

# DIXON BOAT CLUB NEWS

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO BE PRINTED, FOR THE WHOLE STORY ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Since 1949

PO box 808, Dixon, CA. 95620

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

At the general meeting we welcomed 16 new members into the club. Brenden Soares, Paul Ferber, Al Taglieri, Josh Ruiz, Max Pedrick, Andy Anderson, Raul Losoya, Nicholas Beruman, Dan Doan, Andrew Poarch, Kyle Hopkins, Darren Nakutani, Darrell Ehresman, Steve Pasley, Chris Alvarado and Michael Howard.

New members, just a reminder that you need to attend two general membership meetings (the first Thursday of each month at 6:30) and complete 8 workday hours, part of which are helping out with one of the monthly dinners. Check with the dinner host or Larry Nixon to sign up to help with the dinners. Additionally, all you newbies, if you are not very familiar with the surrounding waterways, you might want to have the Port Captain's phone number and some tip money in your wallet for him when he comes and rescues you if you get lost (just kidding).

A reminder to all members, you can start to get your 8 workday hours in now. Don't wait until the last minute! Check with Bob Lord or Mike Clearwater on what may need to be done. The dinner sponsors can always use some help with the dinners and especially with cleanup. When you work, don't forget to sign the workday sheet located on the bar with the hours you worked. This is the ONLY form of verification that you completed your workday requirements.

## KITCHEN CHAIR

Larry Nixon said Terry Smaystria's smoked chicken dinner was a huge success and everyone loved the food! Terry wanted to thank his cooks, Gil Molina and Paul Berry, clean up crew Mike Dailey and Mike Hartwell, servers Carmen and Willie Raycraft, dishwasher Cody Klouse, and a special thanks to Tonny Robben for providing the almond wood.

The next Dinner will be March 21<sup>st</sup> hosted by Sherman Tamplin and supervised by Rosie featuring their Mexican Fiesta. Dinner will include tamales, enchiladas, rice and beans and all the fixings. Contact Sherman to put in some work hours, he could use the help. Please make your dinner reservations by no later than Tuesday or Wednesday before Saturday dinners during the year so the sponsors have enough time to purchase the food and have an accurate head count. Call or email Pam Schmeiser to make reservations.

Bob Lord won a whopping \$10 when his number was drawn. Ed LaRue, thank you for rounding up such great raffle prizes, everyone was impressed, so now the bar has been set! Debbie Coffelt wanted to move our American flag back to it's original location in the club house because it was hard to see in it's current location rolled up behind the raffle table. Debbie also wanted to refurbish a 1949 era photo of the Boat Club founding members and place it in a prominent location in the clubhouse for all to see. The membership agreed with her and voted to make the changes. Thank You Debbie.

## PURSER'S REPORT

Pam indicated that we are doing very well with our income and investments. The membership voted and approved the financial report. Pam also indicated that she had our water tested and the results revealed there were no major concerns or issues with the water quality. There was further discussion on the purchase of a generator and Pat Negroni provided numerous purchase options. It was decided by the membership to table a vote on the purchase until more information and a cost analysis for electrical and propane upgrades were completed to have a better idea of the cost.

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Danaca Flores will be hosting a “Dinner & Kids Craft Night” at the Boat Club. Family Italian dinner, which includes pasta, salad, cheese bread and other fixings starts at 6:00 pm and the cost is \$10 per person. There will be a Kids Craft Corner for the kids, so come out and support this wonderful event. RSVP by March 26<sup>th</sup> by calling Danaca Flores at 707-685-4481. Thank you Danaca.

Hard to imagine 164 years ago, but according to the 1862 Solano Herald, the town of Main Prairie was described as being under 3 feet of floodwater and most of the buildings were swept away. Some decided to rebuild at the same location, and others accepted the offer of Mrs. Rebecca Lewis to locate on her ranch, a quarter of a mile upstream on Cache Slough, on slightly higher ground. According to the 1977 Dixon Tribune, “The new town was formed and dubbed “Alton.” This indomitable woman opened a new hotel called the Main Prairie Hotel. Soon, others built a general merchandise store, blacksmith shop and warehouses for the storage of lumber and grain. According to Lucy Vasser in her story of the town of Main Prairie (Dixon History dated 1995), “The Dixon Boat Club is situated where the town of Alton was. There were buildings and warehouses on both sides of the street. There were two swinging bridges across the slough.” May we all learn to appreciate the history of where our Boat Club is located. FR

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Don't forget members of the Boat Club get 10% off their purchases excluding electronics

Contact Dana Hooper for DBC dinner supplies 916-343-9732

### CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 5 GENERAL MEETING

March 21 DINNER

March 26 BOARD MEETING