

COMING UP!

Saturday, July 5, Adult/Child Tennis 8 a.m.

Saturday, July 5, Commissioning of the Fleet

Saturday, July 5, "Hello Summer" 6 - 8 p.m,

Sunday, July 6, Tennis Scrambles 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 8, Women's Draw

Wednesday, July 9, GLPYC Junior Sailing Regatta

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ALL SIGNS POINT TO...

Find all the houses, let us know and you get your picture on the front page next week.





Mary Lou Soltys heads to Grenoble for three weeks to immerse herself in French language and culture. Mary Lou received a grant, through the San Francisco French Consulate, for teachers of French. She was one of two chosen for this trip. She will be living with a French family and is looking forward to eating, drinking, studying and speaking French.... Also on the French circuit this summer is Will Cruthers who has gone to Paris with fellow students from The College of Charleston. Will will also be studying the French language so he and Mary Lou can chatter away when they both get home... Parties galore for Linda Rambow who has retired from teaching this year. The real party will be when school starts in September and she doesn't have to go in to work... GLP will miss Frank Craemer who passed away this year while we were all gone. Frank wrote some terrific poems for the GLP NEWS. He was funny and clever and along with his family, we will miss him and his sense of humor. Frank really loved Groton Long Point and it showed.... The Summer

Sisters book club has swung into the season already with their first choice of Across a Thousand Mountains..... Elaine Williamson returns to Groton Long Point this summer with a brand new knee. Most likely this will allow Elaine to get back on the tennis courts and back onto the golf course.... Paul and Corinne Winalski are enjoying their new digs up at Stone Ridge. But the family will still be enjoying their long-time home on Atlantic Avenue... The Slavins from London will be staying at Sea Flower on South Shore for the month of July. They made so many friends when they were transferred here by the Royal Navy for a couple of years. We are delighted to have them return.... Congratulations to Dave Evans who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from his alma mater, Muskingum College, in Ohio. Dave gave an inspiring address to the graduates whom we hope were duly inspired. We were so impressed we wanted to print the entire speech but it was just too long, but no less inspiring..... Keep the news coming. More anon.....

GLP GLPYC NEWS

Please! Please! Please!

Volunteers with motorboats are sorely needed to transport the kids' tennis team to Fisher's Island for matches on July 16th and August 6th.

If you are an experienced motorboater and have the time and have the boat please contact the YC office @ 536-0242.

Also we are looking for ideas and designs for future Junior Sailing Regatta tee shirts. We have two regattas: Blue Jay/C420, called the Junior Sailing Regatta, and the Opti Regatta. Please submit your design to the YC office for consideration.

2008 GLP

Rainy Day Activity Policy

The GLP YC policy for rainy days this year is as follows:

*Rainy day activities will affect the following departments: Tennis, Sports, Seashells and Swimming.

*Rainy day activities will be by department. For instance, on a rainy morning the tennis classes could be participating in a rainy day activity while the seashell classes are meeting as regularly scheduled.

*A decision about whether the YC is participating in rainy day activities will be decided by 7:30 a.m. This information will

be available on a white board displayed on the front steps of the Casino. In addition a message will be left on the GLPYC office telephone 536-0242.

*If rainy day activities are declared, class participants ages 5-10 will meet in Clark Hall between 9 and 10:25 a.m. Those children ages 11-15 will meet in Clark Hall between 10:35 a.m. and noon.

*If weather improves after rainy day activities begin at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled classes will resume. If this is done the white board and the YC telephone message will be changed to reflect that.

***IF CLASSES CAN NO LONGER BE HELD DUE TO THE WEATHER AFTER 9 A.M. CLASSES HAVE BEGUN, THERE ARE NO RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES; THE CLASSES WILL BE DISMISSED.**

If you have any questions, please call the Yacht Club Office 536-0242

Thanks, and I wish you all a happy and healthful summer and I look forward to meeting many of you as I make my rounds of the many and varied events we have planned for your children.
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**Our House
At The Point**

by Kate Romani

Many of us at Groton Long Point have lived here for a number of years - some families go back several generations. As we look around the point, we can see that a few houses seem to look exactly like they always have, with no changes . . . most places have undergone some remodeling . . .and still others have been completely replaced by new homes. But no matter how much or how little the old homestead has been worked on . . . each has a story to tell.

It is interesting to see how much we all really seem to enjoy visiting the homes of our friends here at the point - not only to socialize, but to experience a change of view and scenery, and appreciate a part of the point which is different from ours. We may be greeted by the familiar sight of a round stone fire place and beadboard, view old pictures featuring early residents of the house (or prize boats with trophies and ribbons), admire original art work bought

many summers ago at the Mystic Art Festival, or see photos documenting hurricane damage and houses floating in the lagoon. It doesn't usually take too much prompting for our hosts to tell us a little bit about the history of their house and its quirks and peculiarities - mixed in with some interesting stories of residents who once lived there.

Three families, the Egans, the Froebs and our family, have all recently taken down houses here at the point and rebuilt. Since we all had similar experiences (with some overlap in architects and contractors), I had the opportunity to talk to both families regarding their new houses. This article will detail Pat and Jim Egan's memories and experiences - next week this column will feature the Froeb family home.



I knew from our experience that you don't undertake a big project like this lightly - and without a strong sense of the history of the original house, and specific goals and objectives you want to accomplish foyour new home - so I was interested to learn how others had gone about their decisions in designing and creating their new home. For Pat and Jim Egan, the decision to replace their 1921 beach cottage was not just a matter of creating additional space to adequately house their expanding family (three children now married - one soon to be - plus grandchildren) . . . the house was simply too low. Jim still has vivid memories of his family staying in a house on Tautog Street during Hurricane Carol in 1954 - and he knew that he had to make accommodations to raise this house above the hurricane high water mark.

The Egans have owned the cottage since 1979, when they purchased it from Dr. Luby of West Hartford. The house was originally built by the Bath family of Worchester - and featured driftwood washed beadboard, which was considered very avant garde in that day. Although Pat and Jim considered trying to save these beadboard panels to incorporate into their new home, the job proved fairly impractical. But they were able to save many treasures of

the old house before it was taken down - including most of the original windows. Jim came up with a wonderful way to incorporate these windows into their new home - and the homes of his children. He took a picture of South Beach, which was the exact view you would have seen out of the original front windows. He then had it enlarged, and used an original window as a frame for the picture. All 4 Egan children received one of these framed pictures as a very special Christmas present - a gift which will always remind them of childhood memories in the old house.

As for their new home - Pat Egan clarified their simple goal . . ."We wanted to build a house that looked old, but we wanted everything in it to work!" She quoted an adage about old cottages: "The only thing that works in an old house is the owners". Everything definitely works now in their lovely, informal new home - decorated with a strong nautical flair as a nod to Jim's love of sailing. And the Egans consider it to be a real compliment when friends remark, "Your new house looks like it has always been there."

Our next column will feature the Froeb family house story. Would you like to share some information about your "House At The Point"? Please contact: Kate Romani KFRomani7@comcast.net

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SEEING WHITE ELEPHANTS!



Grandmother of the year! Jean Hanna leaves the White Elephant sale loaded down with all sorts of things to keep grandson, Griffin, busy this summer. This wasn't her only trip as there was so much good stuff at the sale!



Eileen Burke and Mary Tuohy were kept busy at their table but they were the best bargainers there and people got real deals!

"FROM THE ARCHIVES"

Our two anniversary books, Fifty Years and Then Some and the 75th Anniversary and Then Some are a treasure trove to not only newcomers but for all Groton Long Pointers. Those who came before us enlighten us as to what it was like "back in the day". The following is an account of Robert Newell's family coming to GLP for the first time.

"In 1909, my grandfather and his family spent their first summer at the Point. It was a two-day trip from Hartford, with a convenient stop-over in Colchester. He rented *Snug Harbor* cottage that year. Only two other summer houses were standing then.

Grandfather built his own house in 1914, on East Shore Avenue. This road had been a cow path widened to a wagon track, winding its way along the shore among the boulders.

Family tradition has it that about 1915, Club House Point came on sale for \$2,500, and a 40 x 100 foot lot next to grandfather's house was offered at \$500. Both offerings were thought of as 'way out of line' in those days.

My great-grandfather, Captain William E. Brewer (whom I never knew) had retired and spent his summers here. He had been master of 'Yankee Boy', a trading schooner out of East Hartford. After an active life he couldn't

bring himself to vegetate on the porch. Each morning the Captain rowed to the Haley Farm for milk, which he complained was 'watery'. He was heard to remark that when the farm boy fetched the milk from the cooling shed, he could always hear the (water) pump squeaking.

The Captain liked to troll for fish while under sail. During WWI, he discovered a large floating buoy between the Point and Ram Island. He towed it to East Shore, and it promptly went off, enveloping the Point in smoke. It turned out to be a submarine marker signal.

My fondest memories were of the 1920's.....I remember two telephones, one at East Dock and the other at the old Casino, and how excited we were when Grandmother had one installed; number 322, ring two.

Remember Uncle Mutt's Fourth of July 7 A.M. cannon salute? And his handouts? And the 'Jolly Rogers' skull and crossbones? And once or twice when the canon and the 'Jolly Roger' interrupted Dr. Dorchester's Sunday church services at the Casino?"

The early part of the century plays out before our eyes when the stories of the early days are presented to us. Stories of captains and schooners, farms and real estate deals rise up in our imaginations as sure as any day in Groton Long Point.



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Luise Bethencourt at Centercourt



Okay, let's get our dates set. The season starts with probably the tournament where you'll have the most fun. Just my opinion but.... everybody seems to love playing in the **Adult/Child Tournament** scheduled this year for **Saturday, July 5**. Be at the courts at **8 a.m.** Fathers and daughters, mothers and sons and/or vice versa, uncles and neices... well, you get the idea. If you are a kid, grab an adult. If you are an adult, grab a kid and come on down. It is FUN.

The Scrambles is set for **Sunday, July 6th**. Playstarts at **9 a.m.** For those new to the Point, the Scrambles mixes up everybody who shows up so that you get to meet a lot of people and get into the swing of the GLP tennis season. Future partners for the ensuing tournaments can be met here.

Tuesday, July 8 at 8 a.m. is the **Women's Draw**. We usually get a big friendly crowd at this one and a good time is unquestionably had by all. This is usually a get-together that mixes new and seasoned players, Ponytails and Hot Flashes and everyone in between. The finals will be played on the following Wednesday so make sure you will be available, in

case.

The Mixed Doubles will be played on **Saturday, July 12**, starting at **8 a.m.** with the finals on **Sunday at 9 a.m.** Some very good tennis is seen at the Mixed Doubles so even if you aren't playing come down and watch and you'll see some great strategy moves.

The greatly anticipated **Women's Doubles** fires up at **8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15th**.

This is a tournament everybody waits for. We have had such great matches in recent summers pitting some very seasoned players who have dominated the courts for years and some recent players who refuse to be intimidated by experience and come ready for battle. It's great to be a part of but also great to watch. Frequently best friends play against each other but a friendship has never suffered. And once again, if you play in the tournament be ready to play in the following **Sunday's finals**. Truly, it's great GLP tennis.

The Men's Doubles takes place on **Saturday, July 19th** with an **8 a.m. start**. This is one to look forward to, also, as a crowd of young men have started to move into the adult tournaments. Last summer the

young men began making their moves and so there is no question that they will prove to be a strong force in this summer's tournaments. The **finals** will be played on **Sunday, July 20**.

The Women's Singles steps off on **Tuesday, July 22 at 8 a.m.** This is a true test of "who can last the longest in this heat". By the third week in July the heat becomes a real problem and the battles usually involve gallons of water and at least one change of tennis regalia. But, once, again, it's good tennis and well worth from watching outside the fence. **The finals follow on Wednesday.**

The Men's Singles wraps up the month with an **8 a.m. start on Saturday, July 26 with finals on Sunday**. This is where the stars shine and, from the looks of things, those stars are getting younger. So we're looking for the likes of Jon Hope, John Hoag, Will McBee, Steve Allen and Andrew Pappas and others to go after the big boys. (the old boys?) And Chuck and Doug, let's lose the matching outfits this year. You're embarrassing your children.

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Who Are We and What Do We Do?



The Sergeant brothers cast their net; Joe Birmingham cleans screens.



Meg Hill off to play golf and Linda Johnsen cleans up the garden.



Lois Griffin & Annie Elliot at the beach; Leslie Breck & a wounded kite!

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I Thought They Were Going to be Incredible This Year!

There were hundreds of buds on the roses this year! I could see the benefits of all the manure and fertilizer I had done over the last few years finally kicking in, Wow! Then I went away for a few days. When I got back the aphids had attacked the buds, and most were aesthetically ruined. Then the thunderstorms, and the big garden roses were beaten to death. That hurt.

If you are a rose lover, you may have already begun to see some blackspot fungus, as well as aphid damage to the flowers. Our weather has a great deal to do with this, the frequent thunder

storms and June fogs keep the foliage wet, the flowers beaten, and this makes the right conditions for the bugs to come.

So, between the rain drops get out there and give your plants a dose of Bayer Rose care granules, and mix it into the soil well. This takes a few weeks to kick in so use other insecticide sprays if you see insect damage. Also, you will need to use fungicidal sprays in addition to this as this has no Bayer granules has fungicide in it.

Have a great gardening summer, rabbits and all. Oh and have you noticed, GLP, is looking more like Nantucket gardens every year. Looks great!

GROTON LONG POINTER

This excerpt is taken from the Groton Long Pointer in 1967.

The first Kiddie Dance of the season was a great success. Miss Helena Crandall returned again this year to her Monday evening activities at the Point. Assisting her were members of the Yacht Club staff.

During the first hour in which the children eight years old and under danced, Rob Murphy and Sherry Ann Engles were the recipients of the Lucky Spot prize, and Sherry Ann Engles and Cheryl Ruest were victorious in the Color Elimination Dance.

At eight o'clock the nine year olds and over came onto the dance floor. The winners for the Number Dance in this group were Pam Cleland and Molly Murphy, and for the Lucky Spot Dance the winners were Lois Dodd with her partner Brendy Canavan. The winner of the Color Elimination Dance was Michelle Ruest.

Women Tennis Doubles Played Last Week

The Women's Tennis Doubles were played the week of July 10th-July 14th. Unfortunately as the paper goes to press the matches have not been completed; therefore, the names of the winners will appear in the paper next week.

Playing partners in the tournament were the following Mesdames:

- deLabry and Battles
- Backus and Sweeney
- Steigerwalt and Young
- Burke and Murphy
- La Porte and Newell
- Sears and Brown
- Tullis and Nugent

Many of you should remember names from these excerpts!

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Phyllo Pizza

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Phyllo Pizza Crust

- 1 box Phyllo pastry leaves (2 sealed packages in each box)
- Each package makes 2 pizzas)
- One-half stick salted butter
- One-half cup olive oil
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- Topping

- 1 cup red onion sliced thin
- 3 plum tomatoes—slice across thinly (any ripe tomatoes)
- Basil leaves (or any combination of fresh herbs; fresh spearmint is a tasty addition)
- Kosher salt
- Fresh ground pepper
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil (approx)

Phyllo Crust - Use a large cookie sheet. Heat butter and olive oil over a low heat. Lay a sheet or two of Phyllo on cookie tin to cover the bottom of the pan. Dip pastry brush into melted oil / butter mixture, lightly coat the Phyllo. (Make an X with the buttered brush, run brush around perimeter, then fill in center triangles. This method will prevent using too

much butter on each layer of Phyllo.) Strew 1 teaspoon parmesan cheese over Phyllo. Repeat 6 X. (You can prepare to this point, cover tightly, and refrigerate for up to 2 days.)

Toppings -Spread onion slices and torn basil leaves or other herbs on top of Phyllo. Place tomatoes 4-5 across and 5-6 down, depending on the size of each tomato round. Each tomato slice will be one piece of pizza. Sprinkle lightly with salt, pepper, olive oil, and remaining cheese.

Variations - Omit tomatoes. Use parmesan between the Phyllo layers, use onion slices, tarragon, and gorgonzola as the topping. Replace tomatoes with thin slices of grilled vegetable – zucchini, yellow squash, roasted pepper strips, eggplant. Omit tomatoes. Use roasted garlic puree and arugula leaves as the topping. Toss arugula leaves with olive oil, a splash of balsamic vinegar, salt and strew on pizza the last 4-5 minutes of baking.

Bake - Pre-heat oven to 400F. Bake for 20 minutes (15 convection) or until crispy and lightly browned. Cut with a pizza wheel and serve hot or at room temperature. Pizza can be reheated in a 350F oven for 4-5 minutes. Enjoy!

GRAPE NOTES

John Lombardo



Don't let the difficulty of pronouncing a wine's name discourage you from ordering it in a restaurant or wine store.

There are many fine wines made from grapes with names that are tongue twisters. Certainly, gewürztraminer and grüner veltliner fall into this category. And so does viognier. Let's start with the proper pronunciation – it is vee-own-yay.

Wines made from the viognier grape are renowned for their distinctive aromas. The stunning, almost overwhelming, fragrance is reminiscent of apricots, ripe peaches, and honeysuckle blossoms. The nose, however, misleads one to think the taste will be sweet. Yet, it is a dry (no residual sugar) wine that is full-bodied and fairly high in alcohol. In the mouth it will come across as lush and opulent. Because of the wine's low acidity it is generally not built for aging. Drink them young when the aroma is at its most pungent and the fruit is prominent.

The viognier grape is notoriously difficult to cultivate. It is often subject to a fungal disease called powdery mildew. Additionally, the vines yield relatively few grapes making it all the harder to commercialize the grape. In fact, in the mid-1960s the world's supply of viognier

grapes was limited to about fifty acres, all in the northern Rhone valley of France. In the 1970s additional vineyards were planted elsewhere in southern France. In the 1990s, Rhone Valley wines, particularly those made from the red syrah grape, became popular in the United States. Viognier's popularity benefited from this development and it began to be planted in California. Today, over two thousand acres of viognier grapes are grown in the central coastal region of California. Thus, it is no longer a rarity and can be found readily on wine store shelves. It will usually cost less than \$20.

Now that you can pronounce it, know its history, and understand its characteristics, what does one do with it? It's a bit too heavy and alcoholic to partake by itself. But its haunting aroma pairs terrifically with spicy Thai, Indian, and Vietnamese cuisines. Viognier's fruit forward style and pungent bouquet also make for a great pairing with fish topped with a fruit salsa. Look for a bottle with the word "viognier" prominently on the label and enjoy!

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Try to make the commissioning of our fleet which will be held **before** the "Hello Summer" cocktail party on Saturday. The commissioning will be carried out by Captain (Ret.) Gordon Lange who spent 30 years in the submarine service.



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Class A Reports

Swallow, Kite '07 Winners, This Year Starts Tomorrow

The *Swallow*, sailed by Frank and Pat Murphy and various crew members took first place in last year's Season Series, a first time ever for that sloop. The only boat with a solid mast, (all the rest are hollow), it was long considered a slow poke. But no more, as the father/son team brought some serious sailing to bear and walked off with top honors. Fisher's *Kittiwake* ran a close second on the series and the newly rebuilt Young/Devine *Petrel* closed out the third place spot.

Awards, presented by new Fleet Captain Doug Hope on Barbara Young's festive porch during the annual Class A Inaugural Toast, also went to Washburn's *Kite* for winning the Commodore Cup Race in which Murphy's *Skimmer* finished second and *Kittiwake* slid home third. The Vice Commodore Cup Race saw *Swallow* again in the winners circle with *Skimmer* and *Kittiwake* placing second and third respectively.

The possibility of an impromptu Tune Up Race faded during the morning as the sailors kept finding things to be done on the rigging before venturing out, although Rose's



Sanderling and Wiley's *Ginger*, and, later *Petrel* took a few turns around the Main beach buoys just to see if the life-guards were really on duty but the fickle breezes sent them back to the lagoon before long.

The 2008 Season Series starts tomorrow and upwards of ten boats are expected to join in the fleet's 86th annual marathon.



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