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Christmas party a big success

A big crowd showed up at the Clubhouse last month for the annual Christmas Party. Everybody had so much fun that nobody took time to take any pictures. Oh well, I guess you should've been there.

As always, Larry Ahlhorn's culinary efforts were spectacular. Everybody got their fill of seafood and veggies, as well as some delightful desserts.

Rick Bonner won the big raffle for a Starfish, one of the old boats from the retired MSU sailing fleet, which had been fixed up by Steve Priester and Dave Brunner. Their efforts netted several hundred dollars for the club treasury.

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Board of Directors notes . . .

Commodore Bill Robison, beginning his second term in the job, welcomed incoming board members at a meeting in January.

Robison reappointed Eddie Harvey to return as grounds director, Bink Davidson to do double duty as house chairman/past commodore, and Steve Priester to remain as harbormaster.

The board authorized Bink to pursue improvements to our hot water system (you did know we had hot water at the club, didn't you? I didn't either).

Treasurer Glenn Tole reported that the club's finances are stable at this point, although it is important for all members to pay their dues on time. He indicated there was money on hand for several large looming expenses, such as insurance.

The board discussed the 2015 social schedule, and decided to organize a St Patrick's Day-themed event. The date, which will be firmed up at the next meeting, would be in March.

Also to be scheduled in March will be a fleet meeting to discuss the 2015 racing schedule.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 5, 7 p.m., at the Clubhouse. All members are invited to attend.



Winky Berkowski organized a birthday party for Bink at the Clubhouse Jan. 17. Larry Ahlhorn looks on as the birthday boy opens a pile of gifts. As usual, a good time was had by all!

Lake Levels, as of January 26

Lake Arrowhead	19.4 %
Lake Kickapoo	28.4 %
Combined total	21.9 %

Dinghy Fleet Ramblings . . .

Sailing in 2014 was pretty tough for WFSC sailors. but something really special happened. Several local sailors took what mother nature was giving us and created a pretty neat happening.

We had always had several dormant dinghies (sunfish, toppers, laser, etc.) parked at the club, which were given little attention until the drought hit. Some active sailors, and not so active, saw the opportunity to expand this into a legitimate dinghy fleet. They decided to try and develop a Sunfish Fleet, since the boats were pretty much available and affordable (\$200 to \$900). Surprising how many good deals on boats were out there, and still are!

Sailing skills didn't make a lot of difference. In the end everyone was trying to get better. The camaraderie was great. All shared their sailing skills and availability of boats with each other.

Gosh, it's such a neat fun sailing experience. A legitimate dinghy fleet (all ages) sailing and competing in last year's bad drought. We will do it again in 2015. Come join us, talk to one of the active dinghy sailors and he or she can help you find a good Sunfish. They are out there!

We will schedule a 2015 fleet meeting for March, and we'll start it all over again.

-Steve Priester

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As you can see, I'm back editing the HAL, and I could use your help. If you've been to the boat show, gone on vacation or done anything interesting, please consider submitting a photo and/or a couple paragraphs for the old HAL.

Or I can just keep filling it up with pictures of myself.

Also, I'd like to offer a special thank you to Tonia Hulse, who did a great job with the newsletter last year.

- Lee Havins



OKAY, SOMEBODY HAD TO DO IT . . .

. . . So Kim and I went sailing on Lake Arrowhead Sunday (Jan. 25). Was this the first sail on the lake of 2015? Could be.

We launched the *swamp thang* on the little sand beach west of the Clubhouse. Winds were 20+ and gusty from the northwest, so the waves between Pawnee and the dam were steep and breaking over each other. Air temp was 60ish; water was ice cold.

Dinghy sailors will be interested to know that the water is less than a foot deep out for maybe 25 feet from the beach, then it drops off quickly. We poked around with a long paddle and determined we still have depths of 5 feet or so between the beach and the peninsula we used to call "the island".

