the AYC Board for approval. This year's schedule included six different series races.

Four of the series were five-race series and two had only four races scheduled. This accounted for 28 days of series races, with a few races lost to lack of wind.

The regatta schedule was equally a busy one. After the initial Red Eye, there was the Opening Day Regatta, the Roadrunner Regatta, Easter Laser Regatta, SC 21 Intergalactics, Turnback Canyon, Independence Cup, Centerboard Regatta, AYC Fleet Challenge, Governors Cup, and finally the Wild Turkey Regatta. The weather cooperated and provided decent wind for all of these events. A new event was created this year in October. The first New Racer Regatta was held with a seminar on how race procedures work at AYC followed by onwater starts and practice races for our newer members with an experienced AYC racer on each boat to help the new skippers.

In addition to these events, the Wednesday Night Sunfish/Laser races were well attended all summer long with 12 to 15 boats of both classes most nights.

The motor on Chase 3 was replaced with a new 90 HP Honda to match the other motors in our fleet. A used 17' Monark was purchased in October and will replace the hull of Chase 3 after painting and modifications to match our other boats. These two purchases were under budget and we should recover some of the money spent when the old boat is sold.

In order to continue to make our members more aware and educated in our sport there were two seminars presented by **Brad Davis** during the year. One addressed Race Management and another on Rules of Racing and Sailing. **Vic Manning** also presented two motorboat training classes on different weekends. We are making plans to host a seminar this coming year on the changes in the Racing Rules of Sailing which will become effective January 2013. There have been a few changes to the rules and everyone should be aware of them.

The highlight of the year was hosting the Intercollegiate Sailing Association Spring championships at the end of May and first week of June. This was an event that was two years in the making. **Vic Manning and Luke Cragin** from the UT Sailing team did a fantastic job of organizing this event and seeing it through to completion. The purchase of the new fleet of 18 FJs with contributions from club members, the AYC Fund, and fundraising by the team itself made this event possible. This event was well received by all of the competitors and coaches from across the country. The Austin Yacht Club should be proud of our ability to host a major event like this.

Special thanks are due to **Bruce McDonald** for organizing the handbooks and manuals for the Permanent Race Committee. This is a difficult job and has to be reviewed every few years. I am glad it was done before I got this job. He also assisted me in navigating the Regatta Network site for posting of our registration and Sailing Instructions. Scoring for the year was done by **Larry Ratliff** and we still would not know who won what races if it had not been for his efforts. **Wade Bingaman** did a great job of trophy purchase during the year and deserves thanks, as well as for running the Turnback Canyon Regatta with a different format this year.

Thanks to the members of the Permanent Race Committee this past year: **Vic Manning, Bruce McDonald, Brent and Jennifer Schwan, Jorge Trevino, Bruce Uphaus, and Claude Welles**. The system of having two members of the PRC be assigned to each series to assist the fleet captains seems to be working quite well.

So even with a lot of water missing from our lake, the Austin Yacht Club was able to provide a full year of racing opportunities for our members as well as guests from all over the country.

Sail Training Report

by Jenny Loehlin



Thanks to everyone who helped out with Sail Training this year - teaching, fixing boats, serving on race committee for the Optis at regattas, helping with the summer camp and PB&J, helping put on the Roadrunner Regatta, fixing up the Sail Training dock, traveling to TSA and other regattas, taking new sailors out as crew, planning classes and the Roadrunner

holiday party, supervising Free Sail Sundays, cooking, telling your friends about our programs, et cetera. Looking forward to a great 2013! Bill Records is making plans to get junior sailors out on keelboats for the Frostbite Series, so talk with him if you're interested in being part of that. Have a happy and safe holiday season, and ask Santa for rain!

**Happy
New
Year!**

Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



Junior Sail Training

The 2012 Roadrunner sailing season is now over after an eventful November! All of our junior sailing practices, including Free Sail Sunday, ran through the weekend before Thanksgiving. However, the north winds brought some cooler temperatures that kept us onshore for several practices. We were able to use that time to practice knots, terminology, and play some onshore sailing games to further develop skills and knowledge.

Our End of Season Cruise was on November 10. The winds were gusting up to 25 knots so we were unable to make it to our surprise destination. However, several brave Roadrunners and parents had a blast taking turns on the Picos in the cove and we all had a great picnic lunch at the Pavilion. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped to make it a fun afternoon! These social sails have been a big hit for AYC families, so there will be plenty more on the schedule for next year.

Our least competitive practice of the season took place on November 17. We had a great turnout for the final Green Fleet



Tori Salazaar, Kate Noble and Nicole Prado

practice races with nine Opti sailors, including several first-time Green Fleeters: **Tori Salazaar, Nicole Prado and Jackson LeGrande**. After the four races, end of season trophies were awarded to third place **Jules Bettler**, second place **Sam Peel**, and first place **Spencer LeGrande**.

It was a great afternoon of sailing and the perfect way to close out the season for the Green Fleet. Congratulations to the fleet and thank you to **Jane Gordon** who helped me on RC and our parent chase boat, **Alex Larrouilh and Philippe Bettler**.

The Roadrunner Fleet Board, led by Captain **Stefan Froelich**, is currently in the process of turning over and electing new officers for the 2013 season. **Stefan**, along with Secretary **Polly Peel**, Treasurer **Anna Yost**, Equipment Chair **Philippe Bettler**, and co-Safety Chairs



Ben Peel and Jules Bettler

Jeff and Marcy Berbrick, have done a fantastic job keeping our Roadrunners safe and sailing in 2012. Thank you all so much for your service to the junior sailing program!



Tori Salazaar and Will Abrams

Two of our Roadrunners were recognized at AYC's Annual Banquet at the Oasis on December 7. The **Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy** is awarded annually to the young woman, and the **Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy** to the young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are goals of the junior sailing program. Congratulations to our 2012 recipients, **Nicole Prado and Sam Hollenbeck!** The Roadrunner Fleet is so proud to be represented by such bright young sailors.

Thank you all so much for a great season! It has been so much fun working with the junior sailors and watching them progress. I can't wait to be back out on the water coaching again in the Spring. If you would like to be added to the Roadrunner email list for program updates, Free Sail announcements, etc., please send me a message at kate@austinyachtclub.net.



Fredrick Schaubert

Roadrunner Holiday Party

The Annual Roadrunner Holiday Party was held at AYC on December 15. (See photos next page) We had record attendance with over 30 Roadrunners, PB&J sailors, summer camp participants, and young children of AYC members in attendance (plus their parents!). There was great holiday music, food, and plenty to activities to keep the kids busy. They had a blast making ornaments for the tree, using signal flags to create signs and cards, decorating Christmas cookies, and running around the grounds collecting items for a scavenger hunt. We even had a surprise visit from Santa, who arrived by skiff and was greeted by some very excited Roadrunners at the clubhouse. Thank you to all the parents and friends of the Roadrunners who volunteered and made the party such a success: **Cheryl Butler, Joyce Prado, Jane Gordon, Laura Hollenbeck, Stefan Froelich, Philippe and Isabelle Bettler, Laura Tomaszewski, Bill Records, Barry Thornton and Jennifer Loehlin**.



Photos by Bill Records

Santa and Maya Yost



Santa with Wendi and Katie Froelich



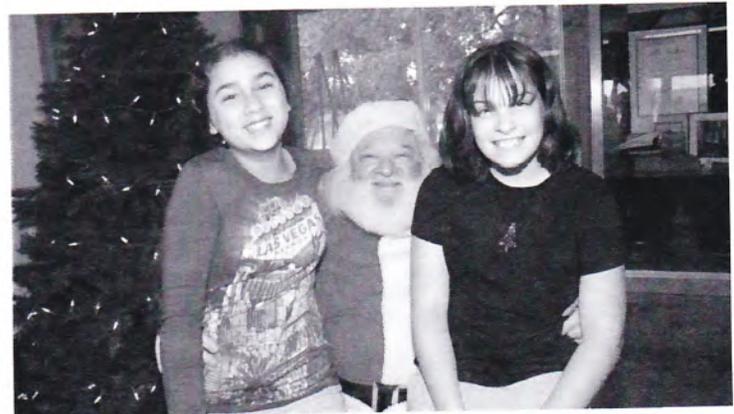
Santa and Roadrunners



Santa and Coach Kate



Fiona Froelich

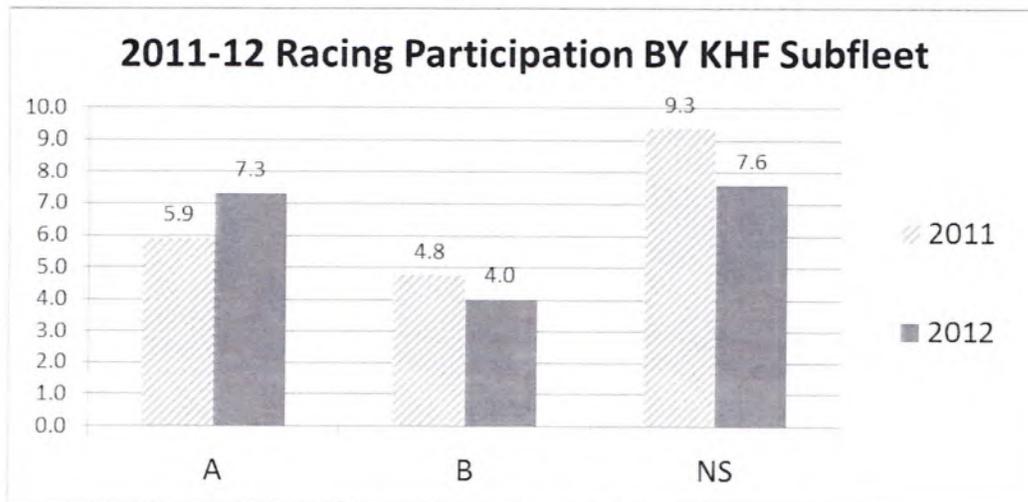


Tori Salazaar, Santa and Nicole Prado

Look for the link to the UTSC Newsletter on the AYC website.

What does it take to get you on the water?

by Jim Johnstone



*This is a graph comparing 2011 and 2012 Race participation.
These are boats that were scored in a race even if it was DNF.*

Average KHF boats starting a race are down from 20 in 2011 to 19 in 2012. One thing that puzzles me is why the non-spin participation dropped year to year when there are so many potential non-spin racers with boats in the water. Some non-racers have come up with the following reasons for not racing:

1. There is not enough water. OK, there are a million people in the Austin area who are going to get behind this so let's just stipulate that we all want more water in our lake, but is there enough to sail and race? Of course there is! On average 19 Keel boats drawing from three to six feet of water are out there every week proving there is enough water. Running aground happens but I ran aground more when there was water in the lake. OK, that's just me.
2. I can't get crew. What a lame excuse! The crew wanted list on the AYC web site is not overflowing. We have not been asked to invest in a larger bulletin board in the clubhouse to accommodate the demand for crew wanted notices. There are lots of people who want to sail and many new members who would love to sail on your boat. Just one hitch, you have to let them know they are needed. Can't get crew? Get busy. You know who you are. By the way, I just sold my boat and I am available for crewing.
3. I am not good at racing. ...and do you think not practicing is going to make you better? The first principle of becoming a better racer is time in the boat. Get to know your boat and your crew, go for a cruise and practice your sailing and teamwork. Find out what needs to be improved to make your boat easier to sail. If you do not know how to race, come to a sail training clinic or get an old salt to go out with. Did I mention I sold my boat and would like to crew?
4. My sails are no good. I used to race PHRF on Monterey Bay against a Santana 22 that was 20 years old and still using the stock sails that came on the boat. WD Schock was not known for equipping his boats with the best gear and this guy was correcting out over J24s and Santa Cruz 27s. He made the most of what he had by sailing better. Now, go back and read number 3.
5. My boat is not rigged for racing. Come on, this is the non-spin fleet! Almost everybody has a kitchen on board, heck some boats have air conditioning and big screen TVs down below. None of the boats are rigged for racing unless you count from AYC to Shades on a summer evening. Non-spin is the perfect fleet for "wide body" cruising boats. If your boat is rigged for sailing it is rigged for racing. Only houseboats need not apply.
6. The PHRF is biased against me. Fleet - I do not want to hear this. If you really think this is true, you have to do a couple of things. First you have to race your boat. The PHRF system needs data and it gets data from seeing how boats perform in local racing conditions against other boats. Second, you need to get involved. The KHF has two positions open every year on the handicap committee. Step up and volunteer. Third, if you can't be on the handicap committee and think things need to be changed, petition the committee or the fleet captain and let them know what you think is broken and how to fix it. For example, we could have a cruising class for boats displacing more than 3500 lb., equipped with kitchen and potty, not dry sailed, and only fly their jibs upside down. Whatever you think you need to get your boat on the water, just let KHF know, we are here to help.

Speaking of help, we need a new non-spin fleet captain in 2013 as I no longer have a boat. Yes, I sold it to a member. Yes, we were able to get it out of the water using the makeshift corrugated ramp. No, I do not yet have my eye on another boat. Absolutely do not e-mail me offering to sell me your boat unless it is too long, too fast and too cheap. Do call me to crew.

J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway

The Circus final stop of the 2012 J/24 TX Circuit Regatta was held at Lake Canyon YC on Nov. 17-18. AYC was represented with five of the 12 entries. Additionally, **Tom Lappin** raced with **Bryan Dyer** (Rum Line, FWBC), who won the overall Circuit title for the first time. Tom also has crewed on previous Circuit winner *mr. happy*, which has won 14 of the previous 16 overall Circuit championships. This season, **Bob Harden** teamed with **Natalie Penner** on *mr. happy* to get back into the mix with a 5th place overall finish.

The five AYC Circuit entries finished 5th through 9th overall, including **Harden/Penner** (*mr. happy*) 5th, **David Broadway** (*Superman*) 6th, **Doc Gamble** (*Ohh Ahh*) 7th, **Jorge Martin de Nicolas** (*ayeBoat*) 8th, and **John/Meiling Parker** (*Free Spirit*) 9th. Congratulations to the owners and their crew who committed to represent AYC throughout the Circuit season. From AYC, the three Road Warrior Circuit teams (raced every stop) include *Ohh Ahh*, *ayeBoat*, and *Free Spirit*!

At the AYC annual banquet, **John and Meiling Parker** were awarded the Jimmy B. Card perpetual award (more coverage in this Telltale edition)!



Photo courtesy of Sun Hi Casey

The J/24 Fleet Christmas party was held Dec. 8, complete with a stunning 300# J/24 ice sculpture thanks to **Laura Miller**! At the party, **John/Meiling Parker** joined a select group of J racers including **Chris Ehlers**, **Dr. David Gamble**, and **Doug Casey**, who previously won the Jimmy B. Card perpetual award.

An impressive group of UT Sailing Club (UTSC) members including **Roman Shor** (UTSC Commodore) joined the party. The humorous



white elephant gift exchange was conducted by **Pat Caughey**. As is the case on the water with a combined J/24 and J/22 fleet start, the two fleets enjoy combined social events. Several J/22 teams were represented on the night.



Jorge Martin de Nicolas was recognized for his ongoing, incredible effort to introduce new sailors to the sport, and for mentoring two new teams of J/24 racers in 2012, the **Parkers** on *Free Spirit* and **Vicente Saborio and Pearl Owen** on *Thunder Cookie*. **John/Meiling Parker** were honored as the 2012 J/24 Fleet Champions for their rapidly acquired racing skills and for their many contributions to AYC and the J/24 Fleet! As the occasion was also **John Parker's** birthday, an additional surprise was **John and Meiling's** nomination and with an unanimous vote, their selection as the 2013 Fleet Captains!

Despite the low water and ramp access issues, the J/24 Fleet added two active boats to the fleet in 2012! The J/24 Fleet enthusiasm and participation will continue to grow under the guidance of our new fleet captains!

WELCOME!

New Members

Ruben Flores - Young Adult
Gretchen Schuttger - Student
Steven Paez - Student

SC21 Fleet Update

by Carl Wiseman

2012 Racing Recap

The year started with the continued domination (not to be confused with dominatrix) of **Bruce McDonald** winning the Frostbite and the Spring Series races hands down. However, the sleeping dog awoke and a new victor emerged in the very well attended Intergalactic Regatta - **Ray Shull**. Ray took the Intergalactics in stride, and went on to dominate the summer series in a relentless quest to be the alpha South Coast Sailor. With Ray out of the picture, various first time winners emerged in the Fall and Winter series. Overall, participation in the Intergalactics, Summer and Fall series was excellent. We were getting five-six boats each week in the Summer on a consistent basis, thanks to the new owners who were coming into the game.

South Coast Tuning Party

In an attempt to improve the racing capabilities of the fleet, **Ray Shull** conducted a special race tuning class in late September. Using proven educational techniques for our particular group, the "L" word (read LOSER!) was never used. Not only was there a lecture portion, but Ray also commandeered one of the race committee boats and had the teams run through a series of practice starts. The event was well attended and appreciated. It is also important to note that the students were all well dressed and had excellent behavior. So, when you hear the PHRF scolds whining about South Coast numbers, you only need to ask them when they had their last tuning class!



South Coast Tuning School - Note the attentiveness and the excellent posture of the South Coast students. To help with their self esteem, all the students received awards - we're all winners here.

Blue Duck Repeat!

When South Coast sailors hear about any competition, they go all out to win - even if they do not fully comprehend the contest. The fleet was beaming with pride upon learning that one of our own, again, won the coveted Blue Duck award. With tears in his eyes, **Ray Shull** gratefully received this high honor. Never forgetting those who helped him, he acknowledged all who enabled his success in this important award. The award was based on

a simple misreading of the manual for the boat crane (RTFM!). The question for 2013: Can the South Coast Fleet achieve the unachievable and have the honor again bestowed on one of our own?! Pundits at the club think that there is a real possibility for this to occur given our 2012 race participation. This, combined with the IQs of the members of the South Coast Fleet, give us a great chance to win three years in a row. Never bet against us.

What Fiscal Cliff? - Some great South Coast Deals

There are several great boats up for sale in the South Coast Fleet at bargain basement prices (as always). **Andy Stempel's** boat is on the market. And Rogue Warrior, unceremoniously cast aside after losing the Summer Series, is also up for sale. Ask about the New Year specials!

In the major rehab category, take a gander at GI Joe (the former Martian colored South Coast). With the new gel coat, it looks brand new. Meanwhile, Cloud 9 is expected to complete all repairs just in time for Global Warming to raise the water levels - something everyone is praying for.

January 12, 2013 Fleet Party

For those capable of planning ahead (unlike our government), our yearly Fleet Party is planned for Saturday, January 12. More emails forthcoming.

Happy sailing!

From the Desk of the GM

by Steve Hawks

2012 is coming to an end and from my point of view, it was a good year in many ways. With that in mind, the following list is my top ten for 2012, in random order.

1. Hosted the College Nationals
2. The newly formatted Turnback Canyon Regatta
3. Hired **Jackie Wheeless** as Bookkeeper/Office Administrator
4. Hired **Kate Noble** as Sailing Director
5. Installed the slider dock access walkway
6. A great regatta/series season
7. A growing junior program
8. A dynamic Board of Directors
9. The AYC office was remodeled
10. A fantastic Annual Banquet to close out the year.

In closing I would like to thank the membership for all their help and input throughout the year. And finally, I would like to give a special thanks to **Johannes Brinkmann** for his leadership and ability to get things done. He and the Board of Directors tackled some big issues this past year and succeeded to make this not only a year of progress and good times but also built a solid platform for next year's board to build on.

Final note: the infamous lighthouse mystery was solved. The mystery gift giver came forward and identified himself as "**Robert Meyers**".

To Robert, Thank you from the AYC staff

In Memoriam



Robert Charles Perry
October 21, 1931 to November 29, 2012

Robert Charles Perry was born in Houston, Texas to Henry Alfred Perry and Consuelo Elena Mauermann Perry.

Growing up learning to sail with his father and older brother he developed a love of sailing that would last all his life. He attended St. Thomas High School in Houston but graduated from Jesuit High School in Dallas in 1949. Following in his brother's footsteps, he attended college in California at Santa Clara University and subsequently returned to the University of Texas at Austin. After two years of college, he followed a call to service, joining the southern province of the Society of Jesus in 1951, living in Grand Coteau, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, and Saint Mary's, Kansas. As a Jesuit he gave his life to service at the same time received the gift of an education that would benefit him all his life, and for which he would be forever grateful. His studies as a Jesuit seminarian brought insight and curiosity to his life, his career and to those he knew.

Upon leaving the Jesuit order, he returned to graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin to obtain his Master's Degree. Bob taught in San Antonio at Our Lady of the Lake College and at Christopher College in Corpus Christi. Moving to Boulder Colorado he spent time mountain climbing, sailing on Lake Dillon, biking, teaching Spanish at the University of Boulder at Denver where he made life long friends while pursuing his doctorate in Spanish.

His aunt, a historian and archivist, encouraged him to travel to Mexico City to research and defend an author with roots in Northern Mexico similar to his parents, Alfonso Reyes. He obtained a Fulbright scholarship to write his dissertation "The Mexicanism of Alfonso Reyes". His years of writing and research were consistent with his doctoral studies, taking years of study and careful planning and time spent enjoying life in Mexico City and travel throughout Mexico. He spent significant time with his mother's family in Monterrey, whom he loved and cherished. Upon graduation from the University of Colorado at Boulder, Bob moved back to Texas to teach Spanish at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He enjoyed the role of professor and engaging students in their study of language and literature. He taught and lived in central Texas where his family of varied roots, English, Spanish, Mexican and German, had settled at the turn of the century as a result of revolution in Mexico. In retirement he taught Lifetime Learning courses, on scope and sequence of the history of Mexico through the lens of the Nobel Prize winner Octavio Paz, drawing on family history to augment his lessons.

After 27 years of being an uncle to his two nephews and a niece, he married and had a daughter. He leaves a legacy of family history and generosity to his daughter Elena and son-in-law Tony. A loving father and giving and dedicated friend, his loss leaves a gaping hole and at the same time joy and a grateful heart knowing he is experiencing that most complete peace with those who have gone before.

Social Committee Update

by Susie McDonald

A rousing THANK YOU! to everyone who made my job as social committee chair fun, easy and rewarding:

A great social committee. We have had a winning team for four years now. I look forward to being a member of the committee in 2013.

The best office staff ever. Without your help, we couldn't have done it! Thank you for tapping the kegs, turning on the A/C, hauling tables, and all the other things you've done for us throughout the years.

An amazing board of directors. Everyone on the board has had a positive impact on the social committee in one way or another. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

The AYC family of members. Everything we do is to build camaraderie among AYC members. When you are having fun at the club, when you stay for meals or just to have a beer and hang out with your friends, we know we've done the job right.

The Annual Banquet was a smashing success! Held once again at the Oasis, the banquet drew a record crowd. This issue of the Telltale includes a special Annual Banquet album. Be sure to check it out.

BIG NEWS!

Cathy Parker has accepted the position of Social Committee Chair for 2013. Cathy, who is the mother of the J/24 fleet's John Parker, has been a valued social committee member for the past year. She's creative, organized and a great cook. Cathy's first challenge will be the Frostbite Series so come on back to the kitchen and welcome her. You'll definitely see other familiar faces - many committee members have chosen to continue on in 2013.

See you in the kitchen!



Photo by Charlie Arnold

Taking it easy at sundown

2012 AYC Annual Award Winners

Perpetual Awards



Nicole Prado

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

Nicole learned to sail early this season. She overcame her initial fears and has quickly become one of the most confident and talented students in the Basics/Beginner's Opti class. Most notably, she has mastered her jibes and docking procedures.

Nicole participated in AYC's Junior Sailing Camp where she was awarded the Corinthian Sailor award for her enthusiasm, positive attitude, and good sportsmanship. She has improved rapidly and will be moving up to the Green Fleet in 2013. Nicole is enthusiastic about expanding her knowledge of sailing both in the classroom and on the water. She helps wherever she is needed, whether it is derigging boats, cleaning up the Sail Training room, or taking a beginner out for a sail.



Sam Hollenbeck

Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy

One of the smallest Green Fleet racers, Sam has a driving desire to learn about the sport. Sam participates in multiple classes offered as part of the Roadrunner sailing program - helping out and having fun at Basics/Beginners, competing in Green Fleet, and practicing his skills at Free Sail Sunday.

He has assisted with PB&J and participated in AYC's Junior Sailing Camp, where he was awarded the Corinthian Sailor award. Sam served as a Roadrunner representative in the 2012 Fleet Challenge. He competed in both the Centerboard Regatta and the Governor's Cup Regatta.

This year, Sam participated in his first out of town regatta, placing 7th in the Opti fleet at LCYC's Wurstfest Regatta. He listens well, asks questions and is always eager to apply his knowledge out on the water. He has made vast improvements in his starts, tactics, and understanding of the rules and has great potential - we won't be surprised to see Sam at national, and maybe international, levels.



John and Meiling Parker

Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

John and Meiling participated in the AYC Racing School organized by Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas and fell in love with sailboat racing. They searched extensively for a boat to purchase, and in December 2011, they purchased J/24 "Free Spirit" from the original owner at the Lake Canyon YC. Despite not being able to launch their new boat due to low water conditions during the 2012 AYC Frostbite Series, John and Meiling borrowed a wet-slipped J/24 to begin developing their team, which includes Roman Shor from the UT Sailing Club. They have progressed from racing their boat without the spinnaker in heavy air conditions to bravely flying the spinnaker in progressively heavier air conditions. The Parkers participated enthusiastically in AYC Series racing and the Beer Can Races throughout 2012 and they have raced their boat at every stop of the 2012 J/24 Texas Circuit Regatta. They have become very competitive racers as evidenced by their recent 1st place J/24 Fleet finish in the 2012 AYC Governor's Cup.

John and Meiling have also participated enthusiastically in club volunteer activities. John involved himself in every aspect of building the steel landing strip ramp and was the first to launch from it. Meiling has been a participant in social activities, and both John and Meiling have continued to develop and teach their crew, mentor other new sailors, and introduce potential sailors to the sport and to AYC.

Their fellow sailors have been effusive in their praise of John and Meiling and it's obvious that the couple has brought great fun and much joy to those with whom they sail. John and Meiling truly exemplify the spirit of the Jimmy B. Card trophy and "with a real zest and enjoyment for life" became competitive sailors and active and enthusiastic club participants in their first year as AYC members.

Perpetual Awards



Deborah Mathison

Corinthian Woman

Deborah began her sailing career back when she and Bob had just met and bought a Hobie together. Bob had been sailing since he was 12 years old, so he was a good teacher for Deborah, though Deborah took to it as though she were born sailing.

After the Hobie, the Mathisons bought a Catalina 22 and joined AYC, where they continued to sail and participate through the births of their daughters, Brooke in '84 and Dana in '86. Even though she had an infant daughter in 1984, Deborah signed up for and eagerly participated in a weekend women's learn-to-sail camp that year. Bob stayed home and took care of their daughter Brooke and, when Brooke woke up hungry, Bob would bring the baby out to the club and Deborah would stop what she was doing to feed her daughter. Then it was right back to the serious business of learning to sail. Now THAT'S Corinthian spirit!!

Bob and Deborah sailed with the girls until 1994, during which time they traded their Catalina 22 for a Catalina 25, a move that Bob said was a mistake since, though just three feet longer, the boat was so much harder to sail for the family of four - especially for the girls.

Around 1995, Deborah underwent surgery that took the family out of sailing for awhile. Once their daughters were grown and off doing their own things, Deborah and Bob once again joined AYC and brought in a J-22, a boat that Deborah sails in her own right. In addition to the J-22, Deborah sails Sunfish and Laser, and was an on-the-water instructor in the 2012 Women's Sailing Camp, skippering the J-22 and teaching. Deborah has also been active on the social committee at AYC this year, and has been sharing her very accomplished photography in the Telltale newsletter.

Deborah's enthusiastic re-entry into sailing and activities at AYC, both on and off the water, exemplifies the spirit of the Corinthian woman.



Vic Manning

Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl

Vic started the year by helping the UT Sailing Team with the purchase of the team's new fleet of FJs. In order to house the new boats appropriately, Vic helped make cradles for each boat, and then singlehandedly rearranged the board boat slips to make room for the FJs. He organized the Centerboard Regatta, hosted two Motorboat Safety classes, has been an active and valuable member of the Harbor Committee, the Permanent Race Committee, and the Membership Committee, and helped Sail Training with the Centerboard Class and Learn-to-Sail Clinics. Vic is always around and always ready to help anyone with anything, whether in a boat, on the water, on the docks, or on the AYC grounds.

Everyone knows Vic and most know firsthand of his love for the club and for the sport of sailing. But the primary reason Vic is the recipient of this distinguished award has to do with the endless hours, days and weeks he devoted to, and the blood, sweat, and tears he shed for the 2012 Intercollegiate Sailing Association National Championship races held at AYC in June. In spite of low lake levels and less than easy access to the water, Vic's sponsorship and management prior to, during and after the ICSA Nationals resulted in a wildly successful event as well as national recognition for AYC and compliments from participants from all over the country and from the ICSA. He was instrumental in getting AYC board approval to hold the Nationals at AYC and in the bid process - convincing the ICSA to hold the races at AYC. Vic served as PRO during two of the three full days of races - some 20 races each day - and did so with amazing patience and grace. His ability to work with all levels of volunteers - from ICSA judges to AYC members who showed up to help register or cook food - was inspiring. He worked closely with AYC Board member Barry Bowden, head of the UT Sailing Team Luke Craigin, and ICSA officials to assure a successful and fun event. Vic's unceasing efforts for the ICSA Nationals reflected his quiet competence, his outstanding organizational skills, and his leadership abilities. Quite an accomplishment, Vic!

In addition, Vic is a leader and avid participant in the United States Sunfish Class Association. He has served in a leadership capacity for the Association for many years, including as president several times, and he and Pat continue to travel all over to participate in the USSCA events and in the International Sunfish Class Association events. AYC is proud to have Vic as its representative for activities and sailing associations above and beyond the club level.

Perpetual Awards



Bill Records

Ol' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club

Bill joined AYC in 1979 when the entrance to the club was closed with a chain and a combination lock - combination was 1492. He bought a "fixer-upper" Pearson 22, and never looked back except to trade his boat out for a Pearson 26.

Those who know Bill are lucky and know that he is genuinely happy, is an artist, a terrific friend and friend-facilitator, and was George W's photographer as well as the photographer for "Friday Night Lights", among other well-known folks and movies.

And he's an enthusiastic ambassador for AYC. He has recruited many folks to the sport of sailing. Over the years he has sponsored and cooked for an untold number of regattas (and his crew always ate for free!). In the past few years, Bill has worked tirelessly to make sure the AYC Junior Training Program is successful and available to all kids who want to sail. His advocacy on behalf of the junior program is one of the primary reasons AYC has a robust and year-round junior program and a full-time sail training director.

Bill initiated the fajita cruise for the Lake Travis Sailing Association, a group that had a monthly Full Moon raft up and party and that is, alas, no more - but Bill has stories to tell ... In fact, Bill is a story-teller extraordinaire - and if he doesn't have a story handy we're pretty sure he'll make one up - no kidding!

The social aspects of sailing are just as important to Bill as racing; his take on his own sailing history is that "we held a party and sometimes a race broke out". Bill also initiated the Friday Lunch Group - a motley crew of AYC sailors who met each Friday for lunch at the now defunct Lake View Cafe, shared food, a goodly number of libations, and fabulous stories, some of which might even be true.

He'll give sailing lessons to anyone who asks, and sometimes even if they don't ask. His enthusiasm is infectious and his sense of humor is boundless - it's almost impossible to be around Bill and not smile. Bill is truly an authentic person, marching to his own drummer and always on a happy path. He embodies the spirit of AYC and we're lucky to have him.

Max White Memorial Trophy

John and Claudia have been involved in just about every aspect of AYC over the years, giving unselfishly of their time and talents, many times without recognition. They are each accomplished sailors in their own right - the recipients of many trophies and awards at AYC, as well as national and international events.

As Sail Training Commander, Claudia was instrumental in making the Rylander Junior Dock a reality, from shepherding the project through the AYC board process to making sure the last nail was precisely placed and appropriately hammered. Claudia has served on the AYC Fund board. Both John and Claudia have been willing and successful fund-raisers for the AYC Fund and continue to be avid and involved supporters of the junior sailing program. John and Claudia, individually and as a couple, have sponsored many sailing clinics, have been instructors in countless more training programs, and will happily jump on a boat at a moment's notice to help someone learn the finer points of sailing. John gives freely of his skills and materials to supply the club with all manner of sailing paraphernalia over the years. He has made countless sail bags to be used as trophies and as items to be used in fund-raising events; he donated sails for all the Picos and Optis this past summer; and every once in awhile, a boat cover, a tiller cover, or something sailing-related will mysteriously show up on the boat of some lucky soul. John conducts an on-the-water spinnaker clinic every year. Claudia helps organize and teach women's sailing camps every year. Together they have been generous sponsors of the annual Fleet Challenge. They help move docks, repair/repaint signs, and sail in almost every club race and regatta. They supply drinks for Opening Day and they ARE the annual New Year's Day Bloody Marys. John and Claudia truly are cornerstones of Austin Yacht Club and, for all that they do, we thank them.



John and Claudia Bartlett

Special Commodore Awards

Scott Young, Doug Kern and
John Morran

Outstanding Service to AYC's Sail Training Programs

Sometimes it takes a lot of collaboration to get things done and these three individuals have a history of collaborating to make great things happen. They're great friends, and when one of them is working on something, inevitably the other two are going to pitch in as well. So when Scott, Doug and John decided to pull together a plan to take our sail training program to the next level, all of a sudden people paid attention. Maybe it was because two of them have given countless hours teaching in our PBJ program, or because one of them has served for the past three years on the Long Range Planning Committee, or because one of them just served for three years on the AYC Fund Board, or maybe it's just because they're darn stinking good sailors. In any case, Scott, Doug and John were instrumental in putting together a three-year plan to fund and hire a full time Sailing Director at AYC, which would not have happened without them.

Wade Bingaman

Outstanding Contributions to the Turnback Canyon Regatta 2012

This year's Turnback was a classic case of how, with a little bit of ingenuity and a whole lot of hard work, you can turn lemons into margaritas. At the beginning of the year, with the lake level below 630, Turnback was basically declared dead on arrival. I wasn't there when Christopher Dwight asked Wade whether he'd chair Turnback, but I imagine Wade's response was something like: "You gotta be sh--tin' me!" and then, "Alright, but you're going to have to let me do it my way!" Well, Wade's way included scrapping the traditional Lago Vista destination, annexing the College Nationals tent, creating a beach out on the point, bringing in just about as many bands as they have at ACL, and the willful decimation of Louisiana's crawfish population. The result was pretty much a general consensus that Wade had created the best regatta party ever at AYC!

Mike Beuerlein

Outstanding Service and Participation, Community Outreach 2012

There's a major collaboration that's been going on for 17 or 18 years now, that many at AYC don't know about. It's a collaboration between the Austin Catamaran Sailors and the Big Brother/Big Sisters organization. Over the last two decades, thousands of kids and their mentors, who would never otherwise have the opportunity to experience a day on the lake, have been given the opportunity to get onto a catamaran and experience sailing. This is important not so much for the sailing, but it's important for the invaluable opportunity that kids and their mentors are given to have an exciting experience together that will deepen their relationship and their bond to each other. Mike has been the instigator and organizer of this event for many years. In 2012 alone, he rounded up 27 volunteers, some all the way from San Antonio, and together they gave over 300 kids and their mentors the opportunity to get out and sail together.

Barry Bowden

Outstanding Service to National Collegiate Sailing - 2012

Barry Bowden was the champion on the AYC Board for the ICSA College Nationals. He attended and ran collegiate regattas outside of AYC in preparation for the Nationals. He coordinated tirelessly with Vic Manning on thousands of race details in the year eading up to the Nationals. He helped arrange for judges, referees and arranged housing and dinner for out of town officials. He worked with ICSA officials throughout the races to assure that ICSA standards were met. He was the PRO for the ICSA Women's races and based on the compliments received from the ICSA, the racers and visitors, the Nationals was an unqualified success.

2011 - Ensign Fleet
2012 - J80 Fleet

Winners of the Bernstein-Brinkmann AYC Fleet Challenge Trophy
Congratulations!

2012 AYC Annual Awards Banquet



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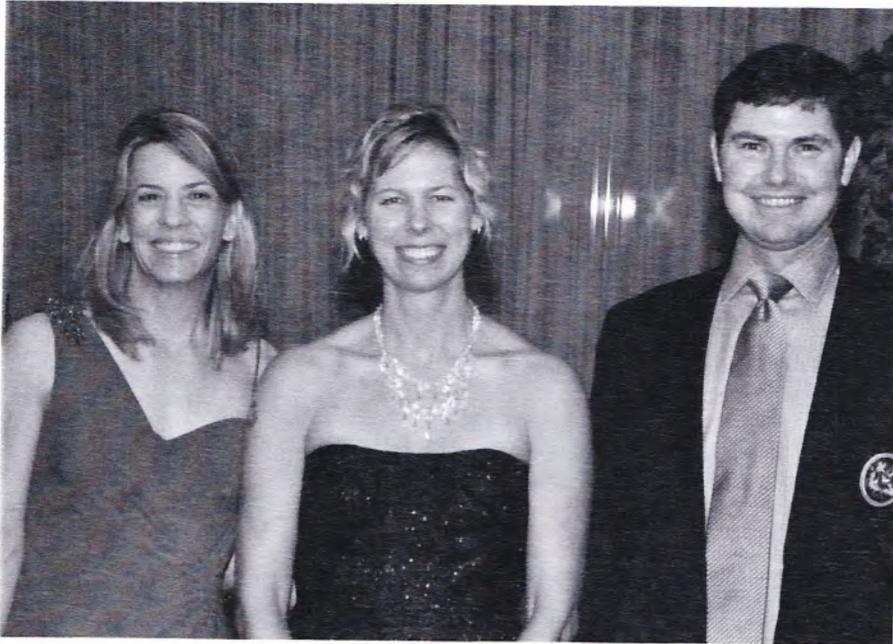


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