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Bill, Sue, Rose, and Ruthie, among others, attempt to spell “Telltale” in game at HSA banquet

Special Moment in Awards Involves Deception

It was only fitting that it should happen one day. And HSA picked a good time.

HSA Rear Commodore Laura (Peters) Beebe (at left below) was told earlier this year that she wouldn't have to worry about getting the Frank Peters Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy engraved. It wouldn't be awarded this year.

It was a bit of a fib. The trophy, named after her grandfather and one of HSA's founding fathers, was indeed going to be awarded – to Laura herself.

It was the first time Laura had received the award, although her dad Pete, shown below holding the newest trophy, had won it three times himself since it was first awarded in 1972.

The emotion was obvious. (More on awards on page 2)

HSA Annual Awards Banquet Reveals Skills On and Off Lake

It was an evening of wine, dinner, and good humor as HSA celebrated the close of its 57th year on November 3. Among the 50 in attendance were members who joined when the club was formed in 1956 and members who joined just this past summer.

After all the socializing, eating, games, and awards were over and the celebration dust settled, Year 57 was in the books and members were already talking about next spring.

Among those in attendance were three club originals – the Callahans, Jerry and JoAnn, and Pete Peters (a mere boy at the time) – and four of the HSA's women's sailing group – Jenny Deaton, Barb Jenkins, Pat Roser, and Barb Jacobs with her husband Mark. Also in attendance were eight young people from the junior program who not only got their share of awards but also got to ditch some of the program for a Wii video game setup.

(More about the banquet on page 3)



HSA Throws a Party!



Among the many winners at the annual banquet was the dinner itself. More than “winner, winner, chicken dinner”. HSA played host at the Barn n Bunk with a little something for everyone.

After dinner, guests were divided into two groups for a match race of sorts in a game called “Sail Spell”. Using letters on cards, participants were given words like “mainsheet” and “bowsprit” to spell. Once the word was announced, it was a race (what else) to see which team could line up and spell the word correctly. Winning team members received a sailboat cookie cutter as their prize! Now that’s big time.

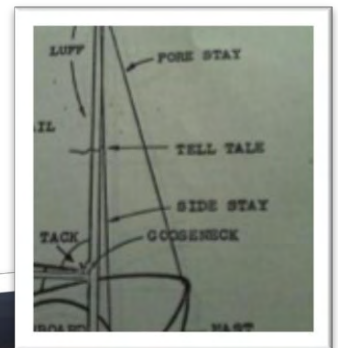


The only glitches were a few missing letters that George Schultz and Don Fecher gleefully pointed out, and a protest about the spelling of “telltale”. Research confirmed later that “Telltale” was indeed the correct spelling, although “telltail” is a less preferred alternative. (Protest denied ☺) The research by Gwen Marshall also turned up the term “Sail ticklers”.

In pictures above, Brianna Brewster shows off her alphabet while Jim Mossman holds his letter up for approval. That’s Jim’s wife Sue giving moral support. At right, the tale gets told.

Few in attendance could remember a finer time at the Barn n Bunk. The past few banquets have been enhanced by wine merchant and HSA Commodore Charlie DeArmon with his wine tasting event. Always a favorite. Charlie never gets weary talking about wine. We never get tired of tasting.

At right, teammates (from left) Brendan, Joe, Kevin, Don, Jerry, and Laura attempt to convince judges they have spelled “mainsheet” correctly and before the other team did.





Awards Aplenty Across Acton Association

In addition to Laura Beebe's accolade as the Frank Peters Memorial winner, there were other recipients for HSA's special awards.

Less traditional but nonetheless startling in their beauty and complexity were the three awards for HSA's special events. In June, the team of Don Fecher, Pete Peters, and Sydney Brooks won the Interfleet Championship, aka Noodle Races, even though Sydney apparently abandoned the race for some beach time. Their Trophy consisted of three boats on a plaque, each boat representing one of the three active fleets on Acton Lake.

The second event was Beach Day which had co-champions this year in veterans Roger

Henthorn and Bobbie Bode and the young guns team of Kayla Draper and Cosette Gunter (pictured in middle above). The tiebreaker (whose the cutest team) went to Kayla and Cosette who were presented with dashboard hula figures on green, grassy plaques.

Junior Megan DeArmon, picture at right above, won the Richard Saunders Memorial Trophy for junior sailing. Megan won not only for her success and development as a racer, but also for her commitment and enthusiasm for participation.

At left above is Jerry Brewster, posing with the Larry L. Johnson Challenger Award for his contributions to HSA this past season. Jerry, HSA's ambassador of good will, smiled.



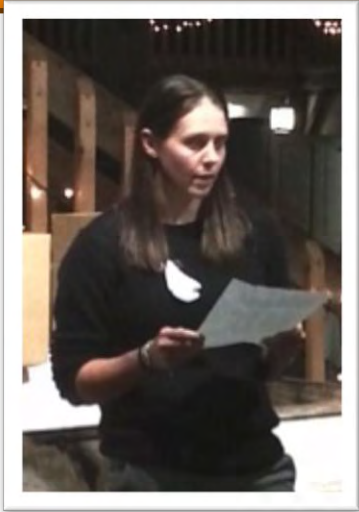
Pete Peters receiving the Bob Darlin Sportsmanship Award for 2013

In the picture at left, Pete Peters is presented the Bob Darlin Sportsmanship Award for distinguished service and sportsmanship. Pete not only displays the classical competitive spirit, he also was instrumental in securing the approval, drawing up plans, and supervising construction of the HSA storage shed over last winter and spring. Pete's contributions to the club, according to his nomination letter, written by Rose Schultz, was nothing short of impressive and phenomenal.

More Special Awards!

Kevin DeArmon Top Junior!

Few juniors in the past years have come on the scene and done so well so soon. Kevin DeArmon, son of Commodore Charlie DeArmon, was a repeat winner of the HSA Junior Championship for his performance this past season. Kevin not only dominates juniors



U.S. Sailing Award to Yours Truly

Last year's U.S. Sailing Award, one given for promoting sailing on Acton Lake, went to Yours Truly. I am truly honored that HSA's Executive Committee has again given me this award. It is one award that I covet and hope that everyone in our association strives for. Thanks.

At left, Laura Beebe, who is in charge of trophies, talks sailing.

OktoberFast Goes to ... Wait...

Taking a page from actress Renee Zellweger who famously was in the bathroom when Hugh Grant announced she had won a Golden Globe Award, Bill Molleran was noticeably absent for his trophy for first place at the OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta. He came out of the bathroom to cheers and this photo opp.



Wine Curator in Chief

Commodore DeArmon, shown here, came with a special selection of wine just for sailors from the Dry Creek Vineyards. His selection from the vineyard, which claims to "combine a love for wine with a passion for sailing," proved that not just any grog will do.

“And Now, the Envelope Please”

HSA’s Racing Awards Presented

Sunfish

Each year, HSA presents awards for those who participate in the racing program. Nearly half of those who raced in either the Spring or Fall Series or the three Holiday Series received a racing award.

Winning the award for the fleet with the most participation again was the Sunfish fleet which saw over 21 sailors suit up for competition in one or more Sunfish event. Of course, the Sunfish fleet has the advantage of drawing more participants due to Sunfish only events and junior participation, but they gladly accept the title.

In Sunfish racing, the ladies dominated the trophy hunt with Rose Schultz and Laura Beebe getting their names on four trophies each. Rose won the Fall Series and the Fourth of July Series while Laura took first in the Spring Series and first in the Labor Day Series.

The gold was spread around, however, as the men ate up the leftovers. Pete Peters took first in the Memorial Day racing and Yours Truly took first in the season long Singlehanded Series.

Also taking home hardware were Megan DeArmon for her finish with the senior group on Labor Day and Bill Molleran who grabbed 3rd place in the Singlehanded Series on the last day by one point. Bill also won OktoberFast in Sunfish and is the first recipient of the OktoberFast traveling trophy. Bill also had the lowest overall average Sunfish finish in that series, besting Laura Beebe narrowly.

Catamarans

Mighty Joe Buchert, who sails the regatta circuit with wife Kelly, managed to stay home enough to take first in the Fall Series and the Memorial Day Series. Joe and Kelly spend a number of weekends racing in Michigan as part of the Michigan Catamaran clan.

Don Fecher took two firsts – one on the Fourth of July Series and one in the Spring Series in a close competition with the Bucherts. Don, who is also Harbormaster, sailed a Hobie 17 and competed against the incredible flying machine that Joe and Kelly race with equally incredible skill.

Also taking a first was Dave Munday who, in a Hobie 16, managed that feat in the Labor Day Series. Dave and son Victor became frequent participants this past season as Victor moved beyond sailing camp and into the competitive junior Sunfish competition.

Charlie Buchert, though hobbled by a bad back that required surgery, was able to sail earlier in the year and took a second in the Fourth of July. It was good to see Charlie back on his feet and looking healthy. He says he is ready to go next Spring.

The Cat fleet has been affected by injuries this year with Darryl Marshall sidelined and with Charlie’s troubles. Hobie guy Ryan Servizzi is coming on strong, though, and veteran Mike Wier is a capable and winning skipper. Look for great competition there next season with everyone back and with the Huddlestons joining in. And maybe a Yours Truly.

Y-Flyers

With most of the Y fleet out this year for one reason or another, it was left to Roger Henthorn and Charlie DeArmon to carry the banner, which they did admirably. Roger and crew Bobbie ran away with five series victories and the title of Trophy Sweepers with firsts in the Spring, Fall, and all three holiday series. Quite a broom.

Henthorn even underwent hip surgery in May in an attempt to slow himself down. It didn't work.

Yet, the future looks good for Y-Flyers. Charlie managed to take a race or two from Roger and seems to be ready to end his long apprenticeship/learning curve by moving up on The Roger and winning where wins haven't come easily. It was the first season in recent memory that The Roger lost more than one race in a Y-Flyer in the same year. Target on the back thing.

The fleet is eagerly anticipating the 2014 season where they hope to see the return of Jim Mossman and Scott Johnson, both capable Y racers, and surprising Learn to Sail alum Jim Paul, who proved that he can get it moving pretty well even singlehanded.

The fleet may also see the entry of two "new" mystery dark horse skippers who have Y's in their hands and know

how to use them.

Look for

competition in this fleet to heat up

