

# RHYC

## anchor watch



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### Cruise Report

The 2003 Memorial Day Wagon Wheel at Blakely

Harbor set a new record for RHYC with 33 boats and 76 members and guests.

This event started out Thursday evening setting up the wheel, with special thanks to anchor boats, Andy McDonnell, Dave Oglevie, Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Dan and Raye Lohse and Gary & Lenore Timm & Jim & Cheryl Matheson.

Our thanks to all the cruise team members who's fine work made this a great Wagon Wheel event. Don & Carolyn Whatmore with their guests Steve and Jill Jepson, pitched in at the last minute to serve a wonderful hot breakfast of 50 pounds of smoked ham, 240 eggs, sweet rolls, juice and coffee from their beautiful yacht *Emerald 1*.

We all missed Jim & Jo Anne Martenson who could not attend due to Jim's illness and are happy to report that Jim is home and doing better.

Nat and Linda Collier and crew outdid themselves with a delicious salmon dinner for nearly 80 people, served from *Reflections*. Gary & Lenore Timm, whipped up 10 gallons of delicious salad and dressing. Marty & Joy Neilson cheerfully met arriving members and guests to pass out the registration packets and sell raffle tickets for more than 20 gift certificates and prizes. Marty also brought two large beach balls for fun inside the wheel. Dan & Raye Lohse helped prepare salmon dinners and Dan worked tirelessly helping boats



set anchor and adjust lines to make a perfect wheel. Andy and Mary Ann McDonnell helped prepare dinner and provided major tug boating to get boats into position to set anchor and for leading the dinghy parade. Bill & Laura Severson developed ingenious games including Blind Dinghy race with a twist, Nautical Naughts, GPS Clue hunt, and the Styrofoam ball throw which demonstrated the ability of RHYC members to improvise with ingenious modifications to the balls to win a seemingly impossible game. Doug & Gail Stewart fearlessly handled logistics, command, control and communication of the aerial photo shoot.

Thursday ended at sunset with the new full blown music ensemble for colors including Bridge over the River Kwai, God Save the Queen,

The national Anthem and Lee Greenwood's rendition of God Bless the USA.

Friday was a busy day with more boats arriving. The evening festivities began with Andy McDonnell leading a dinghy parade just before the second rendition of colors. By noon Saturday we had 33 boats in place.

"Let the games begin!"

Games at a Wagon Wheel are fun for both participants and spectators, with stadium seating.

Saturday morning began with a nautical terms true/false quiz. Do you know what time it is with "sun over the yardarm"? Ken Hammerquist won this quiz. The games started at noon with the blind dinghy race with one team going half way to Seattle before getting turned

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around. The race was won quickly by Thom Permenter rowing backwards.

A little before 1 PM black clouds began to gather, the wind picked up and rain poured down while the RHYC Dinghy captains began collecting their location cards to assemble for the awesome task of Dingy Scrabble. Jim Matheson desperately cheered and encouraged the determined and seemingly hopeless 30 (that's right 30) dinghy scrabble teams to continue to form the perfect RHYC letters for the soon to arrive helicopter Photo Commando, Doug Stewart.

After 40 minutes of laughing and chaos, the letters began to take shape, but as luck would have it, a call came from Deputy Commando, Gail Stewart at Boeing Field with news the helicopter Commando was grounded, waiting for the rain squall to pass.

To keep the dinghy teams challenged while waiting for the weather to clear we switched into a panic mode with a "best formation" contest between the dinghy letters RHY and C. Each letter team took on the challenge and with pride and much laughter worked together to get their letters perfect for the aerial photo. Meanwhile, Matheson continued to wonder to himself what he had undertaken.

Then suddenly the R 22 Robinson Helicopter appeared over the horizon with Commando Stewart literally hanging out of this tiny flying bubble, rapidly shooting what was to become a fantastic series of photos of this colossal event. His sudden arrival was met with tumultuous cheering and waving from the dinghy formation. As the helicopter circled lower and lower around the wheel the smiles and cheers got bigger and louder. This photo will truly be cherished as keep sake for many years by the RHYC dinghy scrabble team.

Saturday night we enjoyed a

wonderful Salmon dinner served from *Reflections* and the second rendition of colors was celebrated at sunset. It is interesting to note that not only the RHYC Wagon Wheel was at attention for colors, but every person on the boats anchored in Blakely harbor was standing at attention. Colors are truly becoming a respected and admired trade mark of the RHYC Wagon Wheel events. Thanks to Bruce Ford, Dan Land and Dave Oglevie for their great job in lowering the British and American flags for Colors.

We are pleased to announce that on Sunday morning Jim Cannon clinched the highest number of awards that the RHYC can bestow. He is the first member to receive all three club awards... Golden Shovel, Screw up and now at this cruise the Rubber Duck Award. This takes a lot of pressure off of Doug Stewart, Bill Severson and Lee Mattox since they all have 2 out of the three.

Sunday morning we all enjoyed the delicious smoked ham and egg breakfast served from *Emerald 1*. After breakfast while some of the ladies went shopping, the guys participated in a GPS hunt called "Mystery of Blakely Harbor". Clues were hidden around the harbor, the object was to locate the clues using your GPS, race back and assemble the clues and find the answer. The solution was the word DISCOVERY, the name of Captain Vancouver's ship. This was a very heated race, so there were several winners including Nat Collier, Lee Mattox, Ken Hammerquist, Doug Stewart, and Tim Lewis.

The final game of the day was the "Dinghy Ball Toss". Sounds simple, throw 3 Styrofoam balls from your boat into a dinghy anchored in the center of the Wagon Wheel. Well, the problem is the balls are too light and won't make it all the way. Dave Oglevie solved the problem by sticking pennies into the ball to add weight. Tim Lewis tried his best with

the water balloon sling shot, but close does not count. The Ball Toss was won by David Oglevie.

Sunday evening we were all invited by Tim and Mary Lewis to their beautiful Yacht *Star Search* for the best Margaritas and sumptuous hors d'oeuvres on the planet. We believe Tim set a new record for souls on board. Many thanks to the Lewis' for this wonderful treat.

We were pleased to welcome the following new members on this cruise: Gene and Martha Paxton, Jerry & Julie Podgorsky, Greg & Barbara Swain, Karl & Gemma Tussy, Heidi Hendrickson, and we received new applications at this cruise from Bruce Ford and Jim Solinski.

We also welcomed the following guests: Steve and Jill Jepson, Deborah and her son Kalen and Dan Land.

Members participating in this cruise were: Jim & Peggy Cannon, Nat & Linda Collier, Bruce Ford, Walter & Janine Friesen, Dennis & Cathy Graham, Jim & Karin Gregg, Ken & Julie Hammerquist, Skip & Sandy Hanson, Ron & Candy Johnson, Ed & Shirl Klein, Dan Land, Tim & Mary Lewis, Dan & Raye Lohse, Jim & Cheryl Matheson, Lee & Debra Mattox with, Brooke Mattox and her fiancé Lamon, Andy & Mary Ann McDonnell, Marty & Joy Neilson, Dave Oglevie, Don & Celia Paxton, Gene & Martha Paxton, Thom Permenter & Dione Murray, Jerry & Julie Podgorsky, Ron Ruchek, Bill & Laura Severson, Jim Solinsky, Art & Noreen Stepen, Doug & Gail Stewart, Nick & Marilyn Suhadolnik, Greg, Barbara & Tanner Swain, Gary & Lenore Timm, Chuck & Michaele Turbak, Karl & Gemma Tussy, Duane & Susan Waltos, Don & Carolyn Whatmore.

The next Wagon Wheel will be on Labor Day at Gig Harbor. Stay tuned for details. Thanks for all your support for this cruise. Respectfully submitted by Jim & Cheryl Matheson

## Commodore Report

We are now well into the '03 boating season and it appears the majority of us are getting out and enjoying it. You're missing out, if you're not making a point to join in.

Deb and I participated in Opening Day festivities at SYC. *C-Eagle* (P/C Pete & Pat Clarke) graciously provided us with a home base and overnight refuge for this unbelievable weekend. For the boat parade, we were hosted by Captain Duane Waltos and first mate Susan of *Treasure*. From their stern we witnessed a wonderful parade, and the highlight was our RHYC entry yacht, *Reflections*, captained by Nat Collier and first mate Linda. Aboard were our 2003 Bridge members and several Past Commodores with their first mates. You humbled me by your presence and "creative" salute. My thanks to all, who contributed their time and expertise to make it a very special day.

Just when you think you've had enough fun, up pops another RHYC wagon wheel. Three hip hip hoorays to Jim & Cheryl Matheson and their cruise captain team for another wonderful weekend. In my opinion, these 'wheel' activities just keep getting bigger and better.

A few announcements:

1. NBC has accepted RHYC's application. There are approx. 28 clubs involved with Northwestern Boating Council of Washington and in looking over their list, I've asked our Rear Commodore, Bill Severson to send letters to Fox Island Yacht Club, Gig Harbor Yacht Club and Quartermaster Yacht Club to invite them to join into a reciprocal agreement with RHYC. Hopefully, with our new connection with NBC, we can continue to improve on not only our reciprocal program but also meet and make new friends which share the same interests as we do. If you are interested in additional cruise

outings hosted by NBC, please contact me and I will fill you in on the details.

2. The Club has been put on the waiting list for "additional" space at Roche Harbor Resort Marina and continues researching additional options.

Your Board continues to welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact anyone of us.

Lee Mattox



## Vice Commodore Report

One thing about being Vice Commodore is that membership is often in the forefront of one's mind. Few things are more important to RHYC than making sure that we maintain our membership.

I'm pleased to report that, thanks to many of you, we are well on our way to setting a new recruiting record. We're not there yet and we need to continue the effort to meet our goal which is to end the year with 150 active members. If we achieve this objective we can consider ways to increase the value we offer to our members.

Later this month I will send each of you a Club information pamphlet and an application form. All I ask is that you take the time to talk to a fellow boater about RHYC, give them the pamphlet and application form, and ask them to consider joining. It's that simple, and if it works as well as it did two years ago we'll not only have a very successful year but we will also be well positioned for 2004.

Thank you to the following members who sponsored one or more new applicants during the month, Jim Matheson, Dan Lohse, Don Whatmore, Dave Ellard and B.J. Molé.

Doug Stewart



## Rear Commodore Report

Thanks for your response to my column last month. Everyone said that having reservations at the Roche Harbor outstation was a bad idea, so no reservations. I am anxious to spend some time up there and I hope we have a great turnout for the Colors Cruise. Laura will be making her world famous shrimp gumbo.

Reading the Commodore's column you will see that RHYC now belongs to the Northwest Boating Council of Washington and there are several yacht clubs in that organization that will be good candidates for Reciprocal, so I will keep you posted on my efforts to sign them up.

Bill Severson  
Rear Commodore



## Secretary's Report

Linda and I want to thank all of you for your good wishes in our recent marriage. Our trip to New Zealand was a wonderful honeymoon. We had a great time and the Kiwis made us feel very welcome. We would be glad to tell you all about it. As much fun as we have in our travels it's always good to be back home.

Thanks again to all who attended the opening day festivities. Thanks especially to the Colliers for providing *Reflections* which helped in making all the attending Bridge look so good. From what I have heard, our wave salute looked really cool.

We are sorry we missed the Memorial Day wagon wheel. It sounds like it was the best wheel ever. Thanks for all your color photos it looked like a fun time. We are looking forward to the next wagon wheel on Labor Day weekend. See you soon.

Dave Leonard  
Secretary



## Fleet Captain Report

What a terrific Memorial Day weekend. Thirty-two of your fellow Club members all rafted together in Blakely Harbor for some serious fun. My thanks to Jim and Cheryl Mathe-son and crew who did a wonderful job of keeping us all entertained for 3 full days.

Nat and Linda Collier put together a wonderful "Costco River" salmon feed! *Reflections* was all a-buzz with the comings and going of members. I know they recruited their own helpers and thanks to all of you that were willing to help them. Breakfast Sunday morning was a terrific scrambled egg and ham feast that was prepared for all of us by the Crew of Emerald 1. Don and Carolyn Whatmore were very gracious to step up to the challenge of breakfast for 70 people. Jim and JoAnne Martenson were to provide breakfast aboard Summer Wind however, Jim became seriously ill and was hospitalized. (We're glad to hear you're home and feeling better.)

Bill Severson did one heck of a job on the games. Nothing was easy! We had to find clues at various places and the clues were flags. Only Bill could spell Discovery in flag alphabet. It wasn't easy, but it was a lot of fun. Tim and Mary Lewis had everyone on board Star Search for hors d'oeuvre and margaritas. Their boat had the largest dinghy jam I've ever seen. Thanks guys, it was a great party.

For all of us the highlight had to be when Doug Stewart came flying over in a helicopter to photograph the wagon wheel. Thirty dinghies were in the middle of the wheel making up the letters "RHYC". Jim directed us all into place. The "R" was perfect. "H" had a problem with not being able to stay straight. "Y" was always running into "C" and "C" was pushed up against the boats. However, when that helicopter flew

over we all went crazy. We were cheering, waving, hooting. Oh yes, we were the proudest letters in the alphabet!.

Our color ceremony each night was a beautiful sight to see and to hear. All the boats in the harbor were watching and impressed by our yacht club. Each night we end-ed with every boat within hearing distance singing "Proud to Be An American."

Next Wagon Wheel won't be until Labor Day and I can hardly wait. Thanks to everyone who help make this Memorial Day outing such a big success.

Next month we'll be getting together on the Fourth of July at Port Orchard Marina. This is strictly first come first served. It is a busy place on the Fourth. We have the party barge reserved from 5 pm on the 4th until whenever. We will be in good position for the fireworks. We will be having an old fashioned 4th of July barbecue with hot dogs and all the trimmings. At this time we are unsure what we will be doing, but come expecting to have fun. There is a Fathom of Fun Carnival on the water front for the kids. I'm sorry to say we haven't even gotten together with the rest of our group to finalize any plans. We will promise you a fun time. Just come and be surprised.

Even though we cannot make boat reservations please call or E-mail to let me know you plan to come. We need a head count for the food.

Don Paxton  
Fleet Captain



## Past Commodore

Good News! At least for those of us planning to visit Canada this year. In last month's newsletter we announced that the US Customs PIN program had been suspended. It has now been reinstated and, based on the latest information, should be working near normal by the time

you read this.

Not So Good News: The Parks Dept. has plowed ahead with its proposed changes in fees and rules which, slightly changed from what was reported in last month's newsletter, now have been submitted to the Governor for approval or veto. Stay tuned if you're a Parks user.

Maybe Some Good News: As you may know, there has been a long-standing inequity in the gasoline tax-refund laws for boaters in our state which, at long last, may be changed due to the efforts of patient, persistent, politically pressing boaters like Pete Clarke. Progress is being made so the challenge now is to live long enough to benefit from it!

And remember! It's not too late for you to make and act on a resolution to help us add new members. It will not guarantee you a place in Boater's Heaven but, according to Doug Stewart, it will give you a preferred place in line!

Jim Cannon  
Past Commodore/Trustee



## In Memoriam

### Vladimir M. "Sully" Selivanoff

A member since 1988, captain of the BAY BEE, Sully died on May 14. He would have celebrated his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Born in Seattle, he was preceded in death by his son Michael in '94 and first wife Chris in '98. Survivors include his wife Shirley Thompson-Selivanoff, two children, Kathy Parker and Douglas, stepchildren, Dean and Terry Shirey. Brother, Ginny, two grandsons and numerous other relatives.

A private inurnment was held at the Tahoma National Cemetery. Shirley wrote to let us know how much Sully enjoyed being a member of RHYC these past 15 years. The presence of this truly nice guy will be missed by RHYC as well.

Memorials can be made to the High-line YMCA or St. Francis Catholic Church, Seahurst.

## Opening Day

The official boating season is in full swing. Opening Day Linda and Nat Collier generously volunteered to take Roche Harbor board members, past and present, on *Reflections* for the boat parade. We all arrived at Queen City Yacht Club about 10:30 am. There were about 20 of us dressed in our nautical finery, practicing our salutes under Pete Clarke's tutelage and Linda's discerning eye. We lined up from bow to stern, stood smartly and shortly after going through "the Cut" we saluted the official party, including our Commodore Lee Mattox. It was wonderful to participate in the camaraderie. A great big thank you to Linda and Nat for their generosity to the Club.

## Nominating Committee

One of the responsibilities of the Immediate Past Commodore/Trustee in our club is to Chair the Nominating & Election Committee. The Bylaws require that this committee be formed not later than June each year with two active members, preferably Past Commodores, serving with the Chairperson.

This year's committee has been formed and will consist of Jim Cannon as Chair, working with Past Commodores Pete Clarke and Ed Allison.

Their choice of nominees will be published in September along with ballots for each member to vote on the various candidates. Any comments or questions you may have regarding the nomination and election process may be directed to any member of the committee. In addition, please remember that there is a procedure available (as described in the Bylaws) for nominating additional candidates if you choose to do so.

## Hailing P/C Jim Martenson

We hope it brightens your day to know you're being thought of in the warmest way and that this little note of cheer finds you feeling well for today and every day.

Looking forward to seeing you and your beautiful first mate Jo Anne soon.

From your friends and "family" at RHYC.

## New Applicants

Steve and Sandy Driscoll  
Clyde Hill, WA  
44' island Packet/420  
"Crescendo"

Sponsored by: Stewart and Mattox

Amos and Mary Leviant  
Bellevue, WA  
36 Jeanneau/Sun Odyssey  
"Bona Chute"

Sponsored by: Stewart and Mole

Bruce and Beth Ford  
Kent, WA  
36' islander Sailboat  
"Gilder"  
Sponsored by: Matheson and Lohse

Jerome and Paula Baruffi  
Tukwila, WA  
60' Ocean  
"Palastal"  
Sponsored by: Whatmore and Ellard

Deborah and Jim Solinsky  
Richland, WA  
35.5' C&C Sailboat  
"Mind Free"  
Sponsored by: Lohse and Matheson

## New Members

Please welcome the following new members to RHYC:

Don and Kellie Green  
Bellevue, WA  
56' Ocean Alexander  
"Magic Moment"  
Sponsored by: Hansons

Samy Khoury & Heidi Hendrickson  
Bellevue, WA  
46' Chris Craft Constellation  
"Esmeralda"  
Sponsored by: Waltos, Graham, Klein and Whatmore

Bill and Janel Moffet  
Federal Way, WA  
39' Bayliner  
"Y-Knot"  
Sponsored by: McDonnell and Whatmore

Gene and Martha Paxton  
South Colby, WA  
35' Nordhavn  
"Eventide"  
Sponsored by: Paxton, Leonard and Mattox

Jerry and Julie Podgorski  
Seattle, WA  
39' Bayliner  
"JJ Pod"  
Sponsored by: McDonnell and Mattox

Steve Spickelmire/ Mardi De Reamer  
Seattle, WA  
38' Blue Water/Ingrid  
"Blue Yonder"  
Sponsored by: Stewart and Mattox

Greg and Barbara Swain  
Sumner, WA  
45' Bayliner  
"Crosswing"  
Sponsored by: Whatmore and McDonald

Karl and Gemma Tussy  
Sammamish, WA  
47' Bayliner  
"Just Right"  
Sponsored by: McDonnell and Mattox

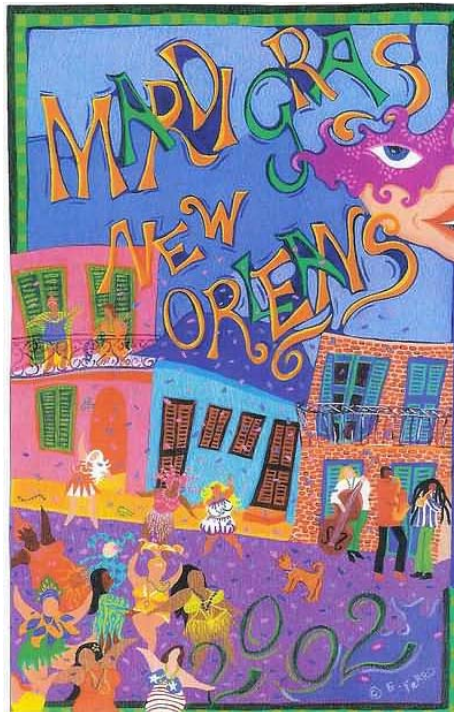
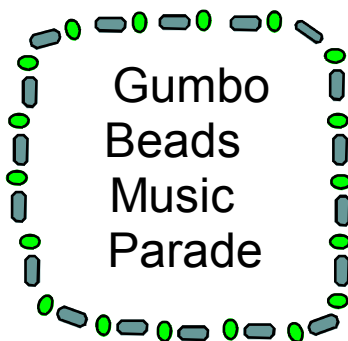
Vance Webster  
Seattle, WA  
51' Masters Aft Deck  
"Heavenly"  
Sponsored by: Whatmore and Waltos



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# RHYC Colors Cruise At Roche Harbor - August 1-3, 2003 Mardi Gras in August

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For Reservations  
Contact:

Cruise Captains:

Rod & Joanne Barber  
253-584-1265

Bill & Laura Severson  
425-881-6333

By July 15

## Friday, August 1 – Arrival:

- 6:00 PM – Meet on the Party Barge, bring a heavy hor d'oeuvre to share, listen to Zydeco music. Pick up your King Neptune contest form.
- Sundown - Our RHYC Board members are participating in the Colors ceremony.

## Saturday, August 2

- Breakfast and Lunch on your own.
- Relax, enjoy the marina, catch some shrimp or oysters for the gumbo.
- Get started on the Mardi Gras Bead Hunt.

- 6:00 PM - Gather on the Party Barge, Mardi Gras Dinghy Parade.
- 7:00 PM New Orleans Gumbo Party.  
Salad, Shrimp Gumbo and Hush Puppies.  
Lagniappe Ceremony

## Sunday, August 3 - Departure

- New Orleans Beignets (French Market Donuts), Café au Lait and fruit on the Party Barge in the morning.

# Sunny Recognitions

By Debra Mattox

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees, the Faculty and the Class of 2003 at Pacific Lutheran University announced the awarding of the degree of Master of Science in Nursing, Care & Outcome Mgr. to Sara **Swett**. CONGRATULATIONS! We wish you continued success in all you do.

**Southern boy makes good!** Carl D takes Vickie Lynn as his bride. Congratulations and best wishes to **Mr. & Mrs. Carl Dalton** who married on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. (I still can't imagine why they didn't spend their honeymoon under the stars with the other 33 some boats at the Blakely wagon wheel...there was champagne flowing *all weekend long!*)

June will be aglow with this rainbow of **Wedding Anniversaries**: Members Dan & Raye **Lohse** (6/5), Mickey & Sara **Swett** (6/6), Jim & Cheryl **Matheson** (6/14), Lee & Debra **Mattox** (6/15), Nat & Linda **Collier** (6/17), Gary & Lenore **Timm** (6/22), Ken & Lynn **Weatherill** (6/25) and Bill & Norma **Hall** (6/27). Also, Bob & Jan **Stewart** will be celebrating their "I do's" on July 4<sup>th</sup>. May every memory that you share of dreams you've seen come true help make your special day a happy one.

**Happy belated Birthday** to: **R/C Bill Severson** (5/18) and new member Ed **Klein** (5/26). It's said there are 3 major milestones in life...when you're over 16, you can drive...when you're over 21, you can drink...when you're over 29, you can lie! So on your BIRTHDAY, remember don't drink and drive, have a happy day and embroider the truth all you want **Jeff** Kroeller (6/3), new member **Neil** Millen (6/10), **P/C Jim** Cannon (6/11), **P/C Bob** McClintick (6/12), **Gary** Timm (6/13), **Raye** Lohse (6/16), **Jim** Matheson (6/17...Whew! busy week of celebrations in this household), **Pat** Marshall & **Jim** Gregg (6/18), **Secretary Dave** Leonard (6/21) and **Ship's Store Co-Chair Chuck** Turbak (7/2).



## Fourth of July

at Port Orchard  
July 3-6

Fun-Food-Games-Prizes  
&  
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*Please Contact By June 20, 2003*

# Upcoming Cruises



July 4-6  
Fourth of July  
Port Orchard

August 1-3  
Colors Cruise  
Roche Harbor

October 3-5  
Columbus Day Cruise  
Kingston

November 8  
Change of Bridge  
College Club

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