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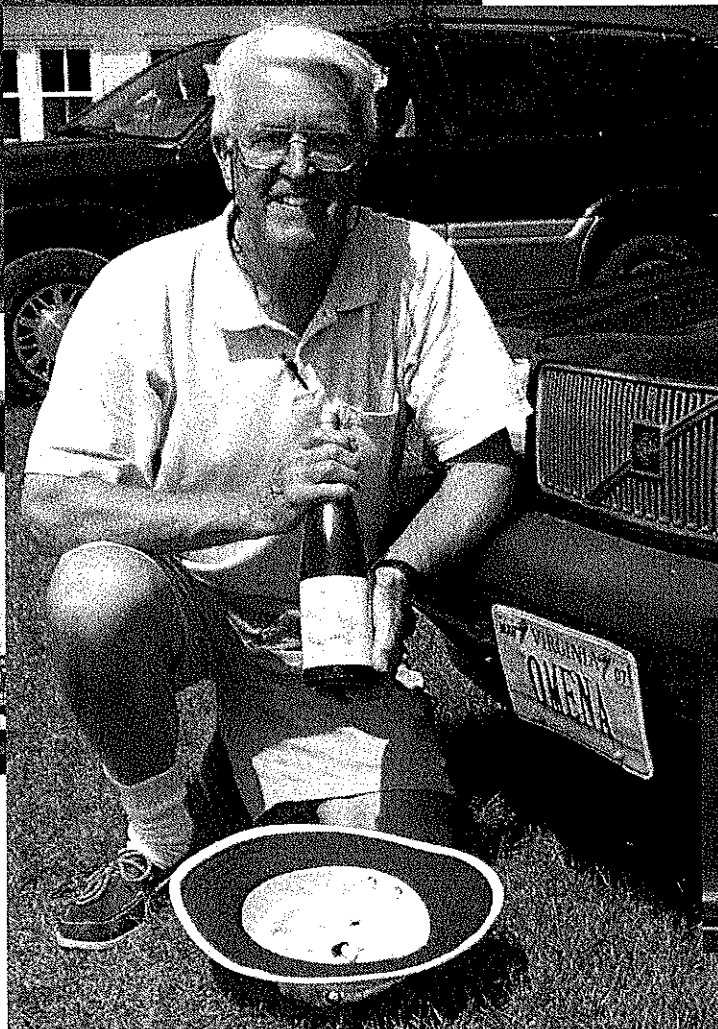
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COMMODORE'S CORNER



Fall is at its height in Omena, with the trees showing off their brilliant orange, yellow and red colors. We are about to pack our van and head west, leaving the beauty of Omena behind, but taking memories of a really fun summer with us to Auburn.

Reflecting back on the summer, I thank all of you who helped with the many activities of the club. But I am especially appreciative of the following who contributed more than their fair share:

SOCIAL **Melissa Chenault** coordinated all the social events of the summer. Potluck queens **Ann Marie Mitchell** and **Caroline Oberndorf** put additional zest into the dinners with a combination of outstanding programs and the introduction of ice cream sundaes on the deck for the kids. Catered dinner chairmen **Judy Balas** and **Lin Emmert** reduced the number of dinners and introduced two other caterers, resulting in attendance increasing to an average of 60 per dinner. Many enjoyed Thursday Toddy Time hosted by **Bob** and **Karen Gelakoski**.

BUILDING, GROUNDS AND WATERFRONT Our club's greatest assets have been well cared for by **Jim Miller** and **Charlady Carol Knoll**, Building; **Bruce Balas**, Grounds; and **Tom Buehler**, Waterfront. A considerable amount of planning and work are done by these members before, during, and after the summer season, and we are very grateful to them.

BREEZE Writing, photographing, editing, mailing, and much more are involved in producing our awarding winning Breeze publication. Many thanks to **Dennis** and **Kathy Turner** for the two wonderful editions last year and for continuing on this year.

YOUTH PROGRAM Last year we considered suspending the Youth Program. Fortunately, **Tish Renz**, **Mike Biskupski**, **Bill Mason**, and **Bill Cron** came to the rescue and hired phenomenal directors **Rich Connell** and **John Varley**, along with instructors **Alex Edgley** and **Shelbie Lingauer**, and new life was put into the program!! Watch the May Breeze for more news regarding next summer's agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS All organizations need people to keep track of things. The OTYC has an outstanding team including Membership Chairman **Kanda McKee**, Treasurer **Judy Balas**, Assistant Treasurer **Bob Lewis** and Bookkeeper **Judy Knorp**.

Once again, thanks to all of you who worked from the Memorial Day Reception, June work party, the potlucks and catered dinners, tennis tournament, sailboat races, picnics, tie-dye Tuesday and other activities during the summer through the Labor Weekend picnic.

Even though **Judy** and I have not yet left, we can't wait until next May when we will return to Omena and the summer fun will begin again.

Omenally Yours..... Bill

Membership Report by Kanda Sue McKee 7/15/06

Resignations:

Fred and Marsha Holts
 Bob and Pat Bailey
 John and Amy Fischer
 Gary and Carol Silverman
 Ron and Cookie Peck
 Carl and Priscilla Schwarze

Deaths

Landon Robinson
 Holly Smith

Joined as Full Time Members in 2006

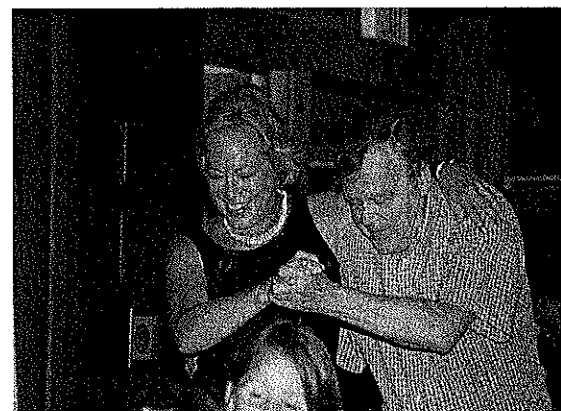
Don and Betts Chisholm
 David and Kerry Magrini
 Kim Kemper
 James and Joan Stukel



READS RHUMBA

2006 Total Regular and Guest Members (excluding Juniors)=260

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Family memberships	192	207
Single Memberships	34	28
Associate memberships	7	5
Lifetime Memberships	6	6
Honorary Memberships	2	2
Guest Memberships	19	19
Total	260	267



JUDY AND ED

Guest Members

John and Ann Marie Mitchell, '05
 Dr. Paul and Terri Harris, '05
 Tom and Debra Jeffrey '05
 Donald and Patty Kennedy '05
 Jim and Kathy Miller '05
 Robert and Mary Smart '05
 Barry and Carolyn Elz '06
 Richard and Patricia Wilson '06
 Jim and Barb Karchon '06
 Florine Mark '06



MARY JO AND MELISSA

Honorary Memberships

Mary Louise Root Mary Woolford

Lifetime Memberships

Ping Abbott
 Dr. and Mrs. William Graf
 Vincent Moore
 Harold and Genevra Grossman

Junior Members= 61

Many Thanks to All Volunteers Who

The Social Chair's
Report
By **Melissa Chenault**

The summer of 2006 in Omena was a whirl of fun, fellowship and entertainment. Because of all the wonderful people in the Omena community giving of their time and talents, our social events were a great success.

Summer 2006 started with the opening cocktail party on Memorial Day hosted by **Mary Tonnenberger and Nana Kennedy**.

Jim & Kathy Miller, Bonnie & Jim Scarlett and Barb Karchon went over the top for the opening dinner. Jim, using discarded lumber from the Putnam Cloud House, made picket fences painted with flowers for centerpieces.



DON KENNEDY & GRILL CREW

The picket fences were donated to the Putnam Cloud house to raise money. Jim made cards with pictures of the yacht club featuring the



FOURTH OF JULY TREATS

history of the club on the back.

The dinner was catered by Peggy and was a wonderful event. I was unable to attend, as I was involved with a wedding; so sad I missed the affair.

Don Kennedy took on the Fourth of July picnic doing a great job. He has already agreed to be in charge next year. That's the spirit!

Potluck dinners on Wednesday night were filled with fun and food. I would like to thank our Potluck chairmen,

Ann Marie Mitchell and Caroline Obendorf. Ann Marie brought new ideas to potluck by having area restaurants provide wonderful desserts for the adults. Ice cream sundaes were provided for the children.



PEGGY & MARION

And what would Potluck be without Bingo? Which was bought to us by **Brenda White and her charming children**. I don't know how many years Brenda White has taken on this event, but we should all give her a big heartfelt thank you.

With a couple of changes brought about with **Judy Balas and Lin Emmert** at the helm, catered dinners were lovely affairs. We

reduced the number of dinners, making each a bit more special.

Peggy Donaghey.

our hosts for two years and will continue to host the Thursday evening gatherings again next summer. Thank you for your commitment to our toddy time.

The Labor Day Picnic was chaired by **Carol and Sam Knoll and Barbara and Jay Grosmark**. The picnic featured free beer, warm temperatures and a free sunset. About 100 people attended.

It is quite a challenge to fill all these

by Tom Buehler

Members using the main dock facilities assume all risks and are asked to call either the Commodore or Waterfront Chairman to arrange for short term use. We also ask that all trailers be promptly removed to facilitate parking, boat launching, grass cutting, etc.

The sailing fleet now numbers 7 serviceable Sunfish, thanks largely to the repair efforts of the Youth Director, **Rich Connell**. We also disposed of a racing Laser this spring, and we thank the donors, **Glen and Delcie White** for accommodating that sale.

The Waterfront Committee again thanks the **Deibels** for making space available for winter storage of “ED”, our classic power launch and special thanks to **Alan Reed** for his continuing work to keep Ed afloat and functioning.



Three Cheers For the Youth Program

Some of the happiest news of summer 2006 was the huge success of the Youth Program, thanks to the combined efforts of new Youth Director **Rich Connell** (ably aided by his wife, **Hannah**, and their toddler daughter, **Carrie**), Co- Director **John Varley**, instructors **Alex Edgley** and **Shelbie Lingauer**, and OTYC Youth Chair **Tish Renz**.

Tish registered all the campers daily and managed the program from July 3rd through August 11th, a big volunteer commitment.

The program started in early July with seven campers, and the numbers continued to climb all summer. Some of the weeks were so busy that these extra assistants were hired: **Caroline Gulsby**, **A.J. Dotzauer** and **Harlan George**.

The program started with a simple swimming test to assess each camper's comfort level in the water. Passage allowed kids to go out on the sailboats.

In late July, **Alan Read** and **Karen Edgley** took all the campers tubing. In early August, **Scott Mulligan** presented a seminar on basic sailboat racing rules to get the campers ready for the Sunfish race.

Hannah Connell took photos every week, posted them at OTYC, and then made up photo discs for all the campers. She helped celebrate birthdays by making pizza and ice cream sundaes. She also planned creative art activities for rainy days.

At the end of the season, Commodore **Bill Knorp** announced some more good news — **Rich Connell** has signed on for Summer 2007!



Many thanks to the hard-working youth staff

NEW OTYC MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST POLICY

By Commodore Bill Knorp

To implement the dual waiting lists established by the By-law changes adopted at this year's annual meeting, the OTYC Board has established the following guidelines:

1. The following will become effective January 15, 2007.
2. **OMENA BOUNDARIES** for the OTYC Membership waiting list referred to as "Waiting List 'A'" in the By-laws are:

Those residential properties located on either side of M-22 from Tatch Road to Northstar Drive; properties to the East of the centerline of M-22 (NWest Bay shore Drive) from the North side of Freeland Road on the southerly end to Cove Road, including North Cove Trail on the northerly end and including all properties on Omena Peninsula; and all properties fronting on the south sides and north sides of both Tatch and Craker Roads from the Village of Omena Westwardly to Overlook Road- EXCLUDING, HOWEVER, all properties which are or hereafter become:

Commercial

Condominium, Duplex, Time Share, non-family Fractional Ownership, or Similar Developments

Planned Site or Similar Developments

Properties which involve any element of "keyholing", such being defined as any project in which common waterfront access is provided to two or more property owners, their lessees or renters through a single or commonly owned waterfront lot.

3. JULY 1 "B" LIST ELIGIBILITY DATE

Those applicants on the "B" list will become eligible for guest membership only when there are no membership applicants on the "A" list as of July first each year. To be included on either "A" or "B" list, membership applications must have been posted on the Membership Bulletin Board at the club for two weeks and subsequently

have been approved by the Board of Directors as required by the By-laws.

4. CHANGES TO BOUNDARIES AND COLLATERAL RULES

Changes to the Omena Boundaries or collateral rules must have a vote of at least 5 members of the Board of Directors.

These changes must be communicated to the membership in the Breeze or at the annual meeting or by a general mailing and will take effect 30 days after the annual meeting or after the mailing has been sent.

NEW BOAT SLIP RENTAL POLICY

by Commodore Bill Knorp

OTYC Slips Available- Club Rental Policy-- Four OTYC slips will be available for short-term rentals for the summer of 2007.

The outermost slip will accommodate a 25' boat, second in a 22' boat and the inner two next, shorter ski boats or whaler types of up to 20' with relatively shallow draft. The innermost slip is reserved for the club boat.

Rentals are available for a two-week period, at \$200 each. Rentals begin on Saturday at noon and end on the second Saturday following at 9:00a.m. Only club members may rent slips. Only one rental per membership per summer is permitted, and all rentals must be arranged in advance with the waterfront chairman. Payment in advance is required, as is a certificate of liability insurance naming OTYC as additional insured.

Rented slips will be marked as such and members are welcome to use those not rented on a first come, first served basis for a maximum of two nights. Extended stays, however, will not be permitted without a rental agreement.

Please direct all enquiries regarding waterfront matters to the waterfront chairman, Tom Buehler.

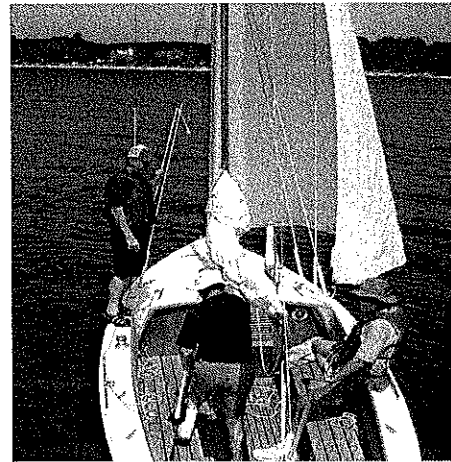
Blustery Day for Big Boats



ANELARE STARTS



BLAMMER STARTS



WINNING TEAM

BIG BOAT RACE RESULTS

The Big Boat Race (Can anyone come up with a better name?) was held on Sunday, July 30th, and like last year the weather was blustery with a wind from the southwest.

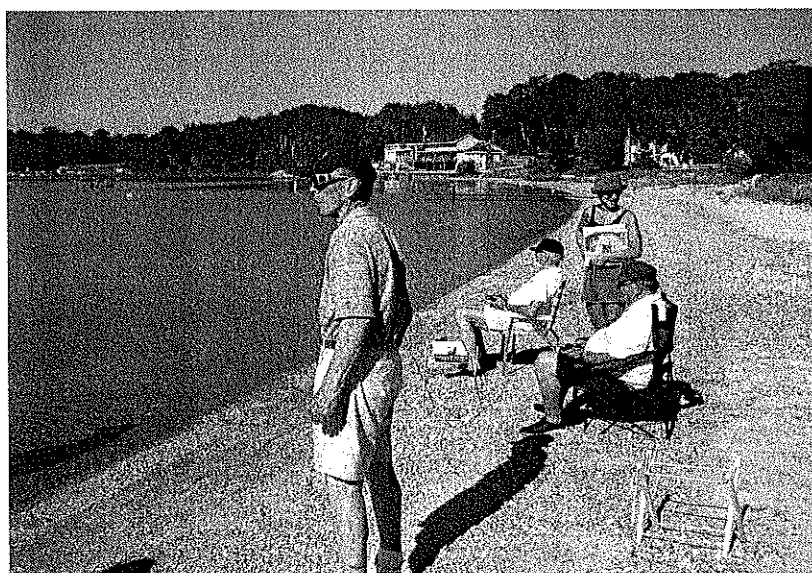
The race field was reduced by a third when one competitor thought he did not have enough seasoned crew members to handle the boat under such conditions.

Thus it became a match race between the Anelare,

skippered by **Judy Knorp** and crewed by our beloved Commodore and **Sam Knoll**, and the Blammer, with **Dennis Turner** at the helm while **Mike Biskupski** and **Jim Wall** from Sutton's Bay handled the sheets.

Race Master **Bill Emmert** set the course and ran the race from start to finish from a lawn chair on the dock.

The race to the Stoney Point buoy and back was over in record time, 1 ½ hours. The Blammer crossed the finish line first.



IT WAS TOUGH, BUT WE MANAGED TO GET A PHOTO OF A BOAT RACE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY BOATS.

Radio-Controlled Sailboat Race

The August 5th radio controlled sailboat race was so close that it took analysis of a photo taken by **Jim Miller** to determine the winners.

Stu Mulligan won first place; **Bob Knode**, second place; and **Bill Emmert**, third place. Stu won the traditional prize, a 12 pack of Coors provided by **Capt. Gil Deibel**.

Word is that in the entire history of this race, no one has ever actually gotten to take the prize home.

Honeymooners Save Day At Sunfish Race

by Bill Knorp, reprinted from the *Scuttlebutt*

Sunday, July 16th. The winds were gusty and brisk. While the race course was being set by Youth Program Director **Rich Connell**, the club's motorboat conked out and had to be towed to the dock by a passing boat.

At this time, **Bob and Karen Gelakoski** interrupted their intimate breakfast to offer their Boston Whaler and their services as a chase boat for the race. More on the **Gelakoskis** later.

In the meantime, the club's motorboat was fixed. Veteran driver **Mike Biskupski** got on the club's boat and joined Rich. It was decided both motor boats would be needed because of the winds.

Stu and Suzie Mulligan called the skippers meeting and the following attended: **Tim and Adam White, Kathryn Edgley and Maggie Magrini, Taylor and Brandon White, Karen Edgley and Charlotte Read; and Madison Duff and Woody Parker.**

As the pre-race "dance" began around the starting line, one boat was being pushed on shore and rescued by quick-thinking **Rich Connell**, and at least one other boat went over. This began the OTYC version of musical boats and the Rope-A-Dope change of partners began. The result was that **Maggie Magrini** replaced **Woody** on **Madison's** boat, and **Kathryn** replaced **Charlotte Read** on **Karen's** boat. The **Kathryn-Maggie** boat was retired.

In the first race, the boats went around the full triangle course. Several boats were caught in "irons" before they reached the first buoy, and others turned over. Winner of the first heat was **Karen and Kathryn Edgley**; runner-up was **Tim and Adam White**. The finish for third was very exciting with **Taylor and Brandon White** passing **Madison Duff and Maggie Magrini** at the finish.

The second race was an abbreviated version. This race was also won by **Karen Edgley** with crew **Maggie Magrini**.

Combined results: First place..... **Karen Edgley** with **Kathryn Edgley** and **Maggie Magrini**; Second place **Tim and Adam White**; Third Place **Madison Duff** with **Maggie Magrini** and **Kathryn Edgley**.

Unfortunately, on the second race **Taylor and Brandon White** turned over just before the start and temporarily lost their center board, making it impossible to turn their boat over. It was obvious they needed some assistance. My vote for best sport of the day goes to honeymooner **Karen Gelakoski** who dove into the water to lend assistance. Kudos **Karen**.

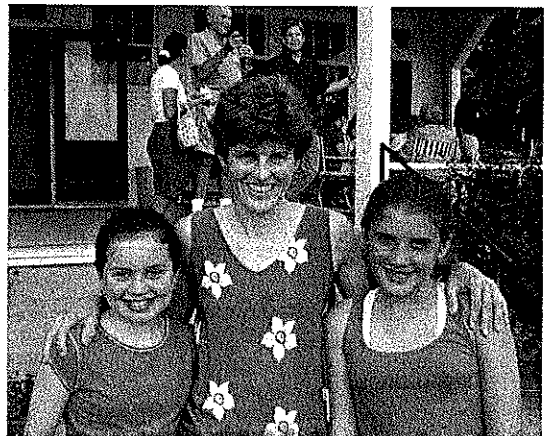
Many thanks to **Lynn Spitznagel, Dick and Nana Kennedy, and Alan and Charlotte Read** for sharing their sunfish sailboats; to Youth Director **Rich Connell** for participating in this madness; and to **Stu and Suzie Mulligan** for again organizing and running the race.



STU SAYS, "START YOUR SAILS."



CROSSING THE STARTING LINE



THE EDGLEY WOMEN

Keep Rockin' and Rollin' All Night Long

State of the Building Report for 2006/2007
by Jim Miller

General Information

Responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club Building is both important and rewarding. Its heritage goes back a long ways and because of its significance in our community, it deserves the best care and maintenance we can provide.

In the short time I have been in Omena, I have seen first-hand how busy this grand old building can be. Between the harshness of winter and the nearly daily use in summer, maintenance is an important issue. We must take good care of it so future generations can enjoy as we do today and others have before us.

Acknowledgements

Being the new kid on the block, I was lost when I was forced into asked to take on the responsibility of Chairman of the Building committee by the commodore, **Bill Knorp**. Were it not for all the support from many people, I would no doubt still be lost.



OOOPS - THERE GOES THE ROOF!

I want to thank **Mary Tonneberger, Tom Buehler, Bruce and Judy Balas**, our energetic commodore, Mr. **Bill Knorp** and his lovely wife, **Judy**, to name a few. **Joe Pope** dropped everything to help with a wiring question. Thanks to all of you and all the others that kept me on track.



DREW JAMS & PAINT PEELS

Overall Condition

The building appears to be in fine shape, although there are some issues on the horizon. Those areas of concern are noted below.

Exterior

The building's paint is a mixed bag with southerly and westerly sides being in poorer condition. Those sides were touched up this year, as was needed to

remove peeled and cracked paint, dirt and other debris. For the most part, those areas were merely pressure washed and scraped where necessary in prep for painting. No real sanding was done. The end result was, in essence, a cosmetic touch-up.

The painter found areas where the wood has deteriorated and become spongy to the point that insects (wasps, bees, hornets, etc) can get through to the interior.

The roof over the upstairs balcony is sagging on three sides (north, west and south). Under close inspection, it appears the hip rafters were spliced (possibly due to a lack of long timbers or as a cost saving method), which has become a weak point over time. Snow loads may be part of the cause.

The splices are at various stages of separation. The east side of the roof was reinforced at some point several years ago and appears to be okay. That will be evaluated as well.

We have a new front porch floor! It was completely replaced and looks great. It may require one additional coat of sealer.

Attractive new roll-down sunshades were also installed on the west side of the front porch. They are very attractive and you can see through them. They also have a much better fastening system to keep them from blowing around in the wind.

But Please Don't Blow the Roof Off

Exterior Recommendations

Evaluate exterior paint and siding for possible repair/replacement next spring.

Contact a carpenter for possible solution(s) to sagging roof. As we all know, the replacement of siding can get expensive, so we need to consider that as a possible blip on the financial picture next year. We may be able to put this off for another year, any longer would be taking a chance. The roof situation should be fairly low cost, but you never know.

Interior

As with the exterior, the interior seems to be in good shape with a few exceptions, none of which appears serious.

Additional shelves were needed in the kitchen. Two stainless steel shelves were provided and installed by **Tom Buehler**. I assisted with the install.

The middle set of overhead fans had a speed setting problem. They would not run at the middle speed setting, which is the most desirable. **Joe Pope** replaced the switch. New switches may have to be installed to permanently correct the problem.

You may have noticed that the ship's helm wheel lamp in the center of the room has been refurbished. **Tom Buehler** did a fine job in refurbishing it and in making sure all was operating properly.

The toys in the kid's game room need a little attention. Some are missing pieces or are broken. At the end of this season, I intend to take inventory of that whole area to see what is salvageable and what needs replacing or repair and get it done. If anyone has concerns or suggestions on this, please let me know.



YOUTH BRAVELY DISTRACT BEES FROM THEIR ELDERS

Because of the siding issue on the exterior, there were a lot of bees and wasps inside the building when we opened it up this spring. They were especially evident in the upstairs children's play/game area.

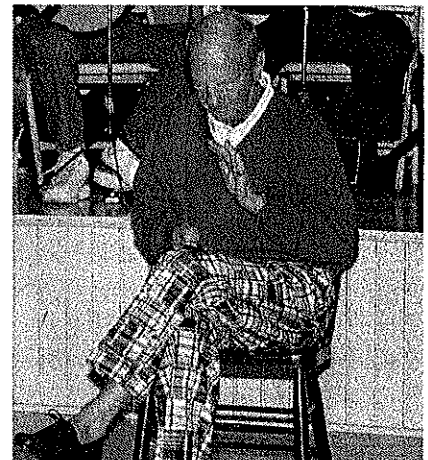
We had Colliers do their annual spraying and that seemed to take care of the immediate problem. There were quite a few of the little critters inside (alive and dead)

before the windows were opened so there must be a number of ways for them to get in. Hopefully, the siding replacement will take care of that. We also found evidence of squirrels or chipmunks upstairs.

The restroom windows have an old coating on them that was supposed to keep people from looking in. They have outlived their usefulness and need to be replaced. I'll look into something more up to date.

Interior Recommendations

Investigate and, if necessary, replace overhead fan switches.
Clean up/organize children's game room area.
Remove and replace bathroom window coatings.



JOHN SMITH SPOONS IT UP & WATCHES THE SPONGY WOOD

Summary

I am sure there are things I am missing. Ideas or suggestions will be solicited in an upcoming scuttlebutt. My e-mail address is omenajim@yahoo.com.

OTYC Hodgson Cup Tennis Tournament Results, by George and Annette Husted

Swift-handed and quick-footed members were seen dashing around the OTYC and Ross/Mark tennis courts in late July and into August.

A full roster was again in play. After some initial "rope-a-dope" maneuvers by the powers-to-be,



THE TENNIS GALLERY

strong competitive play ensued to the conclusion. It was inspiring to see younger members as well as well-seasoned veterans take part in this fun event.

The tournament was won by **Karen Edgley and Dennis "Ace" Turner**. Karen exhibited phenomenal speed and agility to complement



JONNIE HODGSON & THE FINALISTS

Dennis' consistency and tenacity.

Helen Bradley and Bill Mason provided a formidable challenge, as they always do. The final game was viewed by as many as one of the best, so far in this annual duel for tennis supremacy.

Jonnie Hodgson, in honor of her late husband, again arranged for the trophy, which was presented by the event chairman, **George Husted**, to the winning team of Edgley and Turner at an OTYC dinner. The trophy in the Consolation Tournament was awarded to Anonymous because it was impossible to determine who played, who won and who just went home.

Congratulations to all who made this once again a fine and challenging tournament. We can't wait to see next year's competitors.

Late-Breaking News

Ian Miguel Mulligan-Gomez, 5 lb., 11 oz., 19 inches was born Monday, November 6 at 9:48 p.m., closely followed at 10:15 p.m. by brother **Connor Andres Mulligan-Gomez**, who was 5 lb. 6 oz., 19 inches.

Both boys are beautiful and robust and have the Gomez black hair. Check the website for photos.

Click on the photos to magnify. [Http://hhomepage.mac.com/stumulligan/](http://hhomepage.mac.com/stumulligan/)
Natalia and Rob are overwhelmed with joy, as are we all!

From Suzie & Stu Mulligan

OUR NEWEST GUEST MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our newest guest members: **Carla and Bruce Cunningham, Sylvia and Bob Bullinger, Larry Reynolds and Alice Littlefield.**

Cover Explanation

On the cover: Sam Knoll receiving his prize for winning the Omena License Plate ID Contest.

A correction from the May Breeze: **Bob Di Loreto** is the owner of the 49674 license plate registered in Michigan. Sorry, Bob! **Bill and Nancy Sandt** own the MI49674 plate, also registered in Michigan. Your editors confuse easily, but greatly admire these

Autumn in Omena - Nutty & Naughty

For those of us who left Omena after the summer, here are some fall updates supplied by the **Knorps, Balases and Biskupskis** -

The Leelanau Wine Cellars officially opened in the former Harbor Bar on the weekend of Oct. 14th.

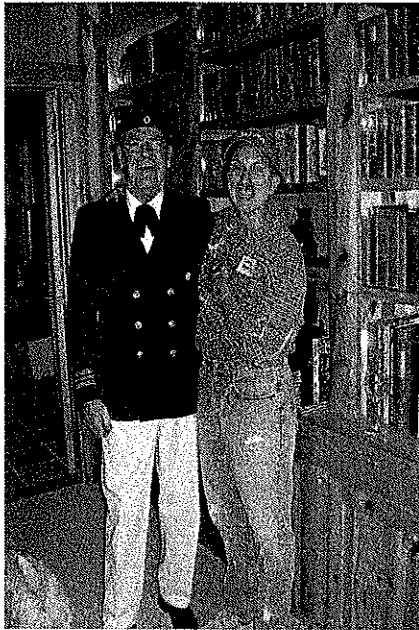
Huge crowds resulted in the biggest one-day sales record ever for the winery. They keep a big fireplace going all the time, and the building looks beautiful. The Why Knot Restaurant should open in early 2007.

The **Singers** have moved to Venice, Florida.

The water level is still going down. A November 2nd storm that kicked up twelve- foot waves on Lake Michigan drove three freighters into Omena, Northport and Suttons Bay harbors for shelter.

Mike Biskupski reported that he and **Marcia** drove 30 miles to the Northport Supper Club to have dinner with their next door neighbors, **Bill and Be Fuertges**.

Some great news: **Les Disch** is out and about, though he is avoiding big crowds. **Debbie Disch** is back at work at Northwestern Michigan College.



LARRY & LARRY



DROSOPHILIA MELANOGASTER

BUT, the biggest social event of the fall has to have been the.....

Halloween Party, as related by **Judy Balas**:

October 20th was a Cold, Dark Night in Omena, so the Halloween Party moved from OTYC to the warmth of the **Balas' house**. **Judy and Bruce**, along with **Jim and Kathy Miller**, hosted 35 people for the "costumes highly recommended" party.

Peggy Donaghy catered the dinner. Judy recounts that the biggest hit of the party was the Millers dressed as the Bensleys. Kathy, as the gallant **Larry Bensley**, wore a ball cap, a moustache, and kept getting coffee and holding chairs for women. Jim, as ace remodeler **Joey Bensley**, wore a blond wig, a slicker with a bottle of wine in the pocket, and rubber boots.

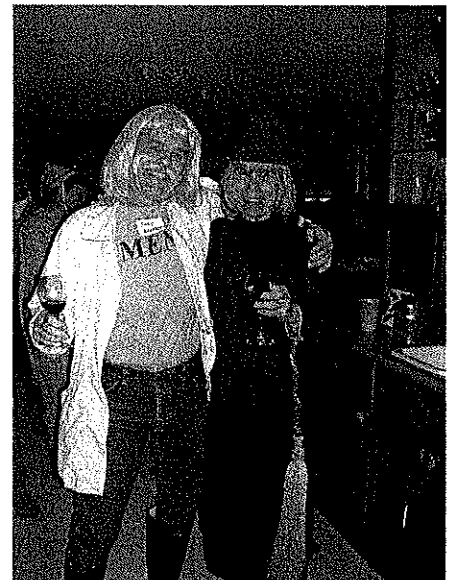
Both of these building renovators wore lots of paint, Band-aids, and artificial blood.

Other hits were **Alan Read** as a TV antenna (perfect for his **JOEY & JOEY** NSA work),

Ann Marie Mitchell as a gregarious gypsy, and **John Mitchell** as a karate expert who broke boards being bravely held by **Marion Jones**.

Judy and Bruce Balas were fruit flies, complete with gold wings, antennae in their black wigs, rubber noses, and big, pink glasses. Fruit necklaces kept them from getting hungry.

Other people kept it more literal - **Tom Buehler** came straight from the office, as a lawyer.



Seen & Overheard

Do you know that OTYC has a web site? **Jay Grosmark** is the web master and photographer. Check it out at www.otyc.net

Have you noticed the OTYC models? **Bruce Balas'** face graced the Inland Seas Education Assoc.'s summer brochure. Actress **Amy Smart, Judy and John's** daughter, appeared in a full page magazine ad for Paul Mitchell. **Bill Cron** appeared in the Post Office.



KELLI SCARLETT TURNS 21

Museum Studies at George Washington University. Her fiancée is a teacher.

85-year-old Suttons Bay resident **Ben Taylor** told us he spent his early summers at OTYC sailing and racing Lightning boats. His memory of the 1960 Traverse City race was that Omena sailors didn't fare well. Anyone

care to contradict that? **Suzy Mulligan** remembers Ben's mom as an active volunteer at potlucks.

Ellie Stephenson missed most of this summer's potlucks while she attended Wednesday night Puppy Class in Traverse City with her new Westie puppy Reggie. We all missed Ellie, but the class must have been successful because Reggie was invited to join **Judy and Bruce Balas'** Westie Barkley in the Northport Dog Parade in August.

Janet Walker has a new job as counselor at the Center for Pastoral Counseling in Virginia. She hopes this means she'll have more time in Omena.

Kathy Bosco is traveling to Chile this fall with International Habitat For Humanity to build two houses. She is busy getting shots and gathering things. She writes, "I have never built a house before, but I follow directions nicely."

Jim and Kathy Miller reported that they were out for a walk on a cool fall September evening when they noticed a line of cars parked along the road near the entrance to the OTYC. **Bill and Paula McMenamy's** daughter's wedding was in progress. They noted two young ladies standing behind a car, laughing and enjoying cocktails (both were of age). Jim noticed that they were wearing sandals and were standing in the famous Omena groundcover, poison ivy. After being told that their party was about to take another direction, the girls yelled an expletive and jumped back on the road.

The Millers suggested a warning to other unwary guests. Postscript: Jim has put paving stones around the kiosk at OTYC road entrance so members won't step in poison ivy when signing up for catered dinners. Thanks, Jim! And congratulations to the McMenamy family.

Congratulations also go to **Michael Ray**, son of **Mary Helen and John Ray**, who married **Samantha Nelson** in November in Kauai, Hawaii. The couple live in Arizona, where Samantha is a high-school English teacher and Michael is a senior business analyst at the Chubb Insurance Company. This a very modern courtship; they met on the internet.

Nancy and Randy Cooper's daughter **Robin** is engaged and will be married next August in Cincinnati. The couple met at Purdue. Robin is in

One of this summer's most popular decisions: Desserts at potlucks were created by caterers this year. Goodbye Gordon Food Service. Hello to such creations as

Peggy Donaghy's strawberry tarts, and **Sarah Chenault's** heavenly chocolate dessert.

Another very popular idea was the make-your-own sundaes for kids. Outside, of course.



ICE CREAM SUNDAES

We got to sing Happy Birthday several times this summer at OTYC dinners. **Skeet Durbrow** celebrated her 90th birthday as her family arrived from far and wide. **Kelli Scarlett** enjoyed her 21st birthday at the OTYC Opening Dinner and

afterwards her big brothers took her out to a bar to continue the celebration. **Carrie Connell**, daughter of OTYC Summer Youth Director **Rich Connell and Hannah Connell**, was all smiles listening to "Happy Birthday" sung for her second birthday at a potluck.

Don Kennedy reminisced that he once spent an unexpected night in Woods Hole, MA, because he was sailing with a Brit who followed his country's maxim of "red, left returning" while skipping past a buoy. Luckily, the damage was repairable.

Woody Parker, a pre-med and sociology major at St. Lawrence University, also serves as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician in nearby Canton, NY. After graduation and before medical school, Woody plans to go to school for full paramedic licensure. Woody said this past winter, after a 1 ½ inch ice storm, the Canton F.D. rigged up a plow to be an ambulance after a neighboring town's ambulances all had accidents on the ice. They didn't need to use it, but they were ready!

Have you noticed that **Bill Renz** keeps disappearing from Omena during the summer? He says full retirement is not for him, and so he helps lead the Cincinnati polio survivors group. He helps survivors who are developing problems stemming from the old polio damage to get the medical help they need.

Do you know that **Lynn Spitznagle's** mother lives in Northport? And do you know that Lynn's soft animal sculptures are being featured in this year's McKenzie-Childs Christmas catalogue?

The 2nd annual Traverse City Film Festival attracted OTYC members. In 2005 **Dale and Joan Blount** had driven back and forth to TC for the first festival. This year they discovered a faster way. The Traverse City Record Eagle reported the Blounts spent the Festival week on their boat, *Miss Adventure*, docked in TC. Their daughter and son-in-law, **Andrea and Jim Makarauskas** and children, docked in a near-by slip.

When the Detroit Free Press reported on celebrity chef Mario Batali's offer to create a brunch to benefit the Leelanau Conservancy's Silent Auction in August, they quoted **Mary Loveless**, who had been one of the lucky guests at the 2005 event. "It was fabulous - one of those events of a lifetime.



SARAH CHENAULT'S DESSERT

Mario was just so much fun - fun and funny and gracious."

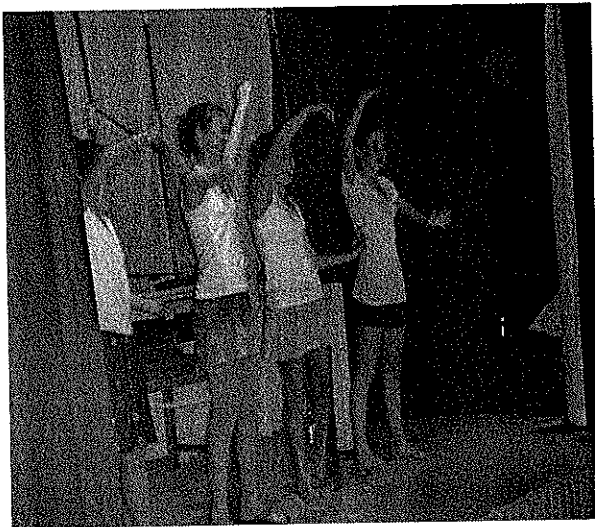
Sarah Chenault wanted a manual labor job for the summer and signed on to work at **Larry Mawby's** vineyard. When asked, she said, "It's not as romantic as it might sound. It's OK. It's like I'm being paid to work out."

Congratulations to **Alan and Charlotte Read** on the birth of their first grandchild, **Nora Read**, on September 1st. In addition to quilting a baby quilt for Nora, creative Charlotte polished up her knitting skills to make a sweater just in time for the baby shower.

A correction from the May Breeze: **Bob Di Loreto** is the owner of the 49674 license plate registered in Michigan. Sorry, Bob! It is **Bill and Nancy Sandt** who own the MI49674 plate, also registered in Michigan. Your editors confuse easily, but greatly admire these clever plates.

News from **Rat and Bill Renz**: "It has been a busy late summer and fall for us. In late August, after a short stay at Omena, we drove to Mackinac Island where we spent a delightful 3 days at the oldest hotel on the island, the Island House. While there we did the usual things—a carriage tour of the island, some wandering around the downtown, in and out of shops, etc. Fun to have a drink on the hotel porch watching the last boat leave and realizing we didn't have to catch it! Back home in Cincinnati we had a big party to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. How could we have been married that long? We had the party in a lodge at one of our county parks—it reminded us of Omena, with its stone and wood design, huge stone fireplace and location in the woods, right on a lake. At least some of our relatives came for the affair—brother Craig, nieces Debby and Manie, and a cousin of Bill's. We even had a sing-along, reminding us of yacht club evenings.

November found us in Hawaii! This is commonplace for many of you world travelers, but a new exciting destination for Bill and me. We visited three of the islands (Oahu, Hawaii, and Kauai), enjoying different sights on each. The last week there we were in Kauai attending fellow club member Michael Ray's wedding. In all, a fun fall!"



The OTYC Song (sung to the tune of "YMCA")

Here are the lyrics to the new OTYC song that **Claire and Katherine Edgley, Rachel Kovacic, Maggie Magrini, Janey Capers Newland, and Kate Bosco** performed for us at a Pot Luck dinner last summer.....

OTYC

It's fun to be at the O T Y C
 It's fun to be at the O T Y C
 You can eat at potlucks
 You can jump off the dock
 You can play tennis...
 And go sailing

It's fun to be at the O T Y C
 It's fun to be at the O T Y C
 It's fun to be at the O T Y C
 It's fun to be at the O...T...Y...C

OTYC Musical Interludes

ODE TO MIKE BISKUPSKI

At a gathering this summer, a paean was sung in praise of all **Mike Biskupski** has done for OTYC and Omena, which the editors thought should be shared. The tune is based on a song from "Hello Dolly" entitled "Just Leave Everything to Me." Music is by Jerry Herman and the revised lyrics are by Apprentice to the Junior Assistant Groundskeeper.

HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PERSON WHO ARRANGES THINGS FOR THE PLEASURE AND THE PROFIT IT DERIVES.

HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PERSON WHO ARRANGES THINGS LIKE FURNITURE, AND WOOD CHIPS AND LIVES.

IF YOU WANT YOUR IN-LAWS BOARDED, EGO FED OR BUDGET THWARTED, JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE.

IF YOU WANT YOUR MIND DISSECTED, HONEYS SQUEEZED OR BILLS COLLECTED, JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE..

IF YOU WANT YOUR DOCK IMPLANTED OR SOME MONEY OVER HANDED;FOR A RATHER MODEST FEE.

IF YOU WANT YOUR WIFE BESOTTED, KOOL AID LACED, RAW CHICKEN POTTED, HE'LL ARRANGE FOR MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS. JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE.

IF YOU WANT A FLAG HOISTED, WALKS STONED OR EXUSES FOISTED,JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE.

CHARMING SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS, EXPERT BOWLING INSTRUCTIONS, JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE.

IF YOU WANT YOUR CULTURE GROUNDED, POLISH IMPROVED OR CAR IMPOUNDED; WITH A TEN-YEAR GUARANTEE.

IF YOU WANT TRUTH DISTORTED, WALLETS BLED OR PEROGIES IMPORTED, HE'LL PROCEED TO PLAN THE WHOLE PROCEDURE. JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE.

IF YOU WANT BY-LAWS POLISHED, BOARDS SWAYED OR REASON ABOLISHED, JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE.

IF YOU WANT YOUR PATIENCE TESTED, KRAUT MADE, CASH INVESTED, JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE.

IF YOU WANT SOME VAMPIRES CODDLED, STRINGS PULLED OR CLUBS REMODELED; OR SOME COLD COFFEE.

IF YOU WANT INTENTIONS SHIFTED, TENNIS PLANNED OR SPIRITS LIFTED, HE'LL DISCRETELY USE HIS OWN DISCRETION. HE'LL ARRANGE FOR MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS. HE'LL PROCEED TO PLAN THE WHOLE PROCEEDING. JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO HE.