

COMING UP!

Saturday July 9 Adult/Child Tennis 8 am
Tuesday July 12 Women's Tennis Doubles
8 am
Wednesday July 13 Women's Doubles Finals
9 am
Saturday July 16 Family Night "Under the
Big Top" Circus Theme 6 pm
Fireworks 9 pm
Saturday July 23 "Cruise to Nowhere"
7 - 10pm

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Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood!



Their first "Hello"! Sarah Coldwell, Kim Pytel, Eric Simpson and Katie Aberbach!



These are the faces of Groton Long Point. This is what it's all about folks!

What a weekend! More kids, families and guests on the Point than any Fourth before!

"Hello Summer" overflowed onto both porches with party-goers eager to see friends they hadn't seen all winter. And the new residents got a chance to get around and meet the Groton Long Point family.

The Scrambles was the perfect place to meet new players and practice up for the tournaments.

The road race pitted some familiar competitors against each other and the parade outdid itself with what seemed like thousands of kids on bicycles, the proud trucks of our fire department and a proliferation of colorful and funny floats which get better and more imaginative every year. A good start to the season. Let us continue!



"They also serve who stand and wait." The usual line to get into the women's tennis lessons. Worth the wait!



Sometimes it's frightening what adults will do because of parades. Kathy Mugio & guests get in the spirit of the 4th of July and the shore with their lobster heads!





September wedding bells will ring for Richard Grasso and Antigone Papageorgeou. Festivities are to take place in Antigone's hometown of Wellesley, MA, and then the happy couple will take up residence in New York City.... And not to be outdone in the wedding department, two of Weezy Pease's daughters walk down the aisle this year. Susan, who lives in san Francisco, married Michael Gadoua last October and Nancy gets married this coming August 13th to John Thomas in Hartford. The next day Weezy will host a reception for the couple at the Ram Island Yacht Club which will include the large, extended family from Groton Long Point.... News from the Melansons - daughter, Danielle and her husband, David Watson, have a new baby, Maisie Jillian, who was born on June 15th weighing in at 9 lbs, 2 oz. Maisie joins sister, Gwendolyn, who is two. Heather Melanson has become engaged to Tom Miller, who, the family says, is not from GLP, but none-the-less is a sailor. I

guess that means that he will be allowed into the family. Chris Melanson is enjoying his job at ESPN as a media consultant.... And speaking of engagements, Andrea Pulver has joined the ranks of those taken by becoming engaged to Tom Frickman who is a teacher in Ledyard. Tom is also a sailor. I guess that means the Melansons would take him in, too. But too late. Andrea and Tom are planning an August 2006 wedding in Rochester, NY, although their GLP friends were hoping for a local ceremony. Oh, well, Rochester is lovely in the summer.... Take a look at our newest advertiser, Billy Budd who has started a photography business. Billy will take pictures of your house, your family, your kids, your parties, your family reunions or anything else you can think of. And, he is good!

We have a new crew of GLP NEWS deliverers so please give them time to get used to their routes. They will not go out in thunder and lightning or near barking dogs. Please be nice to them! More anon!



Joan Millsom

Last week my dear friend, Joan Millsom, died after a very brief illness. But she was not only "my" dear friend. She had a long history here in Groton Long Point and she had more friends than she could count.

Originally from Willimantic, Joan had summered here with her sister, Kate, and continued to come here after she married and had children. Recently, she and her husband, Bill, had retired here from Philadelphia because she wanted to be near her three sons who had all settled in New England.

I first met Joan over 30 years ago when I was riding my bike one night and almost ran her over. I didn't see her at first and screeched to a stop about an inch away from her. At the time she was eight and a half months pregnant with her third child. We became friends then and there even though I stupidly asked her at the time, "Oh,

are you having a baby?" She didn't seem to care that it was a very stupid question.

I never in a million years thought I would ever be writing about Joan this way. I thought we had years of going to the movies, playing tennis, having glasses of wine on her porch, getting together with close friends we had shared for over 30 years, laughing hysterically about ridiculous situations that I had gotten myself into, staying up until all hours of the night because there was always one more funny story to tell, having parties because that was what our gang did and delighting in the growth of her sons and the birth of her granddaughters. I cannot come up with any other words to say how much I, no, all of her friends and family, will miss her.

You were a peach, Joan - one of a kind.

Luise Bethencourt - editor.

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- 1 medium onion
- 1 bulb fennel
- 3 stalks celery
- one-half cup chopped parsley
- 4 Tablespoons butter
- 3 Yukon Gold potatoes
- 2 vegetable or chicken bouillon cubes
- 2 cups water
- 4-5 bay leaves
- 1 quart half & half (or water)
- 1 teaspoon salt, then to taste
- One-half teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- One and one-half pound fresh white fish – Cod, Cusk, Tilefish, Haddock, Halibut, Bass (buy the freshest fish available)
- Oyster crackers

This type of fish chowder is made with mild or light tasting non-oily fish. The flavor comes from the mingling flavors of fish and vegetables and gains rich-

ness from the addition of cream. You can prepare this soup without cream and you'll have a delicious light broth style soup. Serve with warm buttered pilot crackers.

Cut onion, fennel bulb, and celery in a one-fourth inch dice. Cut potatoes in a one inch dice. Heat a soup pot over medium heat, melt butter, lower heat slightly, add onions and sauté 4-5 minutes until translucent. Add fennel, celery, parsley and sauté another 5 minutes, add potatoes, bouillon, water and salt, raise heat to medium, bring to a simmer and cook 20 minutes. You can leave the chowder at this stage until you are ready to eat. Cool to room temperature and refrigerate for up to 3 days, or freeze up to one month.

When you are ready to eat, cut fish in large bite size chunks, about 2 inches square. Heat soup base to a simmer, add half-and-half and return to just below a simmer. Taste and adjust seasoning, add fish, turn heat off, cover pot and let sit undisturbed (DO NOT STIR) for 20 minutes. If you stir the chowder the fish will flake into small pieces.

Test to see that fish is cooked through. I've never found the fish to be uncooked after 20 minutes. Ladle chowder into heated bowls, grind some fresh black pepper and strew a few oyster crackers on top. Enjoy!

45 HAPPY YEARS!



The Burbanks! Invasion # 1!

On June 25 Anni & Don Burbank celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary with a full house. There was much laughter, joy and sand in the house as their four children and 8 of their 9 grand children gathered for the occasion.

Kristin Burbank Vegeto, of Westford, MA attended with her three boys, Michael, Daniel, and Erik. (Kristin's husband, Peter, was on a business trip to China.)

Peter Burbank gave Anni & Don a real surprise by traveling from London, England to join the family for the weekend. John Burbank, his wife Kris,

and their children, Henry, Andrew, and Ellen made the trip from Stamford, CT.

And Erik flew in from Park City, Utah with his two sons, Sam and Noah. Erik's wife, Linda and his daughter Sarah were unable to attend.

Anni reports that the house is cleaned and ready for the next family invasion.

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"FROM THE
ARCHIVES"**



**TWO
HISTORIES**

We are fortunate to have two excellent histories of Groton Long Point. One was written by Gardner Colson and Evelyn Sharples for our 50th anniversary, 1971, Then, for our 75th anniversary in 1996, Lucie Crosby produced another history. Of course, many people contributed their memories or did research for these histories.

Recently, however, as I looked through our growing collection of former Social Directories, I discovered the first history of GLP dates from 1949, and was put together by Jane Battles and Jean Hanna, editors of our annual directories. Portions of that history appear below.

"Groton Long Point History

This lovely restricted residential community of 500 cottages with an assessed value of over two million dollars, is superbly endowed by nature with fine, safe beaches, a sheltered harbor, cool bracing breezes and great scenic beauty.

For many years Groton

Long Point was a farm, and its owner lived in what is now The Farm House. There was another building on the Point, this is now the home on East Shore Drive of Wallace E. Campbell.

The Point was originally laid out in large lots and later the Groton Long Point Land Company purchased the property and subdivided the large lots. The present road system was started and a water system that piped water from five wells on the Point. The Casino that was wrecked by the 1938 hurricane and replaced by the current structure in 1939, was built to provide a location for a general store and a club. two tennis courts, one on East Shore Circle and the other on the side of the Fire House, were provided. Barnes Bakery was located at the southeast corner of Sound Breeze Avenue and Beach Rd.. The Post Office occupied what is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark.

The Groton Long Point club was organized by the residents to maintain the tennis courts and street lights and also to hold dances on Saturday nights. During WW1, the club organized a very active Red Cross Chapter. Fourth of July was always celebrated by a picnic at the Casino. Bill Wheeler was the ice man and the delivery man for many years.

Nathan Belcher and a few other early residents in 1916 appeared before the Connecticut Legislature and the Groton Long Point Association was incorporated as a borough of the town of Groton. This organization took over the oper-

ation of the lights, roads and police department and also levied taxes.

In 1930 the Public Utilities Commission was petitioned to authorize an improved water system and in 1932 with the proceeds of a \$100,000 bond issue, the land and the water system of the Groton Long Point Land Company were purchased.

The name of the Club was changed in 1934 to the Groton Long Point Yacht Club, and in 1940 was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation. The Groton Long Point Fire Department was formed in 1951 and at the same time the Fire House was built and the present pumper purchased.

Over the years the lagoon, or Venetian Harbor was dredged several times and the entrance jetties changed to provide easier entrance. Last fall the inner lagoon was also dredged. The new seawall at South Beach and the partly completely at Main Beach are improvements that prevent the possible loss of precious lives and protect the huge investment at the Point. The Association provides the facilities and protection for healthy, enjoyable living and the Yacht Club handles the religious, social and athletic activities.

Note: This was the first history of GLP compiled in 1949 by your editors with the assistance of Mr. Pond."



Yanks and Sox tried co-existing on the same float in the spirit of friendly rivalry. It was more like World War III.

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"Corks" Rosol's FROM THE VINE



Recent wines that I have enjoyed

Looks like summer has finally arrived and the most pressing issue is, "What kind of wines do we drink to refresh us after our demanding schedules of tennis, golf, boating, fishing, sunbathing, sailing, mahjong, poker, pitch, walking, jogging, skateboarding, or maybe even going to work?"

Well, I can recommend some reasonably priced wines that I have recently had for breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner. Having a strong preference for reds, I have enjoyed a Ravenswood Zinfandel from the Lodi district of California, which is fun with barbecued meats or even with a linguine with clam sauce. I've also had a Spanish Osborn Cabernet Sauvignon that the Congdons gave me that was dry, well balanced and fruity. I haven't really gotten into the Spanish wines up to this point, but I liked this one so much that I am anxious to try some others. William Hill has a wonderful Cabernet Sauvignon that I highly recommend, with their Reserve excelling at a premium price that some of you may wish to spring for. John Lalima shared a Cameron Pinot Noir with me that was outstanding.

Hess Collection Cabernet Sauvignon is another fine red that will go well with most delicacies on the table or just by itself. For those who prefer whites, I recommend Chateau St. Jean Chardonnay very highly. It is reasonably priced at under \$100, more like \$10-\$12, and is one of Jeanne's favorites. Toasted Head has a nice Chardonnay that is priced under \$15, and Dunneswood Chardonnay is one of Roger Chericoni's favorite Chardonnays, and he is the largest consumer (volume, not body size) of white wine on the Point that I know, so I have to defer to him on that one. A very enjoyable white Sauvignon Blanc to have with lunch or just for early afternoon pleasure is Giesen, from New Zealand. It is easy to drink, refreshing, and reasonably priced. Make sure you chill the white wines before drinking, and keep them chilled, at least for the first 5 or 6 bottles that you drink. Enjoy the summer, and I look forward to sharing more intelligentsia with you in future columns.

To your health,
"Corks" Rosol

LOOK FOR:

FAMILY NIGHT

Once again the Yacht Club has planned a great party for "Family Night." Working with a circus theme, "Under the Big Top" the night has been set up to please adults and children alike. Festivities start at 6 pm and please do not expect to enter the games and dinner area in back of the casino under the tent until 6 pm.

We start off with games and face-painting available for all those young at heart. The popular wall climbing is back again by popular demand and the inflatable amusements will be set up so that we can all bounce around until we feel a little sick. There will be a clown and lots of face painters available.

Dinner will be served including hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs along with chicken breast and "Midway" cold salads, three bean and potato. We top off with strawberry shortcake for dessert.

There will be a DJ for your dancing and listening pleasure.

The fireworks starts at 9 pm and this year the donations rolled in making a longer show possible.

Tickets will be on sale at the YC up until party time.

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The "SeaPony", usually docked at the Waterfront Park in downtown New London is captained by Claus Wolter who has spent the better part of the last 25 years on the water here in Southeast Connecticut. The "SeaPony" is Coast Guard inspected and the Captain and crew are all subject to Coast Guard regulations. So it will be a safe, beautiful, relaxing cruise that will show you GLP from a different angle.

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And so we begin! Scrambles courts filled up with players ready for the season to begin. Kents & Sullivnas among the scramblers.

Tennis is on its way! The Scrambles started off the season last Sunday with those players eager to get the season started.

From nine o'clock until noon the players lined up, paired up and switched around with partners in what is a completely stress-free environment for tennis that is fun.

Not much strategy but lots of laughs, a few refreshments under the tent which comes in handy in the broiling sun. And while there were some attempted victory leaps over the net thankfully, no broken bones. And now the tournaments!

The Women's Draw (results next issue because we go to press on Mondays and even later last week because of the holiday) was a little preview of what's in store for the Women's Doubles. It's a little like the tune-up for Wimbledon.

Last July's Women's Doubles champion, Nancy Budd, said that she is ready for the Doubles action next week as is her usual partner, Patty Kent. Nancy may be a threat in August, too, as she is thinking about staying for the whole summer. But Sally Huss, Linda Johnsen and a few others may put a crimp in Nancy's plans.

FACES OF THE FOURTH



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Roses are a subject of fascination for most gardeners. Whether it be due to their flowers, scents, or sheer number of varieties, most of us who love gardens, try a few at some point.

If you grow roses for any length of time, we all learn that even those with higher disease resistance, can have problems. Those that have appropriate hardiness for our area can die and some that are supposed to be wonderful bloomers, refuse to bloom.

Once bought, the care given when planted and after care become additional factors in how well your roses will grow. First, pick a place with five to six hours of sunlight, great drainage, and good air flow, yet at the same time somewhat sheltered from the direct onslaught of strong winter winds and exposure to salt spray. Dig a hole twice the width of the root ball, and add lots of well composted cow manure to the hole and the soil you will be backfilling with. Do not make the hole any deeper than the root ball or where the plant from the container meets the soil. The point where the roots meet the plant stem should be just below the sur-

face, not deeply buried. If you do bury too deeply, you can smother the plant, or at the least, it won't bloom and even though the plant continues to produce leaves it may be more prone to diseases due to the constant stress it is under. Plants can be lifted and repositioned, or the soil can be pulled back, to give them renewed vigor. Providing you are dealing with repeat bloomers, you can give them a push to bloom with a bud and bloom fertilizer, one with a high middle number on the container. Used as directed, blooms should be had this summer.

Even the best growers and hardy plants can be challenged by the kind of conditions we have had for the last two winters. If your plant doesn't die, it may die back to below the level of the graft, or where the two plants were joined. You will get growth from this point, but it won't be the plant you expect. You will now have the original red rose. If this occurs, there is no way to get back the rose you bought. My advice is dig it out and get a new plant of your choice, as that used as a stock plant really is nothing more than that, and no real beauty worth fostering.

Remember, if you want a real shore rose, there is the Rugosa Rose and it's offspring; always identified by the abundance of really nasty thorns on every aspect of their

stems. For displays, this area does best with ever blooming or repeat blooming Floribundas or repeat blooming climbing roses. Plus, look for those bred to be highly disease resistant.

A Little Fleet History
by Suzy Fisher

I do have news of an historical nature for the fleet!


We have had this piece of furniture since we lived in Essex 24 years ago. The secretary came from my husband, Jay's, grandparents home in Farmington. Jay's grandmother, Johnny Fisher, had died many years before. His grandfather, William W. Fisher, Sr. was marrying a wonderful woman, Lou Moses. Furniture was being dispersed among family members in anticipation of joining two households. We chose the walnut secretary. Over the last 24 years, this secretary has gone through three major moves and several "spring cleanings" and reorganizing of its contents. How this letter could have gone unnoticed for 24 years is beyond me. But there it was one day, in plain sight.

It was a letter from my father, George Olmstead (the owner of Swallow), written in 1944, to Jay's grandmother, Johnny Fisher (Mrs. William W. Fisher, Sr.), responding to her request for advice about buying an A boat! Priceless! And to think that the OLMSTEADS

were involved in the A fleet before the FISHERS, never mind being in a position to give advice!


In referring to the history of when and where the boats were built (1922 by Nevins Boatyard in Brooklyn, NY) my father states, "There is no reason why they should not be in service for another 20 years - with good care." My dad also gave specific details about how much to pay for insurance, yard fees (\$50 for hauling, storage and painting!) etc., and what equipment Johnny would need on board, "good anchor, oar, pump, life preservers, mooring line."

The last piece of advice my dad gives is, "You also have to have a picture of the boat - and talk about it."



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and the Kittiwake is in and floating and sailing with major, major repairs having been accomplished in about a month.

As Lord C. Northcote Parkinson said, among other things, in his classic book, "Work Expands To Fill The Time For Its Completion." The Fishers proved the reverse; which proves the law.

Opener with seven boats; Following Barbara Young's Early Rondesvous; A Tradition for the Class As

Only two sloops showed at the Tune Up Race, Petrel and Skimmer, and the breeze being elsewhere, they never closed, and so much for the Tune Up Race. The After-The -Race party hosted, seemingly forever, by Barbara Young was far better attended. And the winter-long dormant adrenaline started to pump; especially as the septe and almost octo-generian sailors returned to the "old stories" and the hearts of the "young'uns ", (as differentiated from the hostess), beat ever faster, Result: Seven serious

boats on the line last Saturday, a few with a last minute Max Sennett Fire Drills to get there...and the games began. For the 83rd consecutive year.

Interestingly, none of the sailors today are as old as the boats they sail. (Unless someone may be fibbing. But your reporter assures you otherwise. And who would ever fib that anyway?)

A strongly up and down northwesterly greeted the fleet as the Frank Murphy Race Committee set a standing buoy at the lagoon entrance, the starting line off Weston's Point, and the leeward mark being our old friend, Intrepid. Flood tide. Woody's Sandpiper led

throughout, but persistently pushed by Washburs's Kite. And that was the order of the money bets... Sandpiper, Kite and Petrel, followed closely by Murphy's Swallow in fourth place, Watson's Duck close abaft and Fisher's Kittiwake the last finisher; the elder Murphy's Skimmer having departed the fray when two of its best peices of string failed at the outhaul. (Be careful of cheap string made in China. Promises Promises!)


But, truly, the rest of the story is the presence of Fisher's Kittiwake on the line. The family, Jay, wife Susie and sons Chris and Tim set about to repair the Pelican, recently of Jim Egan's parentage, beause the Kittiwake required a full two years to repair. As time passed, it became clear that their Kittiwake was "closer to the water" . A three week reversal



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