

Carter Lake

Sailing Club



LOG



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Sailing into our 53rd year

Happy New Year!

From the Commodore

It is not common for sailors to give a hearty cheer and a toast of rum or their favorite hot toddy for snow, but I most heartily suggest that action! A continuing build of snowpack bodes well for favorable conditions at our home port with the subsequent pleasures of fun, friends, and a little work for balance.

The boat show is approaching with the McGinley's coordinating Carter Lake Sailing Club's efforts to match ourselves and those new members that are unaware of that fact.

Mr. Locke, our V.C., will be feeling a slightly vague discomfort and thrill about the coming Open Regatta and will be looking for those among us who are also susceptible.

The Social committee, I can guarantee you, is already ripe with plans for your pleasurable participation.

Slips, Racing, Clubhouse, Boats and many other committees and endeavors on our behalf are beginning to energize and bring life again to OUR sailing world after a brief rest over the holidays. Ready your boats, bring your energy and find the club activity you can offer knowledge and help to. Bring your friends, tell your neighbors and most of all show up yourself!

Check the information in the *Log* and begin your participation in the 2006 season with the Winter Membership Meeting if you can't make the Boat Show. See you soon, there and on the water.



Paul

Paul Scherrer, Commodore



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From the Vice Commodore

Mark your calendars! The 47th Carter Lake Sailing Club Regatta is scheduled for June 2nd-4th, 2006. In next month's *Log*, I will have opportunities for Club members to sign up and assist with this important event for CLSC.

In the meantime, Fair Winds for 2006!

Dave Lock
Vice Commodore



Dave

From the Corresponding Secretary



Raegan

I have two things I'd like to mention this month. First, please consider writing a short article about any sailing adventures you've had over the winter, or anytime for that matter. Photos are great to include with that. From the feedback I get to the *Log*, other members really enjoy reading about new places, adventures and ideas.

Second, for cost savings, ease and timeliness, I send the majority of the *Logs*, and all of the club notices, out via e-mail. In the last month or so I've switched from sending them directly to members' e-mail addresses to using the club's Yahoo Groups. Please join this group by sending an e-mail to:

carterlakesailingclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you would prefer to receive your *Log* by U.S. mail, please let me know. Keep in mind, due to time constraints, important club notices are not mailed out.

Raegan Morgan
Corresponding Secretary



Clubhouse & Grounds

Greetings fellow sailors. As the darkest months of winter settle in on us, I am still working on improvements to the clubhouse for your enjoyment. Dale Q. and I finished a new counter top for the island in the kitchen which will be a nice improvement. I will be installing it in a month or so. The sink counter replacement will be next. Hopefully I will find a way to do a new kitchen floor this next season without blowing my budget. As always if you have any ideas for upgrades or improvements, just let me know and I'll work on it. Remember that the clubhouse is still yours to use through the winter months. I've cut some firewood and stacked it by the deckside door to use in the wood stove. If you do go up to the lake, make sure you have a new park pass on your car for the new year. The rangers will ticket you for that even in the winter.



Jeff & Family

Jeff Gruver
Cabin Boy

Historian's Report



Jackie

LOOKING BACK AT 52 YEARS

This month: JANUARY'S PAST

Over the years, the winter months have been a time for planning for club improvements and activities and dreaming of the sailing season ahead. As the CLSC presently considers the need for a new breakwater, I reflected on the early years of the Denver Sailing Club when the small membership was definitely on a "pay per project" basis as they began the process of developing the facilities at Carter Lake. I share this month the financial aspects of those first years, 1953-1976.

- **August, 1953:** Thirteen members paid \$1 dues to begin the Denver Sailing Club. The first financial records show \$40.75 collected in dues (the \$.75 is unexplained), and \$40.75 in expenditures that included 10-cent stamps, 5-cent postcards, meeting refreshments, and \$.35 for India Ink for the secretary.
- **January, 1956:** After making the crucial and decisive decision to stay at Carter Lake in the fall of 1955, the membership of the Denver Sailing Club turned to raising the dues. A "furious discussion" led to raising the dues to \$3 per person or \$6 for a family. (Dues had raised to \$2 in 1954.) A "Special Equipment Fund" required \$5 from every family and was used to fund a platform and gangplanks, fireplaces, a rubber dinghy, moving the dock, an out-house and lock and keys for each member."
- **January, 1958:** The club accepted the first lease from Larimer County for the club site, and five year memberships were offered to "finance the grading of the club site plus the cost of the culverts". Dues were raised to \$12 per person or \$15 per family, but the club continued to collect money for about everything — "meetings, refreshments, dinner and building fund." Christmas cards were sold to help finance the (clubhouse) building fund. Bonds were issued to members for \$25 to finance the building of the clubhouse.
- **January, 1963:** In addition to \$25 dues, all members were required to pay a "Capital Improvement Assessment" of \$15.
- **January, 1973:** A new privy based on the Larimer County standardized design was to replace the old privy that "served us well, but we will all be glad to see it go." The \$2,000 cost made it the most expensive item on the improvement list. Members were asked to loan \$100 to the club at 6% to meet the \$3,000 commitment for the new outhouse and improvements to the clubhouse that included plumbing for the sink, a second door on the northwest corner, electrical wiring for the stove and improved lighting.
- **January, 1974:** Dues were raised to \$50 as a result of projected improvements to the clubhouse and docks.

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• **December, 1976:** "We are now the proud owners of a boom truck purchased for \$500 from the star fleet. \$250 has been paid—the balance to be paid next year." Yes, folks, this is our current boom truck. Now that was a good investment!

The passage of time reveals some uniqueness, but an overall sameness in the challenges that face us as a club. Best wishes for a happy new year of sailing to all members of the CLSC family.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Gurley, Club Historian

Membership Committee

The Denver Boat Show runs from 19-22 January this year, Thursday through Sunday. Hours on Thursday are 2PM to 10PM; Friday, noon to 10PM; Saturday, 10AM to 10PM; Sunday, 10AM to 5PM. We may need volunteers to cover the club's booth. This is a great way to start working on your CLSC work hour obligation for 2006. Please contact Lynda and John at mcginley@nedernet.net to see what shifts still need covered.



John & Lynda

John & Lynda McGinley
Membership Co-chairs

County Corner

News and Information from Larimer County Parks

We Don't Go to Aruba

I began working as a park ranger in 1991 and every year without fail I have been asked, what do you guys do all winter? From the water based recreation side of things our peak season historically runs Memorial Day through Labor Day. Here in the Blue Mtn. District during the peak season we run our operations with our seven full time staff members and over 20+ seasonal employees. So what do we do in the "off" season?

First we reduce our seasonal staff down to one or two employees. Then early in fall we work on the budget for the upcoming year. Budget work requires a full evaluation of the past years operations and a chance to try new approaches to handling the business managing our areas. The next process is setting priorities for capital improvements.

Once we select the projects, we plan our fall/winter construction schedules. Many of our facilities need to be winterized or otherwise closed down for the winter. We also spend time reviewing policies and procedures to make sure we are keeping up with trends in the industry.

Many of our employees have strict training requirements for their positions; so we try to get each employee caught up training during this time as well. Since the summer months can be so demanding on our programs our employees do take much of their leave during the fall and winter.

After the holidays we are busy recruiting, interviewing, hiring and training our close to thirty seasonal staff members and volunteers. It is always a race to get the projects wrapped up, things back online and new employees up and running by the middle of May and then we start the cycle all over again. Just like a professional sports team, we spend the off season rebuilding and working hard to try to have our best foot forward when the new season begins.

So contrary to popular belief, we do not spend the winter at some exclusive resort in Aruba, that's what the guys that run golf courses do, or so I've heard.

By Dan Rieves
Larimer County Parks and Open Lands
Blue Mountain District Manager