

# ALEXANDRA

Yacht Club Founded 1873

CLUB UPDATE

## YOUR CLUB - By Vic Hall

### THE ALEXANDRA YACHT CLUB

**As some of you who visit the Club are aware, for a long time now we have been having some alterations and hopefully you will agree, some improvements made to the Club.**

The Commodore's Bar has had six new supporting piles laid down, and the room has been refurbished with new windows and patio doors, enhancing an already spectacular view even more (as those who have been down to the Saturday night fireworks will testify). The bar is now snug and warm - ideal for a relaxing drink on winter's afternoon or chilling out after a hard day.

Satellite TV is soon to be installed in the Commodore's Bar so you can watch the game, fight or film in comfort and not have the hassle of losing your seat while queuing for a drink.

In addition to the improvements in the Commodore's Bar we are currently doubling the size of the kitchen so that better catering facilities can be offered to the members. Various other projects still need to be undertaken, the jetty requires urgent attention, extending the balcony area, improving access to the club, lots of other areas for improvement.

All this requires funds, effort and time but is all for the benefit of you the members.

The one thing that is missing is support from most of the members. Out of the two hundred and fifty or so members we only regularly see fifty and another few on rare occasions such as the Annual General meeting.

Now to the members who only rarely come down and to those who never come and see us I say to you: -

This is your club and it needs your support, The Management Committee and the few members have worked hard to improve the club in the past year and to keep the club running with little help.

We work hard trying to keep the club running but with the little support we get and is it appreciated, is it worth it, MORE importantly can we keep going without your support !

All we ask is for you to support your club, this can be just to use the club more, encourage friends to join you, sell club draw tickets, join in some of the club entertainment events, use the club for family parties, join the 200 club, renew your membership on time or pay now and of course donations are always welcome.



View from the newly installed patio doors in the Commodore's Bar...



Comfortable furniture now makes the room welcoming.

The Alexandra Yacht Club is the oldest yacht club on this stretch of coast and I understand it to be the eighth oldest in the country, do we want to let it die or are we, the members going to try to keep it going giving it our support.

Having complained about the lack of support we get I would now like to say a big thank you to the few who

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besides the Committee do play a big role in supporting and helping the club.

If I had to select people to put at the top of this list I feel it must be Stan and Jacky Diggins who for many years have looked after the insurance side of the club and dealing with the Council, making many phone calls from home, writing many letters and using up a lot of their valuable time (without ever looking for recompense).

During the last insurance claim Stan has spent a lot of time visiting the club (outside of opening hours) dealing with the builders and helping me to deal with different problems.

The rest of the people are in no particular order but are all people who put themselves out to support the club and help to raise funds, spend time working at the club in different ways.

Betty Roberts who runs the ever very successful "AYC Quiz Nights" on Mondays.

Chris and Mo Taylor who have organized two film shows on the history of our town, one on Wednesday 29th October, as well as helping to organize an exhibition at the pier museum in which the club was a part.

Tony Harrison who with Chris Taylor refurbished two of the clubs dinghies. Tony now runs the bar for us on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon and would love to see more of the members down at the club, otherwise he get bored. Remember the club is open every afternoon.

Barry and Pamela Harvey, two new social members who for three months ran a karaoke night down at the club for no charge, and which is now a permanent part of our weekly evening entertainment. Besides turning Friday evenings into fun evenings it has brought many new members into the club and also an income on a night when the club would normally be closed by 9 pm.

Dean Allen who has been working hard on the kitchen refurbishment, plus last but not least, all the bar volunteers without whom none of the above would be possible.

Of the Committee Gary and Linda McKay support in numerous ways, including producing the newsletter, also managing to organize bangers and mash without a kitchen, plus loads of enthusiasm.

Included with this newsletter are some draw tickets, which we hope (as last year) you can sell on behalf of the AYC and return the money along with counterfoils to the Club as soon as possible.

If, you can help the club in any other way please let us know. We would love to see more of you all in the next few months and the forthcoming New Year.

Ending on a light note please enjoy this little story called...

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Two views from the AYC balcony showing the wonderful Sunsets that you can enjoy. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB SO WE CAN CONTINUE ENJOYING VIEWS LIKE THESE

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

# AGM

**WILL BE HELD ON  
SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER  
AT 11.00 AM SHARP**

*The AYC Management Committee for 2003 will be welcoming you with a glass of Sherry and a Mincepie to warm you up.*

## Mayonnaise and Beer....

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the beer...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar.

He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things--your family, your children, your health, your friends, your favorite passions--things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. "The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else--the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out, play another 18, visit the **AYC**. There will always be time to clean the house.

"Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."

**CHEERS - Hope to see more of you down the Alex.....**

## Abandoned Boats

In an attempt to trace the rightful owners of all the boats that are stored on the jetty, the sailing committee produced a list of all the boats.

This list was posted on the notice board in June, copies were sent out to every member, including to previous members at last known address in an attempt to find the owners.

We thank those members who have helped in providing information to update our records. The updated list has been posted on the notice board.

However, we still have a number of boats that we cannot locate the owners. These boats are taking up space and costing the club a loss in jetty fees.

AYC feel that they have made every attempt has been made therefore the sailing committee must assume that these boats have been abandoned.

We would like to give notice that under the rules of the RYA and AYC, the club is within its rights to take the following action.

### Rules of the RYA & AYC....

If, at any time, any fees payable to the club by any member or former member shall be three months or more in arrears and a vessel the property of a member or former member remains upon the club premises, the Committee may:-

(a) Move the vessel to any part of the club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel howsoever caused.

(b) Give one month's notice in writing to the member or former member at his last known address as shown in the Club Register and thereafter sell the vessel and deduct any monies due to the club. (Whether by way of arrears of subscription or annual payments, mooring, dinghy park fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.

(c) Alternatively, if the vessel is unsaleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the vessel in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of doing and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the club by the member or former member.

(d) Further the club shall at all times have a lien over members' or former members' boats parked or moored on the club's premises or club moorings in respect of all monies due to the club, whether in respect of arrears of mooring fees or subscriptions or otherwise.

Proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace a member or former member and that when and if the vessel is sold the proceeds of sale (unless any indebtedness by the member or former member to the club) shall be placed upon bank deposit account and retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether he be the said member or former member or otherwise) for a period of six years.

**The AYC committee are issuing notice that on 31 December, 2003 any boat not claimed along with jetty fees paid to date, the AYC MAY take the with said action...**

# UPDATE ON WHATS ON .....

## SPECIAL EVENTS AT AYC

**SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER  
COMMODORES EVENING**  
Last Night of the Free Fireworks  
Buffet.

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**SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER  
END OF SEASON SAILING  
SUPPER**

Please see club noticeboard for details.

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**SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER**

*“Life at the Circus can  
be MURDER”*

*Murder Mystery Night at AYC*

Commences 8.00 pm sharp  
Admission by ticket only.

Tickets Only £5.00, includes a  
“Circus Supper”

All proceeds will be donated to RNLI.  
Ticket on Sale behind the Bar

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**SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER  
PARTY NIGHT & GRAND DRAW**

Disco and Grand Draw  
**DRAW TICKETS ON SALE  
BEHIND BAR**

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**SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER  
COCKTAILS**

Warm up to welcome a new year.

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**SUNDAY 1 JANUARY  
PAPER BOAT RACE & HAIR OF  
THE DOG...**

## WEEKLY WHATS ON

**MONDAY NIGHT  
QUIZ NIGHT**

**TUESDAY NIGHT  
CLUBHOUSE OPEN**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
CLUBHOUSE OPEN**

**THURSDAY NIGHT  
AYC DARTS NIGHT**  
See Vic Hall or Bob  
Sealey for Details

**FRIDAY NIGHT  
CLASSIC “N” COUNTRY  
KARAOKE**  
With BARRY AND PAM  
HARVEY  
from 7.30 pm onwards

**SATURDAY DAYTIME &  
EVENINGS  
CLUBHOUSE OPEN**  
From 1.00 PM  
Check events to see  
whether an event or  
function is being held on  
Saturday.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON &  
NIGHT  
CLUBHOUSE OPEN**  
From 12.00 PM

PLEASE CHECK THE  
AYC NOTICE BOARD  
FOR REGULAR  
UPDATES, NOTICES  
AND MORE DETAILS ON  
THE EVENTS.

