

Commodore's Corner

John Coultrap



For those members attending the annual Labor Day meeting and election of officers,

all came prepared for a gorgeous day of fun and good food not to mention fellowship and a chance to visit with friends. The MBIYC marina was full and those that had reserved docks in the State Marina allowed attendance by boat to be at a high level. Thanks to our Judy and dedicated member Gill Root for the expert handling of docking opportunities for our members.

With the outstanding skills of our chef, member Dick Warwick and his lovely wife Margaret, the Pig Roast accompanied by barbecued chicken, member provided side dishes and desserts was as tempting as ever. Thanks to them both and all those faithful members involved in providing a meal that so many enjoyed.

Thanks are also in order for all those who helped Bob and Jim Osenbaugh, grounds co-chairman, in the preparation of the club grounds by decorating and setting up all the tents to

provide shelter and a festive atmosphere.

Under the fine leadership of Paula Gross and her committee volunteers, the array

of available trendy clothing, head wear and novelties available for purchase were the best ever.

MBIYC is truly a club of hard working members with a flare for having fun.

Following lunch, Commodore Weisenbach held a meeting for the purpose of the election of officers for the term, 2003-2004. All nominated had demonstrated a willingness to serve the membership by volunteering their time to continue the hard work of those who have served in the past.

Unfortunately, Mike Stewart, nominee for Vice Commodore, was not in attendance due to a surgical procedure he underwent the day before. Mike has unselfishly devoted countless hours of his busy schedule

co-chairing the entertainment committee with his wife Barbara in the past, serving as a dock and grounds committeeman, ticket sales, along with club Director.

Welcome aboard Mike, as our newly elected Vice Commodore and our best wishes for a speedy

recovery.

I would also like to welcome aboard, newly elected Rear Commodore Scott Forward, co-entertainment chair with wife Chris and newly elected Directors, Rocky Gross and John Wierzchowski, Website Manager and Co-Newsletter editor with wife Cindy to the Board.

Continuing on board are Flag officers, Harry Andrist, Treasurer and Joe Orahoske, Secretary, both were re-elected for a two-year term. Galen Lehman, Past Vice Commodore, Director and Dock Committeeman continues to serve the club for the final year of his three-year term as Director.

Our founder and outgoing Commodore, George Weisenbach will serve as Staff Commodore/Director for a two-year term. With his experience, he will be a valuable asset for the coming years.

Past Commodore and Dock Committeeman Lew Johnson, has agreed to continue as delegate and liaison to

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MIDDLE BASS ISLAND YACHT CLUB

The Grapevine



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Vice Commodore

Mike Stewart



I would like to thank all of you for your confidence in letting me serve the club as your Vice Commodore. I will work hard, along with the bridge, to continue the wonderful work already done by my predecessors to keep moving this great Club forward and enjoyable for all.

Barb and I are sorry that we missed all of the fun over the Labor Day weekend, but I am feeling much better and am ready to go to work.

Rear Commodore

Scott Forward

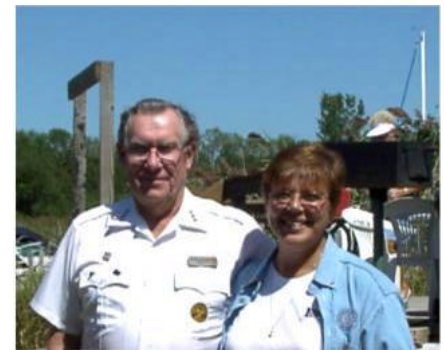


It was a great honor to be elected Rear Commodore of Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. I hope to serve the membership well. I thank you all for your support.

The new bridge is in the process of defining the goals that we hope to accomplish over the next several years and beyond. It will be an exciting time for the club. We hope to negotiate a long term lease with the our relatively new landlord, The State of Ohio, that will allow us to make permanent improvements to the docks, club grounds, and hopefully to build a club house. Work will continue to refine the Dock pol-

icy to allow members maximum access to the club. We hope to get more members involved with committees and events. We would like to improve our relations with other clubs so that our I-LYA affiliation increases benefits to our members.

I would like to join the membership in thanking George Weisenbach and all of the past officers, directors and committee chairs for all of their work and dedication in making the club what it is today. The new administration has big shoes to fill. With the support of the membership, we will continue to make MBIYC a club that we are all proud of.



*MBIYC's New Staff Commodore
George Weisenbach
and wife Sharon*

THANKS GEORGE!

For all your accomplishments during your term as Commodore.

I-LYA Report

Lew Johnson



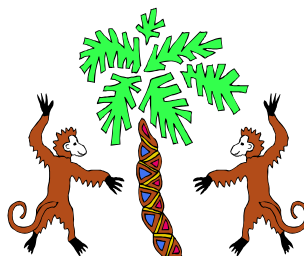
The winter meeting of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association will be held December 6,7,8, 2002 at the Sandusky, OH, Holiday Inn, near the junction of Rt 2 and 250. This is a combination business, dinner/dance and awards meeting for the I-LYA. Middle Bass Island Yacht Club will also have a hospitality room at this meeting so we can get together after MBIYC has shutdown for the winter.

Our hospitality room will be open Friday

night, December 6, 2002, with a TROPIC ISLAND theme. Beverages and food will be provided. MBIYC members are requested to bring an appetizer to share Friday night.

Please check the MBIYC website for updates on the menu and ticket information along with registration. For those who would like to attend but do not have access to the Web you can contact me at 419.285.9971

Please put this date on your calendar and plan to see your friends, as the weather turns cold.



Summer Entertainment Report

Chris & Scott Forward

LandCruise 2003, Sawmill Creek

February 8, 2003

This year's land cruise has been scheduled at Sawmill Creek Lodge & Resort in Huron, Ohio. The dinner will be on February 8, 2002. Room rates will be \$75/night, unless of course you upgrade your room to a Jacuzzi room or Executive suite with fireplace. You would then have to pay the additional premium on those rooms.

We will have a sit down dinner and music by J.D. Owen. We realize that many of you would like a change from J.D. and there will be one after this event; on the other hand there are a lot of people who really like him and has asked for him. We will update you further as to the theme of the party.

We are excited! Sawmill Creek has many things to do for everyone. Their phone number is 1-800-SAWMILL if you wish to go ahead and make your reservation early. The form to sign up is enclosed with this newsletter. Please fill out how many will attend and send to us at address on form, along with your check.

HELP NEEDED WITH THESE :

We would like to involve more people in the activities of entertainment. With nearly 600 club members, we feel it would be better to have some sub-committee's under entertainment to help organize things like the Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day Picnic. It is a big job to do the

work for all the cruises in addition to the club parties. If you would like to join in the fun in helping to make these events a success just email us.

We wish to continue to oversee these events and to handle the cruises, including the Land-Cruise, but need volunteers who are interested in helping with the parties on Club grounds during the summer.

Thanks to Denny Marquart & Gil Root for cooking the chicken on the 6th of July and to Charlie McCarthy and Tim Dembinski for cooking the beef. We had a great time! Thanks to all the others who pitched in and helped. A big thanks also to all those who participated in the boat parade, especially the Uland's, who



led the parade.

Kelley's Island, Huron, Windsor Cruises were all a big success. We had almost 100 people at the Kelley's Island dinner, a big crowd at the Huron Cruise and although we didn't have quite as many at the Windsor Cruise, those who were there had a great time.

In Windsor an evening sailboat ride was enjoyed on either Coultrap's or Orahoske's boat out on Lake St.

Clair Saturday evening. It was beautiful.

Labor Day/Pig Roast

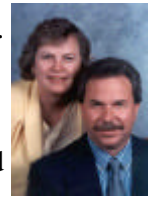
The labor day party and pig roast was a big success. We wish to thank the Warwick's for the great job they did catering as well as the Durrman's and Dembinski's for the great entertainment.

2003 Cruises

We are already working on next year's cruises to some different and fun places. Destinations will be announced later. This year we will not have sign up for the cruises at the winter party, a flyer will be sent early this spring. You will be required to send this form back in with a deposit for dockage in order to register for the cruises in 2003. This enables everyone to have an equal chance at signing up. In the past if you were not at the land cruise and were unable to sign up at that time the cruises were often already booked by the time you found out about them. We are also charging the dock fees when you sign up. The reason for this is twofold: The club has to make a deposit with the Marina's where we book the cruises.

Previously we had some no shows at the cruises and not only did that make us look bad with the marina's, it prevented people on the waiting list from attending.

Just to give you a hint, next year's cruises are tentatively being scheduled at: Scudder Marina on Pelee Island, Ford Yacht Club, off the Detroit River. We are also working on Olde River Yacht Club, on Whiskey Island off the Cuyahoga River.



SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7/06/2002

A meeting of the M. B. I. Y. C. Board of Directors was called to order by Commodore, George Weisenbach, at 10:00 A. M. Present were: George Weisenbach, John Coultrap, Mike Stewart, Scott Forward, Rocky Gross, Kaye Soka, Harry Andrist, John Wierchowski, Jim & Bob Osenbaugh, and Joe Orahoske. Present from the State were: Scott Doty and Jon Dobney.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recording Secretary, Joe Orahoske, did not read the minutes from the previous meeting because they were published in the newsletter. Harry Andrist, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. It was reported that most of N Dock has been completed and that the dock has been connected to the mainland.

NEW BUSINESS:

George introduced Scott Doty & Jon Dobney from the State. Scott thanked the club for cooperating with the State on various projects.

In particular, the channel 69 signs recently installed at the harbor entrance along with cooperation on the radio frequencies. The State is now on channel 71 and MBIYC is still on channel 69.

Other items discussed with Scott and

Jon were:

The green light at the harbor entrance was not working and that it needs to be replaced.

Lonz's sign has been replaced with a sign listing emergency phone numbers.

In the future, the State needs to be informed of all major renovations prior to implementation.

They appreciate of the clean up of the old dock area, and they will soon be installing one or two picnic tables and grills along the north side of the Marina near the willow trees.

The club is now required to provide a copy of our financial report, annual meeting minutes, the dock policy, and insurance endorsement to the State each year.

There will now be an annual inspection of the club.

So far the State has been in an "education phase" concerning the alcohol policy, but now that signs are posted, the laws will be strictly enforced. We need to remind our members of this change.

It was requested that road traffic to the marina be kept to a minimum. The club will spread calcium chloride to keep the dust down.

We requested and received permission to put up a MBIYC. sign on Fox Road.

Scott informed the Board that the Capital Improvement Plan for Middle Bass Island marina is still the same. The projects are on track and they have hired consultants for development. The earliest that work will start on removal of the central peninsula, is next August due to the boating season. Permits are in place for digging. However, discussion continued concerning the pros & cons on removal of the peninsula.

Each year the State will add something new so that the boaters will see the new progress.

It will be approximately 2004 before the digging will reach our club.

Discussion regarding an emergency phone, which is required by the State.

Scott encouraged the club to brainstorm on ideas to enhance the marina program.

George thanked Scott and Jon for attending the meeting. There was then a short recess. The meeting resumed at 11:05 AM. There were various topics were discussed without voting on any issues due to lack of a quorum. John Coultrap made a motion that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Mike Stewart. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8/31/2002

The Annual Membership Meeting began at 2:00 P.M. after lunch. George Weisenbach, Commodore, welcomed everyone including new members to the annual meeting. Joe Orahoske, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the last Board of Directors Meeting. George waved the reading of the remaining reports by committees because they will be published in the newsletter.

George introduced Scott Doty, State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Scott left drawings and a concept plan

of the marina for viewing. He mentioned that the main docks for the State Park would run N. & S. with finger docks running E. & W. On the South shore, there would be a Dock Master operation with showers, restrooms, a short-order type restaurant or snack bar and plans with future intended use. Scott encouraged comments or questions from all members concerning what they would or would not like to see concerning the marina. Comments should either forward them to him through e-mail or through the Yacht Club executive staff. A question on dredging the entrance channel was brought up and Scott mentioned that it is on the agenda for evalua-

tion. Pamphlets with rates and phone number are available in the State Dock Master's office and that reservations can be placed up to one year in advance, with nonrefundable deposit. Scott said he has enjoyed working with the openness of the Commodore and his Board of Directors and he looks forward to working with the new Commodore along with his Board of Directors.

George mentioned he met last Saturday with the people from O. D. N. R., their Engineering, The Parks & Recreation, and Division of Water Craft teams, along with the two Engineering Firms,

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New Committee Personnel for 2002/2003

Please welcome the new committee chairpersons:

Dora Dirrman - Yearbook Chairman
Dora will be replacing Chris and Scott Forward.

James Franchello – Membership Chairman
James will be replacing Barb Shaffer.

Bob Osenbaugh-Groundskeeper

We would like to thank Dora, James and Bob for their commitment to the club, we are sure that they will do a great job.

A BIG thanks goes out to Barb Shaffer for her many years as the membership chairperson. In the short time John and I have worked with her it has proven to be a real pleasure. Barb sure has helped to make our jobs easier as she is a

true professional.

Chris and Scott are still very hard at work keeping this group entertained. As we know Scott will be kept quite busy as the newly elected Rear Commodore, along with being a member of the dock committee. Thanks so much.

Jim Osenbaugh, we would again like to thank you for all of your hard work in helping to keep the club a beautiful and fun place to visit. We're sure you will continue to be an asset to the club working with Bob.

If some names have been omitted, please be assured it was unintentional.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED THE CLUB SO WELL!



WINNERS!

Lucky winners of this summer's raffle – Congratulations!

Bob Kolar	\$1000.00	Grand Prize
Carl Dirrman	\$100.00	
Bruce Brockert	\$100.00	
Joe Orahoske	\$100.00	
Monica Bankowski	\$200.00	2 Winning Tickets

.KARAOKE CONTEST

In case you could not make the Labor Day picnic, besides missing a great party you missed the 1st annual (hopefully) Karaoke Contest. What a lot of fun! The winners of this contest were:

Tim Dembinski	\$25.00	Winner
Lee Kloss	\$25.00	Best Effort

Both won with their unique version of Joe Cocker. Other participants were Sharon Weisenbach, daughter Wendy and the grandchildren. Don Donataccio (thought he was Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin) Margaret Warwick, Elaine Dembinski, Dora and Carl Dirrman. And who could forget the back up dancer, Barb Uland (Or should we say Stevie Nicks/Cleopatra)?

Thanks to the Dirrman's and Dembinski's for the great entertainment.

Club Closing—10/5

Sorry to say it's that time of year again; time to shut down the club for the winter.

Groundskeeper, Bob Osenbaugh, has given us the bad news saying the closing this year will be Saturday, Oct. 5th. The starting time will be "the earlier the better". Bob is really hoping to be able to get it closed up in one day but if not, work will continue on Sunday Oct. 6th.

So please bring a pair of work gloves and come and help Bob and his team out.

The Club will provide beverages and lunch.

Commodore's Corner (cont.)

John Coultrap

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the ILYA. Thanks Lew for your continued support and service.

Past Rear Commodore and former Director Dave Kuenzli, has agreed to remain legal counsel on behalf of the club. Thanks Dave for your continued service and support.

Following the meeting, Carl and Dora Dirrman generously gave of their time and talents in providing "Out of Control" Karaoke for all to enjoy.

It's incredible how a Karaoke ma-

chine can expose the singing talent (or lack of) for those who attempt to use it. The performances by some of our members were worthy of "The American Idol" program. Many thanks Carl and Dora for the gift of laughter and comradery.

A special thanks to Chris Forward for all her generous and unselfish support she provides to MBIYC in the planning of our entertainment food and activities. With the help of husband Scott, they are carrying on the tradition established before them by making every event one to re-

member.

Your club appreciates everything you do!

As for me, your newly elected Commodore, I pledge to be a worthy steward of the high ideals and expectations for MBIYC set forth before me. Hope to see and greet all of you, in the future, on the "Isle de Fleur"



Secretary's Report (cont.)

Joe Orahoske

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which have been retained by the State to design the marina. They presented our "wish list": building plans, site layout and the number of docks MBIYC would like to ultimately have when they design the park.

George then turned the meeting over to Ron Wood, who is acting on behalf of the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, Evan Evans, for the election of Officers. Ron opened the nominations to the floor for all offices:

Commodore: John Coultrap, unanimously approved.

Vice-Commodore: Mike Steward (Larry King nominated Kaye Soka with Sue Osenbach seconding - election to be held

later).

Rear Commodore: Scott Forward, unanimously approved.

Treasurer: Harry Andrist, unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary: Joe Orahoske, unanimously approved.

Directors: (2) Rocky Gross & John Wierzchowski (Dora Dirrman nominated - name of persons nominating and seconding were not given to Recording Secretary - election was held later).

A run-off election was then held for Vice Commodore and Director. A committee of three was appointed to count the ballots; the committee was made up of Dave Shaffer, Jim Osen-

bach and Barb Uland. Ballots (members only) were counted. It was determined by the vote that Mike Stewart is the new Vice-Commodore while Rocky Gross and John Wierzchowski are the new Directors.

Harry Andrist, Treasurer, gave his report. George thanked the Flag Officers, Directors, Chairmen, Newsletter & Web-site Editors, Year Book Editor, and Sharon Weisenbach for all their help. George also thanked all the people who do the day-to-day work at the club, along with Judy Hill, our Dock Master, for her excellent work for the past two years. It was mentioned that we have 583 members. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

LandCruise 2003

SAWMILL CREEK LODGE & RESORT, HURON, OH

Friday, FEBRUARY 7—Sunday, FEBRUARY 9, 2003

DINNER—Saturday, FEBRUARY 8, 2003

For room reservations, please call Sawmill Creek Lodge & Resort directly at **1-800-SAWMILL**.

Please reference **MBIYC** for the group room rate of **\$75/room**.

For Saturday dinner, you have a choice of **Chicken Forestierre** or **Prime Rib of Beef**.

We must have at least 16 Prime Rib orders to meet their minimum requirement.

Please complete the form below and return with your payment by **December 31, 2002**.

Name		MBIYC Membership No.	
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Daytime Phone		Other Phone	
Email Address			

No. of Dinners	Entrée Choice	Price Ea.	Dinner Total
	Chicken Forestierre	\$21.95	
	Prime Rib of Beef	\$29.95	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:			

Please send your check, PAYABLE to MBIYC, to:

Chris & Scott Forward

1206 Chatham Ridge Road

Westerville, OH 43081

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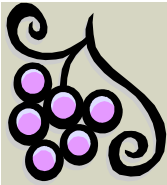
Treasurer's Report—September

Harry Andrist

Money market account balance in First County Bank as of 7-31-02	\$ 99,066.61
Checking account balance in First County Bank as of 8-15-02	\$ 35,976.08
Payroll account balance in First County Bank as of 7-31-02	\$ 3,978.95
Checking account balance in First National Bank as of 7-31-02	\$ 38,751.74
Savings account balance in First National Bank as of 7-31-02	<u>\$ 100.59</u>
Total funds in accounts	\$177,873.97
Unreported checks	-\$2,851.63
Unreported deposits	+\$2,336.00
Current position	\$177,358.34



July 6th Cookout



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MBIYC Calendar of Events

- October 5-6, 2002 Club Closing Work Parties
MBIYC
- December 6-8, 2002 I-LYA Winter Meeting
Holiday Inn, Sandusky, OH
- February 7-8, 2003 2003 Land Cruise
Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, OH