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THE AGE OF AQUARIUM



The Mystic Aquarium came to Clark Hall last week with some wonderful lessons and a variety of sea creatures that had two sessions of kids oooohing and ahhhhing. The first session of younger kids sat mesmerized by the creatures and held back just a little bit.



The second session of kids, a seemingly more sophisticated crowd, were anxious to dig right in and get acquainted with the sea stars, the crabs and especially the horse shoe crab, that strange looking almost prehistoric looking creature.



After the informative lessons the kids were encouraged to come up to the front of the room and pick up any of the creatures for a good look. And look they did. They turned them every which way and looked at the creatures from every angle. Questions abounded as the kids got closer. All were answered patiently and all agreed it was a wonderful program. Once again, thanks to the Conservation Committee for bringing the program to GLP!





Caroline Crosbie, granddaughter of Lucy Crosbie of West Shore Avenue, has returned to the Point from Rome where she spent a month practice teaching fourth graders at the Marymount International School, and also attended a class on Christianity vs. the Roman Empire at the American University of Rome. Caroline will enter her senior year at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. later this month.... John Burbank and his wife travelled to the Olympics in China while John's parents, Anni and Don, got to enjoy their grandchildren, Ellen and Henry... Adam Hill returned to GLP from a three week trip to Greece with his friends, the Molinas.... A goodbye party for Bob and Gert Smith of Island Circle was hosted by the Telliers and the Bruce Burrows. The Smiths, long time GLP residents, are heading to their new digs at Stone Ridge..... Jen and Dan Schildge christened their new porch built by friend and local artisan, Paul de Labry... Alex Settle and his wife, Alix (and that could be a bit confusing) visiting parents, Tom

and Alicia on Burrows St., for the month of August with new daughter, Lily who joins sister, Zoe.... Damien Egan and Jen Bucalo were married Sat., Aug. 2 in St. Mary's Church at the top of the hill in the middle of a downpour. As they were just about to recite their marriage vows a loud clap of thunder resounded through the church making everyone smile. The rest of the weekend was great and they are honeymooning in St. Thomas.... Back in the 50's it would not be unusual to see Norma Fowler Aronson, Linda Murphy Richardson and Sue Goodrich Motycka participating in a GLPYC event - That's why it was fun to see their granddaughters Kira von Eigen, Posy Olivetti, Kristen Charles and Jessica Downie teamed up for last week's 'Tween Teen Scavenger Hunt..... Befallen by an odd incident and not able to be around last Friday, thanks go to Katy Reed, Alex Reed and Thomas Budd who got the paper out last Friday in an efficient, timely way. Everyone got his/her paper and delivery kids got paid, too.. Thanks to Katy..... More anon.....

SWIM MEET

5 and 6 Deadman's Float Girls
 1.Brooke Latone **Boys** 1.Aiden Sullivan
 2.Jack Kane **Back float Girls**
 1.Margaret Donahue 2.Rebecca Sargeant 3.Caitlin Reardon **Boys**
 1.Aiden Sullivan/Jack Kane 2.Griffin Reuling 3.Graham Anderson **Doggie Paddle Girls** 1.Caroline Versaci 2.Margret Donahue 3.Bryn Pierce/Rebecca Sargeant **Boys**
 1.Graham Anderson 2.Griffin Reuling Kickboard Girls 1.Bryn Pierce 2.Caroline Versaci 2. Maggie O'Leary **Boys**
 1.Griffin Reuling 2.Graham Anderson **Crawl Stroke Girls** 1.Lauren McCandless 2.Margaret **Boys** 1.Jack Kane

7 and 8 Deadman's Float Girls
 1.Evalise Hall 2.Allie McCandless 3.Lily Cooper **Boys** 1.Mikey Kane 2.Sam Battles 3.Paddy Mahoney **Crawl Sprint Girls** 1.Caroline Reyda 2.Violet Abhad 3.Grace Narduci **Boys** 1.Mikey Kane 2.Jack O'Leary 3.Paddy Mahoney **Backfloat Girls** 1.Caroline Redya 2.Alysia Hall 3.Allie McCandless **Boys** 1.Jack O'Leary 2.Sam Battles 2.Matthew Donohue **Elementry Backstroke Girls**

1.Caroline Reyda 2.Eira Borgin
 3.Beatrice Anderson **Boys** 1.Paddy Mahoney 2.Clayton Latone 3.Jack O'Leary

9 and 10 Back Crawl Sprint Girls
 1.Haven Miller 2.Grace Miller **Boys**
 1.Jack Sargeant 2.Ethan Sales 3.Crew Cole **Breaststroke Girls** 1.Embla Borgh 2.Katie Cooper 3.Arianna Hall **Boys**
 1.Thomas Breck 2.Jack Sargeant 3.Ethan Sales **Crawl Sprint Girls**
 1.Katie Cooper 2.Embla Borgh 3.Haven Miller **Boys** 1.Thomas Breck 2.Ethan Sales 3.Drew Cole **Elementary Backstroke Girls** 1. Katie Cooper Long **Distance** 1.Embla Borgh 2.Amanda Hall 3.Kailey Sullivan **Boys** 1.Thomas Breck 2.Jack Sargeant 3.Drew Cole

11 and 12 Breaststroke Girls 1.Kyle Kingston 2.Maddie Mahoney **Crawlsprint** 1.Maddie Mahoney 2. Kyle Kingston 3.Annie Deliso **Back Crawl Sprint** 1.Kyle Kingston 2. Rebecca Grandaho 3.Annie Deliso **Elementary Backstroke** 1.Maddie Mahoney 2.Annie Deliso 3.Rebecca Grandaho **Long Distance** 1.Rebecca Grandaho



Once again, a GLP romance leads to marriage. Jen Bucalo and Damien Egan married last August 2nd.

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OUR HOUSE AT THE POINT

By Kate Romani

"I love your house! It's one of my favorites on the Point!" Over the years, the Viering family has gotten very used to hearing these comments from GLP residents and guests. Their lovely cottage, situated on a spacious Boardwalk property consisting of four lots, offers a magnificent view of the beach and ocean – and has looked just the same, inside and out, for over 84 years! Five generations of Vierings, dating back to 1924 when the house was built by Winfield P.E. Viering, have had the privilege and luxury of spending summers here. Earlier generations also enjoyed playing on their own private tennis court located on the back lot . . . which they generously shared with their neighbors until it was destroyed

in the 1938 hurricane.

Winfield Viering's grandsons Russ and Peter, with Peter's wife Liz, currently own the family home, and share the use of it during the season with very creative scheduling that varies from year to year. Since both families now live nearby in Noank and Stonington, this year's timetable of "two weeks on/two weeks off" for each family from June to September, works for them. Peter and Russ's mother, Betty, also lives in Noank, as do her sisters. Although many people remark at the uniqueness of 'locals' spending summers at Groton Long Point, Liz told me that she feels completely different when she moves from her home in Stonington to live here at the cottage.

I realized what she meant as I walked around the home, which has surprisingly large rooms and more bathrooms than might be expected in a house built in 1924. I felt transported back in time to an earlier era - it almost seems like a period movie set! Wonderful oriental rugs covered the first floor to provide cozy gathering spaces, highlighted with rattan furniture and a traditional round rock fireplace. On the second floor, soft ocean breezes gently blow the window curtains in bedrooms which all have original dark ceiling beams, bead board walls and antique glass fixtures. This is a true summer beach cottage, which has not been updated or winterized . . . except for the restoration of sections of some downstairs rooms in 1983 due to damages from a fire. To this day, Betty Viering continues to feel very grateful to the wonderful firemen who worked so hard to save this important part of her family's history. Betty also has a long tradition of summering at GLP - her family, the Bentleys, first rented a house on Venetian Street in 1923.

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She later met and married Russ Viering - a Groton Long Point "summer romance" that turned into a lifetime love affair.

As I left Liz and Betty Viering on their comfortable sun porch to take the picture that appears with this article, I made sure to include the wooden lounge chairs situated on their side yard, which completes this classic look. This house was a fixture in my experience growing up at the Point. In the days before the bouys directed boats away from the beach, our friends would meet to water ski in front of 'the big house by the flag pole.' In all the years of skiing with our teenage gang, regardless of the noise and confusion we must have created, not once were we ever approached by anyone in the Viering house and asked to relocate our party down the beach! They were then, as they are now, gracious hosts who personify the family values and traditions that mean so much to all of us living at Groton Long Point.

Would you like to share some information about your "House At The Point"? Please contact: Kate Romani
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The Viering cottage, chairs, flag-pole and all.

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Under 16 Tennis



The gang's all here to cheer on the 16 and under Boys' Tennis tournament



In back, the eventual winners at 6-3, Alex Reed and Thomas Budd. In front hard hitters Ryan Reardon and Jack Montelbano.

Sea Shell Broken- "Who You Gonna Call?"

Not Ghostbusters, Call Mike Z! Lifeguard stands in disrepair? Who are the Police gonna call? Call Mike Z! Stairs broken at South Beach Dock? Again, it's Mike Zenowitz to the rescue!

However in a few weeks Mike will be leaving GLP to start a new life and career working for Bank of America in Los Angeles, CA. He graduated from UCONN in May and will not be here next summer for the first times in 22 years. Who is going to be around to rebuild your sea shell when the boards are rotted, build new seats, fix the mast, etc.? Hopefully someone will step up but thanks to Mike there are lots of happy kids and parents with sea shells in good sailing order!

It seems to me, having lived next door to Michael, that he just always knew how to do things with wood, even when he was fairly young. His Dad and uncle are both good wood-

workers so perhaps he inherited their genes. Eventually he took an advanced course at NFA in woodworking

At first Mike use to ring the bell and ask to borrow some of my husband's tools. Now Mike owns his own super tool set and my husband borrows Mike's tools! One summer Mike made Adirondack chairs without any pattern. Each time he built one he modified it to make it better. Now he is making and selling fine furniture besides fixing those constantly broken sea shells!!

So, GLP's loss with be California's gain! I will miss seeing Mike working in front of his Atlantic Ave house with his "Zenowitz's Workshop" sign over the garage door, working on all his projects and smiling and talking to everyone as they go past! Best of luck to you, Mike, as you and your cute little yellow Smart Car take off!!! We will miss you!

by Jean Evans



Our loss and CA's gain. Mike Zenowitz!



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Luise Bethencourt at Centercourt



Oh, dear! Women's Doubles hit a glitch this month. After the preliminary rounds and the semi finals, the teams were scheduled to play the finals on Sunday. Playing on the following Sunday is a new thing for the Women's matches, the point being that there will be more people on the weekends who will be able to see the matches. However, a number us, and I include myself in that, keep thinking that the finals will be on the day after the preliminaries. So, one of the finalists didn't realize that the finals would not be until Sunday and she was leaving the Point with her family for the season. Unfortunately that team had to default and so no finals. Maybe we should consider going back to the old schedule

of preliminaries on Tuesdays, finals on Wednesday. That also frees up some of the courts on Sunday mornings when weekenders would like to play. In the Men's Doubles, out of 7 teams, the Hopes defeated de Labry (G)/Washburn 8-3 and Congdon/Wheelock defeated de Labry (P)/Hoag 8-4 in the semi's. In the finals Bobby Congdon and Stricky Wheelock edged the father/son team of Doug and Jon Hope 6-3, 2-6, 7-5. Bobby said that he had never seen Doug play so well, that Jon was very consistent with his deep shots and Bobby doesn't know how they won except that Stricky played so well that he saved the match in the last set.



Congdon/Hope picture lost in cyberspace. So here's Leah, Heidi, Colette and Tenley. Will find Congdon/Hope and print later. (Sorry!)

"FROM THE ARCHIVES"

Bessie Knowlton Tyler continues her memories of Groton Long Point taken from *Groton Long Point...75 Years and Then Some.....*

"A memory I treasure was the summer we formed a jazz orchestra made up of about 10 boys and me, the only girl. I played the violin and we played for the Kiddie Dances that were held in the Casino every Monday night. The high-light was when we performed on the stage of the Mystic Theater that stood next to the bridge in Mystic. Our loyal Groton Long Point fans all showed up and my brother, Archie Knowlton, sang through a megaphone, a la Rudy Vallee.

These seventy-five years have flown by with so many wonderful memories: The night I won the Shipwreck Dance costume prize when I wore a barrel; the time I was caught by the police climbing the water tower that used to be up near the present Duryea Drive; the day the Class A boat capsized in the 'Around the Island' race with the Commodore, Vice Commodore and the Rear Commodore all aboard - Jerry Duryea, Sid Burr and Matt Troy, all safely rescued.

When I was a teenager my father bought a 'Class A' for us. The 'Duck' painted red, as she still is, was raced every week long by my sister Sylvia as cap-

tain, and Brooke Tyler and me as a crew. That was where Brooke's and my romance started and we were married several years later, in 1941. My sons, Brooke III, and Bill have marriages resulting from GLP romances, so it must still have a magic spell.

The Dobson sisters, Jessie Salmon and Olive Johnson, were young children in 1923 when their parents rented a cottage by Kiddie Beach called 'Idanow' (because that's what everyone answered when asked the name of the cottage.) They remember renting 'Wisteria' on Middlefield Street and having to use the 'out-house' at night. Outdoor privies and rainbarrels were very much in evidence before indoor plumbing. When their house 'Rolling Stones' was built in 1929, the only other cottage on Sound Breeze Avenue was 'Briny Breezes', now the Motycka house at 93 Sound Breeze.

As teenagers in the mid-1930's, Jessie and Olive conducted the kiddie dances on the second floor of the Casino. They recall the clay tennis court at Club House Point as 'pretty crude and very sloping,' and they remember another tennis court where the present fire-house is."

How nice is it to think about a clay court in GLP? My knees love that idea.

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AUTOTETHER, A NEW BOATING SAFETY DEVICE, IS THE FIRST AND ONLY WIRELESS LANYARD

GLP resident, Anthony Viggiano was at a party when his friend Charlie Primiano told him about nearly losing his life in a boating accident. Charlie said he did everything wrong on the picture-perfect, calm-water day he fell overboard his boat. He was not wearing a life preserver or the kill switch tether that came standard with his boat. About a mile from shore, his hat fell off. He went to retrieve it. Making the turn too sharply, he went right out of the boat. The boat began to go in circles around him. It took him several attempts, and finally he was able to get back into the boat. Shivering and very cold, he returned to port and safety as fast as he could.

After hearing his story, Anthony asked him why he wasn't wearing his lanyard, which would have stopped the boat. He asked Anthony if he always wore his. Unfortunately, Anthony's answer was the same as his. This inspired Anthony to create a device that makes boating safer.

The product, called Autotether, is a wireless lanyard that shuts off a boat's engine in the event that the boat operator falls into the water. Additionally, Autotether sets off an alarm in the event that passengers or pets wearing the Autotether

sensors fall overboard. The product is being sold across the country and is made in the USA, in fact 90% is produced here in Connecticut. NPS Plastics, owned by GLP resident David Nickolenko, makes all the plastic components. The company is partnering with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary to promote safe boating and they recently hired GLP's, Andrea (Pulver) Frickman, as Vice President of Sales & Marketing.

Unlike traditional lanyard kill switches that come standard with boats and require the operator to be tethered to the boat, the Autotether is an unobtrusive wireless unit that clips right into the ignition switch. It operates via a sensor with a transmitter that sends radio waves to a receiver connected to the boat's ignition. When the sensor is submerged in water, the signal between the transmitter and the receiver is instantly broken because radio waves do not travel through water, and Autotether activates the ignition kill switch.

The Autotether system also protects passengers. Passengers may fall overboard and the boat operator is often not immediately aware of it to stop the boat. The operator and up to three passengers – including small children and pets – can enjoy an extra measure of protection simply by wearing a lightweight Autotether sensor.

Autotether has other benefits. It is completely portable. It can be transferred from boat to boat with the proper clip. It can also be used at the beach. The alarm will go off when your child, wearing the Autotether sensor, goes into the water or strays too far from the Autotether receiver.

KATHLEEN QUINN BELLICCHI'S EATING TO LIVE LIVING TO EAT



Summer Pie

This is a creation from my sister Liz. Liz and her husband, Peter, have an amazing stand of raspberry and blueberry bushes in their front yard. Peter has the greenest of thumbs and the fruit is abundant and sweet.

Filling

- 2 pints raspberries**
- 1 cup blueberries**
- Three-fourths cup sugar**
- 2 tablespoons corn starch**
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice**
- One-fourth teaspoon salt**

Strew the raspberries onto the pie crust, set aside. Crush the blueberries with a fork or potato masher for 1 minute. Combine the sugar and corn-starch (this will prevent the corn starch from clumping and producing a lumpy filling) in a saucepan, mix with the water to dissolve, add salt, blueberries and bring to a simmer over a medium heat, stirring constantly. When the mixture thickens, turn the heat to low and cook uncovered for about 3 minutes. Remove pan from stove, add lemon juice, and cool for about 20 minutes with a cover on the pan so a skin doesn't form on the filling. After slightly cooling filling, pour into pie crust. Chill 4 hours to set completely. Serve with ice cream, a dollop of whipped cream, or just as is. You can always sit in a corner and eat the whole pie all by yourself. M-m-m-m. Enjoy!

Crust (proportions from Joy of Cooking) Pre-heat oven to 300 F.

- One & one-half cups chocolate Graham Cracker (about 8) or chocolate ice box cookie crumbs**
- 4 tablespoons melted butter – cooled to room temperature**

To make crumbs, place cookies in a zip lock bag and roll with a rolling pin to crush. Combine crumbs and butter, mix well with a wooden spoon or your hands. Press into a pie plate with your fingers; try to keep the mixture even on the bottom and sides of the pan. Bake the crust for about 15 minutes. You can also chill the crust thoroughly, at least six hours and omit baking the crust. If the unbaked crust isn't well chilled it will fall apart when you serve the pie.



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Valerie Stowe's SEASCAPES

One of Late August's Gifts

I noticed this week that the hardy Hibiscus in my yard had begun to bloom. The Latin name is Hibiscus moscheutos, and it is a relative of the tropical Hibiscus we grow as house plants, or in containers in the summer.

What stops people walking by is the plate sized blossoms that just don't seem to be real. Although the flowers only last a day, like most of their southern counterparts, the period of flowering goes from mid August until mid-September. They have a very upright growth habit that sometimes requires staking, and their leaves are large, heart shaped and slightly fuzzy. These plants love lots of water,



so if you live near a stream or have some type of pond, they would love it. The colors in which they are available white, crimson and pink, but although all colors are great, I prefer the plain white, it make a real impact.

These plants die back to the ground in winter, and they should be cut back in the late fall. For the little amount of work they require they give a big bang in performance

It may be hard to believe, but they are a plant native to North America and will do well to zone 5.

GRAPE NOTES

John Lombardo



The conversation in our household prior to a midweek meal often goes something like this. "What's for dinner?" "Pasta primavera (or fish or chicken)." "Sounds like a white wine." "That would work." And invariably I will trot out a California sauvignon blanc. We drink more California sauvignon blanc than any other wine. That's because it is relatively inexpensive (typically between \$10 and \$20) and is very serviceable with food.

Sauvignon blancs are dry white wines that are known for their refreshing zestiness. They are very aromatic with scents suggesting grass and herbs. Those from warmer climates such as northern Napa Valley taste of ripe melons.

Sauvignon blancs have good acidity which gives the wine a crisp freshness. Regarding food pairings, the acidity can cut through rich white sauces while the wine's texture cleanses the palate. They are lively and energetic and also pair well with cheeses, particularly goat cheese.

In your wine store you will find a wide selection of California sauvignon blanc. They are meant to be drunk young, so look for recent vintages. Sauvignon blanc is California's second most popular white wine (to Chardonnay). The wine label will prominently indicate "Sauvignon Blanc."

However, you are also likely to stumble upon some California white wine labeled "Fumé Blanc." It is the same sauvignon blanc grape, just a different name. In the early 1970s Robert Mondavi noted the popularity of the French wine Pouilly Fumé which is

made entirely from the sauvignon blanc grape. His sauvignon blancs had not been selling well, partly because at the time this California-grown grape made wines that were aggressively grassy in smell and flavor. He decided to age the wine for a bit in oak barrels which diminished the grassiness. Then, demonstrating his marketing genius, he co-opted the French word "fumé" and released his sauvignon blanc as "Fumé Blanc." Sales were spectacular and many other California vintners have since used Fumé Blanc on their labels though it does not necessarily mean that the wine has been oak aged.

If you have a bit of storage space for wine, you might consider stocking up on a mixed case or two of California sauvignon blancs. It won't break the bank and then they will always be available for that midweek dinner conversation that will often lead to serving a crisp white wine.

KNOW YOUR DIRECTOR by Faith Pease - age 9

On a sunny Sunday I interviewed Jay Washburn, the Director of the GLPYC.

- 1.Q: What inspired you to become the Director of the GLPYC?
A: I wanted to help the kids on Groton Long Point.
- 2.Q:What do you like about being Director?
A: I like working with my staff and getting to know the families here in GLP.
- 3.Q: Are you proud of your staff?
A: I'm very proud that they work with kids well and know what they're doing.
- 4.Q: Do you get time to relax?
A: My most relaxing time is during the weekend.
- 5.Q: Did you have fun this July and the past two weeks?
A: I've had a blast. I love it. I would be the Director again.
6. Q: What staff event was your favorite?
A: My favorite staff event was the staff dodge ball.
7. Q:Have you ever won a sailing race?
A: Yes, I won a sailing race last year!
8. Q: Would you like to thank anyone?
A: I would like to thank all the staff for working hard, especially in the office.
9. Q:Would you like to improve anything?
A: I hope that we attain an even higher quality of lessons next year.



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Class A Reports

Petrel and Sandpiper Split Saturday's Riot

There was more than enough wind to go around, and then some, as a season's high nine sloops gathered for some serious sailing. With a southwesterly gusting in the high teens and a roiled sea which took delight in crashing over the deck and coming aboard, a course was set to Seaflower, Starting Pin, Horseshoe Reef's N26 buoy; a double windward/leeward. A strong outgoing tide rushed the waters eastward as Sandpiper, Kittiwake, Petrel and Skimmer took the starboard tack option while the rest sought shelter from the current by nestling under Bluff Point. The former choice proved the better as Sandpiper and Kittiwake battled for first spot within a few feet of Seaflower's beckoning rocks, with Kittiwake emerging in front for the run to Main Beach. Petrel and Skimmer were close behind with the rest, Duck, Cormorant, Ginger, Swallow and Pintail trailing. And with the exception that Sandpiper and Kittiwake traded places twice more, with Sandpiper prevailing in the end, that was the order of finish. Then it was EMT time. It was an hour plus, plus (for the leaders) of muscling sheets, slithering between the boom



and the centerboard trunk quickly enough that the boat didn't capsize, then cruising into a very heavy sea with the boat standing on its "ear" while the more than occasional rogue wave crashed over the bow, re-wetting everything and...then doing it again and again...etc. Then it was spinnaker time and the Dance of the Foredeck. (Good manners prohibits our pursuing that). Suffice to say that, after assessing the damages to boat and bodies, only five players stayed around for the second race, which was won by Petrel, followed by Kittiwake, Skimmer, Swallow and Sanderling. Duck, alone, may be forgiven for heading home early since Darcy and John Watson and crew were hosting the fleet after the race. Ice cream sundaes for the kids and adult beverages for the adults on Duck's Dock. When asked if their early departure was caused by the need for party preparations, Darcy replied, "Oh, no. That was all done ahead. We came back to wrap bandages."



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