

November 2024



# Carter Lake Sailing Club Newsletter



## From the Commodore

*John Pumfrey*

Well, another sailing season has passed (or passed gas as I originally typed!), and it has happened quickly as it always does. It seems only yesterday we were putting the docks in and trying to be the first boat in the water.

This will be my last note as Commodore, and I first must say a huge thank you to all the board members and committee chairs who work behind the scenes to make it another great year for sailing and for making my job easy. I also want to thank all the members, especially the new ones, for showing continued support for the club and helping to shape what it is now -- a growing and lively community.

Our Club fall banquet on Nov. 9 is a celebration of 71 years. This is a membership meeting where we will vote on several items and I pass the Commodore baton.

What will 2025 bring? I foresee continued growth in our Club's Junior Sailing Program, along with the "grown-ups" smaller boats sailing activities -- including racing. You can anticipate changes for the better regarding Club equipment as we look to new purchases and replacements.

What will not change are the comraderies and fellowship that comes from a shared love of sailing and the delight when you switch off the engines and the only sound is the mainsail filling!

As the Roman sailors said, "Transittere in MMXXV."

## Important Dates

**Nov. 9** - CLSC Fall Awards Banquet, 6:00-9:30 p.m., Pinocchio's, Longmont

**Jan. 31** - Last day slip members can make their \$100 slip deposit for 2025

**March 15** - Last day slip holders can pay remaining slip fee



## **Dec. 31 Last Day to Get Volunteer Hours for 2024**

A bit less than two months remain for Club members to put in their required number of volunteer hours.

According to the Club's bylaws, Regular Slip members must complete and log a minimum of 24 volunteer hours during the year to remain a member in good standing, and no more than 16 of those hours can be logged from dock put-in and dock takeout. That means eight hours of volunteer work must come from helping the Club with other tasks.

Boating membership members, Regular membership members and Introductory membership members must complete and log 12 volunteer hours during the year to be a member in good standing.

Members who fail to complete and log the required volunteer work hours could lose their member-in-good-standing status.

If you still need volunteer hours, Clubhouse Chair Art Umble has a list and you can find that list in his Clubhouse Chair Report in this newsletter.

## **CLSC Fall Banquet**

**Saturday, Nov. 9**

**6-9:30p.m.**

**Pinocchio's Restaurant**

**210 Ken Pratt Blvd (Highway 119), #210, Longmont, Colo.**

**This is a membership meeting where members will be voting on new board members and making by-law decisions. The Commodore baton will also be passed, and awards will be presented.**

**\$26.00/person with children age 8 and under half price**

**RSVP to Andrea Mann at [speechrus1@gmail.com](mailto:speechrus1@gmail.com) by Tuesday, Nov. 5**

**Two methods of payment: 1) Zelle payment to CLSC treasurer, Angela Jaspers at [aahill9@gmail.com](mailto:aahill9@gmail.com) or 2) check to Angela Jaspers, 502 East Pitkin, Fort Collins, CO 80524**



## Dock Take-Out is a Wrap

Wearing cold weather gear, CLSC members showed up in force on Saturday morning, Oct. 19, for dock take-out. Within a short time, volunteers had found the role they wanted to carry out, and removing the docks was underway. As additional members trickled in, each found a way to contribute to the day's success.

A big THANK YOU goes to Dockmeister Bill Fritz for being organized and on top of everything. Club members could tell that this wasn't Bill's first rodeo.





**More dock take-out  
photos**



## Thank You, Tony and Alisa

As in the past years, Club members volunteering at dock take-out were treated to lunch. This year's dock take-out lunch, which included corn chowder to warm up the volunteers, was prepared again by Club members Tony and Alisa Seidling. To say the lunch was super yummy would be an understatement. Thank you, Tony and Alisa, for keeping all volunteers fed.



## Clubhouse Report

*Art Umble*

The Club is grateful to all who contribute time and energy each year in helping to keep our Clubhouse facility functioning.

As the CLSC closes out another season, we are already looking ahead to the projects and maintenance activities that need addressing in the 2025 season for our beloved clubhouse and grounds. For the 2025 season, we will have a more formal outline of regular duties that members can sign up to be responsible for during the entire season. This should make our maintenance and upkeep much more proactive and provide opportunities for more members to receive volunteer hours.

Here is a list of regular duties that are needed:

- Attend to trash bag supply & coordinate trash disposal with trash removal service (Republic Services)
- Take recycling materials to off-site recycling center(s)
- Mice control/eradication (Needs to occur throughout the whole year)
- Take charge of propane tank supply
- Handle fire extinguisher certifications (should occur in early spring)
- Oversee supplies in Club latrines: TP, hand sanitizer, paper towels, waste baskets, regular cleanings

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- Mow yard and weed trim
- Keep storage shed(s) organized
- Oversee firewood supply
- Paint and oversee painting equipment supplies

Please reach out to me if you are willing to assume any of these tasks so we can discuss the “how” to making this happen.

Each year the Club also holds one or more workday events where we take on large, one-off projects such as tree & shrub debris cleanup, boneyard cleanup and organization, storage shed purges, roof maintenance, deck and picnic table painting, driveway maintenance, etc. We expect to hold at least one of these workdays during the 2025 season. I will reach out to you via email so you are aware of when the workday or workdays will occur.

The Club intends to embark on several major projects on the grounds that will require volunteers and special equipment. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Concrete pad for the Morgan memorial bench (location requires E-Board review and approval)
- Concrete pad for a permanent placement of the 3-yd trash disposal container (location requires E-Board review and approval)
- A split rail wooden fence around three sides of the trash container pad (optional, but necessary)
- Regrading of club driveway (requires a small tractor with grading blade and roller/compactor accessories)
- Rebuilding of stone steps from club patio to picnic area
- Rebuilding of retaining wall adjacent to lower camp site
- Regrading of drainage swales along driveway (should be an annual project)
- Electrical upgrades to current building standards and codes (This is to reduce potential fire hazard from outdated and/or faulty wiring, outdated breakers/fuses, GFI requirements, etc.)

Several of these tasks do not need to wait for the 2025 season as they can be worked on at any time. That said, please reach out to me, Art Umble, if you are interested in helping with any of the listed tasks and before undertaking any of the tasks listed.

Our Club depends on volunteers to keep costs down and our Clubhouse looking good. You never know who you might be working with and have a new friendship develop simply from working on a Club project.



## Membership Committee Report

Mike Gurley

Our sailing club finished its 71st year with the most members we have ever had. Calculations indicate that we had a 30% increase in membership.

Thirty years ago, about one-third of our membership came from south of Longmont and the Denver area while one-third was from Longmont and the Boulder area and the remaining one-third from north of Longmont. But our demographics have changed through the years. Today, 72% of our Club members come from north of Longmont, 17% from south of Longmont and 11% from the Longmont-Boulder area. We also have two members from out of state.

Another interesting fact: Thirty years ago only two memberships came from Berthoud and today 10 memberships have a Berthoud address. This shows the growth in the northern part of the state.

I've enjoyed being Membership Chair since the position allows me to talk to new and prospective members about the Club. I look forward to another year in this position.

## Social Committee Report

Andrea Mann

What a fun and active summer we had! We started off strong with Cinco de Mayo/New Member Potluck hosted by Suzy and Gary Rubin followed by the ever-popular Cheeseburgers in Paradise hosted by Mike and Denise Pearson in June. In July two more favorites returned: Reggae Night hosted by Kelly Peterson, Janine and Joe Corsetti and Jenifer Nordstrom, and Pirate Night, a joint effort between your Social Committee and our Club's First Family, John Pumfrey and Vicki Stanley. In August, Todd and Nina Rogers gave us Italian Night. Wrapping up our potlucks was Irish Night hosted by Cathy Davis and Catriona Dowling in late September, and Oktoberfest hosted Jackie and Mike Gurley. A first this year was Evening Under the Stars--complete with wine, cheese and lots of live music--hosted in September by Joe and Amanda Pawelski.

Adding to our fun this sailing season was the celebration of three important summer days: National Ice Cream Day, National Milk Chocolate Day and National Watermelon Day.

Our creative potlucks are the glue of the club and keep us connected to one another. (See photos of our Club's last three events on next page.) Thank you to all who hosted and thank you to members for attending.



## Evening Under the Stars, September & October Potlucks



*An Evening Under the Stars*



*Oktoberfest*

*Irish Night*







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## Historian Report

Mike & Jackie Gurley

### Sailing Through History: The Foundations of Our Junior Sailing Program: 1971-73

CLSC's Junior Sailing program has gone through many instructors and formats over the past 62 years, and articles in old newsletters serve as a source of information on this evolution. The entire Junior Sailing story will eventually be posted on the "Sailing Through History" section of our Club website [sailcarter.org](http://sailcarter.org).

This Historian Report focuses on 1971-73, when the Carter Lake Sailing Club was still called the Denver Sailing Club (DSC). Lynn Kieser, a member since 1957, El Toro Fleet member, Sunfish sailor and Race Chairwoman for the DSC decided to get children involved.

The first mention of a junior sailing program came in April 1971 when Lynn Kieser announced upcoming classes in basic sailing and racing technique for the children of DSC members. The program was open to "any child having reasonable swimming ability." The plan was to hold classes on Wednesdays and weekends when there was no racing, with the program covering knot-tying, rigging and vocabulary, points of sailing, swamping and recovery in addition to sailing.

In July, Lynn reported a growing Sunfish fleet of 10 boats. An article in *The Log*, the Club's newsletter at the time, states, "We all thank Lynn for initiating this very much important contribution to the club."

In November, Lynn reported that "the results were gratifying in that two families who live at Carter Lake joined the DSC because of the program, and one beginning youngster was so eager about sailing that his parents bought him a Sunfish for next season."

Lynn also reported that attendance throughout the summer varied from 6 to 14 youngsters ranging in age from 9 to 14 years old.

Lee Payne, Commodore at the time, recommended that the DSC purchase and write a charter for a "Junior Traveling Trophy" to be awarded yearly. Sue Yeager, volunteer, reported that "As the season progressed, the competition among Sunfishes gained momentum. The great thrill of winning a trophy to prove their skills certainly ought to be added incentive for a very spirited Sunfish fleet next year."

In 1972, the DSC Junior Sailing Program had grown to 16 students, with the program conducted on Wednesdays during most of July and August.

The Club newsletter states, "Young members of the DSC had a very active summer in the  
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Sunfish. Beginning in June with the Red Cross Small Craft School, and winding up with the DSC Cherry Creek Invitational, these many young people enjoyed a season of learning and racing.”

The Small Craft School, which was held at the DSC facilities at Carter Lake, was attended by students who received both Basic Sailing and Basis Canoeing Certificates.

DSC Junior Sailors also participated in both the Dillion Open and races in Casper, Wyoming.

The Club's Junior Sailing Program in 1973 started in late June and continued through August. Classes were conducted on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Per the Club newsletter, the program was open to “youngsters from 8 years of age and Mothers.” *(Editor's Note: The word “Mothers” was capitalized in the article.)* Available boats were pooled for everyone's use. There is no charge for classes, but only children of DSC members were eligible.

Next newsletter will feature our Club's 1980s and 1990s Junior Sailing Program.



*Above left and above center: Junior Sailing Program,  
Carter Lake, 1972*

*Top right: Racing the Dillion Open, 1972*

*Right: Racing at Casper, 1972*



## Jan Morgan a Member for 25-plus Years

When a friend and former co-worker who had a boat at the marina agreed to teach Mike Morgan how to sail, Mike jumped at the opportunity. That smart move on Mike's part resulted in the friend allowing Mike to use his boat on Carter Lake.

"Mike was hooked and bought his boat," Jan Morgan relates.

Mike and his wife Jan joined the Club the following year, 1998. Jan said she and Mike immediately felt welcomed by Club members and appreciated the help and advice they received as new sailors.

"Dock put-in, dock take-out and social events as well as a variety of volunteer work helped us get to know the members even better," Jan interjects.

Mike and Jan owned several boats over the years. Their last boat was Liquid Assets which Jan sold after Mike passed to Juliana and Phil Robb.

"Liquid Assets has been owned by club members its entire life," Jan adds.

Through the years, Mike and Jan held various offices within the Club. Jan found her niche with our Junior Sailing Program and the Social Committee. Mike was a former Commodore and served as treasurer for many years. Not to let anything interfere with volunteering at the Club, Mike even handled the Club's treasurer duties while undergoing chemotherapy.

"When Mike passed in 2023, our Club felt it," states John Pumfrey, CLSC Commodore. "He was such an asset to the Club and a definitely an integral part of the Club for so many years."

The Club has purchased, and will be installing, a bench near the campfire area in Mike's honor. Mike was outgoing and loved to converse with fellow Club members, and he was the force behind the Club having a campfire area. Last year the Club renamed the Lifetime Contribution Award in Mike's honor, renaming it the "Mike Morgan Lifetime Achievement Award."

A retired elementary teacher, Jan lives in Greeley where she serves as co-president of, her teachers' organization Alpha Delta Kappa. She is also involved in Alpha Delta Kappa's philanthropic activities and with other chapters in the state and the nation. She also enjoys crafting, traveling, playing Bunco and spending time with her five grandkids.

Jan attends a lot of our Club potlucks and social events. She does love to have a good time and works at staying connected to CLSC.





## Shari Due a Fan of Capri 14

Covid stimulus money enabled Shari Due, a resident of Fort Collins, to buy a paddleboard, a kayak and a Sunfish and get back on the water.

“I had always wondered where sailboats sail locally and heard of Carter Lake and Boyd,” Shari states. “So my son and I put the Sunfish on the car and dropped it in Carter Lake. At Carter I saw so many sailboats in slips and became intrigued enough to Google ‘Carter Lake Sailing.’ That’s how I found the club and immediately joined, even though it was August.”

During her first year in the club, Shari sailed dinghies, inviting friends to join. One of those friends ended up buying a boat, which Steve and Brenda Wood now own. The next year Shari became a Boating Member and sailed Kokopelli. Hooked on sailing, Shari then invested in a Capri 14.2 with the purple and pink sails.

Shari spent her childhood on Olander Lake in Sylvania, Ohio, where her dad taught her to sail. While her three little brothers swam at the beach, she sailed alone in the family Sunfish. A few years later she spent a summer off from college running “a little sailing program” with an 18-ft Interlake, teaching 11- and 12-year-old girls to sail at a summer camp in Michigan. Then I grew up and moved to Northern Cal, and eventually San Diego where I did a little bay and ocean cruising, discovering that the ocean makes me seasick. Yuck.

“I love owning my little Capri 14,” Shari states. “It’s not too much boat for me to handle on my own, physically or financially. It fits in my driveway. I can tow it with my Honda Element and easily take it anywhere. I can take a friend or two.

“And I love being part of the club, rekindling my competitive monster on racing crews and captaining my 14er; the fun we have at potlucks and parties; knowing people at the lake; hanging out on docks with



beautiful sailboats; and LOTS of learning about sailing and racing and boats. I’ve found that our conversation at parties centers around sailing and boats, with all politics and most drama left down the hill. I like that I can raise a glass and make a stupid, simple toast like, ‘To boats!’ and people genuinely and enthusiastically answer in loud unison, ‘To boats!’ raising their glasses in kind.”

Shari is self-employed at what she calls “the very unglamorous and unprofitable craft of documentary filmmaking and video editing.” Her favorite aspect of her career is the variety and learning that accompanies the work and the independent nature of it. She also teaches video editing at Front Range Community College.

Ask Shari about her passion regarding regenerative agriculture as well as the challenges of owning goats in the city.





## Andy & Susan Groeger--Seeing Sailboats on Carter Lake was All it Took



Having moved from Germany to Fort Collins in 2006, Andy and Susan Groeger were kayaking on Carter Lake one weekend when they noticed sailboats at the CLSC docks. This caught Susan's interest as she had sailed in college and had introduced the sport to Andy. When first married, the couple even owned a Force 5 and sailed it a couple of times before selling it.

"I remember Andy and I wondering what the deal was with those boats over there," Susan states. "So we paddled up and talked to Mike Gurley who was standing on a slip.

"The rest is history."

The Groegers purchased their first boat, "Lima Sierra," a Catalina 22, in 2014. They purchased their current boat, "Island Spirit," a Catalina 25, in 2022 from Dave Sherrill shortly before Dave passed from complications from Covid.

"We promised Dave that we would keep the name of the boat Island Spirit in memory of him," Susan states.

Andy is a retired Army Officer whose move to Fort Collins was precipitated by an assignment with CSU's Army ROTC program. Today, he is a Certified Financial Planner for Northwestern Mutual. Susan taught ballet on many Army posts across the globe, was a health tech at Liberty Common School in Fort Collins and worked as an analyst at Northwestern Mutual. She is currently retired.

Together the couple covers their required volunteer hours as regular members and slip holders by helping with dock put-in and take-out, tackling tasks at the Clubhouse and this year assisting at the Adult Sailing Dinghy Classes.



Susan rounds out her free time with volunteering at their church where she chairs the "Creation Care" committee. Andy volunteers a lot for Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary, serving as President two years ago. Together they are enjoying their first grandchild, Leni Jean, born last April.

"We may corner you with endless photos and stories about how cute she is," Susan summarizes.



## Steve & Brenda Wood Recently Retired, Exploring Passions

Growing up sailing near the Finger Lakes of New York, Steve Wood has had boats his whole life. He often restored old boats and then obtained new boats to restore. Brenda started sailing in the North Carolina State University sailing club during her undergraduate years.



“We have both sailed most of our lives and enjoy both sailing and the comradery of other sailors,” Steve states. Today, the couple own two boats: 1) a 1973 Cal 25, Driftwood, that has a large cockpit, a flat foredeck and “is a dream to single hand” and 2) a 1971 Coronado 15, Ramascello, that is related to the Capri 14s.



Although Steve and Brenda have lived for about 22 years in the area--so close that they can walk to the Clubhouse and the lake, they first joined Carter Lake Sailing Club just eight years ago. And the couple has enjoyed being a part of the Club ever since. In addition to social sailing, Steve races every now and then.

“CLSC is great because it is a community of sailors who like to both race and casually sail,” Steve adds. “The dinners and volunteering are great, providing much needed socialization.”

Steve and Brenda are both retired. Steve was formerly in the software industry while Brenda was a CPA in the accounting field. As newly retired and empty nesters, Steve says they are rediscovering their passions. Brenda is exploring and cultivating her skills in weaving and water coloring. Steve is spending his time woodworking and tinkering with electrical and mechanical projects.

In addition to doing their CLSC volunteer hours, Brenda volunteers at Hearts & Horses. Steve is exploring opportunities to work with youth in the area of engineering and computer science. He’s also expressed interest in leading some CLSC classes, such as fiberglass repair, during non-sailing season. He even has a heated workshop.

When they aren’t sailing and volunteering and following their passions, Steve and Brenda like to do a variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. As retirees, they also look forward to more time to travel. They also enjoy family time.

“We are new grandparents and are over the moon to have our grandchild close by where we can regularly babysit,” Steve relates.