



The Blinker



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From the Commodore

As I write this Blinker I realize August is just around the corner, the Eagles have already reported to training camp, YAP session II has started, and sailing has finished with the Series A. I guess the old adage has some merit..."time flies by when you're having fun"!

If you need some humor in your summer be sure to book your reservations to assure seating for our first annual **Comedy Night** on Friday, August 1 featuring the popular comedian **Joe Conklin** and two of his associates. Please note Joe will start promptly at 9 pm and entertain us until 11 pm. This is an adult night so we will ask children under 18 to be finished dinner by 8:30 pm. Bring your favorite joke, as we will have an open microphone between 8 and 9 pm. Failure to do so you will result in-jokes like "Who paints lines on the ocean? An Ocean Liner!" Thanks to **Mike Stulpin** for chairing this event.

I am pleased to report the new activity of Ballroom Dancing thanks to **Alice & Joseph Scandura** a.k.a. **Fred & Ginger**, is a tremendous success. Many members are regularly participating weekly. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other members, shed a pound or two and fine tune your skills. The Dance Club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:15 pm except for August 5th and 12th when they will switch to Wednesday August 6th and 13th.

As I mentioned sailing is half way through our schedule. It takes many volunteers who faithfully plan, race, officiate, score, and patrol each Wednesday and Saturday. Thanks to the Wednesday Race Committee of **Robin, Stiles, Yvette Williams, Ann Stulpin, and Patty Stump**; Wednesday Patrollers **Dick Frank, Mike Riener, Lee Duncan, Roy Williams, Jay Corrigan, Tim Noble, and Richard Taylor**; Weekend Committee Boat **Bruce Nicholson**; Weekend Finish Boat **Mike Stulpin** and **Linda Hendee**; Weekend Patrollers **Roy Williams, Bill Dieterich, Steve Frank, Dick Frank, Bob Stiles, Bill Stiles, Richard Taylor, and Tim Noble**. Both youth and adult sailing has a long tradition here at the YCSH. Refer to the yearbook and review the history of our fleets. I thank **Gene Mopsik** for Sailing Development and the countless number of racers and others who participate, support, and encourage their children to keep our tradition sailing forward.

The Youth Activities program is also into the second session and our younger members are having a ball in

and around the water. Tuesday August 5th at 6 pm features the **Children's Fashion Show**. Thanks to **Christy Rutt, Shea Meagher, and Amy Bowers** for organizing this fun event for the children. See the details enclosed. Don't miss the **Jr. Commodore's Dinner Dance** on Tuesday, August 12th. Thanks to **Terry Ciemny, Tracy Harrington, and Diane Falcone**.

Wednesday August 6th at 10 am the **Parade of the Feet** will return to the YCSH. Thanks to Past Commodore **Bob and Nancy Blocklinger** for organizing this event. Even if you don't have a pet, join in the fun and attend this entertaining "parade." It's always amazing to see what some members have as their pets.

Thursday August 7th marks the annual **Women's Day Trip**. This year **Becky Cahill** and **Ellen Mc Neill** have planned an exciting day in Lambertville, NJ. Be sure to make your reservations to reserve a spot. You never know what you might find - last year a fur coat, this year who knows. Remember the bus leaves at 8 am sharp.

About this time last year, as many of you know when I saw you and when I could out run you, I asked for your help with this season. My friends and neighbors on the 9800 block of Sunset Drive, although faster, could not avoid me and hence the 2008 Commodore's Ball Committee of **Stephen Mottola, Joseph and Lori Captain, and Bill and Georgina Lyman**. This year's theme is South Beach with a madras flair. For those men who feel comfortable with madras shorts you are encouraged to show off your ankles. For those who do not, slacks are fine. I know the Sunset Drive Gang, although secret to me, have many fun surprises in store for us. Prior to dinner we will honor our past and present Commodores and their spouses and will announce the nomination for our 2009 Rear Commodore. So call your baby sitter, mark August 9th on your calendar, reserve your table, get plenty of rest, go to the Dance Club, and get set for an extraordinary experience!

Enjoy the reminding weeks of summer and be sure to make the club with its many activities a part of your final summer weeks.

Bill Larkin, Jr., Commodore



Coming Events

Every Friday & Saturday - **Grille Room open for dinner, 6 - 9 pm.**

Friday, August 1 - **Cabaret Comedy Night, 8 pm.**

Monday, August 4 - **Girl's Book Club, 4 pm**

Tuesday, August 5 - **Children's Fashion Show - 6 pm.**

Wednesday, August 6 - **Parade of the Feet, 10 am**

Thursday, August 7 - **Women's Day Trip, Lambertville, NJ, 8 am**

Saturday, August 9 - **Commodore's Ball.**

Monday, August 11 - **Girl's Book Club, 4 pm**

Wednesday, August 13 - **Dancing Queen Atlantic City Road Trip, 4 pm**

Friday, August 15 - **Book Discussion Group & Luncheon, 10:30 am**



Miner's Gems



Hello YCSH Members,

We are near the home stretch for the summer of 2008, but we have much more planned for the month of August. Before I go into the remaining calendar for the season, I would like to recap some recent past events.

The Stone Harbor Triathlon that is held here every year was a spectacular success for the 8th year in a row. The turn out for the event and spectators was huge and Chef Al, Nancy Hart and

their staffs served them all breakfast after the event was over. The celebration and awards ceremony afterwards was well attended and the money raised will go toward tuition help for worthy students from the Stone Harbor school district. Thanks to all who attended and helped out on that day. Special thanks to Rob Hicks and his large group of volunteers, without whom the day would not be possible.

We also had an ice cream social and bingo night on July 20th. We have done this function for the past several years, but this year showed our greatest turnout yet. We had almost 70 people here enjoying the bingo, ice cream and an excellent magic show. Thank you to Jackie Hershey and Mary Ann Woods for all of their help in putting this event together. We will be doing it again next summer, so make sure you look for it as a great family fun night.

We have some other fun events set for the next few weeks. Friday August 1st we have booked WIP sports radio co-host Joe Conklin to entertain our members. Joe is a man of many voices and "personalities". If you are a Philly sports fan, a Philly guy or girl at heart or just like to laugh, this is the night for you. We are having an "open mic" session for members who would like to test their funny bone. Then at 9 pm Joe along with two other comics, Chris Morris and Jim Dahms will make us laugh. Call the office to reserve your seat in the ball room. Seats in the ball room will be set up cabaret style and will be sold on a first come first seat basis. Over flow for the night will be at the bar. We will be offering cocktail service and a small snack menu after 9 pm on comedy night.

The kids fashion show is being held on August 5th at the club. Check the YAP bulletin board for more information. The club will be busting at the seams with kids having a great time and showing off their modeling skills. Please make your kids reservations with the club office.

As always, we really appreciate your making reservations for all events. It also helps the kitchen and dining room when your party is on time and are seated at the time of your reservation. If part of your party is running late, we certainly understand, but if a majority of the party is present, please get your dinner started. This will make the dining experience for the rest of our members a more pleasurable occurrence.

Thank you and see you around the club
Peter Miner, General Manager

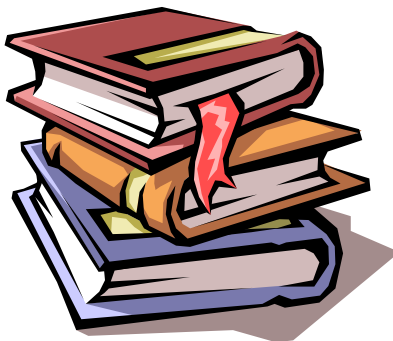


Blinker Schedule

<u>Deadline for Articles</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
5 pm Wednesday, August 6	August 13
5 pm Wednesday, August 20	August 27

Note that the deadline for each issue is now the Wednesday before Issue Date. Please e-mail your copy to me at blinker@ycsh.org or call me to work out getting me your copy. Don't just leave it at the club, as I travel a lot, and may not get it in time.

Ron Workman, Blinker Editor



Book Discussion Group

Friday, August 15 (luncheon), 10:30 am
 "The Lottery" by Patricia Wood

Be sure to call the office to make your Luncheon Reservation for August 15

Friday, September 19, 10:30 am
 "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horen

The Atlantic Bookshop on 96th Street will stock each selection. Mention the YCSH to receive our discount. Call Jean Hepke at if you have any questions.



Tuesday Bridge

Come out and join us in a fun game of bridge. Try to win the "TWO PRIZE" or "Top Score". No partner necessary to play. We will be looking for you in the Alcove off the dining room on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. If you have any questions call Claire Taylor or Jeanne Falgiatore. The Two Prize winner and top score winner on July 8 was Helen Carstensen and on July 15 the winner of both prizes was Ruthann Burman. On July 22 the Two Prize was won by Walt Wagner and the Top Score was won by Carol Wagner.

Wednesday Night Duplicate

Come join us for Duplicate Bridge every Wednesday at 7 pm. The winners July 9 were: N/S 1. [Tie] Diana & Phil Comerford; Betty Larkin & Jeanne O'Neil; 2. Kathleen Vistenzo & guest; 3. Fred Beisel & Kay Wade; E/W 1. Marge Moretzsohn & Maryann Woods; 2. Peggy Stabert & Alan Kaplan; 3. Barbara & John Chatham. The winners July 16 were: N/S, 1. Ginny McConnell & Kathleen Vistenzo; 2. Elaine Faulkner & Bernie Holman; 3. Betty Coyle & Betty Larkin; 4. Jackie Hammerschmidt & guest; E/W, 1. Bernadette Curley & Jeanne O'Neil; 2. Ann & Don Armento; 3. Martha Noll & guest; 4. Terry McGlone & Harriet Sussman. The winners on July 23 were: N/S, 1. Bernie Holman and guest; 2. Anne McAllister & Martha Noll; 3. Diana & Phil Comerford; 4. Ginny McConnell & Kathleen Vistenzo; E/W, 1. Gail McConnell & Marge Moretzsohn; 2. Betty & Betty Larkin; 3. Carol & Walt Wagner; 4. June & Lee Duncan.

Any bridge player who needs to cancel or needs a partner, please call Margy Bennett.

Thursday Night Contract Bridge

We are going strong. Winners for July 17th: Tom Falgiatore, John Reber, Alan Kaplan.

Saturday Morning Bridge

Chicago scoring, otherwise, just like Thursday night's game. Winners for July 19th: tie for first Lee Duncan & Mattie Mehl, 3rd June Duncan. There is plenty of room for more players. Call Millie or Bob Erdody if you have questions.

Sunday Night Bridge

We can always use some more players on Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Grille Room. The winners on Sunday July 13 were first place John and Barbara Chatham, second place Polly Bowen and Jeanne Falgiatore, and third place Lee and June Duncan. Any question call Marcia Beckwith or Jeanne Falgiatore.



Parade of the Feet

This year's event will be on Wednesday August 6 at 10 am. Have you registered yet for this fun morning? Show your friends what a great pet you have. Remember all pets are welcome. In years past we've had everything from worms (no legs!), to German Shepherds (OK, 4 legs!). Some of the staff brings their "best friends" too. If your "baby" has a heart of cotton it's also

welcome to stroll down the catwalk. We try to have a seat for everyone an love and audience. Bob & Pixie will show you what to do so that part is easy. And, of course, we will have plastic bags and paper towels for you to use for critters that have "stage fright!" If you have any questions phone us at 368-5982

To prepare we need a CUT-OFF DATE of Sunday August 3. You DO need to register and that's easy too. Do NOT call the office! Contact nrblocklinger@aol.com. Leave YOUR NAME, PETS NAME, TYPE OF PET, BREED, YOUR PHONE #. For example Johnny Smith, Petie, dog, black lab, 368-9999.

See you at the Show!!!!!!



Scrabble Players Wanted

Come join us every Wednesday at 10 am for a friendly time playing this great game. We welcome those who only play occasionally! Any questions, call Nori Jones.



**Diller Home for the Blind
Boat Rides and Lunch**

On August 8th visually impaired campers from the Diller Home for the Blind in Avalon will come to our club for their final a boat ride and lunch. They are always a fun bunch who are ready for excitement on the water, lunch, and conversation back at the club.

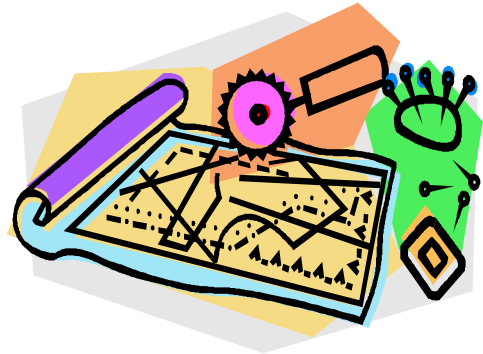
Volunteers are welcomed! Anyone interested in giving approximately 2-3 hours on any or all of the above dates to take a few of our guests for a ride in their boat, or helping to serve lunch and entertain these campers when they return from their excursion on the water, please contact Dick Corkhill or Mary Finken. Our boat riders usually arrive around 10:45 am, and lunch starts at noon.



Fitness Classes – with Babysitting

Fitness Classes are in full swing EVERY day of the week – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in the Dining Room. Four different instructors for four different workouts to keep you fit and trim for the summer! Aerobics, weights, mat and core work outs. Bring a mat, towel, light weights and a band (if you have one, if not we have some to buy). Cost is \$7/class

(\$30 for the full week) and will be charged to your account. Babysitting is now available at the Club each morning from 8:30-9:30 while you exercise. Contact Tori Swanson (YAP Counselor in Training at 609-368-5560 to arrange. Any questions – call Jane Wilson at 610-405-4874 or janewilson03@comcast.net.



Craft Class Schedule

Basket Weaving	July 31 (wait list)
Necklace	August 13
Beading	August 21

The necklace is in the hallway of the club for you to see. If you sign up and do not show up you will be charged as we must order the beads in advance. If you cannot make it on the 13th of August, August 21st is an open day where you can bring you own beads and make whatever you care to. Any questions, call Susan Pescatore.



Dance Club Awaits You!

An enthusiastic group of dancers has been working Tuesday nights on Fox Trot, Rumba and Waltz. With Hustle, Cha Cha and Swing still on the list, new dancers are welcome. Current dancers (singles or couples) range in age from 15 to 80. Our international champion instructors Ron and Barbara (with decades of experience in dancing, competing, teaching and judging) keep everyone involved.

To get up to speed, join us at 6:50 pm for review of the previous lesson and even some individual help (if you arrive early). Stay for the new lesson 7:20 to 8:30 with practice music playing till 9. Several dancers come for an early dinner before dancing or stay for practice (often with individual help from our instructors), food, drink and chat afterwards. Chef Al has the bar menu available with the kitchen open until 9 pm.

Instructions are on Tuesdays (except Wednesdays August 6th and 13th). Remember to wear comfortable non-rubber soled shoes. Cost is \$5 per person per lesson billed to your YCSH account. Non-YCSH members pay \$7 billed to a YCSH account. Please email me at alice@scandura.com with any questions.



Atlantic City Road Trip

Dancing Queen brings disco back to Tropicana! The songs are from the era when music was fun, choreography was extreme and everyone danced to the beat of a different drummer. Relive the time of 1970s disco with the production extravaganza of Dancing Queen, Wednesday August 13 in the Tropicana Showroom. Featuring the greatest hits from Abba, The Bee Gees, the Village People and more, Dancing Queen includes a cast of twenty singers and dancers in all their glittering glory. Drawing raves from across the country, Dancing Queen is the ultimate dance party with 1970s costumes, astonishing choreography and incredible musical arrangements. The cost is \$45 pp and includes bus transportation, show ticket, dinner buffet, and \$15 cash! We will leave the YCSH at 4 pm. Call the club to reserve your ticket ASAP! Call Mary Lide if you have any questions.



Laser for Sale

A 1996 laser with Full Rig, including Stretch Dolly, Cover, Blade Bag and Trailer. Fresh Water Boat. Available for \$3,000. Contact Bill Clarke at sealarke@verizon.net.

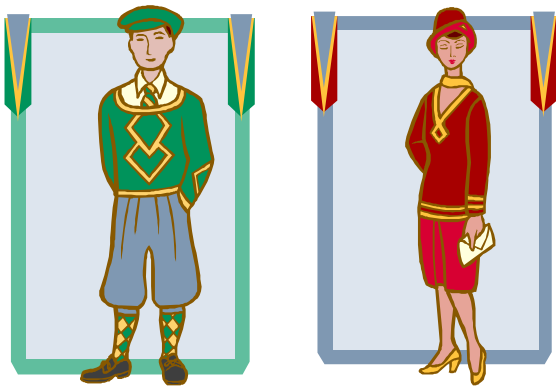


Women’s Day Trip

We are heading for Lambertville on Thursday, August 7 for a fun day of shopping, antiquing and eating. New Hope is a short walk across the Delaware for those who prefer a funkier town.

You have the option of eating at a planned luncheon at Lambertville Station Restaurant (\$75) or being on your own to explore the many great restaurants Lambertville and New Hope have to offer (\$50). Please call the office by July 25 to reserve your spot and let them know which option you prefer.

Lots of fun is planned for the bus ride there and back so join us for a great day! We leave at 8 am sharp and return at 6:30 pm. Questions? Contact Becky Cahill, becky.cahill@comcast.net



Children’s Fashion Show

Please join us this year on Tuesday August 5th at 6 pm for our Children’s Fashion show. Our theme for this year is **“YAP CAMP ROCKS”!!!** We are actively looking for young models—boys and girls—to show us what’s “in” this season. After the dinner and fashion show we will be

entertained by our DJ and our young club performers enjoying Karaoke and dancing! Think about creating a group to perform a song that evening!

Please call the Club office to reserve a space for this fantastic event! It fills quickly so call now!! Dinner tickets: Children \$16, Adults \$26, DJ only \$ 5 (after 8 pm).

If you would like to participate as a model, please sign up ASAP on the sheet displayed in the Junior Lounge. Parent volunteers are needed as well. If you would like to help or if you have questions, please call Christy Rutt.



Cabaret / Comedy Night

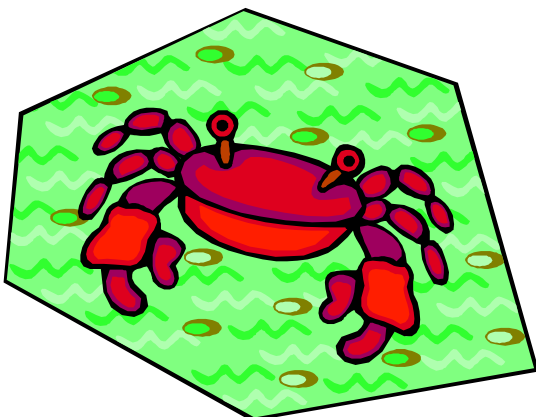
Please mark your calendars with a big red "C" , warm up your funny bone, and join us at YCSH Cabaret Comedy night this Friday, August 1 from 8 to 11 pm. Don't miss out on the antics of emcees Mike Stulpin and Commodore Bill Larkin (filling in for the stuck-in-Virginia-for-a-wedding Walt Finken) as they introduce the man of a hundred voices - Joe Conklin of WIP 610 radio fame.

This is an adult function and we accordingly ask all children under 18 to leave by 8:30 pm. A \$10 cover charge will apply, and seating will be on a call ahead basis. All are encouraged to bring along a joke or two for the open microphone period of the evening. Also be prepared for a surprise guest comedian!!



Thank You Thank You Thank You

Thanks so much to everyone who made the 2008 Sixteenth Annual House Tour a success! From the homeowners who volunteered their lovely homes, to the gracious members, friends and family of members who donated their time to be docents in the tour homes, to Chef Al, Pete Miner, Lorraine Mattalucci and all their fantastic support staff for a fabulous lunch, to my committee of house tour captains who made many, many phone calls, tied ribbons, and folded brochures and were always there to help me along the way. You all deserve a big round of applause! I so appreciate all of your help. If you didn't get to see the lovely homes or missed out on the opportunity to be a part of this year's tour put it on your calendar for next year so you don't miss out! The house tour is a really fun day shared with members and a great way to meet lots of new people and get reacquainted with old friends. Thanks so much, Robin Stiles.



Crab Fest is Coming

Crab Fest '08 is almost upon us! This event is always a sell out so be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, August 24th from 5 – 9 pm and make your reservations now to ensure your table.

For the crab lovers, this year's event once again includes all the crabs you can eat along with curly fries with or without "old bay." In addition, a BBQ featuring chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers with the all trimming and "YES" corn-on-the-cob will also be served. Sodas, ice tea, lemonade and pitchers of beer are included in fixed price.

Don't miss the return engagement of the Andalusia Jug Band and enjoy their unique musical talents and home-spun humor. Contact Claire Taylor, or Roe Hufner, if you have any questions, but be sure to call the office to make your reservation early!

Watch our up-coming *BLINKER* for pricing and further details.



Chef's Corner

I want to thank all of you so much for your cards, prayers, and heartfelt condolences concerning the passing of my mother. It is such a wonderful feeling knowing that I am really a part of the Yacht Club family. Thank you so much.

I would like to introduce you to my Sous Chef Daniel Frankowski. Chef Dan has been here at the club with us for four seasons. He has worked his way up to the position this year and the management is very proud of him.

Dan is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. He has worked in the food service industry for nine years now. Dan's food philosophy is to make the best food with the best and freshest ingredients available. He is looking forward to a successful and fun season.

Al Garrett, Head Chef