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LET 'ER RIP!

COMING UP!

CLASSES START - TUESDAY, JULY 2

COMMISSIONING OF THE FLEET - SAT., JULY 5

HELLO SUMMER - SATURDAY, JULY 5

PATRONS' OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, JULY 13

FAMILY NIGHT/FIREWORKS - SAT., JULY 19

BAREFOOT TRUTH - WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

GLP IDOL - FRIDAY, JULY 25

4TH OF JULY

Road Race begins at 9 am

Registration takes place by the flag in the parking lot across from the Casino

Kids' race goes off first around the lagoon

Adults 5k race after the kids finish

Route to be announced at the race

Parade begins at 1:30 pm

Bikes line up in front of the Casino

Floats and vehicles line up in back of the Casino

HELLO SUMMER COCKTAIL PARTY

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6 - 8 PM**

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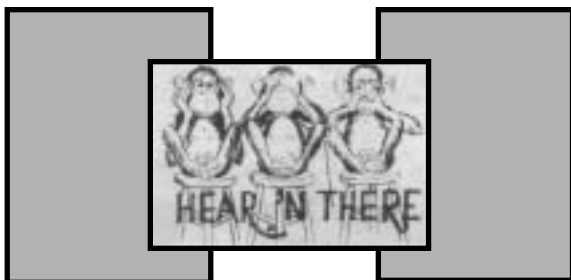
Yacht Club Registration, July 1, 2 pm - 3:30 pm
YC Will Be Open on Wednesday, July 2
Classes Begin Wednesday, July 2
No classes Friday, July 4

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE GOT FOR YOU!

July classes start	Wednesday, July 2
Commissioning of our fleet	Saturday, July 5
Hello Summer Cocktail Party. 6 - 8 pm	Saturday, July 5
GLPYC Junior Sailing Regatta	Wednesday, July 9
Patrons' "Thank You" Open House	10 am - 12 pm Sun., July 13
"Go for the Gold" Family Night	6 pm. Fireworks 9 pm Sat., July 19
Barefoot Truth teen concert	7:30 pm Wed., July 23
July classes end	Friday, July 25
Awards Night "GLP Idol" talent show, GLP dancers' performance	7 pm Saturday, July 25
Adult Comedy Night	8 pm Saturday, July 26
July Theater Performance	4 pm Sunday, July 27

Registration for Aug. programs	2 - 3:30 pm Fri., Aug. 1
Art Show	1 - 4 pm Sunday August 3
August classes start	Monday, August 4
Barefoot Truth family concert & picnic	7 pm Wednesday, August 9
GLPYC Opti Regatta	Wednesday, August 13
Quintebress Gazebo concert	5 pm Sunday August 17
August classes end	Friday, August 22
Awards Night, GLP Idol, talent show, GLP Dancers	7 pm Friday, August 22
Goodbye Summer Cocktail Party	6 - 8 pm Saturday August 23
August Theater Program Performance	4 pm Sunday, August 24

WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!



OK. We are back! The GLP NEWS is ready for "your" news. Let us know about family births, graduations, weddings, babies, trips... anything that you would like to share with your GLP family and friends. We will give you a call to verify the information and hopefully we will have room for your news..... 536-1737..... The GLP NEWS is delighted to add Kate Foley Romani to our list of columnists. Kate has written for us many times and has always been interested in our houses and their histories. So Kate will be looking around at some of our architectural triumphs and give our readers a rundown

We welcome back our regulars. Val Stowe will be getting your gardens in shape and adding suggestions for the best choices for growing things in our part of CT, John Lombardo will be finding just the right wines to pair with just about anything you want to eat, Kath Bellicchi will be tempting your palettes with tasty treats and will be giving us some vegetarian recipes this summer, Frank Murphy will fill us in on the "A" boats and their racing results. I'll let you know what's happening in the tennis world (The

Ponytails are already planning). We are sad to say that the very popular Gloria Gavert is not feeling well and so will not be working on her "archives" column. The most important thing is that she gets well..... Please remember to patronize our advertisers who, along with the Yacht Club and the GLP Association, make it possible to put out the paper. We have some new ones this season so be sure to take a look around and let the advertisers know that you saw their ad in the GLP NEWS..... Last August, in our last issue, I neglected to thank Weezie Pease for her stellar work in proofreading the paper before it goes to press. I plead temporary insanity and when she starts talking to me again I will grovel and try to get her back....

Yoyo Carroll and Amy Laidlaw will be helping out with the Hear 'N There column so if you don't or can't find me, find them and they will be sure to give your information to me. I look forward to seeing you and hearing about your winter and spring.

Luise Bethencourt - editor

WHAT DID YOU DO THIS YEAR?



The Carreira's cruised to Alaska and then met Tony and MaryAnn Soltys' and their family for some real Alaska salmon and then watched the bears climb trees in the Soltys' backyard!



Cam Battles went to a Yankee game. What's better than a boy, a baseball game and a "dog" at THE STADIUM?!



With only 6 available spots, Bella Perrone sailed her way, against 58 students, to a spot on the Greenwich HS varsity sailing team. Her coach described her as one of the best sophomores on the team. GHS won the 420 division in Fairfield County and ranked 13th in New England.

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People on the Point



Brrr! Thomas Budd and Alex Reed (the manly men) dove in in May!



Jill Lucas, Joan Pulver, Priscilla Wallace, Sharon Viggiano & Peggy Hill start out the Friday night tennis dinners.

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Yacht Club Turns Back the Clock

The Novelty, Swim, and Track meets will take on added significance for its young participants in both July and August this year. The Yacht Club is "turning the clock back" and returning to a monthly contest that awards the top performers in all three meets.

For the girls and the boys, there will be four age group categories: age 5-6, 7-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

The participants who compete in events at each of the three meets will earn points according to how they place: 1st place – 1/2 point, 2nd place – 2, 3rd place – 3, 4th place – 4, etc. The points will be accumulated in July and then August over the three meets. The boy and girl in each of the age group categories with the least amount of points during July and August will be recognized at the monthly Awards' Night. Only those children who participate in all three events will be eligible for the monthly prize.

Family guests are welcome to attend and watch these weekly events but they are asked not to compete.

Our Conservation Programs for the Summer

Nancy Congdon and Gail Munn from the Conservation Committee have announced plans for this summer's program.

July 22 Wingmasters will come to put on a program called "Birds Of Prey". They will have 6 live birds including a golden eagle. It is a family event at 7 pm in Clark Hall.

July 29 Bob Dewire will do seining at Main Beach at 2 pm

August 12 Bob Dewire will again do seining at Main Beach at 2 pm

August 14 Mystic Aquarium will put on 2 programs in Clark Hall:
1 pm---grades K-3 --- "Local Marine Animals"

2 pm---grades 4 and up--- "Sea Animals and the Food Chain"

These events are open to all residents free of charge. They are wonderful activities to do with your children. In case you don't know what "seining" means it is using nets to scoop up local creatures in our waters and examining them up close. You'll be pleasantly amazed with what you are swimming.



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Luise Bethencourt at Centercourt



Hi, again! Wasn't it yesterday we said goodbye? So here we go.

Remember, to play in the tournaments you have to be a Yacht Club member, and you definitely have to have an Association tennis membership, too. If you don't have both the day of any tournament you will **not** be allowed to play. Both are available at YC registration.

Even if you think that there is not the remotest chance that you will make the finals of a tournament do not sign up if you won't be available for the scheduled finals. Hey! You

never know! Stranger things have happened. Injuries, business, a call from out of town, unexpected family issues, days of rain - all of these things can whittle down the teams ready to play.

Of course we have the usual tournaments and events. We'll start off with the Scrambles and move on to the Women's Draw, the Mixed Doubles, the Women's Doubles, the Men's Doubles and the Women's and Men's Singles. And, the unscheduled Ponytails and Hot Flashes grudge match now spans 3

generations.

Ed Kolnaski and his staff will be returning with the popular women's lessons and the kids' lessons and the ever-expanding kids' tennis team.

Both women's and kids' teams will be doing some traveling to other clubs for tournaments and the ladies always seem to find places to go and play where they can shop, too.

So come on out, join up and participate. And even if you don't play, come and watch. You'll see some great tennis.

GLP NEWS DELIVERY

Folks! Just a heads-up about your newspaper delivery. The paper usually comes out every Friday in the late afternoon. At least we try to get it to you every Friday afternoon. BUT, remember that the paper is delivered by kids. They age from about 10 through 14. Also remember that sometimes the weather ranges from not very good to really horrible. The thunder storms can wreak havoc on delivery days. In the event of very bad weather I will not send the kids out on their routes. So your paper may not arrive until the next day. I do have a couple of young men, Thomas Budd and Alex Reed, who, at 14, are willing to go out in anything. At times they look like the "abominable rainmen" when they venture out. Still, I am hesitant to let them out when it is really bad.

So please be patient. We try to find everybody on our routes but sometimes we miss you. In that event please try to **borrow** a paper from a friend or neighbor. We tried putting extras at the Casino but have found that people who are in the paper or have children in the paper abscond with **ALL** the papers put there. Go figure. Lastly, the kids are not supposed to go anywhere near a dog, barking or not. And for all their work give those kids a tip!

Luise Bethencourt - editor



Ed Kolnaski and his tennis harem aka "The Dreaded Ponytails!"

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GROTON LONG POINTER

Recently, Dave Caruthers dropped off some of the newspapers called the "Groton Long Pointer" from earlier days here at the Point. His mother saved them for future generations to see what it was like in the "old days". These articles are reprinted from the "old days" of the 60's.

Spray

Cholly East Beach

Mr. and Mrs. Holman Smith of Norwich, Conn., will be spending the month of July at Rich Ho-Bo on East Shore Ave.

Miss Lillian Van de Putte was married to Mr. Richard Brown of Noank, Conn., at the St. Joseph Church in Noank, on the 24th of June. The reception was held following the wedding at the Flood Tide Inn.

Jonathan MacBee will be spending the month of July with his grandmother, Mrs. W. R. MacBee, at her cottage, Granny's Grotto, on the East Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Toomey of 24 Prospect Street had as their guests last week, Mr. and Mrs. John V. Cahill, their daughter and son-in-law, of East Walpole, Mass., with their sons, Jackie and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Bennett, daughter and son-in-law, of Auburn, Mass., and their son, Steve, and Mr. William D. Mahoney of Worcester, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Toomey's son Dan and his wife, the former Patricia Burke, became the parents of Daniel Patrick Toomey on July first at 3:27 a.m. He weighed at birth 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. "Dutch" Salmon of Fort Lauderdale, Florida are with her mother, Mrs. William

Dobson for two weeks. They were here for the wedding of Miss Joanne Salmon to Mr. Douglas Bienick of Newtonville last Saturday. They will make their home in East Lyme while he works at the Electric Boat.

Miss Martha Lyons is the guest of Diane Tehan of South Shore Avenue this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tullis are renting the Henry Evans cottage on Prospect Street for the month of July.

Editorial

It seems that the number of boats lined up against the walls on the beaches has become a problem. When these boats are all lined up flat against the wall, they take up the majority of wall space so that no one is really able to sit comfortably on the beach. One suggestion that might curb this problem would be to place a rack with padlocks on the beach so that people would still be able to leave their boats safely; yet, they would not hinder other people's beach area. A similar practice is done on the West Coast for surf boards. Either this could be done or there could be a marked off space on the beach specifically for these boats. This way everyone would be able to use the beach to its fullest capacity.

Valerie Stowe's SEASCAPES

Peter Rabbit is Alive and Well in Groton Long Point



Rabbits are found in children's books, as stuffed animals, on TV and, of course, there is the famous Easter Bunny. We all love bunnies, or do we?

As cute as they are, they have to go to someplace else, anyplace else away from my garden, and perhaps yours.

Initially I thought no problem. When we move down for the summer, the two German Shepherds I have, along with my son's German Shepherd puppy, will take care of these rabbits. However, these rabbits are bold and unafraid. My husband practically walked the younger dog up to the rabbit to be sure she saw it. One jump from the rabbit and she ran. What a fierce dog!

Rabbits are nocturnal feeders, and any plant they can reach is fair game. We don't have any of their natural predators here to keep the population in check; and boy did it explode this year.

When you see rabbits in your yard, you can be sure, if they haven't touched anything yet, they will. Are any plants disappearing, or suddenly dying? Do some plants look chewed or parts missing? It's rabbits. Rabbits can snack on one plant and keep on moving taking bites as they go.

Passive control is the first line of defense. Rid-A-Critter is a product that smells nasty and rabbits avoid treated areas. Sprinkle areas and/or

planting beds where rabbits are seen, and it can be used as a barrier. Rid-A-Critter is supposed to last 2-3 months and it will discourage rabbits from establishing a feeding pattern.

Coyote Urine is another possible repellent. The presence of this tells rabbits there are coyotes in the area, and this is a good deterrent.

Deer Away, although formulated with deer in mind, also works well on rabbits. It is a product for large areas, and must be mixed, as it comes in concentrated form. Its greatest advantage is that it lasts 2-3 months.

If you can change the habitat of the rabbits, they should forget about your yard, or the plants they are enjoying now. I believe it is better to treat your whole yard, and perhaps even your neighbors, to keep the greedy little guys away. The population only seems to be going up.

If these products aren't successful, animal netting and/or Have-A-Heart traps are the next step. Netting can wrap plants, and be left in place as long as desired. It is a fine netting and not obtrusive. The traps are humane. Use a plant the rabbits are eating to create a trail into the trap and on the bait plate, or a paste called Trappers Choice Rabbit Lure. Once caught, release the rabbits in an area with sufficient food to prevent them returning to your property.

Happy Summer, and rabbit hunting.

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Ice Cream Dreams

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4 pints premium ice cream – your fave flavors
 You can use anything sweet and tasty that you can crush to coat the ice cream. Here are some suggestions:

- Oreo Cookies
- Amaretti cookies
- Chocolate bars – crunchy – Heath bar, Skor, Twix, orange flavored, amaretto flavored, praline
- Nuts – any kind
- Shredded or flaked coconut
- Two of my faves are – dark chocolate coated espresso beans coating scoops of Starbucks Coffee low-fat Latte and green tea ice cream coated with candied mint leaves (We tried hot rocks, however they sizzle as soon as they hit the ice cream)

Use an ice cream scooper (your choice of size) to make ice cream balls. Place on a cookie sheet and re-freeze until hard. Place each filling – candy, cookies, etc. in a quart

size Baggie and use a rolling pin to crush (use a wine bottle if you don't have a rolling pin). Shake the bag a few times and roll again.

Toast coconut in a 350F. oven for 8 minutes. For nuts, roast walnuts and pecans for 8 minutes, almonds and macadamia nuts 10-12 minutes. Cool nuts before crushing. Toast already slivered almonds 4 minutes. Slivered or sliced almonds make an excellent outer coating.

Place toppings in wide shallow bowls. Take one ice cream ball at a time out of the freezer, roll ice cream ball in topping of your choice, pack a bit more topping mixture into the ice cream ball with your hands and immediately put back in the freezer. If you're feeling creative, you can use two or three toppings on each ice cream ball. Cover one-half or two-thirds of ice cream ball with tin foil. Dip exposed area into a topping, refreeze, coat second area, refreeze, etc.

For a July Fourth treat, serve with a tiny flag stuck into each ice cream ball. For a more elegant appearance serve on a large glass platter garnished with sprigs of mint and flowers.
 Enjoy!

GRAPE NOTES

John Lombardo



Welcome back! Let's celebrate with some champagne.

Champagne comes from a region in northern France east/northeast of Paris. The French are very protective of the name "Champagne" and only wines from this area of France are legally permitted to be labeled Champagne. Effervescent wines from elsewhere are properly called sparkling wines. Champagne constitutes less than ten percent of the world's sparkling wines.

The story goes that in the late 1600's the Benedictine monk, Dom Perignon, accidentally made sparkling wine and exclaimed, "I am drinking the stars!" The story is apocryphal in that the development of sparkling wine evolved over many years though it was probably first made in the Champagne region of France in the seventeenth century.

Champagne is made from a combination of any or all of three grape varieties – pinot noir, pinot meunier, and chardonnay. These three grape types are grown in roughly equal amounts in the Champagne region. The pinot noir lends structure and depth; the chardonnay provides elegance and longevity, and the pinot meunier imbues the wine with richness and fruitiness.

Traditional Champagne winemaking begins with fermenting the juice from the pressed grapes in large stainless steel vats. A carefully calibrated dose of sugar and yeast is added to the wine and it is then bottled in relatively thick glass and capped. A secondary fermentation (the yeast converting the sugar to alcohol and carbon dioxide) then occurs in

the bottle. The bottles are tilted downward and gently shaken, a process called riddling. The sediment collects in the neck of the bottle where it is then frozen. Removing the cap causes the frozen plug to burst forth; a dose of wine and a bit of sugar top off the bottle. It is the carbon dioxide from the secondary fermentation that remains trapped in the wine and causes the bubbles when the bottle is opened.

Champagnes are commonly made by blending wines from different villages within the region and from different vintages (years). Only champagnes made from a single harvest may put the year of the vintage on the bottle. More commonly the wines are labeled "non-vintage" as they are made from wines from multiple years. Expect to pay \$25 to \$45 for a non-vintage Champagne. Producers that are widely distributed include Bollinger, Deutz, Heidsick, Moet-Chandon, Perrier-Jouet, Roederer, Taittinger, and Veuve Clicquot.

A very large proportion of Champagne sales in the United States occurs in December suggesting that a drink of the bubbly is a special event beverage for most Americans. But Champagne is such a refreshingly wonderful quaff that reserving it for special events does a great disservice. So, how about popping a cork for more mundane occasions such as Thursday or five o'clock in the afternoon or re-entering the wonderful world of summers at Groton Long Point!

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Class A Reports

Class A (86th) Season Starts With a Party; Perhaps a Race

There won't be much change apparent this Saturday on Barbara Young's Clubhouse Point porch as skippers and crew assemble for the traditional Class A "Kick-off" party when, among other things, last year's winners will be presented with the fabulous trophies for which the fleet is famous. In past years, the party marked the season opening "Tune Up Race". It was a useful means of locating soft spots in the rigging or, more simply, what's going to break first? Low to nil turnout in recent years caused the race to be dropped from this year's schedule. Happily, the traditional Young party is of hardier stuff.

Fisher's two sloops, *Pelican*, sporting a new rudder after a two year complete rebuild, and *Kittiwake* are in the lagoon, as are Wiley's *Ginger*, Young's *Petrel* and Murphy's *Skimmer*, *Swallow* and



Cormorant. Rose's *Sanderling* is also ready to go as is the Eder/Hope combine's *Pintail*. *Pelican* and *Ginger* are sporting new Halsey sails and *Skimmer* and *Cormorant* have new pumps and batteries. Washburn's *Kite*, the Emeritus Member of the fleet as measured by duration of family ownership, will slide in as soon as the paint dries. All fourteen are expected to be present and accounted for when the season series starts July 5th.

But with so many sloops in and ready to go there is a buzz building to run a...Tune Up Race... this Saturday, just for the fun of it, of course.

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THE 'NEW DODD ROOM'

The old Dodd room was a place where kids flopped down on the couches, mostly in wet bathing suits, to talk with their friends about sailing, sports and generally whatever it is kids talk about nowadays. Flotsam and jetsam from kids' activities littered the floor in no particular order. Sometimes lessons were held in the room and leftover materials were scattered around. It was comfortable but..... a bit of a mess.

But now, if the Dodd Room was a butterfly it would be in the pupa stage. During the winter months the Dodd Room has been given a beautiful makeover by Scott Wallace. There are bright blue walls, clean white wainscoting, and shiny new wood flooring. White Cape Cod shutters are on order for the windows. Along one wall will be built-in bookshelves and a media center.

The GLP Women's Organization will have custom-made display cases on the back wall thanks to the generosity of the late Helen Ellison.

A committee consisting of Jane Bogdan, Phyllis Chericoni, Kathy Godbout, Ann Marie Lafayette and

Priscilla Wallace is selecting comfortable furnishings and art work for the room which will be open to all members of the Association. The same committee is formulating recommendations to be presented to the GLP Board of Directors regarding a policy on the use of the room. The room will no longer be generally rented out but will eventually be open to the adult membership as an extended living room for activities such as reading, card and game playing, TV viewing, jigsaw puzzle assembling, and swapping books, videos, magazines and newspapers.

When the wall unit is in place, the furnishings and decorations will be added. Until then the Association would like to open the room during the summer months for bridge, cards or game playing a few evenings a week.

If anyone is interested please contact Ann Marie Lafayette at 536-0183.



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