

YERBA BUENA ANGLING CLUB

HISTORY



1938 – 2011

Forward and Acknowledgements

Since there did not seem to be any one place where a history of the Yerba Buena Angling Club could be found for those interested in such information, this booklet (pamphlet) could be a starting point for such a study.

Acknowledgements must be given to many who were able to loan material records as well as those who were able to give recollections as they saw it. **Harry Loebenstein** was a past president who remained active until his death. He provided a list of the past presidents including names of many of the early members and their occupations. **Zane Kaplan**, a past president provided names of the clubs founders and other recollections. **Abben Simon**, another past president, who also served as corresponding secretary for many years, provided copies of the monthly bulletin and announcements to many YBAC events. Many of these events were of the purpose of including participation with family members and friends. **Tom Tjoventos**, a past president, for his recollection of many details of the clubs activities. **Quen Young**, also a past president, for pictures of Past Presidents which are included in the Presidents Album. **Sidney Silberberg** served in many capacities including as the clubs Derby Chairman and was also a past president. **Sid** provided many pictures and recollections of past events. **George Stoneback**, a past president, for his recollections of past club activities. To all these people a heartfelt THANK YOU.

George Samoulides

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Organized 1938

To understand the history of the Yerba Buena Angling Club one must look at the Clubs Constitution which clearly states that the purpose of the organization is to ".....promote interest in the sport of angling and to sponsor and encourage the precept of good sportsmanship among all participants. As its further purpose, YBAC shall: (a) cooperate with authorized Federal, State, and Local officials in enforcement of conservation and angling laws; (b) foster the preservation and continuance of sport fishing in the State of California, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area; and (c) promote, encourage, and support reasonable and proper legislation to accomplish these objectives."

Several friends interested in the sport of fishing became the founders of the YBAC. Founding members that were identified are:

Bertram Friedberg
Frank Lachman
Henry Rude
Jules Sahlein

As can be seen the membership consisted primarily of the Jewish persuasion. Membership was limited to 50 persons. The membership was increased to 75 in 1968, to 100 in 1985 and the limit removed in 1989.

Henry Rude, a founding member also served as the Clubs first president. The Club grew by word of mouth as members brought in other family members, friends and acquaintances. Membership dues were \$5.00 per year and remained unchanged until 1976 when they were increased to \$15.00 per year.

The need for some structure was recognized and the Executive Board was established. A President, Three Vice Presidents (First, Second and Third), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Six members on the Board of Directors. The Immediate Past president was later added to the directors to present continuity.

Monthly dinner business meetings were held and the club activities were established. The meetings were held at different locations to accomodate the members. Locations are too numerous to mention but include Castagnola's at Fishermans wharf, Bruno's in San Francisco, Leaning Tower in South San Francisco and the Bold Knight in Sunnyvale. This is but a small listing of some of the meeting sites.

Although the Club activities were and are primarily fishing. social events involving participation by family members and friends were held and continue to be enjoyed.

2011 Supplement

This YBAC HISTORY was produced in 2001 through the efforts of George Samoulides. Updates for 2002 through 2011 have been made where needed and when available, including the following about membership, by Bob Galvin and Rangal H. Yorks.

Membership continues to evolve. The founding members, and then most of the members, were Jewish. Then the Greek members became the majority. Now, more and more members are fisher people. Dues are \$35.00 a year. The membership now includes four Honorary Life Members – George Samoulides, Steven Saribalis, Abben Simon, and Rangal H. Yorks.

Two groups were added to the primary group of regular members: A member may become an Associate Member for reasons considered valid by the Board. This includes incapacitation and moving some distance away from the Bay Area. Honorary Associate Members are widows of members. This allows them to keep in touch with the Club activities.

In 2010, the Executive Board approved having women as YBAC members. The first woman to become a member was the renowned Captain Jacky Douglas, the skipper/owner of the WACKY JACKY, berthed at Fisherman's Wharf, S.F.

A cap has been applied to the membership at 93 regular members in order to maintain a balance between members who want to fish and the space available, usually 25, on the chartered party boat. The Board is seeking an alternate solution.

PAST PRESIDENTS – I

*Indicates deceased

1938 Henry Rude*	1971 Abben Simon
	1972 Jay Fried*
1940 William Landsberg*	1973 Walter Rosen*
	1974 Thomas Tjovenos*
	1975 Quen Young
1943 Morris Cohn*	1976 Bruce Samson
1944 Ed Selix*	1977 George Stoneback
1945 Bertram Friedberg*	1978 Michael O'Halloran*
	1979 Arthur Gekas*
	1980 Quen Young
	1981 Emmett Kirksey
1952 Sylvan Zukor*	1982 Thomas Tjovenos*
1953 Harry Loebenstein*	1983 Sidney Silberberg
1954 Stanley Rosenthal*	1984 Gus Heyman*
1955 Charles Ehrenberg*	1985 Gus Francis
1956 Simon Kapstein*	1986 Theo Pappas*
1957 Leonard Lurie*	1987 George Mourgas
1958 Joseph Feingold*	1988 Peter Parashis*
1959 Martin Coleman*	1989 Peter Karsant
1960 Rod Rotkin*	1990 Peter Karsant
1961 Lloyd Abrahams*	1991 George Stoneback**
1962 Zane Kaplan*	1992 Bandar Al-Saud**
1963 Lester Walton*	1993 Bandar Al-Saud
1964 Louis Stolowitz*	1994 Constantine Karsant
1965 Lawrence Kahn*	1995 Constantine Karsant
1966 Leonard Walker*	1996 Constantine Karsant
1967 Hrant Avakian*	1997 Rangal H. Yorks
1968 Maurice Hamberger*	1998 Rangal H. Yorks
1969 Maurice Hamberger*	1999 George Samoulides
1970 Abe Lutzger*	2000 George Samoulides

**Bandar Al-Saud was called back to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. George Stoneback, 1st V.P., became President serving for most of the year.

PAST PRESIDENTS – II

***Indicates deceased**

2001	Rangal H. Yorks	2007	Juan Zadovsky
2002	Rangal H. Yorks	2008	Juan Zadovsky
2003	Charles Liebscher	2009	Rangal H. Yorks
2004	Charles Liebscher	2010	Rangal H. Yorks
2005	Sidney Silberberg	2011	Tom Westphal
2006	Sidney Silberberg	2012	_____

OFFICERS 2011

President	Tom Westphal
1 st Vice President	Frank Wong
2 nd Vice President	Harry Thodos
3 rd Vice President	Walter Huwe
Treasurer	Juan Zadovsky
Recording Sect.	Bob Galvin
Corr. Secretary	Nick Koozmin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011

Ron Courtney
Peter Kireopoulos
George Samoulides
Steven Saribalis
Sidney Silberberg
Louis R. Sunseri
Rangal H. Yorks- IPP

The EXECUTIVE BOARD is composed of the OFFICERS and the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Social Events

Most of the following information is based on records available from 1968 to the present. It is by no means intended to be inclusive of all of the Club's activities.

Ladies Night – From at least 1968, the Club's highlight event of the year has been Ladies Night. We honor our special ones with a grand night out, including a full dinner, a gift, and dancing. Included is the installation of the elected Board and the awarding of fishing awards.

Greek Night – The membership felt that an event was needed to stimulate participation of family and friends and introduce others to the Club. A Greek Taverna Nite was suggested and this idea generated enough interest to continue the program for ten years starting in 1979. The event also produced some needed funds to the Club's treasury and was a sell out each year.

Picnic – A picnic was first shown to take place with a barbeque at the Krug Winery and then there was a picnic every year thereafter. The locations changed but from 1981 through 1991 the site was Paradise Park in Tiburon. A kids fishing event was also included at the park since it was by the San Francisco Bay. Since 1992, except for one year, the picnic has been in the Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno.

Crab Feed – It was felt that a seafood event was appropriate for our Club. Each December, starting in 1990, up to 300 people gather to have a full dinner including all the cracked Dungeness Crab one can eat. Members, as volunteer workers, have become famous for offering the best Crab Feed in the area!

The funds raised are important in the support of the Derbies, Ladies Night, and other functions.

Fishing Derbies

Fishing Derbies are set by the Executive Board for each year. There are two fishing trips for each species of fish that make up the Derby and determine the winners. The most common fishing Derbies are for Salmon, Striped Bass, and Halibut. Ling Cod, Shark, Sturgeon, and Trout have also been included in the past as either Derbies or events.

Largest Fish Awards

To encourage members to fish in their own, an awards program was established in 1972. Awards are given to members for the 2 largest fish caught for the species included in Derbies that year. Derby fish are not eligible.

YBAC recorded winners of the Largest Fish by Category are:

Salmon – 47 lb 2 oz in 2003 by Rocky Lombardi.

Striped Bass – 34 lb in 1975 & 1976 by Tom Tjovenos.

“ “ 34 lb in 1987 by Bandar Al-Saud.

Halibut – 40 lb 8 oz in 2004 by Rangal H. Yorks

Sturgeon – 143 lb in 1977 by Quen Young.

There are possibly others with weights that could change these figures, since all weights are not known and several of the earlier years' data is not available. These figures are from the records available.

Fishing Events

Many events have taken place such as fishing for Trout, bottom fish, shark, and albacore. Fishing groups have been on fishing trips to Baja and various lakes in the states.

Jules Sahlein Award

The Jules Sahlein Award was established in 1978. Jules Sahlein, a founder of the YBAC, was a very generous person giving not only of his time but with financial help as needed. When he passed away in July 1976, the members approved the awarding of a trophy in Jules' name to a deserving member within the guidelines established.

The purpose of the Jules Sahlein Perpetual Award is to give recognition and express appreciation to a member for outstanding contribution to the sport of angling, giving unselfishly for the betterment of YBAC, giving of time and effort towards fulfillment of duties, and outstanding sportsmanship and fellowship.

Members receiving this award are the following:

1978 Leo Samson	1997 Rangal H. Yorks
1979 Anthony Ferrari	1998 Sidney Silberberg
1982 Louis Stolowitz	1999 Charles Liebscher
1983 Abben Simon	2000 Spiro Jouganatos
1985 Thomas Tjovenos	2001 George Samoulides
1986 Walter Rosen	2002 George Kern
1987 Art Gekas	2003 Gustav Kronert
1988 Peter Parashis	2004 Juan Zadovsky
1989 Theo Pappas	2005 Steven Saribalis
1990 George Mourgos	2006 Lou Sunseri
1991 Bandar AL-Saud	2007 Peter Kireopoulos
1992 Karsant Brothers	2008 Walter Huwe
1993 George Stoneback	2009 Greg Stimmel
1994 Gus Derdevanis	2010 Tom Westphal
1995 John Sklavos	2011 Bob Galvin
1996 Jim Contos	

ADDENDUM

ALBERT ADLER (C) JUNK DEALER
JOSEPH BADER
JOSEPH BASIN
EZRA BATTAT
HARRY BERENSTEIN R.C. INVEST.
MORRIS BIESER TAILOR & DRESSMAKER
CARL BIANCHI SPORT FISHING
BENJAMIN BLUMENTHAL
JAY BRANDELL R.C. BOB.
SIDNEY CHARAN WINE (SE) PRINTING CONTR.
JASPER DE DIE DOBBLEFFER ATTORNEY
MILES DROBISCH ACCOUNTANT
WILLIAM GLICKMAN RUGEMAN - S.
HERBERT GOLDMAN R.C. BOB.
BERNARD GREIF MUSICIAN
JACK HARRIS MENT WORK
HERTRAM HUGHES AUTO WHOLESALE
MANUEL JACOBS SHOE SHED.
SAUL KAHN
ZEL KAHN WHITE. FRUIT
HAROLD "DOC" KAUFMAN CAMERA SHOP
MAYO KERSON (G) GEM SALES
JOHN KINNAIRD REFRIG. LIGHTING FIX. (S)
WILLIAM "MUSHY" KRAZOW PAINT. SHOP
ED. LACHMAN FURNITURE STORE
JOSEPH LEON (ISAACS)
SAMUEL LIEBMAN INS. BRO. (SS)
FRED MILLER FISHING TACKLE MED. (G)
BRUNO MINK ROOMING CONTR.
HARRY MINTZ PAINT SHOP
FRANK PASSANTINO, D.D.S.
WILLIAM POPPER
FRED QUICK (S) HOTEL SAGE
SOL RAFTEN
MILTON ROBERTS PLUMBER
HAROLD "BOB" ROSENBERG PLUMB.
MARTIN ROSENBERG PLUMBER
MAURICE ROSENBERG PLUMBER
BERT ROSENTHAL REFRIG. SERVICE
SIDNEY ROTHBLATT
JULES SAHLEIN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
GARY SAMSON
MORRIS SCHACHTER
ADOLPH SCHNEIDER HATS
JACK SEAMANS
MORRIS SILVER ATTORNEY
AL SIMMONS
ALBERT SPADARO SPORT FISHING
EDWARD SUGARMAN BLINDING CONTR.
AL TRINGALI
FRANK WALSH
HERMAN WEITHEIM R.C. BOB.
HERBERT WOLFE

Alphabetical list of old
 time members from
 Recollections of
 Harry Loebenstein