



## INTRODUCTION

Memorializing Rusty Bindings' extraordinary 50-year history was meant to be. As if by destiny, eleven large vintage photo albums and two ragged file boxes crammed with old newsletters were literally *handed to me*. In the summer of 2019, I was their fourth home in less than a year. It had been discussed that all that old stuff be scanned, discarded, and continue as computer files. The aging, original paper records, could have been gone forever. But instead, they survived and were stacked next to my desk. Until this book was finished, it seemed like the albums and boxes were staring at me demanding my attention.

The more old photos I viewed, the more old newsletters I read, and the more details I researched, the more amazed I became at RB's incredible past. Between 1983 and 2021, RB won 30 of 38 Singles League Ski Championships. This included a winning streak of 15 straight years from 1999 through 2013. During 1984 through 1993, RB was designated five times the "Most Outstanding Recreational Ski Club" in the U.S. by the USRSA. RB truly was a ski dynasty.

And that's just the skiing part. During its 50 years, RB averaged more than 150 activities per annum. Most of the club's activities were not ski related. In the 1990s and 2000s RB averaged more than 220 events per year or almost 20 events a month. All this hyperactivity equates to an astounding 7500 events in 50 years. From 1971 to 2021, not only did RB do more than any other ski club, but so much of it was wild and unique. This book covers forty different RB topics. Most of the topics are fully illustrated with photos and fliers. Deservingly, lists, tables, and commentary of the presidents and the boards fill 19 pages. All 265 board members in RB's history are listed.

Most everything written in the book was derived from the newsletters. The rest came from a few old newspaper articles or were told to me by credible past members. The book is 100 pages by design. Some activities and events are not in the book for lack of space and documented details. Anything printed in italics are unedited words copied from the newsletters. Authors are always recognized. The Prologue superbly describes RB's social interactions and rewards. Every effort was made to describe RB's history as it was.

Rusty Bindings, decade by decade, has surpassed its toughest competition in skiing, activities, and consistent membership. Because of Rusty Bindings' national ski successes, remarkable number and variety of activities, and solid documentation of its history, I believe a strong argument can be made that RB was the most outstanding recreational ski club in America from 1971 -2021. THE PROOF IS HEREIN.

Tony Baker, Rusty Bindings Historian

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## **PROLOGUE** Finding Community In Rusty Bindings

#### by Stephanie La Count (Social Director, 2004)

After several years of a happily single existence, keeping up with family, and friends from my married life, plus a couple of chapters with sweet romantic partners, I still felt something missing. What would make this happy picture more complete? I envisioned a community of single friends enjoying lives more fitting with my own solo course. Where are they? I wondered. How would I find them? I didn't know the first thing about how to locate these potential compadres, or if they existed at all.

Resolving to find out, I enlisted a likeminded friend to the task and we started digging around. We researched singles activity clubs within a 30-mile radius. After some weeks (this was before Meetup.com) our sleuth abilities seemed to pay off. We discovered a group that had some potential. It was a long-standing, established singles ski club called Rusty Bindings, described on the webpage as an 'activities based club for singles aged 21 and older'. Initially I feared the group was too young, but the photos revealed mature folks with greying hair, smiling from ear to ear, posing on the wintery slopes of Tahoe. The actual age of its membership now trends over 50 years and well beyond.

RB held general meetings for the membership every week at The Greenery in

Walnut Creek. I was encouraged, but also cautiously optimistic. The reputations of some singles social clubs were sketchy. They were 'meat markets' for the lonely and hyper-aroused singles of the boomer set. Folks would cruise the parties looking for their latest hook up or brief infatuation. There was high turnover as people constantly moved on to newer, more novel venues. Creating community, and finding lasting love, was clearly not part of the general equation.

Still, one Halloween evening, while feeling curious and adventurous, I decided to dress up in a curvy but demure 'merry widow' costume, complete with long lacy black dress, gloves and veil, and drop in on this ski group's annual costume party. Though not highly publicized, the soiree took place at their usual meeting bar/bistro venue, which was also open to the public. Under the protection of my costume persona, I found a seat at the bar overlooking the dance floor and ordered a glass of Chardonnay. I sipped, and watched, trying to look confident, cool and deeply interested in the goings on. Like a cultural anthropologist, I studied their social behaviors for clues. Will they fit my 'new community' ideal?

What I observed that evening was surprising. The room was buzzing with vibrant, joyful individuals celebrating and laughing with one another, radiating a vibe of easy familiarity of the kind that only shared history brings. This was not a typical nightclub scene. These people cared about each other, and I soon felt comfortable being among them by myself. I could foresee my future as part of this active, fun-



loving cohort. As I nursed my glass of wine, sitting near the live music, a couple of affable club members came up and introduced themselves.

Before long we were all on the dance floor, moving to familiar Motown sounds. That night, I had experienced a warm feeling of safety and acceptance from the beginning to the end. As a researcher of single life at a certain age, I had struck gold.

In the weeks that followed, I found the time to drive to meetings on a somewhat irregular basis, learning more about this group and what it had to offer its membership. The main emphasis is skiing and ski racing, followed by various other outdoors activities, social events, and charity fundraisers planned throughout the year. In this busy chapter, one or two events are planned every week for any and all who wish to participate. I showed up at a couple of activities that interested me, and my attraction to the club and its people grew from there. I made acquaintances and then true friends. I eventually served on the Board of Directors as our membership continued to grow. I've seen people come

and go, but mainly stay...and over the past several years have come to realize how this friendly unassuming group has profoundly changed my life. The women became my sisters, the men my brothers. Never would I have imagined that I would start developing deep, lifelong friendships at this stage! After living abroad, raising and launching two great kids; coming out of a decades-long marriage; and navigating a major career change -- this life is an astonishing revelation. I had assumed that most significant life events were behind me.

If there ever was a poster child for life beyond our 50s and 60s, (and even 70s!) it is I. Although my calendar was sufficiently busy even before I discovered this community, the ensuing days and nights have been further enriched over the many seasons of skiing, hiking, camping, cycling, dancing and holiday parties. Yes, there are still the serial daters, and some cruisers, looking for a quick hook up, but where else does one see fifteen friends show up at 8:30 am on a Saturday to help a fellow member move house?

The stalwart support and love I received during my own brief but serious brush with cancer only confirmed these relationships as heartwarmingly genuine. I cannot imagine these people not being in my life.

I have tremendous gratitude for Rusty Bindings and all the wonderful people who have been key to its success over all these years.



Earliest club meetings were at a clubhouse on Oak Grove Road. Club meetings moved to Mark Anthony's Restaurant in 1972.

## **THE BEGINNING OF RUSTY BINDINGS 1971**

Rusty Bindings was started by three handsome, young ski bums in the fall of 1971. They thought it would be fun to get together to go skiing so they put the word out and started having meetings at the apartment complex where one of them lived on Oak Grove Road in Concord. The rumors are that it also was to meet hot young women. Little did they know how much that dream would come true!

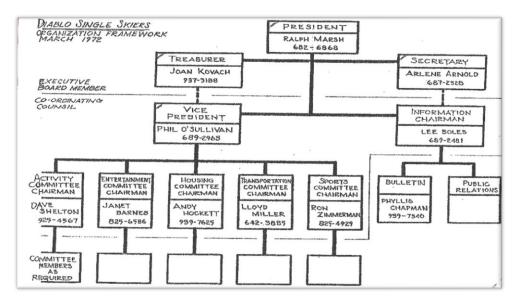
As the group grew, they needed a larger meeting place. They moved to Michael Anthony's, a restaurant in Concord that actually was a swimming pool at one time. They named themselves the Mt. Diablo Singles Skiers and officially became a club on November 23, 1971. Unchallenged, Ralph Marsh, Steve Johnston, and Arlene Arnold nominated themselves the first president, treasurer, and secretary. Also, during the fall of 1971, a Singles League was created for ski competition and other activities for singles.

The new club's first ski competition was the Singles' League Race on January 27, 1972. The club's fledgling racers were led by expert freestyle skier, Dave "Shave" Shelton. Although no championships were won until 1983, a ski juggernaut was born. Eleven years later and over the following four decades, Rusty Bindings would go on to be the most dominant midsize singles' ski club on the West coast.

From the beginning this was to be no ordinary singles club – it required a unique, symbolic, catchy name. In June 1972, the Club was officially renamed Rusty Bindings Ski Club. It's still a mystery why they chose "Rusty Bindings." It completed its first election of nine board members: president, vice-president, past president, administrative director, treasurer, secretary, activities director, social director, and Far West rep. The first boardies were 20 and 30somethings. Annual dues were a budgetwise \$12. THE RUSTY BINDINGS STORY HAD BEGUN!



Club started 1971 to ski & meet women



"Mt. Diablo Singles Skiers" officially organized itself on November 23, 1971. By March, the first Board of Directors had four officers and nine committee positions. Membership was limited to 125. In June 1972, the Club was officially incorporated and renamed "Rusty Bindings Ski Club."

> MT. DIABLO SINGLE SKIERS CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Mt. Diablo Single Skiers. . . . . ARTICLE II - OBJECTS This club shall have for its objective the encouragement, advancement and improvement of the sport of skiing; the development of skill in skiing among the single men and women; and the development and encouragement \* . . . \* of summer and winter sports and activities. ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP . . . Section 1 - The total active membership in this club shall not exceed . and the second . . . . . 125. ್ ನಿಲ್ಲೇ ಕನ್ . . . .

**President Gus Hanselin writes in June 1991:** As your past Secretary, I've had occasion to look through some of the old documents from years gone by. Of particular interest are the minutes from the very first recorded meeting, which was held on November 23, 1971. Reading these minutes, it's apparent that other less formal meetings preceded this one. But it was at this meeting that the first official attempt to establish a ski club occurred. It was at this meeting that temporary officers were elected.

## **Barnyard skiing scheduled**

It's barnyard skiing time Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at 60 Amigo Lane in Walnut Creek.

That's when the Rusty Bindings Ski Club and Erling Wiig, president of Ski Arena Inc., have scheduled a skiing exhibition on pulverized ice, straw, feathers and dirt.

Wiig said, "This will be a charity event and will send underprivileged kids to the ski country this season. Benefactor will be the Martinez Boys Club."

A \$2.50 donation is asked. Wiig added, "It is hoped the public, skier and non-skier alike, will come and watch the show. The entertainment will include freestyle skiing, jumping and slaloms, as well as skijoring, which will utilize horses." Children who are selected for a trip to the Sierras will practice at Ski Arena Corral Mountain before attacking the cold weather slopes.

Rusty Bindings Ski Club is a singles only group which conducts meetings at Michael Anthony's Restaurant in Concord every Tuesday at 8 p.m. during the winter season. The club is a member of the Far West Ski Association and advocates greater skiing safety and development of skiing in general according to Rod Carpenter.

Wiig hopes to develop an indoor arena in the Walnut Creek area in the near future. He began skiing at the age of 5 in his native Norway. He came to the United States as a young man and has amassed some 50 years of experience in snow, water, sand, pulverized ice and pine needle surface skiing.

He made the film, "Barnyard Skiing," in Hollywood 25 years ago. It is still shown frequently at meetings of Bay Area ski clubs.



The article above in the Contra Costa Times described the 1975 Rusty Bindings upcoming ski exhibition in Walnut Creek. RB received similar coverage of this event in the Oakland Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, and Concord Transcript.

## RB'S 1974-75 SNOW SKIING IN WALNUT CREEK

Rusty Bindings used real snow to hold a ski exhibition in a city where it never snows. That marked the start of what would be a half century of RB's ski club infamy. No other ski club in Singles League would win as often and have more fun than Rusty Bindings. And this unusual ski exhibition aptly demonstrated RB's propensity for creative, unusual activities.

Dave Shelton, RB's third President, came up with the idea of a ski exhibition in Walnut Creek. Dave and ski promoter Erling Wiig organized the Barnyard Skiing Exhibition on Wiig's property in Walnut Creek. Wiig had produced a Hollywood movie in 1950 named "Barnyard Skiing." The ski exhibition would be similar to scenes from the movie. Erling erected the temporary "Ski Arena Corral" and charged a \$2.50 admission to watch top-notch freestyle skiing, jumping and slaloms. In the second year, skijoring was added. Skijoring involves a horse pulling a skier around a makeshift track of snow. The Exhibition would also be a charity event to benefit underprivileged children at the Martinez Boys Club. This was RB's first recorded charity event.

If you can't go to the snow, we'll bring the snow to you. Five local firms donated about five tons of pulverized ice to cover a 200' oval track on a large, mostly empty lot in the southwest edge of Shell Ridge. A hybrid imitation snow called polysnow would also be added to the course. The slope would rise about 30 feet. Two dozen RBers formed a fire brigade-like line to empty 70 pound bags of snow around the small course. After teams of skiers flattened the snow by side-stepping around the course, THE SHOW BEGAN.



FWSA NorCal free style skiing gold medalist Dave Shelton demonstrates his winning form.



RBers move & spread 5 tons of snow



Side-stepping the slope to prime the snow for the show



Admission \$2.50 for charity



Dave Shelton & Lorainne Hernandez were RB's queen and king contestants in 1975 at the BAC competition. Dave would be crowned BAC Snow King. RB's notoriety began in the 70s, not from skiing, but from there good looks.

## 1970s SNOW KINGS & QUEENS

Dave Shelton, President, 1973-74 writes: "The Snow Queen and King contests were fairly big deals in the early and mid 70s. BAC winners reigned over the San Francisco Ski Show at the Cow Palace. RB was just a newbie to the BAC and did not make a lot of good impressions early in the BAC racing circuit. However, in 73-74 the RB Snow Queen candidate, Laurie Miller won the BAC Snow Queen contest and helped put RB on the map. She then went down to Disneyland with RB's Diane Prouty, Dave Costa and myself where she competed in the FWSA Snow Queen competition. Two years later I was the RB King candidate and also won the BAC competition. Criteria included a formal and ski attire walk through, skiing ability, club participation and an interview. My trip to FWSA was also unsuccessful but RB had made an impression on the Singles League and Bay Area Council."



In 1973 Barbara Clark (bottom, 4th beauty) represented RB at the BAC Snow Queen contest.

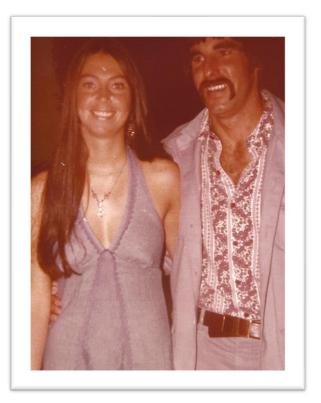


1974 FWSA runner-up Laurie Miller (far left)











1971 Rusty Bindings' first Tuesday meetings in a clubhouse on Oak Grove Road

## THE TUESDAY GENERAL MEETINGS

1971-72 Clubhouse, Oak Grove Rd, Concord 1972-76 Michael Anthony's, Concord 1976-89 El Papagallo Restaurant, Concord 1989-90 HMS Endeavor Rest', Walnut Crk 1990-91 Tommy T's Comedy Club, Concord 1991-2017 Greenery Restaurant, WC 2017- 2020 Tower Grill, Danville (during 1972-1991 there were other very brief meeting spots)

For RB's first four decades, the Tuesday meetings would be its main source of information for Club events, signing up for activities, collection of fees, and meeting and greeting new and existing members. Then, as more and more people used the internet for information and communicating, the attendance at the Tuesday meetings slowly dwindled and COVID all but ended the meetings in 2020.

Beginning in 1971, RB's first meetings were held twice a month on a Tuesday in a brick walled apartment complex clubhouse on Oak Grove Road in Concord. In 1972 the Tuesday meetings were moved to Michael Anthony's Restaurant in Concord and held almost every Tuesday.



Michael Anthony's Restaurant, Concord

As the young, raucous membership grew, RB needed a bigger romper room. In 1976 the club moved to El Papagallo Restaurant in Walnut Creek on the corner of Ygnacio Valley road and Oak Grove Road (now a Walgreens). That would be base camp for the next twelve years. By 1988, the Tuesday meetings were held every week except during the summer when there were outdoor BBQs on alternating Tuesdays.

During the 80s and 90s members would meet after the Tuesday night meetings at

WPLJ's for dancing and small talk, and later go for the after hours \$1.99 special at Stanfords in downtown Walnut Creek.



El Papagallo Restaurant, Concord

During 1989-91, the Tuesday meetings were held for about a year at the HMS Endeavor Restaurant, Walnut Creek, and then the next year at the Tommy T's on Willow Pass Road, Concord. In 1991 RB relocated to the idyllic Greenery Restaurant that overlooks Heather Farms Park in Walnut Creek. Always an ambassador for RB, avid golfer Stevie Bales utilized his friendship with the Greenery owner and arranged for rent-free Tuesday meetings.

From 1991 until 2017 the Tuesday general meetings were held in the Greenery's smaller of two banquet rooms. For 26 years it was an ideal situation for RB -- parking was free, it had a Cheers-like bar environment, and it served as the home course for the Rusty Putters and many of their golf tournaments. In addition, for a quarter century this was RB's go-to establishment for many RB holiday-themed parties and a variety of other gatherings.



Inside the old Greenery Restaurant

Of the many different Tuesday meeting spots over 50 years, half have been at the Greenery, where RB developed VIP status with the owner, bar tenders, and waitresses.

In 2016 the Greenery began a two-year remodeling project. For the next 24 months the Greenery was mostly closed-down except for its kitchen and an outdoor, tentcovered dining area in the parking lot. The Club's Tuesday gatherings needed another space.

RB relocated to the Tower Grill in downtown Danville until COVID unfortunately stopped all RB gatherings in 2020. The Tower Grill also was the staging point for RB's popular Monday night bike rides.



Tower Grill, downtown Danville



Rodger Smith Park then Pleasant Hill Park were the sites of RB's Summer BBQ's

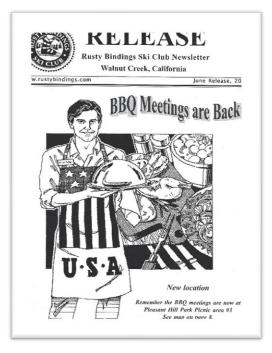
## **THE SUMMER TUES BBQs 1980-2021**

Sometime around 1980 RB started having Tuesday eve summer BBQs at Rodger Smith Park off Grayson Road in Pleasant Hill. It was a quaint, small neighborhood park. The initial motivation was to meet to play volleyball. The Tues BBQs were every other week from June through September. That bi-weekly, very social tradition continues today.

In 2005 RB relocated the Tuesday BBQ a couple of miles down the road to the picnic area of the mega-recreational Pleasant Hill Park on Gregory Lane. Volleyball continued until 2012 when PH Park replaced the volleyball area with more picnic facilities.

The highlight of the Tues BBQs has been the potlucks which often produced dozens of home-cooked dishes often equal to some of the finest restaurants. The reputation of a first-class social event during sundown spread far and wide. This RB event is responsible for more new RB members than all other Club events combined. The Tuesday BBQs continue today. KUSTY BINDINGS SATCLUD SUMMER BAR-B-Q MEETING of BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE BAR-B-Q DATES -RODGER SMITH PARK REASANT HILL SUNETY ,28 SUNETY,29 SUNETY,29 SUNETY,29 SUNETY,29 SUNETY,29 SUNETY,29 SUNETY,29 SUNETY,29 SUGUSTY,29 SUGUSTY,20 SUGUSTY,20 SUGUSTY,29 SUGUSTY,20 SUGUSTY,

#### 1983 Summer Bar-B-Q flier







Photos of a 1974 and a 1991 TGIF hosted in a member's home.

## **50 YEARS OF TGIF's**

For all of RB's 50 years it has met for TGIFs. This unwavering ritual has occurred mostly at bars and restaurants but also in members' homes. RB has likely held, at least once, a TGIF at every well-known watering hole along the 680 corridor from Martinez to San Ramon. Walnut Creek, RB's hometown by default, has been the most go-to city.



RBers gathered at Mexican Restaurant El Charro's, Lafayette, 1-2 times a year for almost five decades.

By far, potluck TGIF's in members' homes have always been the most popular Friday rendezvous. During the summer, the outdoor settings combined with lots of personal dishes and BYOB, would often draw a quarter to a half of the Club's membership.

In May, 1983 Social Director Bob Pushwa writes: "The TGIF at Charlie Gringos on April 8 brought 30 thirsty RB together for a fabulous taco bar and BIG margaritas. Surprisingly (?) many of those in attendance were racers sharpening their skills for next days show-down Race #5 at Bear valley."

In February, 1995 Social director Sandy Lawson writes: *"Please join in the fun and hoopla at Lyons Brewery in Dublin on Friday February 10. Folks start to arrive around 6-6:30 and the beer starts to flow. Lyons has a 41 foot bar, live music, dancing, pool tables, darts, shuffle board and more beers on draft than you could possibly drink."* 

In February, 2005, Dave Weiner wrote: *"Want to put some pizzazz into the start of your weekend. Want to meet some great new friends, kick-up your heels, and do*  some great dancing, enjoy some late happyhour hors d'oeuvres, then I have the place for you. Meet us at FORLI RISTORANTE & BAR. The two person band is called TAKE 2. So put some pizzazz into your weekend and join us."

In August, 2014 Social Director Debi Clancy writes: "August is filled with activities, activities, activities!!!! The outdoor Friday night concerts continue every Friday at the Blackhawk Plaza. The TGIF will be there on August 5th. Start the night off listening to TAINTED LOVE and follow with drinks/food at the Prickly Pear in the Blackhawk Plaza. They have a great outdoor area overlooking the pond.





During the years of 2010 – 2019, Paul & Kassey King hosted multiple TGIF's at their hilltop home with its panoramic views of Walnut Creek. And, on at least two occasions, RBers were serenaded by the guitars of Paul, Kassey, and their guitar strumming friends.



#### Flier of the last TGIF just as RB concluded its 50<sup>th</sup> year.

Attendance to RB TGIFs began to fade around 2015 as the flood of Meetup groups offered an almost unlimited variety of things to attend on Fridays. And, as more and more RBers retired, meeting on Fridays to celebrate the end of the work week lost its appeal.



## RUSTY BINDINGS DURING COVID Creme de la Creme

2020 was one for the Rusty Bindings History Book – unquestionably the most challenging of its 50 years. For three decades RB had averaged more than 200 activities a year. In March, it all skidded to a standstill from COVID's shelter-in-place order. Overnight the "East Bay's Most Active Singles Club" was inactive. It was the equivalent of house arrest.

"The greatest ability is adaptability" and RB morphed from a very busy outdoor activities and social club into a very busy indoor virtual activities and social club. Overnight, Rusty TGIF's relocated from local restaurants to the Zoom cafe. Surprisingly during COVID, TGIF attendance increased. Equally impressive was the adjustment of our well-attended indoor/outdoor events to well-attended Zoom events.

While looking for new and different Zoom activities during the middle of the

pandemic, in August 2020, I looked for ideas on the websites of the Bay Area's other 12 ski clubs. Surprisingly, only three other ski clubs (Apres, In-Skiers, Snowdrifters) each had one upcoming event scheduled. The remaining clubs had naught. And what about the other ski clubs throughout northern California? When NorCal's other 11 clubs were surveyed, only the 49er and Fresno ski clubs had an event scheduled. It was obvious – **during COVID RB truly was crème de la crème**.

Following is a small sample of RB events during the 13 months of COVID – March 2020 through March 2021.

**MARCH 2020** 



Within a couple of weeks of the initial "shelter-in-place" order, Rusty Bindings held its first Zoom TGIF. It would go on to hold a TGIF almost every Friday through the pandemic. The friendly, chatty weekly gathering discussed topics A-Z, watched videos, played games, and often had live singing and music. Photos of recent outdoor walks and hikes were shared at the TGIFs. We were living vicariously through the activities of other members.

#### **APRIL 2020**

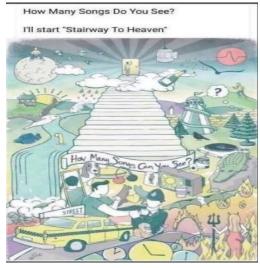


During an April Zoom and throughout the pandemic, TGIF participants enjoyed some of the best acts of RB's infamous 2011-2014 Gong Shows. One of the most hilarious was the "Synchronized Swimming" act from 2013. Just like the original performance, applause filled the Zoom room. RB was so fortunate to have a treasure chest of their own quality entertainment.

MAY 2020

Peter, Paul, and Mary (aka Paul King, Kasey Dolan, and Jim McCormack) performed individually and as a group during several Zoom TGIFs. RB was so lucky to have these very talented singers and guitarists repeatedly entertain in the Zoom Cafe. This talented trio was even able to work around Zoom's live music challenges.

#### **JUNE 2020**



During COVID RB continued its monthly Tuesday meetings via Zoom. In addition to general club information, the gathering would always include a game, quiz, or contest such as the above picture of multiple song 'toons. During the meeting members would guess song titles from the drawings. In a very short time a Zoomful of astute RBers were able to name all 32 song titles.

JULY 2020



RB's 4th of July Party celebrated America's independence with a very emotional, patriotic video of how the Star Spangled Banner was authored by Francis Scott Key during the bombardment of Fort McHenry by British ships in 1814. This was followed by a spectacular digital fireworks show with accompanying symphonic music.

#### **AUGUST 2020**



New Racers in 2019-2020
- Greg Jung
- Nicole Zanotelli
- Becca Loux
- Allen Forbes
- Eric Peterson
- Larry Keefer
Returning Racers
- Jim Dimmock
- Bob Spencer
- Tyler Spencer
- Chuck Roncancio
- Wendy Sumner
- Kathy Brewington
Kets Evence

- Kat Severin Nikki Rubio
- Janet Spencer
- Jeff Loux
- Karl Wilks Katy Leadabrand

RBers Zoomed in to celebrate the RB ski team's top finish in the 2020 Singles League race season. Party activities included a slide show with narration of each skier's accomplishments by Race Director Wendy Sumner. Top skier Greg Jung organized a cell phone based Kahoot ski quiz and Past President Janet Spencer added a quickie cyber poll.

#### SEPTEMBER 2020



At RB's first ever Kentucky Derby party, horse handicappers Stephanie La Count and Judy Rech picked "Authentic" and "Tiz the Law," one-two. Steph wins the tiebreaker and Derby pool. She's now a C-note richer. Any of 12 or so lovelies could have won the ladies hat contest. Suanne McGovern edged out Janet Spencer in classic Kentucky Derby tradition - Suanne's wider brim was a tad more Southern Belle.

**OCTOBER 2020** 



With everyone wearing a surgical mask, why not put a Halloween twist on boring anti-virus face attire? Two dozen Rusty ghouls were bedazzled with face paint, hallo hats, witchy wigs, and other raunchy remakes. Spooktacular contest winners were the infamous green Incredible Hulk, a porcelain-like face adorned with red feathers, and a goofy troll with a pet rat. **NOVEMBER 2020** 



Lisa Jarvis organized our 1st Virtual Wine Tasting event with professional host John Barakett from Boisset wines. There were 6 bubble groups to taste Boisset's Fall Flight. It was a 3-wine flight of limited editions and exclusive wines. The virtual wine tasting event offered RBers a chance to learn, laugh, and sip together in a safe environment. A tipsy time was had by all. DECEMBER 2020



If we can't have a live holiday party, then we'll bring the party to you. For the 48th year in a row, Rusty Bindings held its annual Christmas/holiday party – only this year via cyberspace. Forty-six spirited RBer's, most flashing holiday attire, sang Christmas carols, enjoyed a video of past RB holiday parties, and shared the lights & ornaments of their decorated trees. Of course, there was dancing with a few Rusty rockers swaying to-and-fro in their tiny Zoom squares to Christmas rock n roll songs.

#### JANUARY 2021



#### FEBRUARY 2021



Greatest old quarterback vs greatest young quarterback

Super Party, Super Goofy There was no way Rusty Bindings would miss having a Super Bowl LV party -- whatever it took. We were not going to be denied sharing the epoch Elder vs. The Kid. This year's party required some virtual tweaking – instead of packing into a living room for a whole game, we packed into one another's monitors late in the fourth quarter. Thirty-five RBers bonded with each other via their pocketbooks by entering two Super Bowl pools. Clearly, RB had one of the very, very few online Super Bowl pools in the East Bay. And I dare say, we may have had the only pandemic Zoom Super Bowl party anywhere.

**MARCH 2021** 



What better way to call forth good fortune than a St. Patty's Day party radiating with everything green. And that's what we did. We all were Irish for an eve 'cause no one had to drive home from the Zoom cafe. We were awash in spirits and good spirits, and the blarney flowed.

## THE AWARDS & SPRING BANQUETS 1973 - 2018

It was called the annual awards banquet from 1973-1996, and then renamed the spring banquet from 1997-2018. In 2019 the banquet was discontinued for austerity reasons. RB has held their annual banquets at multiple locations along and around the 680 corridor from Antioch to Pleasanton. The first RB Awards Banquet was held in 1973 at El Papagallo Restaurant located at the corner of Oak Grove and Ygnacio Valley Road.



The first Awards Banquet in 1973 at El Papagallo Restaurant.

The annual Awards/Spring Banquets were always a dress-to-impress affair where retiring boardies were acknowledged and new boardies recognized. It was the official changing of the guard. In the 70s RB's ski awards were sparse, and dubious distinction awards were common. As RB began dominating Singles League competition skiing awards became the Banquet's central theme. During the late 80s and throughout the 90s dozens of skiing trophies, plaques, pins and other awards would be distributed to what seemed like almost everyone in attendance.

All RB awards banquets have included dancing. At the 2002 banquet RB hired for the first time a band -- the Brother Buzz Band. Live bands would play at all subsequent spring banquets until the banquets were discontinued in 2019.



1983 Awards Banquet flier emphasized the Club's first Singles League Championship



The 1994 Awards Banquet acknowledging the old Board and welcoming the new Board of Directors



RB's annual spring banquets included various live dance bands from 2002 – 2018. Sacramento's Todd Morgan and the Emblems seemed to be the favorite of all the bands.





2018 was the last Spring Banquet. It was held at the Greenery Restaurant.

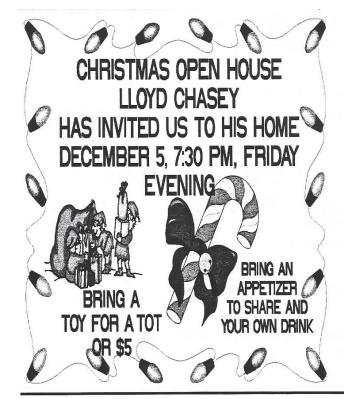


First RB Christmas 1973 at a clubhouse on Oak Grove Road & the third RB Christmas 1975 at a member's home

## **RB CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY PARTIES 1973 - 2021**

Except for its first year, RB has had a Christmas Party for 49 holiday seasons in a row. Through the 1970s the RB Christmas Parties were in member's homes. In the 1980's the parties were mostly held at El Papagallo's Restaurant with some parties occurring on a Tuesday in lieu of a regular general meeting. In 1993-94 RB rented a ballroom in Ballena Bay, Alameda, which started the trend towards grandiose holiday parties. It wasn't until 2008 that RB would hire a live band for its holiday party. Renting a facility and hiring a band continued every year afterwards. Many of the holiday parties after 2000 included a "Toys For Tots" collection, gift exchanges, and

occasionally Santa would appear. In 2008 Santa appeared with Rudolph.



1997 flier of the Christmas Party at member Lloyd Chasey's home



In 1999 RBer's ventured into San Francisco for streetcar caroling.



The 2007 Christmas Party



Santa, Rudolph, and RB's gorgeous ladies in red at the 2014 Holiday Party at the Elk's Club, Walnut Creek.



2019 a packed dance floor Christmas Party at Boundary Oaks Golf Course

If we can't have a live holiday party then we'll bring it to you. For the 49<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Rusty Bindings held its holiday party – via cyberspace because of COVID. About 50 spirited RBers, most flashing holiday attire, sang Christmas carols, enjoyed videos of previous holiday parties, and shared the lights and ornaments of their decorated trees. Of course, there was dancing! A few Rusty rockers swayed to-and-fro in there tiny Zoom squares to Christmas rock n roll songs.



2020 year of covid RB Holiday Party via Zoom



Second RB Halloween Party in 1973 at a member's home

# **HALLOWEEN DARTIES 1973 - 2021**

Undaunted for half a century, the RB Halloween Party aroused the crazy, creepy creativeness of its members. Mostly, the parties have been in members' homes with the rest of the years at either WPLJ's or the Greenery Restaurant. The Halloween bashes are likely the only annual party RB has held all of its uninhibited, fun-loving 50 years.



1976 – TOULOUSE-LAUTREC. Small in stature but a giant in French art, the 5' Toulouse-Lautrec was a VIP at Parisian brothels and he invented the cocktail Earthquake – absinthe & cognac. He was the central character in the movie Moulin Rouge about naughty bohemian Paris in the 1890s.



**1980 – THE MUPPETS.** Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy, and Kermit the Frog haven't aged a bit in 30 years since they appeared at a RB Halloween Party. Kermit: "It's

tough being green." Miss Piggy: "Never eat more than you can lift." And fuzzy funnyman Fozzie Bear: "Didn't you like my last joke?" Crowd: "Only if it's your last joke."



**1995 - THREE CURMUDGEONS.** This black and white does an injustice to the incredible Three Curmudgeons (Rand Stephens) costume. It won several cash prizes at other events for Best Halloween Costume in the 90s. A one-of-a-kind creation of three old coots stacked upright. The middle coot is a real Rand.



**2008 – FAR-RIGHT POLITICIAN.** A genuine Dia de los Muertos (day of the dead)

costume, a John McCain approved Sarah Palin look-a-like, and Mary Ormond, the buxom, leggy wife of Blackbeard the Pirate topped the contest voting. Palin had too much political influence and bested the rest.



2010 – PARTY GIRL. Don't just get on the cover of National Enquirer, get in the cover. Move over, wild ladies. There's a new Party Girl (Debbie Jones) in town. Get a copy for the shockingdetails about why she's such a hot mess.

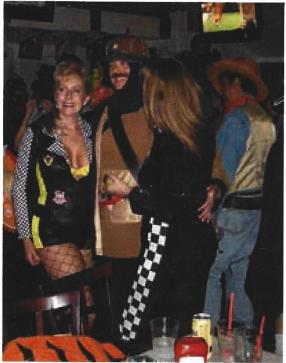


2020 – COVID HALLOWEEN. Two dozen Rusty ghouls were bedazzled with face paint, hallo hats, witchy wigs, and other raunchy remakes. Spooktacular contest winners were the infamous green Incredible Hulk, a porcelain-like face adorned with red feathers, and a goofy troll with a pet rat.

Rusty Bindings Ski Club

November Release, 2008

















The First Rusty Binding's Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction was Nov 1990





1991 - Tommy T's, Concord

Our Bachelor/Bachelorette (1991) was a major success, thanks to the efforts of our VP Gail Cleveland, our Social Director Grace DeGeogis, and members Yolanda Corral, Alison Mueller, and Bobbi Torin. Special thanks go to Tommy T's, and to our members in general for their great support making themselves available as dates, and for their generous participation in bidding activities. Because of the cooperative effort, Rusty Bindings will be making a very sizable contribution to the Contra Costa chapter of the Special Olympics. I am very proud of this effort, and would like to see us add to the charitable efforts of the club in the future. Gustave Hanselin, President 1991.

For 26 years RB held an annual Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction as a charity fundraiser. The B/B's raised \$1000 to \$3000 each year. Historically, except for the 2011-14 Gong Shows, the annual B/B Auctions were RB's single biggest event each year involving more than 40 members as dates, organizers, event workers, and solicitors of donations. Typically, the B/B took 3 months to produce. Overseeing the B/B was an undertaking that no one wanted to do twice. Consequently, it ended in 2015.

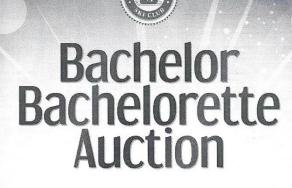
Of course, the Auction was a big party. First, attendees had an hour or two to silently bid on 30-40 donated auction items. As the silent part wound down the live auction of 10 - 15 individual and group dates came to life. During bidding the more entertaining the date, the higher the bidding. Song, dance, attire, and creativity ruled the evening. And the best combination of these drew the highest bids.



2007 - Lafayette Veterans Memorial Bldg



#### 2014 – Elks Lodge Walnut Creek



#### Saturday, June 27, 2015...6:30-11:00

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek

Silent auction, raffle, instant wine cellar, no-host bar and great food at 6:30-9 pm

Live auction 7:30-9pm

Dancing 9-11:00 pm!

\$10 donation at the door

Benefits Disabled Sports USA and Contra Costa Food Bank.

#### 2015 - The Last B/B Auction flier



2015 - The Last B/B Auction dates. What a beautiful ending. Sooo RB!



2012 Gong Show featured RB's Buttercup Girls (aka Rusty Sisters) and celebrity judges Michael Finney (Channel 7 news) and Cate Cauguiran (Channel 5 news)

## **RB'S GONG SHOWS** 1982-87, 2011-14

In 1982 RB decided to have a Gong Show to mimic the crazy antics of the popular 1976 – 1980 weekly Gong Show starring Chuck Barris. Whereas the TV show was a socalled talent show, the RB version clearly would be a no-talent knock-off. In fact, a real, metal gong would be RB's only resemblance to Chuck Barris' production.

RB rented a backroom and stage at the El Papagallo Restaurant. Burgundy colored drapes were hung ceiling to floor as a backdrop. Act by act, RB members performed humiliating stunts in hopes of avoiding the dreaded low, metallic sounding 'gonnng' of the gong. Rumors are that the first RB Gong Shows were so lacking in talent that acts won by being less bad. After the 1987 Gong Show the Club's powers-to-be had had enough and "the show mustn't go on."



1982 - First RB Gong Show (with genuine gong) at El Papagallo Restaurant





**1985 Gail Cleveland, Activities Director:** Everyone seemed to be enjoying the Gong Show so much. The one comment I kept hearing was: it's not long enough! I ask you – how much abuse can one person take??! Mr. Saverio Pellicano, the formally attired Gong Show M.C., kept the show moving lively through the bizarre list of participants. Saverio's quick wit and lavish style should earn him a degree of respect in our club.



2011 Steve Coll singing "Jackie Wilson Said." Judy Haye's unplanned, unrehearsed rescue of the Bard's mustache.

**2011 – RB Gong Show Returns.** Early in 2011 at a secret late night meeting, the

Gong Show was resurrected by Bruce Duncan and Brian O'Reilly – both survivors of RB's '80's Gong Shows. Having learned from their previous chagrins, the remake would include real theatrical venues, celebrity judges, a producer and director, and have acts that survived tryouts. Ambitiously, reserved seating would be sold in advance and half the proceeds would go to a charity. Over the four years the resurrected Gong Shows raised almost \$5000 for local charities.

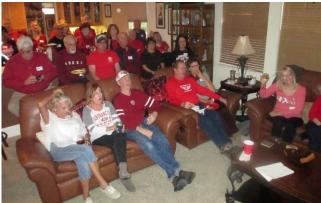
Of the 100s of activities during RB's half century, the Gong Show was by far its biggest production. Event planning and expenditures started six months in advance. Ideas for acts and its performers also began months in advance. The number of acts at each show varied from 15 -19 and involved 30-50 members. Notably, the 2011- 14 Gong Shows were the only activities in RB's illustrious history where the public paid to see RB members perform.



#### **RUSTY BINDINGS SUPER BOWL LIV PARTY**

### On Forty Niner Court (Feb 2, 2020)











## THE LABOR DAY / MEMORIAL DAY SOFTBALL & PICNICS

Less has been written about the Memorial Day & Labor Day picnics than any other RB event. The only evidence other than a spot on the calendar is the flier below crafted by softball captain Karl Smith. Fortunately, RB photographers subbed for the missing writers. No problem, a picture's worth a thousand words anyway.

These popular Monday activities began in 2008 and continued until they became another casualty of COVID in 2020. For twelve straight years RB exemplified American tradition on these 3-day weekends having picnics and games.

> Rusty Bindings Ski Club Labor Day Softball Game or Bike Ride and Barbecue





Co-ed softball game at Rudgear Park, Walnut Creek on Monday, September 1 (Labor Day) from 12-3 PM. (Take Rudgear Road east, right on Dapplegray and right on Stewart to the park) OR bring your bike and meet at the park for a 2-3 hour bike ride.

Bring your glove, sunscreen, beverages and food to cook after the game. This is a fun game-slow pitch, no sliding, etc. All levels of players are welcome! Cheerleaders too! If you are bike riding, bring water, sunscreen and something to cook and share after the ride. You also can come just for the barbecue!

Softball warm-up from 12-1PM. Game 1-3 PM. Bike ride 12-3 PM. This will be a free event as the club will pay for the field!! RB will also supply charcoal and plates. Bring something to cook and a dish to share and your own beverages.





Call Karl Smith for questions 510-632-7414 There was always softball and BBQ's. Half of the time a bike ride was added. Occasionally, tennis was played during softball. And big appetites and a lot of food never was always a winner.



RB's first Labor Day softball & picnic 2008



There was always a crowd rooting for the home team (whoever was at bat).



First Rusty Binding's Dive & Dine – Salt Point State Park 1975

### **DIVE & DINES** 1975 - 2017

The annual pilgrimage to Northern California's spectacular coastline became RB's most popular camping trip. It began in RB's third year and continued every year until it was cancelled in 2019 due to the restricted abalone season by the California Fish and Game Commission. The weekend along Highway 1 on the Mendocino coast had something for everyone: bike rides, walks, ocean walks, horseback riding, massages, gallery tours, kayaking, shopping, music by the campfire, and most of all, getting to know one another.

<u>Tom Jones (Newsletter Editor) writes in</u> <u>1984,</u> "You know you are coming down with Dive & Diness when you start maneuvering to get the Friday before off work (even if you have started a new job). As the affliction progresses, you find that you are able to remember only parts of Friday night and, unfortunately, <u>all</u> of Saturday! You know when the affliction is in recession when you arrive home on Sunday smelling like a campfire with three layers of dirt on your body to contend with. The divers came through again to provide us with enough abalone to feed half of Contra Costa."





The early years of Dive & Dine required lots of Coleman stoves and garage sale old pots and pans to feed the masses. Around 1990, enter Tim Peterson and Ma Baker (a.k.a. Lurline & Tim's mother). Like magic chefs they provided an entire portable kitchen with catering equipment. Gone was huddling around scores of overused camping stoves. Exquisite outdoor dining had arrived. In the 90s, some Dive & Dines would provide gourmet food to more than 150 people in the middle of nowhere.

Of course, such extraordinary feats are what Singles League legends are made of. While the lesser clubs were serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and deli potato salad, the infamous Championship Ski Team was dining to five-star meals of abalone.

## Tim Peterson (Newsletter Editor) writes in 2008: THE ABALONE TRADITION

As June 1 strolls around, one's thoughts turn to abalone. I think not only of the animal itself but the entire tradition and the Northern California coast, the winding Highway 1, the wild flowers that blanket the hillsides, the exhilaration that you feel as you glimpse the coast line for the first time after the long winter, the setting up of camp and the camaraderie that is shared by those who make the pilgrimage; the struggling into the wet suit that fit last season and launching of the tubes and boats and finally that first plunge into salty water with the rush of cold, and all this in the name of abalone!

For those who have been, you know of what I speak. For those of you who are new, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Yes, the abalone, a mere gastropod, is the excuse and lender of its name to this tradition but the people are what make this tradition special. This is a tradition that is passed on from generation to generation, from father to son, buddy to buddy, family to family, instructor to student. No matter how the tradition is passed, the scene is a familiar one. If Mother Ocean is generous, the hunters return with plenty of abalone for the planned feast. A celebratory beer is in order, to wash away the salt and to recap the dive. Then, it's off to the cleaning area where one of the great ab secrets is revealed--pearls! Then another great secret is divulged, the best way to slice the ab to quarantee its tenderness.

If I were to continue and let all the secrets out of the bag, then it might destroy the tradition. Preparation and cooking are half of the fun, and everyone gets involved. The pounders pound, the eggers egg, the breaders bread, and cooks cook, and the server serve until everyone has overeaten the "best" meal ever. Later, the camp fire beckons and places are taken, stories and jokes are told and songs are sung. Thus, the tradition is once again renewed and passed. Join us for a weekend of diving fun, food and tradition.



Mendocino Coast - 2007



Mendocino Coast - 2007



Van Damme State Park – 2012

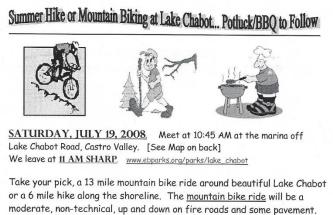
### DIVE & DINE FROM THE DIVERS VIEW SEPTEMBER 2008











or a 6 mile hike along the shoreline. The <u>mountain bike ride</u> will be a moderate, non-technical, up and down on fire roads and some pavement. There will be one fairly short but steep climb. Helmets mandatory. The <u>hike</u> will be about 6 miles long on gently rolling fire roads and pavement. Both will take approximately 2+ hours.



The BBQ will be at Paul Wallace's home immediately following the hike/bike ride. ....approx 15 minutes from Lake Chabot... Those *not* hiking or biking are welcome to join the group at Paul's house after 2:30 PM.

26980 HALIFAX PLACE, HAYWARD 94542. Phone: Home 510-581-9576, Cell 510-828-2213.

Bring your own meat to BBQ, a side dish, and preferred beverage. Dress is very casual and you can bring a swimsuit for the pool/hot tub. A volleyball court and croquette will also be available.

Flier of the first Summer Potluck/BBQ Party in 2008.

### SUMMER HIKE/BIKE POTLUCK/BBQ aka "PAUL WALLACE PARTY"

During the new millennium, if RB had a signature event, it would be the Summer Hike/Bike Potluck/BBQ aka "Paul Wallace Party." The long-winded title is fitting. This annual party had it all. It attracted more non-members and snagged more new members than any other once-a-year RB activity. Well-deserved years of kudos to Paul.

The definition of "signature event" is that "it tells an organization's story that is compelling." What is more Rusty Bindings than an abundance of outdoor activities, eating, drinking, dancing, and mingling, all condensed into a day? And, during 2009-2015, a live dance band accentuated this infamous happening.









1985 DELTA HOUSE BOAT TRIP

# RUSTY BOATERS & WATER SKIERS

Second only to snow skiing, water related activities dominated the Rusty Bindings scene during the 70s, 80s, and 90s. Not coincidentally, as the weather warmed, Rusty Snow Skiers morphed into Rusty Water Skiers. No, not because snow and water skiing are very similar. They aren't. But more so because the wild, uninhibited partyers in the snow easily regrouped into wild, uninhibited partyers on the water.

For all 50 years, the aptly nicknamed Rusty Ducks, enjoyed all the popular coastal waters, rivers, and lakes in Central California. During this period, the 1000s of miles of rivers and sloughs of the California LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Delta was at the core of RB's waterway of rowdy parties. Typically, small flotillas of houseboats and ski boats were formed during summer holiday weekends to storm the hottest recreational beaches. And often, RBers were joined by other ski club partygoers.



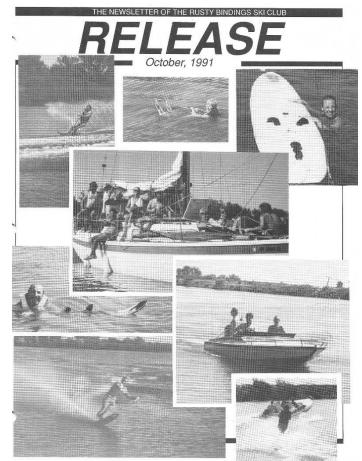
**RB** speed boating on the Delta 1976



### HOUSEBOAT TRIP (1985) by Tom Brennan / Social Director

Anybody want to buy three, good, used houseboats? After the weekend we spent on those poor boats, you could probably pick them up cheap! The annual trip was full of crazy ongoings. We had things such as beached houseboats, water balloons breaking windows, propellers breaking off, engine failure, and an outdrive failing. Now keep in mind that these boats were full of RBers and all this was normal.

We had some very colorful names for these houseboats: "Ramboat" piloted by Rambo himself Doug De Vries; "The Lusty Scupper" on its last day lost its outdrive unit, commanded by Dick Yox; and the "Bawdy Shop" with Charles Barnum at the helm.







Luau at Del Valle Park in Livermore. The Luau became an annual event in the 80s and 90s and RB invited other Bay Area ski clubs.



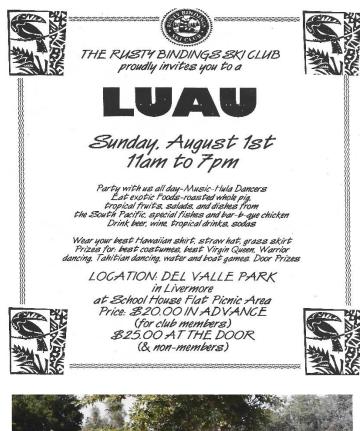
**OUR LUAU WAS A SUCCESS** By Allison Muller, Singles League Rep. (93)

We had a good turnout, about 180 people, including great participation from other clubs. Those Inskiers, they will do anything for a free keg of beer.

It takes a lot of effort on many members part to put on a Luau. Thank you to all that helped in numerous ways: beginning with promoting our Luau to other clubs, to preparing large quantities of food, to arriving early to set-up, to the final clean-up at the end.

Results from our dessert contest. Congratulations to our tasty dessert chief:

> 1st Place. Jeff Monahan 2nd Place. Maxine Senavsky 3rd Place. Steve Coll.







1990 Level III Whitewater Rafting American River

# WHITEWATER RIVER RAFTING

For RB's first three decades, water was an irresistible force attracting its more energetic, adventurous, daring members. To most of the Rusty Ducks this activity was the most thrilling because it was the most risky. What other group endeavor requires a safety briefing of basic rafting before embarking?

The Rusty Ducks frequented the big waves and sharp bends of the South Fork of the American River. With intimidating names like "Troublemaker" and "Satan's Cesspool", these rolling, churning currents provided a total group thrill ride for the navigating. Repeatedly, the bouncing and soaring was followed by drifting through a calm pool where nerves were settled before the next wild run along the giant boulders and canyon walls.



RB's first whitewater rafting event 1973



Lotus Camp whitewater rafting 2007



RB's first trip for camping only, 1978, in Yosemite

# RUSTY CAMPERS & GLAMPERS

Camping is as much a part of RB recreation as sunny three-day weekends. RBers camping began with the first Dive n Dine at Salt Point in 1975. Since then almost all overnight bicycling, hiking, and rafting trips have included tents, sleeping bags, and campfires. And as RB aged, an RV or two was added.

It would take several pages to share stories about all the food, cookware, grounds, tents, campfires, weather, antics, entertainment, camaraderie, and flirtation of an RB campout.

In 1985, Barry Burrell, Contributing Editor writes: "Friday night, the Cache Creek Campground found itself invaded by 100 party lov'n rafters from our club and the Snow Chasers. The rafters started arriving in the late afternoon and the onslaught continued to the wee hours of Saturday morning. The weather was very hot Friday and the "Raft'n RBers" were eager to sip suds and party. Sandy G. arrived with the wine and Tom Huff arrived with the "Rusty Keg" full of Miller Lite. He also brought 20 lbs. of air. He said it was ice when he started. Mike and Marriam sang and played guitar around the Tajmahal and the Kana Poli Hilton. The party broke up around 2 a.m. with the RBers wandering through the woods to find sleeping bags and tents."





### 1991 beach camping at Van Damme State Park along the Mendocino coast

In 2000, Robbie Johnson, BAC Rep writes: "Are you ready for Yosemite??? The annual trip is July 1-4, 2000. And while you're there watch out for the bears!!! Yes, I speak from personal experience, having had my car broken into by a bear with a sweet tooth. He was after hot chocolate mix in a foil pouch, in a plastic bag, in the trunk of my car!!! They do have incredible noses! Be sure to read all the way through the Bear Alert herein."



2008 Tahoe Camp & Dine in the Pines

Glamping is a combination of "glamorous" and "camping", and describes a style of camping with amenities and, in some cases, resort-style services not usually associated with "traditional" camping.

### 2016 Lake Tahoe Glamping By Steve Coll

"Sorry if you missed the Tahoe Glamping Weekend, since it was sold out, but to those who attended, it can only be described as "Kick-ass". The perfect weather, the hiking with lake views, the kayaking, the impromptu choral group performances breaking out in the hot tub, the great food, and music. Oh...The...Music! From Friday nights' sunset live concert on Kings Beach, to the musical stylings of Paul and Kassie on acoustic quitar around the fire, to the dinner and dancing DJ music of Sam "The Man" Tilton, it was a glorious weekend of fun and friends. I want to thank everyone who came, not for just participating, but pitching in to help with all manner of chores, cooking, and cleaning in order to make it truly a collaborative group endeavor, (and I especially could not have run this without my Judy's help."





2015 Monterey Bike Ride. This bi-annual event that began in 1989 has become one of RB's most popular weekend get-aways.

# THE RUSTY SPOKES

In RB's early years bicycling was slow to become one of the Club's major outdoor activities. As RB aged and running became harder and harder on the lower body, bicycling was the inevitable replacement – helluva lot easier to ride than run. The first appearance of an RB bicycling event appeared in a 1975 RB photo alblum.



1975 wine country bike ride

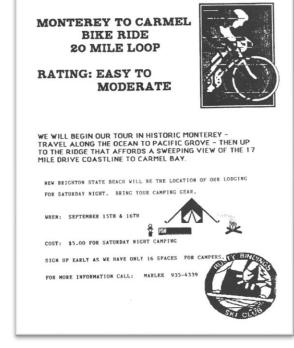


### 1984 Wine Country Bike Ride flier

With each passing year RB bike rides became more and more popular. Over the

past 50 years RBers have toured almost every popular route in the East Bay and Central California. This is a typical ride: "Come join us for a Sunday Bike Ride across the beautiful GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE to Sausilito for a picnic, then on to Tiburon to ride the ferry to Fisherman's Wharf then back to our cars at Gas House Cove."

More and more bicycling events were added to RB's already packed calendar of events. Various wine country tours became regular events and starting in 1989 the annual, and later bi-annual, Monterey Bike Ride became one of RB's most popular weekend events.

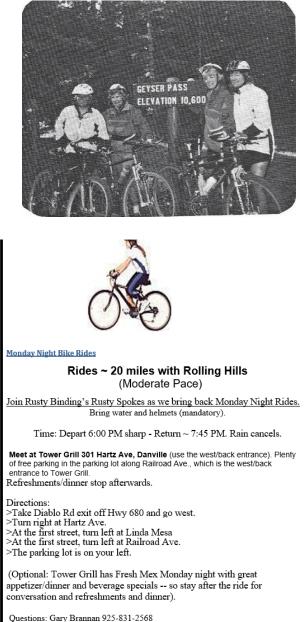


Flier of the second Monterey Bike Ride September 15-16, 1990.

### TELLURIDE TO MOAB (1993) by Marc Vieira

*"Labor Day weekend saw 14 RBers depart for a week long mountain bike tour from Telluride, Colorado to Moab, Utah. We started the ride at the Telluride Airport.* 

Scott was the lead guide. He gave us a few facts about about our trip: (1) we would be riding over three mountain passes; (2) during the course of the trip we would climb 20,000 feet; and (3) the elevation of the trip would be between 7,000 to 10,600 feet."



**2019 flier of Monday Night Bike Ride** First Monday Night Ride began in June, 2009 and continues to today. Powered by Gary Brannan it has become RB's only yearround weekly activity.

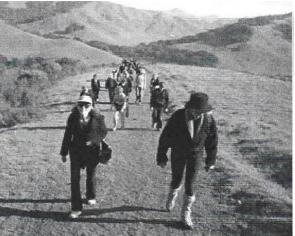


## **RUSTY HIKERS**

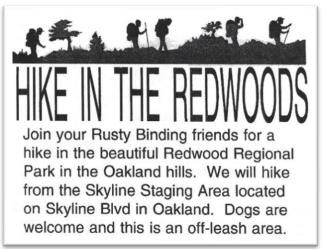
First evidence of an RB hiking-only event is the ad above from the November 1991 *Release*. Certainly, there were many RB hikes before 1991 but the evidence alludes typeset. Nonetheless since then, prolific hike organizer Dick Duker and others have organized dozens of scenic hikes in the Bay Area. Beginning in 2003 Collette Kersten and Owen Murphy have led an annual pre-Easter Sunday hike from Orinda. There have been hikes that were easy, hard, at sunrise, at sunset, paved, horse trails, or pole hiking. There was something for everyone.

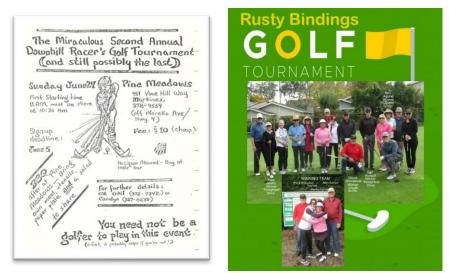


2009 seventh annual RB pre-Easter hike Orinda to Berkeley was a one-way 7-8 mile hike featuring inspirational views and a secluded valley on EBMUD property. It was steep in spots but worth it! It included Berkeley's infamous "Stairway" and Walking Tour of Architectural Heritage in North Berkely.



King Canyon, Moraga 6.5-mile hike February 2010





1983 – Second Golf Flier. 2021 Annual Rusty Putters Tournament Winners.

# **RUSTY PUTTERS 1983 - 2021**



1983 Happy winner at RB's first golf tournament. Sand trap up & down.

RB's first golf tournament was held in 1983.
As with so many things RB in the 80s it was a little zany and appropriately named
"Goofy Golf." No experience was required and not all the golfers were golfers.
Trophies were awarded for best couple, worst couple, and longest putt(er).



1992 at Franklin Canyon.

From 1983 to 2021 RB held at least one golf event a year and many years golf outings were organized several times a year. Golf also became a favorite additional activity to camping trips and biking events. As the club members retired, golf became more and more popular with RBers playing golf year around. During COVID golf and hiking were the Club's only outdoor events. Now there's at least one golf event each month and golf trips occur regularly.





During the 1980s, RB competed against other Bay Area ski teams in an Olympiad. Events included such athletic events as sack races, egg toss, tug-of-war, ice cream eating, etc.

# **THE OLYMPIAD 1980s**

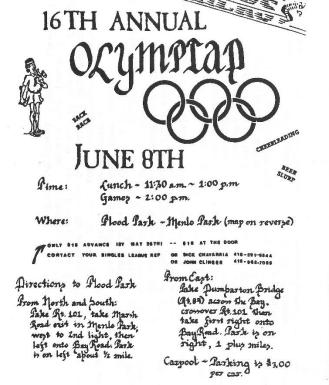
### **BRINGING HOME THE GOLD**

by Patty Eastman, Olympiad Chronicler

Twenty RBers, muscles toned, reflexes quick and spirits alive, represented us well as they brought home not only the gold, but also silver and bronze. The beer slurping team slurped their way into 3rd place. "Eats it, beats it, and even mistreats" it obviously paid off. The egg toss foursome (silver) heard that raw eggs



were great for hair conditioning. Mary Greer was #1 plateholder as Bruce Duncan ate his way through a quart of chocolate ice cream (no hands allowed) right to the gold medal. Congratulations to all the winners. Wear you medals to the next meeting so we can honor and adore you as the Greeks did their gods.



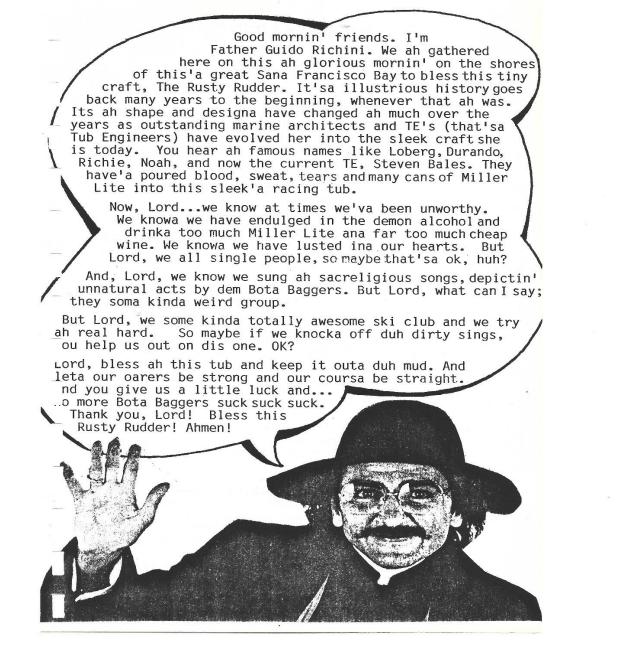
### 1984 Olympiad flier (Menlo Park)





During the 1980s, RB competed against other Bay Area clubs in KNBR's Bathtub Regattas. RB engineer, Steve Bales, built the competitive Rusty Rudders from scratch.

## **BATHTUB REGATTAS 1980s**





### The Philosophy of Volunteerism by Dory Gouge-Gericke, Vice Pres 1996

Life is full of paradoxes. "Volunteerism" is one of them. The cliché loses some meaning simply because it is a cliché'. Yet it's true!!...the more you give the more you receive. Even with "time" at a premium for all of us, when you give time to an organization like Rusty Bindings, the return you get is greater...and far different than you could ever imagine.

That's the beauty and the mystery of volunteerism. Sometimes I thought I was going to get, say, "inner satisfaction" out of volunteering for this or that, when in fact, I ended up with an added bonus – one of meeting new friends. Those new friends *lead to various opportunities – personally* and professionally...and so it goes. When we think of volunteerism, our immediate association is normally with charitable organizations; yet don't overlook the Rusty Bindings causes, many of which of which are quite worthwhile, such as raising needed funds for the Adaptive Ski School or Northern California Handicapped Sports Association.

RB and its members have volunteered and financially contributed to charity organizations and causes for almost all its 50 years. Annual financial contributions ranged from a few hundred dollars in a year to as much as \$2500 in a year.

### RB's 1971-2021

### **Charities & Volunteering**

**American Heart Association BAC Ski For All Bay Area Crisis Nursery Children's Home Society Diablo Bowman Archery Club Disabled Sports USA Fallen Heroes Food Bank of Contra Costa Kaiser Hospice** Make-a-Wish Martinez Boys Club (1975) Multiple Sclerosis Society (Ski-A-Thon) **Napa Fire Victims National Handicap Sports National Handicap Skiers Special Olympics Tovs For Tots** We Care Bear (Care Bears distributed to 8 agencies) **Wounded Warriors** 

The Rusty Binding The Rusty Club, Skie Club,

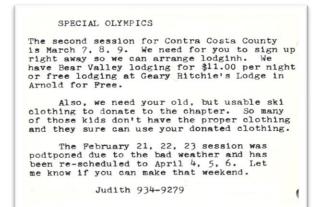
Dear Mr. De Unies,

The presents delivered to Children's Home Society by Walter Mann on behalf of your Club were greatly appreciated.

It was obvious that a lot of thought + care went into the purchase + wrapping of presents for the special children we work with and I can assure you that many Holidays were brighter because of each of you.

Thank you very much-Sincerely Pan Thomas Program Supervisor Case Management Sta Children's Flower Sciet

1986 thank you note from Children's Home Society



### 1986 newsletter request for volunteers for Special **Olympics**

#### **RUSTY BINDINGS**

VOLUNTEER DAY at the FOOD BANK 3

COME JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE FOOD BANK of CONTRA COSTA & SOLANO

We will work for about three hours sorting and boxing donated foods and othor items. It is a critical and necessary task, as well as a great way to help your community and gat involved in a worthy cause. The food bark needs volunteer help year-round net just during the holidays. The last two times we did this everyone had a ball. We can have anywhere from 3-12 people on this outing.

Come find out more about your local Food Bank. Did you know that in 1999, 49,000 people a month received food assistance from one of the nine different food programs for needy individuals, children, seniors, & families?

#### WHEN?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

PLEASE RSVP with Ed Mattson @ 676-3139 NLT the 8th.

#### WHERE?

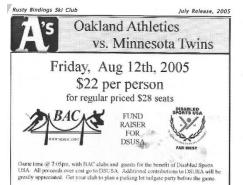
4010 NELSON AVENUE, CONCORD. TELEPHONE 676-7543. To get there, take 4010 NELSON AVENUE, CONCORD. TELEPHONE 676-7543. To get there, take 4010 NeLSON AVENUE, concerning from the West, take a left onto Arnold Industrial Place at bottom of off-ramp; proceed to first stop sign and turn left on Peralta Rd. Go under freeway and through four-way stop; road then verses to right onto Nelson. Food Bank is just up to the right. From the East, take a right onto Arnold Industrial Way; proceed to stop sign and turn left on Peralta Road. Follow directions above to Food Bank.

INFORMATION

For more information about the Food Bank or the event, contact Ed Mattson (a member of Food Bank Board of Directors) at 676-3139.

### 2000 newsletter request for volunteers for Contra

#### Costa Food Bank



Since 2005 RBers have attended A's games to benefit **Disabled Sports USA** 



The 2011-14 Gong Shows (four shows) benefitted Kaiser Hospice, Wounded Warriors (2) & Fallen Heroes.



2018 - The We Care Bear project involved 8 RB ladies that made 607 bears for 8 local agencies.



2018 - RBers wrapped gifts for Bay Area Crisis Nursery.



1974 - One of the first blunder jacket recipients

## **Blunder Jacket**

### 1974-2021

"The original blunder jacket started when an orange ski jacket was left behind at the ski cabin by Dave Shelton in 1974. Someone brought it back and Dave was asking around if anyone had seen it. It was presented to him at the next meeting after someone had stenciled on the back "Blunder Jacket." It then became club property and was awarded to members thereafter on an as warranted basis for a number of years until the original orange one disappeared. This is what I remember of its history." Jim Lynn (President 1975-76)

"Some people think of it as the devil incarnate. They avoid it like the plague. God only knows what would happen if you got the damn thing. It's red, it's ugly and it causes rashes. Some members have been impaled in delicate parts by pins on the buttons . . . Yes, you guessed it: the BLUNDER JACKET!" Rand Stephens (Past President 1992-93). It's for real. The shabby, one size fits all, blunder jacket is the oldest of all things Rusty Bindings – clearly a dubious distinction. It seems a tad hokey but four generations of jackets started out orange then has been various shades of red. A few knock-offs were yellow. When publicly awarded it can be wildly entertaining but very embarrassing to the recipient. Secrets have surfaced about members sheepishly not attending meetings for fear that they would be awarded the jacket. On the other hand, some blunder-hardened members relish wearing the Red. In RB you can run but you can't hide from telltale, unbecoming behavior.



2012 Spring Banquet

### **Infamous Blunders:**

Feeding fellow RB campers homemade ham & cheese sandwiches with the plastic wrap still on the cheese slices . . . Overindulging in drink at RB event, hugging the porcelain bowl instead of hugging the ladies . . . Prez for showing up to the Board meeting on the wrong night . . . Costing the club \$ by losing your racing bib, then finding it in your ski bag . . . Locking everyone's skis atop the car to later find out the keys were left back at the cabin . . . Burdening fellow campers to search for an hour for lost car keys only to find them buried in her well-endowed cleavage . . .



You had to have been there to know why Chuck Barnam is wearing the BLUNDER JACKET. Any one who goes into the wrong Condo and starts playing their sterio, WHILE THEIR TEEN AGE DAUGHTER IS IN THE SHOWER, and then ask's "is this the Rusty Bindings Condo?" My lord, it's a wonder he isn't wearing strips in jail. Sort of goes along with the story "sorry sweetie, I'm out of gas."

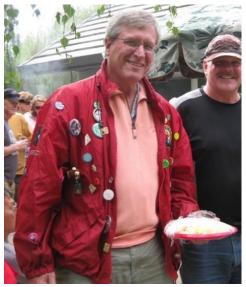


1991





"I changed my formal wear to color coordinate." Rand Stephens (1989)



Marc Schnarr (2010)

# **DEAR GLADYS** (**RB's 80s Advice Columnist**)

# Dear Gladys



In the mid-80s someone had to be counseling all these baby-booming, late bloomers. Words of wisdom must have guided dating, racing, partying, and more fun than a body ought to have, with or without clothes. Thus, RB created its very own version of Dear Abby penned by an anonymous member.

**Dear Gladys,** I'm thinking of hosting my firstRusty Bindings dinner party. Can you give me some tips? Hostess with the Mostest.

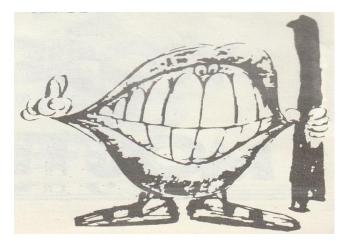
**Dear Ho' Mostest:** Gender law requires you invite equal number of males and females. The critical thing is you invite a good mix of people. For example, if you invite some interesting people, the kind that sit around and discuss foreign affairs, you also want toinvite some boring people, the kind that like to get naked in the hot tub. When all guests have arrived, seat them alternating male and female by attractiveness. Serve your guests and refuse all help until someone yells "Aren't you going to eat." That ought to be enough etiquette to get you going.

**Dear Gladys,** I have a problem with people borrowing things from me and not returning them. I've had books, clothes, tapes and cash that people have borrowed and never bothered to return. Last week a friend (now exfriend) borrowed my boyfriend and tried to give him back very used. What should I do? From B's (books, boyfriend, borrowing)

Dear B's, (Is that your cup size?): Speaking from my own experience and I double checked with Miss Manners, never pick up the phone on the first ring, never say I will be right over, and never volunteer to lend something. In other words, if you don't lend it you won't lose it!

Gladys' uncommon common-sense tutoring, had a staunch following of RB advice seekers. The popular column absorbed 1-2 pages of newsletter space every month. Rumor has it Gladys got married and continued her column at In-Skiers.

# THE RUSTY MOUTH (RB's Roaring 80s)



Oh, how I love being the Rusty Mouth. As I walk around the meetings and activities, I hear all sorts of gossip, including nasty remarks about me. ABOUT ME! They are saying that I'm slanderous. Well, it's twoo, it's twoo, it's twoo, except that the mouth always tells the truth. Anonymous 1984

### Some reporting from the Mouth:

- Word has it our Prez played Santa at the last Board Meeting. SHARON, MARY, DEBBIE, LIL, & BOBBIE who all sat on Santa's lap, accused 'ol Santa of "conduct unbecoming of an officer.

- I still don't have all the facts, but for what it's worth, here goes. It seems that SUE, CHERYL, MARY, BOB & DON got into a water fight in the casino at Circus Circus. MARY has a bum knee, SUE a slight concussion, and CHERYL got lucky. I'm sure they are referring to the tables. What a group! - Now about MARY'S knee. It appears that WILLIAM had to help MARY out of the lodge and up a flight of stairs. At the top she made an about face to gingerly retrieve her cigarettes. WILLIAM then nailed her skis to the ticket booth. Atta boy WILLIAM.

- True. BRIAN stirred up a mixture of guacamole and 100 proof peppermint schnapps. He smeared it on the bottom of his skis. He said it made him fly like the Red Baron with the Mexican trots.

- BRUCE is our he-man of the week. First he had his wallet stolen. Then he had his lift ticket stolen. Then he banged up his knee in a race. Then when he returned, he had a dead car battery.

"Well that's it for this month. If you have any Goodies to share with me, place them in the Mouth Box on Mary's desk. I will spread the word."

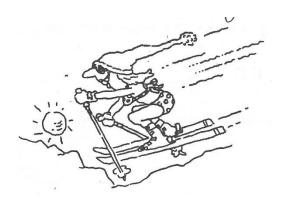
As funny as the Rusty Mouth was, at times the veiled humor of the Mouth wore on some of the more sensitive RBers. Half of his/her recipients heard humor and half heard insults. Second thoughts about privacy prevailed. It survived two Boards before its demise in June 1985. To this day the identity of the cryptic author(s) is unknown.

# Roaring 80s Bunnies & Bums

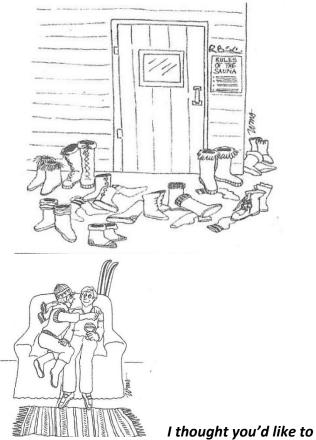
A cartoon is worth a thousand words? These cartoons are a small sample of what populated the RB newsletters during the 80's. They do reflect the skiing sexcapades of a singles club that often boasted to be a "drinking club with a ski problem."



Skiing! This is a skiing trip?



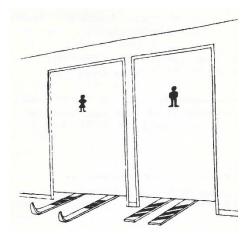




know I'm not wearing any underwear.



work in THIS weather! Are you crazy?



# The "Rusty" Bindings Brand

"Brand identity is more than just finding the right logo. It's about crafting a personality that amplifies the core elements of your brand. Ultimately, your product leaves an impression on your customers long after you've made the sale. Brand identity is the process of shaping that impression."



**Pusty Balls – volleyball** Rusty Bindings – the ski club **Rusty Blades – rollerblading** Rusty Bucks – gift certificate **Rusty Cleats – softball Rusty Ducks – water sports Rusty Fleet – boat parade Rusty Hooks – fishing Rusty Mouth – gossip column Pusty Dutters – golf Rusty Raft – river rafting** Pusty Packets – tennis **Rusty Riders – motor bikers Pusty Pockers – dancing Rusty Rollers – roller skating Pusty Pubble – lost & found** Rusty Rudders — regatta racers **Rusty Scuppers – sailing Dusty Sisters – chorus line Rusty Spokes – cycling Dusty Sneakers** – running **Rusty Tanks – divers Rusty Zippers – zip lining** 

RB was started in November, 1971 as the Diablo Singles Ski Club. In June, 1972, it officially became Rusty Bindings Singles Ski Club. From the beginning, Rusty Bindings was to be no ordinary ski club – it required a unique, symbolic, catchy name. It is not clear how a bunch of drinking, partying, twenty-somethings came up with "Rusty Bindings", but they unwittingly selected a name that more and more, with each passing year, astutely represented the RB brand. Amazingly, almost mystically, RUSTY BINDINGS IS MORE "RUSTY" BINDINGS TODAY THAN IN 1972. "Rusty Bindings" should be trademarked.



Robbie Johnson 1999-2001



an Tiscareno 2001-2008



Karen Halpin 2008-2009



Gail Mercer 2009-2014



Tony Baker 2014-2021

# THE RUSTY BINDINGS WEBSITE 1999-2021

# Check out Rusty Bindings'

Web Site

http://www.jaws.com.baski/clubs/singles.html

# Coming Soon

"Calendar of Events"

and other great info

send comments to: cjloren@ccmail2.pacbell.com

# First indication of an RB website appears in the Release in May, 1996

Member Jules Betts launched RB's first web presence in 1996. It was a basic informational page on a guest posting site for Bay Area Ski clubs named "jaws.com." RB acquired its own page in this community website to post its "Calendar of Events" and other club news.

In 1999 Webmaster Robbie Johnson, 23 years later recalls: *I was honored to be RB's* 

very first "webmaster"! I do remember the website being at Jaws.com when I took over, but don't remember much of the details. I think it was some sort of free thing where RB had some static content out there. We have to remember, in terms of the user (RB) building their own website, the 1990s were very early days (like prehistoric) and there just wasn't a lot of software out there to do this sort of thing. Somewhere around 1999, it must have been March -*April, under the astute leadership of the* irrepressible Karen Halpin, I realized that (thanks to my paying job in software), I knew how to build a website using MS Front Page, and that the software was available. So I volunteered, and things just took off from there. The RB website went off Jaws.com on to a "real" website at RustyBindings.com where we could update it at any time and post as much as info as we liked.

### In 2008 Webmaster Karen Halpin writes:

Alan Tiscareno has been our webmaster for several years now, taking over the task that Robbie Johnson took over & originally started by Jules Betts. RB's first webmaster was Robbie Johnson who managed the site from 1999-2001 before handing it over to Alan Tiscareno from 2001 to 2008. Karen Halpin was webmaster from 2008 to 2009. There are no copies and few details of any RB webpages prior to 2014 when the website was completely redesigned. The quest continues for any copy of an RB webpage prior to 2014.

In 2009, opportunity and necessity once again converged within the Club – Activities Director Gail Mercer was taking a class in web building. She needed a class project. What a stroke of luck for the RB! Her newly developed skill resulted a new, updated, well-maintained RB website for the next four years.

In 2014 the RB website was completely redesigned by Tony Baker from a list of requirements compiled by a small committee of board members. The new website was modeled after the website of Mountain High Ski Club, the perennial winner each year of FWSA's "best website" category. Top priority of the new website was to have a homepage that was both a snapshot and a click away from all things Rusty Bindings.

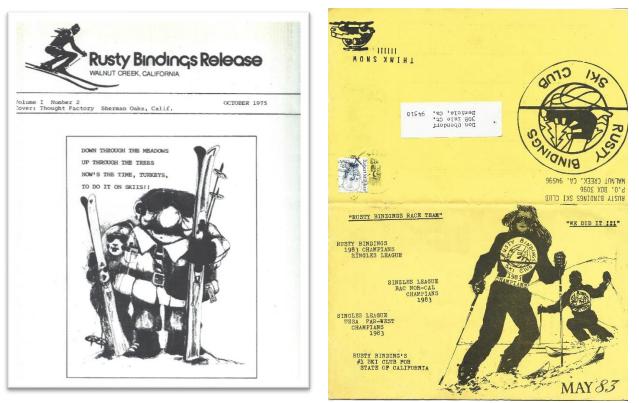
With the addition of PayPal to the website in 2015, members could pay for upcoming events online. This was especially useful for joining RB and the renewal of annual membership dues.



The 2015-2021 RB website featured up-todate, easily accessed information.

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During the winter of 2016, RB designed its own cabin reservation system for its website.



Oct 1975 & May 1983 front covers.

# NEWSLETTER - THE LIFEBLOOD OF RUSTY BINDINGS

The earliest evidence of an RB newsletter is a cover from October 1975 labeled Volume 1, Number 2. That dates the first RB newsletter as September, 1975. The earliest complete newsletter is May, 1983. Both vintages are pictured above.

The May, 1983 newsletter is a 5 ½ x 4 ¼ booklet style with 35 pages. It has articles from Board members, activities calendars, many fliers, blunder jacket stories, and more. All newsletters were mailed or handed out at meetings until 2010 when they began being attached to emails. Newsletters have always been a monthly publication. In 70s and 80s there wasn't a newsletter editor board position and the newsletter was compiled by the Administrative Director. In the late '80's and early '90's the newsletter had a small staff. In the mid '80's the Release was recognized as the best recreational ski club publication in the U.S. The newsletter editors at the time were Tom Jones, Joyce Nechelini, and Brian O'Reilly.

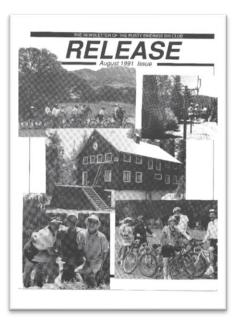


### RUSTY BINDINGS RECEIVED THE USRSA MOST OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION 1984-85 1985-86

In 1991-92 the newsletter editor became a board position. By then the newsletter had enlarged to  $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 11$ , named the "Release"

again, and monthly issues were full of B & W photos. Color was cost prohibitive.

The content of RB newsletters hasn't changed much in 50 years. Typically, about half of the Board members submit articles that recognize RB accomplishments, highlight recent events, or promote upcoming activities. Every newsletter was full of fliers of upcoming events as well as monthly activity calendars of the current and following month. Most newsletters have photos of recent Club activities. Sporadically, there have been classified ads.



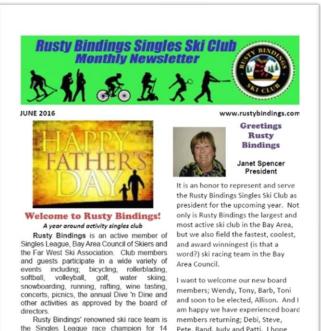
### **My Last Newsletter** by Joyce Nichelini, Editor (1984)

LORDY, WHAT CAN I SAY ... BUT HOORAY, HOORAY. THIS IS MY LAST NEWSLETTER. I HAVE TO SAY IT HAS BEEN FUN, HOWEVER. . . I'M SO GLAD SOMEONE ELSE CAN HAVE ALL THE FUN. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL CREATIVE ARTICLES. THANK YOU "DEAR GLADY'S AND "RUSTY MOUTH" FOR YOUR COMEDY AND SLANDER? FRANKLY I DON'T KNOW WHY MY HOUSE HASN'T BEEN BOMBED BECAUSE OF THAT NASTY, FUNNY AND LOVABLE OLE

MOUTH. AS FOR YOU DONNA SOHRALIAS "DEAR GLADYS", YOU OUGHT TO WRITE COMEDY FOR A LIVING, YOU'RE TERRIFIC. SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU BOARD MEMBERS WHO GOT ME YOUR ARTICLES. NEVER ON TIME, BUT . . . YOU DID GET THEN TO ME.

Tim Peterson was the Newsletter Editor for fourteen years between 1996 and 2015 three times as long as any other RB newsletter editor. Tim's preservation of the 1987 though 2015 newsletters has made it possible to complete much of RB's illustrious 50-year history.

Producing the newsletter back then was both a creative achievement and herculean task. Once written, newsletters were printed, assembled, and mailed to 150+ members. After 2015 all newsletters were stored electronically.



the Singles League race champion for 14 straight years. The team has an excellent program with ski and snowboard racing, ski, snowboard and race clinics, orientation for new skiers, discounted accommodations and lift tickets, awards, gifts and an opportunity to ski and race with others of the same ability.

Pete, Rand, Judy and Patti. I hope you get to know them either in conversation at the summer BBQ's, at activities, during Tuesday gatherings, or through their newsletter articles. (continued page 3)



### RELEASE Rusty Bindings Ski Club Newsletter

Walnut Creek, California

P.O. Box 3096 Walnut Creek .94598 vbindings.com



There is snow in them thar hills! Finally....and our racers have repres

Also, Nikki Rubio, who was nominated by Also, NINK Rublo, wild was forminated by your board as Woman of the Year (WOY), was also selected as WOY for BAC (Bay Area Sports Council). She will be one of our delegates at the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Convention in June, where she will interview for WOY for FWSA. Way to go, Nikkil

Patti Zanotelli is the lucky winner of our delegate/volunteer raffie last week. Our club will pay her registration for the FWSA Convention. At that same meeting we heard from Jeannine Davis, a BAC representative, that our club will get a ' \$\$ kick-back' because that our club will get a "ss kick-back because we have a group who are volunteering at the Saturday luncheon. We also earn one free registration if we have 6 or more full paid delegates. Your board has decided that any monetary benefit we earn at the convention will be divided between the delegates. Let your board members know if you want to be a delegate. Registration materials and a full schedule are now posted on the FWSA website

March 2018

Now for FACEBOOK news. We have Now for FACEBOOK news. We have activated our Facebook page "RustyBindings Ski Club of Walnut Creek.". We invite you to LIKE it. Since its a business page, there is no confirmation or friending necessary. For those of you who use FB a lot, it may be the best way to see our programmed. If you use the best way to see our announcements. If you want pictures posted, send them to our moderator. Lisa Jarvis. lisa.jarvis@conferencedirect.com

Your board has several fun events planned for the next few months. My advice is to check out our website, look at our Facebook page, and stay current on your dues so you get the powerletter. newsletter

Now for an advertisement: Several board members do not plan to run again. The open positions include BAC representative, Secretary, Activity Director and Media Director. Nominations will take place in April and elections are in early May. You can choose to run for any office or select one that is open. We welcome new ideas and meet once a month for dinner and a meeting that lasts about 2-3 hours. Join us!

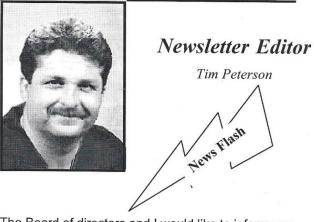
BRY WIDS Your President

### In March 2018 the newsletter returned to its iconic header of the '90's.

Janet

By 2006 most of the RB members had email addresses and the newsletter was sent as an attachment via email although some members requested it continue to be mailed. By 2012 all but a handful of newsletters were emailed. A survey in 2021 showed that practically no members printed the newsletter and preferred to read it online.

Once the newsletter became digital it was produced and delivered in color. Web delivery instantly saved RB hundred\$ in printing and postage. As internet traffic exploded web services restricted the size of emails around 2018. The RB newsletter had grown as well and had to reduce its size to meet the increasing restrictions on the size of emails. The number of fliers in the newsletter was reduced.



The Board of directors and I would like to inform you that in our effort to keep costs down and still give you quality information, we will start sending out the newsletter via e-mail. This is the last month we will send the newsletter out both thru regular mail and e-mail. After that it will be e-mail only unless you specifically request it be sent regular mail, by contacting Judy Rech

Thanks, Tim.

In April 2020, Contra Costa County Health Services ordered a full shelter-in-place to fight the spread of COVID and RB ceased all of its in-person activities. At that time the Newsletter, website, and weekly Zoom events became the super glue that bound RB during the most challenging period in its 50-year history. For the next fifteen months COVID related stories, advice, and updates would dominate the newsletter's content.



### In June 2021, the newsletter eBlast above signaled the end of most COVID restrictions as RB began to return to normal.



A photo of the Rusty Bindings Ski Club appeared in the November, 1984 edition of Ski Magazine. RB was part of an article about the Lite NASTAR Ski Club Grand Prix.

# **RB SKIERS IN THE NEWS**



Lovely Barbara Clark was the first RBer to appear in the newspaper. She's in a photo of the contestants in a November, 1973 Contra Costa Times article about the BAC Ski Queen Pageant. Yes, the crutches are from skiing.

### Sat., Nov. 1, 1975 20-E Oakland Tribune **Ballet on the Snow**

**Continued From Page 19** slopes. She returned each Sunday night for a little sleep before going to work Monday morning.

It was a drastic change in the life of an athletic person who normally skied only a few times each season.

At roughly \$50 a trip, skiing became not only a powerful drain on her paychecks but also wiped out a sizable savings account

But, alas, there's nothing like ballet skiing in the world, she said, explaining how it

began. "I belong to the Powder Hounds, an Oakland-based ski club," she began. "We took a joint trip up to the mountains with a Walnut Creek club, the

Rusty Bindings and I met on to ballet," she said. Dave Shelton.

known to his friends, helped Pulley learn the free and not so easy life of a freestylist ballet star masquerading as a skier. The speed is slower but the creativity is terrific, they Sav

Pulley's dedication made her the only woman gold medalist in Northern California in Far West Ski Association competition. Pardon the old saw, but practice apparently makes perfect.

"I think the greatest feeling I've gotten out of ballet skiing in the past year is taking someone who's always been just an alpine (downhill) skier like I was and turning them

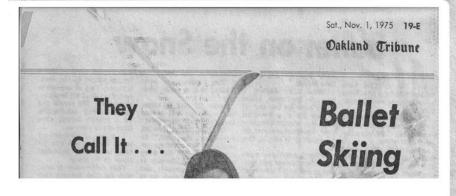
"They always come away "Shave," as Shelton is thinking this is really dynamite."

Shelton, 27, took up skiing four years ago and tackled freestyling early last season.

"It's just another new di-mension of the sport," he explained. "It's more expressive and gives the skier more freedom. The difference is tremendously enjoyable and you get the maximum out of the hill you're skiing.

Shelton agrees with Pulley about teaching. "I got so much out of it that I just wanted to see other people get the same thing from it. Everyone I've helped has really enjoyed it."

The jargon of the ballet



Nov 1, 1975 Oakland Tribune article partially about Rusty Bindings freestyle skier Dave "Shave" Shelton -RB's third President, first ski team coach, and FWSA freestyle skiing gold medalist.

skier's stunt world is like a foreign tongue to the unenlightened. They sit and talk to each other about leg breakers, hurricanes, 360 royals and moguls. Hardly non-English, but a mystery anyway when taken out of context.

A group of tuckered-out skiers can sit and talk for hours about their individual antics on the slopes.

Their conversation is laced with laughter because they always find humor in a spectacular spill on a miscalculated stunt.

Try spinning too far on a helicopter sometime. You will see what they mean

The helicopter is one of the more basic stunts in freestyling or hot-dogging. A skier approaches a mogul (random bumps all over a hill caused by carving action of downhill skiing) as a miniature ski jump, gaining speed.

At the top of the mogul, a slight jump is taken while the body spins like a rotor of a helicopter prop. If the skis come back to

earth pointed downhill, the helicopter pilot is happy. If, however, they point in another direction, either from too much or too little spin, one can count on a reliably exciting fall. "You generally need a gen-

tle slope for ballet because you can maneuver better, said Pulley. "If you're doing graceful ballet-type moves, a mogul just gets in the way. But when you're doing stunts like helicopters, you need the moguls for lift."

Besides Shave and Pulley, the only other gold medalist in Northern California is Carl Pretzel, also of Walnut Creek.

Shelton, a civil engineer working in flood control design for Contra Costa County, will appear with Pulley at a Barnyard Skiing Exhibition at 60 Amigo Lane, Walnut Creek next Saturday at 2 p.m. They will demonstrate freestyling and ballet on a special ramp. The exhibition, sponsored by Rusty Bindings and local ski promotor Erling Wiig, will benefit underprivileged youngsters by sending them to the snow.

# **Rusty Bindings skiers** capture another title Thursday, March 21,

#### **By Walt Roessing**

Walnut Creek's Rusty Bindings Ski Club has won the Singles League title of the Bay Area Council for the third time in the last four years.

"We scored more points and won the championship by the largest margin in the history of the Singles League," says Geary Ritchie of Antioch, president of Rusty Bindings.

Runnerup was Bota Baggers Ski Club of Pleasanton.

Ritchie continues, "Five of our racers have pretty well dominated their class in Singles League competition this season.

"They include Tania Weiss of Walnut Creek, who has won all five of her races in the Elite Class; Darlene White of Antioch, the top intermediate woman; Shelton Reichard of Concord, the e an; Shelton Reichard of Concord, the top Elite man; and Nick Mitschkowetz and Bob Pushwa of Concord, the two standouts in the Expert Class."

Twenty-six Rusty Bindings members will be among 60 Bay Council racers who will compete against skiers from the Open and Sierra leagues in the Northern California finals March 30-31 at Heavenly Valley.

Rusty Bindings racers also will participate in the state finals April 13-14 at Mammoth.

skiing

# Rusty Bindings look well-oiled in league racing

he Rusty Bindings ski club of Walnut Creek clinched the Singles League title again this season by amassing over 1200 team points, the greatest number of points in the history of Singles League racing.

Incline Village was the host site of the final regular ski race of the year for the league. Singles League is one of two in the Bay Area Council. It is part of the Miller Lite Far West Recreational racing program. Race classes range from beginner to elite.

The other league clubs are the Bota Baggers, runners up to the Rusty Bindings, from Pleasanton; the Fall Line Ski Club from Marin; the Power Hounds, Alameda; Singles Only in San Francisco; Inskiers, Palo Alto and the San Jose based Snow Drifters.

These seven clubs have the same basic rules. You must be over 21 and single. The league is set up for "Class A" clubs only. Membership is limited to 149. Not only do they compete on the hill in racing, in the no-snow months they compete in everything from piethrowing to beer chugging.

"The reason people join our club is we believe in having fun," explains Rusty Bindings club president Gary Ritchie. "I think the reason we are so successful in our racing program is that we stress racing improves your recreational skiing. You put a tree or a gate in front of you and you must turn. The more you turn, the better skier you become."

"Most of the clubs take off at least one week per year and travel to a ski resort," Ritchie says. "This year our club went to Mt. Bachelor in Oregon. It was quite a thrill skiing from the top of a volcano. I think the week really helped us do so well on the hill this year."

Club members are looking forward to the regional and state championships at Heavenly Valley and Mammoth Mountain.

Helping the club to its historic point total were Shelton Rerchardt, Martinez, first in the elite men's division; Tania Weiss, El Sobrante, first place elite women; Tom Rasmussen, first in the beginning men; Linda Bolla, first in the beginning women from Concord; Moraga's Dick Yox, first in the vet novice men's group, has only been skiing since Thanksgiving. Darlene White from Alamo took first in the women's vet intermediate; Vicki McGee, first in the women's intermediate and Bob Scavetta, first in the men's vet intermediate.

In the women's vet intermediate class, six women from Rusty Bindings combine as a dominant power. Sharon Gallagher, Debbie Jones, Lemar Mazzoco, Sharon Thomas, Lynn Rieder and White are the top six in the division.

# Little rustiness evident in this club, as 27 qualify for NorCal Finals

alnut Creek's Rusty Bindings Ski Club is an active, year-round club that has even more reason to celebrate.

The club won the Bay Area Council of Ski Chibs Singles League and will send 27 skiers into Saturday's NorCal Finals at Northstar and to the Far West Championships in two weeks. Nine members were individual champs in the Singles League.

Rusty Bindings is open to singles and has been the vehicle for more than one marriage. Married skiers can join other local clubs.

Rusty Bindings president Dennis Heffley says that while the club concentrates on snow skiing probably six months of the year, it involves members in other activities ranging from water skiing and scuba diving to golf.

 Skiers of any skill level are welcomed to join the club and encouraged to participate in the league.
 The club includes snowboarders and has one freestyle skier as well.

Rusty Bindings had the greatest number of participants in the Sin gles League thanks to the encouragement of club race director Steve Bales. But Heffley proudly notes that Rusty Bindings racers averaged the highest individual point totals of skiers from the seven clubs competing in the league

One reason for the club's success is a verify trip to Mammoth for a



### By Chuck Dybdal Times staft writer

racing clinic, but Heffley says even at the clinic, "We're there for fun."

Racing is done by time in various age and skill categories. If skiers improve during the year, they are "bumped up" to higher categories.

Two Rusty Bindings skiers, Elaine Mazzer, women's B and C, and Jim Molmen, veteran men's D and C, both qualified for the Nor-Cals and Far West in two categories. Mazzer actually began the year racing at the D level.

Race courses are also geared to the skier's ability.

Age categories are regular (over 21), veteran (over 38) and super veteran (over 48). Classes range from beginner to intermediate (D and E) to advanced (Elite I, Elite II, A, B and C) for both men and women.

"We have lots of veterans and super veterans on our team," said Heffley.

Rusty Bindings league winners were Jeni Callaway DW, Lloyd Chasey DM, Helene Redsun DVW, Al Norton DVM, Gus Hanselin BVM, John Ragsdale BSVM, Bill Phelps AM, Ken Poff ASVM and Libby Muller E2W.

Also invited to the NorCal and Far West races were Lisa Carden, Barbara Wander, Tracey O'Neill, Linda Davis, Terry Lane, Boh Guldseth, Barb Sauer, Paul Bostrom, Wayne Miller, Aram Soghikian, Steve Wright, Julie Guttman, Marlee Chamberlin, Michael Minietta, Paul Fulkerson, Molmen Mazzer and Bales.

In addition to the NorCal races, which feature the top skiers from the Bay Area singles and open leagues and the Sierra League, Northstar's Ski For All will be held. Open to all skiers whether they belong to a club or not, the Ski For All is a fund-raising event for Disabled Sports USA of Northern California. This year's beneficiary is the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School.

Skiers with \$60 in pledges get a free lift ticket for the day and hunch token.

For information about the Rusty Bindings Ski Club, call 945-0205 or attend the club's weekly meeting Tuesday's at 8 p.m. at the Greenery Restaurant, 1551 Marchbanks, Walnut Creek.

### **Contra Costa Times 1996**





2010-11 The Bruce Duncan Band. Renamed Indecision Band 2011-15

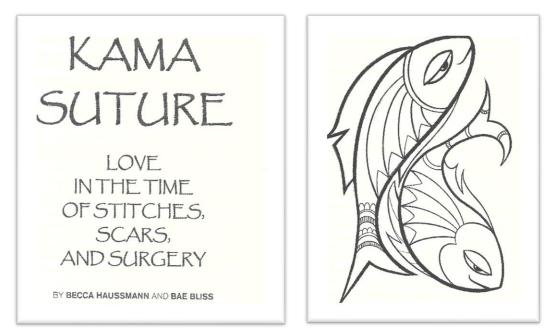
# ONLY SKI CLUB WITH AN IN-HOUSE ROCK N ROLL BAND

The classic rock n roll Indecision Band was RB's go-to dance band 2010 thru 2015. They played at fifteen of the Club's parties. They also played at several members' private parties, as well as local festivals and nightclubs. Notably, four of the band members were RBers. The drummer, Mark Greenberg, was a two-time RB President. One of the singers, Jenay Johnson, was one of the Club's Newsletter Editors. The conga players, Bruce Duncan and Gay Worth, are long time RB members. Clearly, the Indecision Band shared RB's music and dance tastes, which always kept the dance floor packed from the first note to the last. Indecision's ties to RB contributed to the Indecision's East Bay following.

Indecision's 15 RB events: Spring Banquet – 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 Paul Wallace Party – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 Holiday Party – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 The Gong Show (post party) - 2013



2010 Bruce Duncan Band's first RB event



Humorous stories about 32 RBers returning to congress after serious ailments, written by members Susan Elya and Stephanie La Count

# **BOOK ABOUT RBERS REGAINING SEX LIFE AFTER INJURIES**

In 2015 Kama Suture developed out of a weekend by the sea of eight RB girlfriends. One of the gals recently had had hip surgery and was planning on an upcoming rendezvous with an old crush from out of town. The ladies brainstormed how to plan and carry out the first romantic encounter with her previously platonic friend. They all weighed in regarding their own age-related issues, with increasing hilarity. Voila! Kama Suture was born.

Based on interviews with RB friends and acquaintances in the Bay Area and beyond, the authors have spoken with dozens of people to understand how their romantic lives changed to accommodate their recovery and post-surgery bodies. What if your long-distance love comes to town at the precise time you're recovering from hip-replacement surgery? Or heart surgery, where too much excitement could be downright dangerous to your health? What might intimacy look like with a fully casted broken leg?

These questions were posed during a girlfriends' weekend beach retreat, and voila! *Kama Suture* was born. Borrowing from the Kama Sutra, the ancient love manual that teaches various positions for congress suited for impossibly fit yoga bodies, *Kama Suture* offers up hope for the rest of us.

The 54 people interviewed tell their stories of how they climbed back in the saddle after health problems, injuries or surgery got in the way: people experiencing head-on collisions, cancer, bad knees, hernias, sepsis, ski wipeouts, bike accidents, and more.

In Kama Suture: Love in the Time of Stitches, Scars, and Surgery, Becca Haussmann and Bae Bliss show how ailing paramours can keep their eyes on the prize and carry on. As shown time and time again in life and in love, where there's a will there's a way.

# **RB RECREATIONAL SKIING 1973-2020**

In its early days RB was the typical ski club. Upwards of 80% of its 149 members skied. Newspaper ads like the one below from the October 30, 1974, Contra Costa Times shows how RB described itself as "recreational with some competitive skiing for the more serious member." It would be 10 years after RB's first days before it was a serious contender for a Singles League skiing title.

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WE'RE NOT TRYING TO MOVE INTO BOB SIBILIA'S SKI ON DOMAIN but we will announce that the Rusty Bindings Ski Club meets every Tuesday at Michael Anthony's Restaurant at 2040 Mt. Diablo St. in Concord.

For the uninitiated, Rusty Bindings is a club for single, active, adventuresome and energetic adults over 21 who enjoy getting together for sports, fun, and relaxation.

The club's emphasis during the winter months is on recreational skiing with some competitive skiing for the more serious member.

Membership includes skiers and non-skiers alike. Further information may be obtained by calling 944-0621.

In the 70s RB frequently skied Donner Ski Ranch and Bear Valley. Both were leisurely, scenic three-hour drives from Walnut Creek. Photos of trips to Donner and Bear Valley are the earliest record of an RB recreational ski weekend. RB skiing back then was characterized by an Activities Director as "Racing was something few members did while most were busy making a human chain of skiers going down the hill ending up in a big 'dog pile' at the bottom.



1974 – Weekend at Donner Ski Ranch



Late 1970s. It became a tradition to form a human chain & ski downhill and end in a dog pile at the bottom.

Seemingly overnight, and to the surprise of the Singles League competition, RB began its ski racing dynasty. The Club's ski trips transformed from carefree, frolicking snow lovers to tightly coached weekend warriors. Casual ski weekends became "Learn To Ski Weeks" and "Race Camps". For more than a decade RB had 50-100

members attending these ski camps each season.



In January, 1985, Prez Doug (Rambo) DeVries writes:

Besides the club's race program, there are a number of ski trips and recreational race series available both within and outside the Northern California area. Some of the ski adventures planned include USRSA Ski Week at Sun Valley, Park City, Telleride, Aspen, Val Thorens, France, and Engelberg, Switzerland. And, of course, our own RB trip to Mt. Bachelor from January 26 – 31, 1986. In addition, the USRSA Chrysler/Plymouth and NASTAR recreational programs in Northern California are fantastic opportunities for both advanced and beginning skiers to sharpen and improve your racing skills and Techniques.



In the 80s & 90s RB often rented buses to transport members to ski bashes



### 1995 schedule of non-race ski events.

Throughout the 90s, RB had a busy race schedule of 6-7 competitions each winter. In addition, the Club offered several nonrace ski excursions in the Northern California area.

During the 2000s, RB started renting a cabin for its members during the winter. This grew in popularity. In 2004, "He/she also is in charge of arranging the club condos for the ski season" was added to the description of the Activities Director. Typically, cabins were rented for specific weekends during the winter. Activities Director, Terry Nichols, aptly wrote in January, 2009: I have rented some lovely cabins for us to stay in Friday and Saturday nights during the race weekends. For the Mt. Rose weekend, we will be staying in Kings Beach. The other weekends we will stay in Tahoe Donner, which is on the north side of Truckee. The cabins are \$100 for the weekend. You don't have to be a racer, or even a skier to stay in the cabin. Everyone is welcome. There is lots to do in Tahoe -shopping, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, hanging out, or relaxing by the fire.

In the 2010s, as incomes soared, retirements mounted, and flying was affordable, the number of domestic and exotic ski trips skyrocketed. The RB newsletter became saturated with fliers of organized group ski trips. The more popular trips often required paid reservations a year in advance. At the peak of ski trip activity in 2015, RB looked like a small travel agency during the winter.



2005 – 2018 The Heavenly Ski Weekend became RB's most popular ski getaway

Rusty Bindings Ski Club

February Release, 2004

# SKI UTAH !

Feb. 19, 2004 through Feb. 23, 2004 4 nights lodging, 4 FULL days Skiing!!



Price includes: RT Airfare SOUTHWEST Airlines Oakland to Salt Lake City, SUV for 4 or 5 people and Lodging <u>double</u> <u>occupancy</u>

Homewood Suites Hilton Midvale, UT Just 14 miles from Snowbird/Alta.

Hotel has Ski storage, discount lift tickets, a Huge Hot tub, and Free Breakfasts. Each suite has a microwave, Full-sized Refrigerator, stove top, cooking utensils, coffeemaker, hairdryers, VCP player, ironing boards, 2 double beds (or 1 King), 2 TV's, couch w-sleeper sofa in separate living room.

PRICE: RB Members \$495 PP, <u>Deposit of \$200 DUE</u> <u>Dec 16,2003</u> NON-refundable!! BUT, if you <u>SELL</u> your spot within 72 hours of departure: only \$40 Non-refundable!

Non Members add \$10.



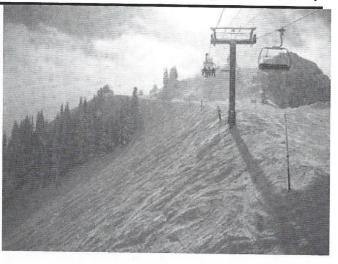
Spaces are limited! Waiting list will be taken.

Any questions, call Karen Halpin 925-313-9462 If using Air mileage or SW free tickets, subtract \$160 and let me knowl Shuttle service to/from hotel available.

February Release, 2009

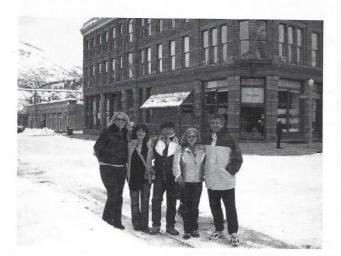
## Aspen Ski Trip















Each year from 1983 through 1998 at the annual USRSA Convention judges picked the Outstanding Ski Club and Outstanding Ski Club Publication in the U.S. from entries submitted by member clubs throughout the nation. Each contestant had to submit a lengthy, detailed entry to be judged. The Outstanding Club entry requires submission of a scrapbook type summary of all the club's successes and activities over the past twelve months divided into three sections: 1) Finance and Administration, 2) Activities, and 3) Skiing.

#### RUSTY BINDINGS SKI CLUB RECEIVED THE OUTSTANDING RECREATIONAL SKI CLUB IN THE U.S. 5 TIMES

## *1984*

Alan Russell (Race Chairman) Bob Pushwa (President)

## *1985*

Alan Russell (Race Chairman) Geary Ritchie (President)

## *1986*

Bob Pushwa (Race Chairman) Doug DeVries (President)

## *1992*

Bob Pushwa (Race Chairman) Gustave Hanselin (President)

## *1993*

Bob Pushwa (Race Chairman) Gustave Hanselin (President)

## RUSTY BINDINGS' SKI CLUB DYNASTY 1983-2020

#### **30 x Singles League Championships** (15 straight 1999-2013)

#### 5 x Outstanding Ski Club in U.S.

Year	Title	RACE CHAIRS/DIRECTORS (YRS)
1983	Singles League Champions	Alan Russell – Race Chairman
1983	<b>BAC SL Nor-Cal Champions</b>	(Russell)
1983	<b>USSA Far-West SL Champions</b>	(Russell)
1984	Singles League Champions	Alan Russell—Race Chairman(2)
1984	USRSA Outstanding Ski Club	(Russell)
1985	Singles League Champions	Alan Russell—Race Chairman(3)
1985	USRSA Outstanding Ski Club	(Russell)
1986	Singles League Champions	Bob Pushwa—Race Chairman
1986	USRSA Outstanding Ski Club	(Pushwa)
1987	Singles League Champions	Bob Pushwa – Race Chairman (2)
1991	Singles League Champions	Bob Pushwa – Race Director (3)
1992	Singles League Champions	Bob Pushwa – Race Director (4)
1992	USRSA Outstanding Ski Club	(Pushwa)
1993	Singles League Champions	Bob Pushwa – Race Director (5)
1993	USRSA Outstanding Ski Club	(Pushwa)
1994	Singles League Champions	Bill Phelps – Race Director
1995	Singles League Champions	Gus Hanselin – Race Director
1997	Singles League Champions	Steve Bales – Race Director
1999	Singles League Champions	Ken Poff – Race Director
2000	Singles League Champions	Ken Poff – Race Director (2)
2001	Singles League Champions	Scott Lewis – Race Director
2002	Singles League Champions	Scott Lewis – Race Director (2)
2003	Singles League Champions	Ken Poff – Race Director (3)
2004	Singles League Champions	Ken Poff – Race Director (4)
2005	Singles League Champions	Ken Poff – Race Director (5)
2006	Singles League Champions	Ken Poff – Race Director (6)
2007	Singles League Champions	Karl Smith – Race Director
2008	Singles League Champions	Karl Smith – Race Director (2)
2009	Singles League Champions	Karl Smith – Race Director (3)
2010	Singles League Champions	Janet Spencer – Race Director
2011	Singles League Champions	Janet Spencer – Race Director (2)
2012	Singles League Champions	Janet Spencer – Race Director (3)
2013	Singles League Champions	Chuck Ronconcio – Race Director
2015	Singles League Champions	Mike Ferketich – Race Director
2016	Singles League Champions	Janet Spencer – Race Director (4)
2017	Singles League Champions	Wendy Sumner – Race Director
2020	Singles League Champions	Wendy Sumner – Race Director (2)



RB's first ski team January 1973 – the team was mostly freestyle skiers

## RUSTY BINDINGS<sup>®</sup> SKI DYNASTY

Rusty Bindings' first ski competition was a Singles League race in January, 1973. The club's fledgling racers were led by expert freestyle skier Dave "Shave" Shelton. During its first decade RB never won a Singles League ski competition. Notoriously, though, they had more fun than any of the other ski clubs. Racing was something that a few members did while most were busy making a human chain of skiers going down the hill ending up in a big "dog pile" at the bottom. The story goes that sometime around 1980, at an RB TGIF, serious skier and newbie Doug Lehrmann received an earful about the Club's non-competitive attitude. Fortunately though, to Doug, RB was a young platoon of skiers capable of conquering all.

Within the next three years, the RB Board would add Race Chairman as a Board position, focusing on recruiting skiers as new members, and building a competitive ski team. In the 1982-83 season Doug was elected President and Alan Russell was elected Race Chairman. Together they would help power RB to its first Singles League Championship in 1983. Then in 1984 was selected as the Outstanding Recreational Ski Club in the U.S. by the United States Recreational Ski Association.

Unbeknownst to this handful of weekend warriors, they were the start of a ski club juggernaut. Over the next four decades, RB would go on to be the most dominant midsize singles ski club on the West Coast. From 1983 to 2021, RB would be Singles League Champions 30 of those 38 years. It would also be designated the Most Outstanding Recreational Ski Club in the U.S. by the USRSA five times between 1983 and 1993.

President Lehrmann writes in May, 1983: *Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble – when you are the best ski club in the West. As the best ski club in Singles League this year and SL was the winner at Mammoth Mountain besting ten other leagues in the western states, Rusty Bindings is best in the West. I knew that we could do it.* 



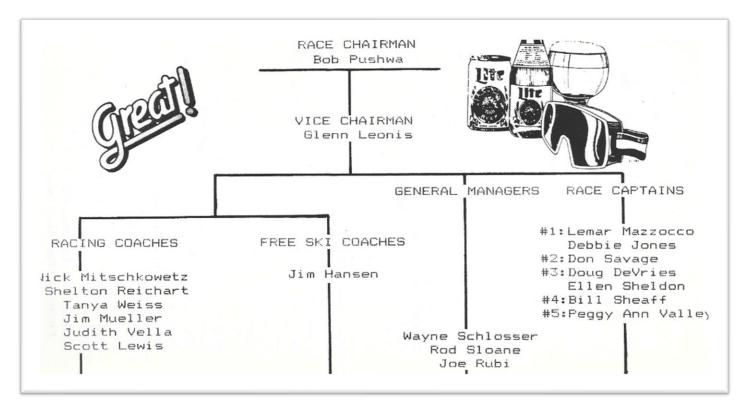
The 1983 ski team was Rusty Bindings' first Singles League Champions. The 1983 team was led by top "Elite" skier Alan Christian. RB would repeat in 1984 and also be designated the Most Outstanding Recreational Ski Club in the U.S by the USRSA.

**"SUCCESS BEGETS SUCCESS."** RB's surge into dominance didn't happen overnight. A lot of time, energy, and planning produced "Best in the West." RB's ascension to the top launched a club-wide campaign to maintain its winning ways. Through most of the 80s, sizable coaching teams expertly recruited, coached, guided, and motivated the RB skiing juggernaut. The coaching team was a team within the team. Comprised of RB members only, the 17-member coaching crew included a race chairman, vice chairman, 3 managers, 5 captains, and 7 coaches. Of course, this amateur sports powerhouse in a major metropolis had its own race clinics, pep rallies, conditioning classes, cheerleaders, and scouts:





Samples of the 1980s many fliers about RB race clinics, pep rallies, and conditioning classes.



RB's 1985 coaching team: race chairman, vice chairman, 3 managers, 5 captains, 7 coaches.

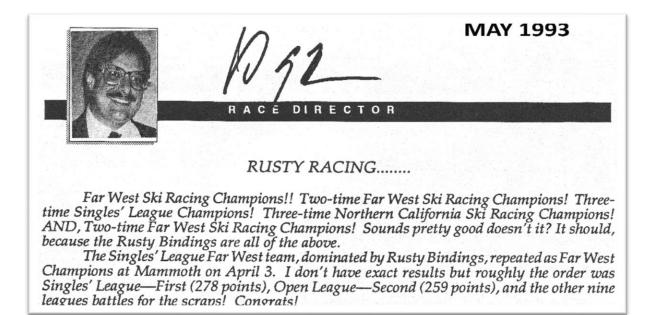
#### PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK by Bob Scavetta (1985)

Well, I guess the PEP RALLY worked in a "Real Big" way. Thanks to our expert cheerleaders, our great scouts, our up-to-date fashion consultant, and our poet laureates. We were fired up so much we managed to accumulate over 1200 points and set a new 'Singles League Record' that should last for years to come.

I'm sure all that were at Incline the last race will agree that the RB's took control of the hill and the shouts of victory were echoed well into the evening hours. Our next effort will be a united one with some of our closest rivals. We want to win the NorCal Championship, then on to the Far West Finals. So keep that spirit going. We know Rusty Bindings is the BEST IN THE WEST and now we want everyone to know it.



1993 Ski Team – Singles League Champs and RB's fifth Outstanding Ski Club in U.S.



The 1993 season was RB's last USRSA Outstanding Ski Club award **only because** the USRSA dissolved in 1998 when Chrysler/Plymouth discontinued its generous funding. Nonetheless, RB would continue its incredible dominance of Singles League competition capturing most of the titles 1983 through 2021. The size of RB's ski teams peaked through the mid-80s and early 90s with more than 100 racers each season. Over the next two decades all the Singles League

ski teams aged. The teams would slowly shrink year by year and by 2020 the size of all ski teams declined dramatically with many of the clubs folding during Covid (2020-21).

#### RACING WITH RUSTY BINDINGS IS LIKE TEENAGE SEX:

It is on everyone's mind all the time. Everyone is talking about it all the time. Everyone thinks everyone is doing it. Almost no one is really doing it. The few who are doing it: a. are not doing it properly;

- b. sure it will be better next time; and
- c. not practicing it safely.

Everyone is bragging about their successes all the time although very few had actually had any successes.

This article is from one of our rookie's. Their impression after the race season. (Article contributed by our favorite "foreign" rookie racers whose name has been withheld to protect her.)

APRIL 1994



1986 Ski Team – Singles League Champs & RB's third Most Outstanding Ski Club in U.S.



2006 Ski Team – Singles League Champs

Rusty Bindings Fight Song (to the tune of 'You Are My Sunshine") Written by Brian O'Reilly & Mary Watkins

We are the Bindings, The Rusty Bindings. We keep our tips up, We'll knock them dead. We are the fastest, And we kick asses, On skis, in bars, and in bed!



1999 Ski Team – Singles League Champs



2020 Ski Team – Singles League Champs (Season shortened by Covid)



The Spencer Mafia: Sue, Janet, Travis, Carlyn, Tyler, Bob, Nolan

## RB°S MOST DYNAMIC SKI FAMILY

Janet Spencer served as RB's Race Director in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2015. RB won the Singles League Championship all four years. Janet believed recruiting new racers was the best way to assure RB remained the top Singles League ski team. And recruit she did!

Janet's recruiting net was wide. It easily reached her family. Her brother Bob had been racing since high school so he was an obvious recruit. His fiancé Sue also was a skier and an obvious addition. Then there was Carlyn, Bob's daughter from an earlier marriage. She became RB's first female snowboarder. And there was one more skier in Janet's recruiting net, her ski racing nephew Tyler. Once he signed, the Spencer talent was now deeply embedded as part of the RB ski dynasty.

When Janet gave out the racer awards at RB's 2011 Spring Banquet, the Spencer name was announced repeatedly:

"Presenting ski team awards is Race Director and winner of a lot of race points, Janet Spencer."

"The winner of top points is Sue Spencer."

"Top female snowboarder goes to Carlyn Spencer."

"Top rookie skier goes to Bob Spencer."

During the awards ceremony President Mark Greenberg yelled out "What is this? The Spencer Mafia!" The name was so fitting. The name stuck. And now the Spencer Clan savors its well-earned ski identity.

## The Rusty Bindings Presidency

RB ByLaws Article VII, Section 1.1 President: *The President shall be the chief Executive officer of The Club, subject to the control of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for the general supervision, direction and control of the affairs of The Club. . .* 

During RB's first 50 years, 38 different members served as President. One year, 1985-86, there were three presidents. The electee was replaced for being tipsy once too often, the elevated VP got married, and number three was a Board appointee. It was truly a genuine *Rusty* ordeal given it occurred at the height of RB's wildest and craziest years.

But far beyond that dubious year, RB's election selections of who would lead the club reflects the unmatched success of the Club's past 50 years. Most all the RB presidents were the Club's distinct movers and shakers at the time. And much like the Club's history of diverse interests, activities, successes and failures, the chief executives brought their own leadership styles, priorities, strengths and weaknesses. But without fail, all the presidents championed RB's winning, active cause with extra time and extra enthusiasm.

<u>The best of the best:</u> Travis Brophy (4 yrs), Rand Stephens (3 yrs), Karen Halpin (3 yrs), and Janet Spencer (3 yrs) are RBs four longest term presidents and receive well-deserved extra recognition in the following two pages.

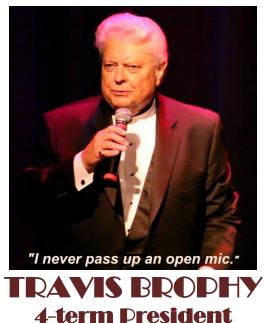
## All the Presidents 1972-2021

1987-88 Glenn Leonis

1971-72 Ralph Marsh 1972-73 Randy Unverforth 1973-74 Dave Shelton 1974-75 Mike Lydon 1975-76 Jim "Corky" Lynn 1976-77 Nick Nicolaus 1977-78 Jeff Cambra 1978-79 Jerry Brown **1979-80 Lorraine Hernandez** 1980-81 Jerry Brown (2) 1981-82 Dan Guerin 1982-83 Doug Lehrmann 1983-84 Bob Pushwa 1984-85 Geary Ritchie 1985-86 Dick Vox\* 1985-86 Doug DeVries\* 1985-86 Saverio Pellicano\* 1986-87 Gail Cleveland

1988-89 Marielle Jaren 1989-90 Rand Stephens 1990-91 Sylvia Lloyd 1991-92 Gustave Hanselin **1992-93** Gus Hanselin (2) 1993-94 Bill Kuhlman 1994-95 Rand Stephens (2) 1995-96 Sandy Lawson 1996-97 Dennis Heffley 1997-98 Don Kelly 1998-99 Michael Neward 1999-00 Karen Halpin 2000-01 Rand Stephens (3) 2001-02 Randy Silver 2002-03 Steve Tangney 2003-04 Alan Tiscareno 2004-05 Jim Stewart

2005-06 Jim Stewart (2) 2006-07 Chris Hoskinson 2007-08 Chris Hoskinson (2) 2008-09 Dan DeClerg 2009-10 Mark Greenberg 2010-11 Mark Greenberg (2) 2011-12 Bob Campbell 2012-13 Travis Brophy 2013-14 Travis Brophy (2) 2014-15 Travis Brophy (3) 2015-16 Travis Brophy (4) 2016-17 Janet Spencer 2017-18 Janet Spencer (2) 2018-19 Janet Spencer (3) 2019-20 Karen Halpin (2) 2020-21 Karen Halpin (3)



2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16

On day one of his presidency Travis declared, "The members just want to be entertained." Travis accomplished many firsts as President but entertaining RBers was his natural talent, joy, and desired legacy. He relished speaking at any RB event – the larger the crowd, the better. He always had a joke or story to embellish.

By trade Travis was a successful sales manager of high-end auto parts. He was a prolific recruiter of new members, especially the ladies. He loved manning RB's recruitment booths at ski expos. During Travis' second year RB attained its highest ever membership count of 223 and with so many new members RB achieved its largest ever bank balance of \$24,386. Travis was also generous. He freely dispersed Rusty Bucks and opened his home for many RB events. Any member without dinner plans was invited to his orphan Thanksgiving each year.

Travis' four straight years are the most in a row and most total years of any RB president during the club's first 50 years.



**3-term President** 1989-90, 1994-95, 2000-01

Rand is one of a kind. In less than two years after joining RB in 1987, Rand was elected its president by one vote. Both are Club records. Rand has been RB's in-house counselor, having advised the RB Board since 1989. That's 33 years of legal advice.

Rand has been on the RB Board fourteen times that included three as President and an extraordinary nine times as Past-President. Rand was the go-to choice of six different board's to be the Past President when the expected person wasn't available. That was a remarkable show of respect by one's peers.

During his fourteen years on the board, Rand was RB's most prolific writer, having authored more monthly newsletter articles than any other member in RB's history. His written words ranged from the seriousness of an attorney to the humorous writing about conspiracies he perceived was behind his receiving the blunder jacket so, so often. Not surprisingly, Rand also acted as emcee to Club events more often than any other member.



**3 Term President** 1999-2000, 2019-20, 2020-21

Karen joined RB in 1991 after reading about Rusty Bindings in Weekender Magazine. Nine years later, after positions as Social Director and Vice President, Karen was elected President 1999-2000.

In the late 80s and throughout the 90s, RB averaged an astounding 220 events a year. Karen was an event organizing machine and was President during some of RB's most hyper-active years.

As President, Karen initiated RB's first full website. First RB webmaster Robbie Johnson writes: "Around 1999, under the astute leadership of Karen Halpin . . . I built RB's first website."

Karen held three Board positions between 2000 to 2019, and Singles League President and Past Pres. (& instrumental in allowing married Singles League members to race) before being elected President twice 2019-20 and 2020-21. Distinctly, she has the honor of still being RB's President during its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



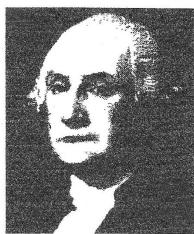
**JANET SPENCER 3 Term President** 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Janet was elected President in 2016 -- the first of her three consecutive terms. Her four years as Race Director and two as Singles League Rep brought solid RB experience to the Club's top position. From her years as a teacher, Janet's congenial leadership style quickly united a divisive Board.

During the summer of 2017 Janet organized a series of independent fundraising events to replace the overwhelming, laborintensive Bachelor /Bachelorette Auction. The new plan netted \$2700 and required about 1/4 of the time and effort of the old BnB Auctions. It proved to be a very astute decision.

In 2016 Janet guided the Club through one of its biggest challenges ever when RB lost its home of 28 years. The Greenery Restaurant closed its meeting areas for two years to remodel. RB relocated to the Tower Grill in Danville until COVID stopped all Club gatherings in 2020.

# TO GOD AND YOUR CLUB



by Rand Stephens

In two short months we will be taking nominations for officers for next years Board of Directors. GOD knows you owe it to yourself and your club to serve. Let me discuss a rational approach:

#### 1. YOU WANT TO BE AN OFFICER:

Don't kid yourself; you know you desire the adulation and status that a coveted Board position would bestow upon your otherwise non-descript existence. You could be important, Jasper! You could make decisions, be a mover and a shaker.

#### 2. QUIT YER BITCHIN:

Now you can decide what's right for this club instead of all those mentally, socially, and functionally impaired idiots.

#### 3. THE CLUB NEEDS NEW BLOOD:

Spill it for the club. If we don't get new ideas and approaches, the club becomes stagnant and geriatric. We always have a few holdover Board Members to say: "We found out this is a good way to do it because ..." We don't want anyone, much less the whole board *en banc* to say: "We always have done it this way." Who cares?

#### 4. SELF IMPROVEMENT:

I have seen meek, quiet introverts become true leaders. One gal that comes to mind was new in town, hated to speak in front of a crowd, and wasn't excited about assuming responsibility (since she was here on temporary assignment). Guess what; she became a board member and is now comfortable speaking in front of large groups, planned many of our social events, decided this was about the best damn place in the nation to live, became one of the most popular women in the club, took up racina and had at least two one-of-a-kind loves before she was transferred back to her home state (hopefully she will return, soon; she did obtain a couple years of extensions before she had to leave).

I guess to be honest with you there are some sacrifices. You must go to the Board Meeting once a month on the second Thursday. You should show up for the meeting on most Tuesdays. But what the heck, you like doing that anyway! Otherwise, there is not a downside.

If you are interested, see me or else see anyone whose job you might be interested in. They will be happy to explain what their particular position entails. Another idea is to assist them for awhile so you can see how you like it. No commitment required ... and they will welcome your help!



# **RB'S GREATEST CONTRIBUTORS**

During RB's first 50 years, 265 members served on the Board. The average tenure was about 2 ½ years. Needless to say, all these RB devotees contributed in their own way to RB's uninterrupted, notorious, unbelievably diverse array of successes and activities. You name it, RB has done it.

The lifeblood of Rusty Bindings is its Board of Directors. The Club's by-laws clearly state that even the President is subject to the control of the Board. As with any organization, it is the few that contribute the most time and energy for the betterment of the many. It's only fitting to list RB's biggest contributors and highlight the "best of the best."

<u>Longest</u>		
<u>tenures:</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>1st</u>
Tim Peterson	19	1988
Rand Stephens	14	1988
Pete Jemme	12	2003
Janet Spencer	11	2009
JoAnn Reed	9	1996
Steve Coll	9	1997
Bob Pushwa	8	1982
Karen Halpin	8	1993
Judy Rech	8	2005
Mark Greenberg	8	2008
Tony Baker	8	2011
Jim "Corky" Lynn	7	1974
Marge Marx	7	1996
Ken Poff	7	1997
Debi Bach	7	2010
Patti Zanotelli	7	2011



Tim Peterson (19 yrs) Starting in 1988 Tim served on the Board for almost two-fifths of RB's 50 years. His unwavering devotion to the Club spanned 19 years on the Board - mostly as Newsletter Editor but also Vice President and Administrative Director. In addition, he served as historian for several years. During his tenure, Tim was part of many of RB's major events - and often a significant contributor. He was more important than the abalone at many Dive & Dine dinners. Significantly, Tim safeguarded 28 years (1987-2015) of irreplaceable club newsletters and photo albums (1973-1992). These written and photo records are half of RB's documented history.



**Rand Stephens (14 yrs)** Attorney Rand joined RB in 1987. Within a year Rand was on the Board and since has been RB's go to person for club legal questions. Rand served as President three times, Past President nine times, Activities Director and Singles League once each. Notably, Rand was RB's most prolific and articulate newsletter contributor since his first article in 1987. Likeable, articulate, and commanding, Rand emceed more RB events than anyone.



Pete Jemme (12 yrs) Pete joined RB in 2002 and over the next couple of years was elected Vice President and BAC Rep. Starting in 2008 and for the next ten years, Pete served as Membership Director and was more of an icon to new members than the RB logo. Pete's ten <u>straight</u> years in the <u>same</u> position is longest streak of any Board member.

charitable activities than any other Board member.



In 1996 Joann started her many years of dedicated service on the Board as Membership Director. This was followed by a year as Singles League Rep (1998) and Secretary (2000). After a 10 year hiatus from the Board, Joann returned as Treasurer in 2010. For the next six years Joann, an accountant by profession, meticulously oversaw RB's assets during the Club's most prosperous years. She never missed a monthly financial report.



Janet Spencer (11 yrs) Janet joined the Board in 2009. In the next 11 years Janet would be President three straight years, Past President two years, Race Director three, and Singles League two. Under Janet's direction RB won the Singles League Championships her three years. Janet promoted and volunteered in more



Steve Coll (9 yrs)

Steve was Membership Director in 1997. In 2013 he returned to the Board as Special Events Director and held the position for the next eight years. Under Steve, every Dive & Dine, Camp & Dine, Glamping weekend, and a handful of other events were skillfully organized, well-attended, and always lauded as a great time for all.

## RUSTÝ BINDINGS SINGLES SKI CLUB 1971-79 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1971-72 Ralph Marsh - President Phil O'Sullivan – Vice President	<b>1972-73</b> Randy Unverforth - President Andre Hockett – Vice President	<b>1973-74</b> Dave Shelton - President Ken Pfeiffer – Vice President
Steve Johnston - Treasurer John Kovack – Treasurer-2 Arlene Arnold – Secretary	Ron Zimmerman – Admin Director Steve Johnston - Treasurer Arlene Arnold – Secretary Reya Gardner – Social Director	Ron Zimmerman – Admin Director Linda Scherer - Treasurer Pat Mincks – Secretary Suzie Nickerson – Social Director
Originally formed as Mt. Diablo Single Skiers 11/23/71. Renamed to Rusty Bindings Ski Club in June 1972.	Leroy Lui – Social Director-2 Janet Barnes – Activities Director Rick Wallace - Activities Director-2 Rod Carpenter – Far West Rep	Warren Peterson – Activities Dir Rod Carpenter - BAC Rep
1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Mike Lydon - President Steve Johnston – Vice President Dennis Bledshoe – Admin Dir Linda Scherer - Treasurer Sandy Murphy – Secretary Jim "Corky" Lynn – Social Director Sonya Harden – Activities Director Cheryl Berger - Activities Director-2 Dave Marr – Race Chairman Virgil Plautz – Far West Rep	Jim "Corky" Lynn - President Dave Marr – Vice President Mike Lydon – Past President Caroline Klas – Administrative Dir Laurie Miller - Treasurer Marilyn Bartlett – Secretary Margaret Arcaya – Social Director Steve Hughes – Activities Director Betty McNichols – Singles League Tom Pearson- BAC Dave Marr – Race Chairman	Nick Nicolaus - President Jerry Becker – Vice President Jim Lynn – Past President "Long" John Foster – Admin Dir Kathy Meenan - Treasurer Ed "OJ" Mahan – Secretary Jeff Cambra – Social Director Bernie Zieminski – Activities Dir Steve Hughes – Activities Director-2 Betty McNichols – Singles League Steve Kalinowski – BAC Dave Marr – Race Chairman
1977-78 Jeff Cambra - President Jerry Brown – Vice President Nick Nicklaus – Past President "Long" John Foster – Admin Dir Susan Gabriel - Treasurer Chris Blair – Secretary O.J. Mahan – Social Director Carl Fudden – Activities Dir Sue McLeod – Singles League Lorraine Hernandez – BAC Gayle Sandra – Membership Steve Hughes – Race Chairman	<b>1978-79</b> Jerry Brown - President Jim Lynn – Vice President Jeff Cambra – Past President Sharon Thomas – Admin Dir Laz Lenvey - Treasurer Margaret Arcaya – Social Director Walt Mann – Activities Dir Ginni Heron – Singles League Lorraine Hernandez – BAC Steve Hughes – Race Chairman	1979-80 Lorraine Hernandez- President Margaret Arcaya - Vice President Jerry Brown - Past President Sharon Thomas – Admin Dir Laz Lenvey - Treasurer Marilyn Orlando – Secretary Jim Lynn – Social Director Kyle Chandler – Social Director-2 Pat Furney – Activities Dir Greg Kumataka – Singles League Loren Loberg – BAC Ken Jepson – Membership Sharon Thomas – Membership Jerry Becker – Race Chairman

## 1980-89 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 1980-81

Jerry Brown - President Sharon Thomas – Vice President Lorraine Hernandez – Past Pres "Long" John Foster – Admin Dir Laz Lendvay – Treasurer Marilyn Orlando – Secretary Sara Swift – Social Director Walt Mann – Activities Dir Pat Furney – Singles League Bob Nolan – BAC Greg Kumataka – Race Chairman

#### 1983-84

Bob Pushwa - President Pat Furney – Vice President Doug Lehrmann – Past president Donna Edmunds – Admin Director Gordy Chase - Treasurer Eileen Jones – Secretary Grace DeGeorgis – Social Director Dee Dee Bishop – Activities Dir Kurt Waag – Singles League Sue Haase - Membership Barry Burrill - BAC Rep Alan Russell – Race Director

#### 1986-87

Gail Cleveland – President John Fagan – Vice President Severio Pellicano – Past President Ed Mattson – Administrative Dir Peggy Ann Valley – Treasurer Gary Laurence – Secretary Carolyn Vertuca – Social Director Glenn Leonis – Activities Director Glenn Leonis – Special Events Tom Rasmussen – Singles League Mary Freethy – Membership Bob Pushwa – Race Chairman

#### 1989-90

Rand Stephens – President Greg Brown – Vice President Tim Peterson – Administrative Dir Cheryl Emerton – Treasurer Carol Johnson – Secretary Walt Mann – Social Director

#### 1981-82

Don Guerin - President Judith Vella – Vice President Jerry Brown – Past President Dennis Durango – Admin Director Dena Van Sycoc - Treasurer Candy Spitzer – Secretary Darlene White – Social Director Roger Buckingham – Activities Dir Don Buddle – Singles League Bruce Constanidis - BAC Joyce Nechelini – Membership Steve Hughes – Membership Greg Kumataka – Race Chairman

#### 1984-85

Geary Ritchie – President Sylvia Sidwell – Vice President Bob Pushwa – Past President Tom Jones – Administrative Dir Joyce Nichelini – Admin Dir-2 Mary Swift – Treasurer Joyce Conrad – Secretary Sue Haase – Social Director Carolyn Vertuca – Activities Dir Gail Cleveland – Activities Dir-2 Charles Barnum – Singles League Glenn Leonis – BAC Mary Watkins – Membership Alan Russell – Race Director

#### 1987-88

Glenn Leonis – President Sylvia Lloyd – Vice President Gail Cleveland – Past President Ed Mattson – Administrative Dir Peggy Ann Valley – Treasurer Patty Eastman – Secretary Melody Melanson – Social Director Yolanda Corral – Activities Director Gary Laurence – Singles League Steve Bulliss – BAC Marielle Jaren – Membership Glenn Leonis – Race Chairman

Jim Lynn – Special Events Marlee Chamberlin – Activities Dir Bob Vitale – Singles League Melody Melanson – BAC Maria Marotta – Membership Paul Fulkerson – Race Chairman

#### 1982-83

Doug Lehrmann - President Judith Vella – Vice President Don Guerin – Past President Joyce Nechelini – Admin Director Kurt Wagg - Treasurer Donna Edmunds – Secretary Bob Pushwa – Social Director Geary Ritchie – Activities Dir Dave Marr – Singles League Carolyn Vertuca - Membership Wendy Mueller - BAC Rep Alan Russell – Race Chairman

#### 1985-86

Dick Yox – President Doug DeVries – President & VP Saverio Pellicano – President & VP Bob Pushwa – Past President Brian O'Reilly – Administrative Dir Ron Halstead – Treasurer Joan Shelton – Secretary Tom Brennan – Social Director Gail Cleveland – Activities Director Walt Mann – Activities Director2 Glenn Leonis – Singles League Tom Rasmussen – BAC Jo-Ann Lyons – Membership Bob Pushwa – Race Chairman

#### 1988-89

Marielle Jaren – President Sylvia Lloyd – Vice President Glenn Leonis – Past President Tim Peterson – Administrative Dir Ken Jepson – Treasurer Phyllis McKenna – Secretary Catey Gift – Social Director Sue Walls – Activities Director Rand Stephens – Singles League Gail Cleveland – Special Events Ed Mattson – BAC Marion Kolb – Membership Paul Fulkerson – Race Chairman

## 1990-1999 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 1990-91

Sylvia Lloyd – President Gail Cleveland – Vice President Rand Stephens – Past Pres Joe Gaudino – Admin Dir Cheryl Emerton – Treasurer Gustave Hanselin – Secretary Carol Jognson – Social Director Marlee Chamberlain– Activities Dir Walt Mann – Special Events Michelle Slauson – Singles League Rik Ritchie – BAC Larry Scott – Membership Bob Pushwa – Race Director

#### 1993-94

Bill Kuhlman – President Brian Marcotte – Vice President Gus Hanselin – Past Pres Debi Passino – Treasurer Phyllis McKenna – Secretary Karen Halpin – Social Director Judith Vella – Special Events Barb Sauer – Activities Dir Michael Neward – Membership Alison Muller – Singles League Rik Ritchie – BAC Bill Phelps – Race Director Carol Johnson – Newsletter Editor

#### 1996-97

Dennis Heffley – President Jeni Callaway – Vice President Sandy Lawson – Past Pres Marge Marx – Treasurer Marsha Smith – Secretary Dot March – Social Director Janice Schoenbein – Specl Events Rand Stephens – Activities Dir JoAnn Reed – Membership Alan Norton – Singles League Scott Lewis – BAC Steve Bales – Race Director Tim Peterson – Newsletter Editor

#### 1991-92

Gustave Hanselin – President Gail Cleveland – Vice President Sylvia Lloyd – Past President Rand Stephens – Past Pres Peter Bonney – Admin Dir Marcia Smith – Treasurer Judy Zanier – Secretary Grace DeGeorgis – Social Director Marlee Chamberlain – Activ' Dir Carol Vertuca – Special Events Tom Pendolino – Singles League Gary Orcutt – BAC Bobbi Loben Sels – Membership Bob Pushwa – Race Director Peter Bonney – Newsletter Editor

#### 1992-93

Gustave Hanselin – President Jim "Corky" Lynn – Vice President Rand Stephens – Past Pres Marcia Smith – Treasurer Maxine Senavsky – Secretary Brian Marcotte – Social Director Walt Mann – Special Events Suzanne Bailey – Activities Dir Rebecca Blair – Membership Bill Kuhlman – Singles League Peter Bonney – BAC Bob Pushwa – Race Director Carol Johnson – Newsletter Editor

#### 1994-95

Rand Stephens – President Carol Johnson – Vice President Bill Kuhlman – Past Pres Marcia Smith – Treasurer Bob Devine – Secretary Sandy Lawson – Social Director Dory Gouge-Genicke – Specl Events Barb Sauer – Activities Dir Michael Neward – Membership Alison Mueller – Singles League Randy Stoner – BAC Gus Hanselin – Race Director Debi Passino – Newsletter Editor

#### 1997-98

Don Kelly – President Helene Redson – Vice President Dennis Heffley – Past Pres Marge Marx – Treasurer Julie Guttman – Secretary Marcia Smith – Social Director Randy Silver – Specl Events Barb Sauer – Activities Dir Steve Coll – Membership Janice Schoenbein – Singles League Alan Norton – BAC Ken Poff – Race Director Tim Peterson – Newsletter Editor

#### 1995-96

Sandy Lawson – President Dory Gouge-Genicke – Vice Pres Rand Stephens – Past Pres Bob Devine – Treasurer Al Norton – Secretary Carolyn Robinson – Social Director Don Kelly – Special Events Joyce Zenda – Activities Dir Jeni Callaway – Membership Steve Bales – Singles League Mike Mewes – BAC Debi Passino – Race Director Candance Lorenson – Newsletter

#### 1998-99

Michael Neward – President Karen Halpin – Vice President Don Kelly – Past Pres Cheryl Lawson – Treasurer Sandra Bacich – Secretary Antonett Osgood – Social Director Dennis Heffley – Specl Events Kevin Hirst – Activities Dir Jeni Callaway – Membership Joann Reed – Singles League Julie Guttman – BAC Ken Poff – Race Director Carey Corbaley – Newsletter Editor

#### 1999-2000

Karen Halpin – President<br/>Chris Igo – Vice PresidentJim Molmen – Membership<br/>Dennis Hefley – Singles League<br/>Robbie Johnson- BACMichael Neward – Past Pres<br/>Cheryl Lawson – Treasurer<br/>Carey Corbalay – Secretary<br/>Randy Silver – Social Director<br/>Sandra Bacich- Specl Events<br/>Scott Shreffler – Activities DirJim Molmen – Membership<br/>Dennis Hefley – Singles League<br/>Robbie Johnson- BAC<br/>Ken Poff – Race Director<br/>Dana Dake – Newsletter Editor

## 2000-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 2000-01

Rand Stephens – President Tim Peterson – Vice President Karen Halpin – Past Pres Marge Marx – Treasurer JoAnn Reed – Secretary Rick Shields – Social Director Diane Wurzel – Activities Dir Dani Jennings – Special Events Randy Silver – Singles League Mary Falkenstine – BAC Chuck Heinbockel – Membership Scott Lewis – Race Director Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2003-04

Alan Tiscareno – President Pete Jemme – Vice President Steve Tangney – Past Pres Marge Marx – Treasurer Sonja Moorea – Secretary Collette Kersten – Social Director Dick Duker – Activities Dir Karen Halpin – Special Events Jim Stewart – Singles League Sam Dwyer – BAC Maggie Naylor – Membership Ken Poff – Race Director Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2006-07

Chris Hoskinson – President Tim Peterson – Vice President Jim Stewart – Past Pres Judy Rech – Treasurer Karen Powers – Secretary Randy Silver – Social Director Rita Trachuk – Activities Dir Karra Jones – Special Events John Murrell – Singles League Dorothy McDonald – BAC Suanne McGovern – Membership Karl Smith – Race Director Geoff Rubio – Newsletter

#### 2001-02

Randy Silver – President Tim Peterson – Vice President Rand Stephens – Past Pres Marge Marx – Treasurer Sonja Moorea – Secretary Suanne McGovern – Social Director Steve Tangney – Activities Dir Dani Jennings – Special Events Kevin Hirst – Singles League Susan Walls – BAC Alan Tiscareno – Membership Scott Lewis – Race Director Jenay Johnson – Newsletter

#### 2004-05

Jim Stewart – President Open – Vice President Alan Tiscareno – Past Pres Marge Marx – Treasurer Louis Gallegos – Secretary Stephanie LaCount – Social Director Dick Duker – Activities Dir Patty Crosby – Special Events Pam Feldman – Singles League Pete Jemme – BAC Megan Doubet – Membership Ken Poff – Race Director Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2007-08

Chris Hoskinson – President Tim Peterson – Vice President Jim Stewart – Past Pres Judy Rech – Treasurer Karen Powers – Secretary Karra Jones – Social Director Rita Trachuk – Activities Dir Karra Jones – Special Events John Murrell – Singles League Dorothy McDonald – BAC Judy Rech – Membership Karl Smith – Race Director Geoff Rubio – Newsletter

#### 2009-10

Mark Greenberg – President Shawn Wells – Vice President Dan DeClercq – Past Pres Sue Kleiman – Treasurer Katie Smith – Secretary Pam Feldman – Social Director Terry Bailey – Activities Dir Suanne McGovern – Spec Events Patty Crosby – Singles League Soheila Smith – BAC Pete Jemme – Membership Janet Spencer – Race Director Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2002-03

Steve Tangney – President Wayne Miller – Vice President Randy Silver – Past Pres Chris Igo – Treasurer Sonja Moorea – Secretary Karen Halpin – Social Director Don Kreiss – Activities Dir Dick Duker – Special Events Ann Meeter – Singles League Pete Dworkin – BAC Cheryl Lawson – Membership Ken Poff – Race Director Jenay Johnson – Newsletter

#### 2005-06

Jim Stewart – President Ken Poff – Vice President Chris Hoskinson – Vice President-2 Alan Tiscareno – Past Pres Marge Marx – Treasurer Peggy Eklund – Secretary Patti Crosby – Social Director Kevin Hirst – Activities Dir Colette Kirsten – Special Events Owen Murphy – Singles League Steve Ulrich – BAC Judy Rech – Membership Ken Poff – Race Director Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2008-09

Dan DeClercq – President Shawn Wells – Vice President Chris Hoskinson – Past Pres Judy Rech – Treasurer Katie Smith – Secretary Pam Feldman – Social Director Terry Nichol – Activities Dir Mark Greenberg – Special Events Fred Schreder – Singles League Bonnie Slatkin – BAC Pete Jemme – Membership Karl Smith – Race Director Tim Peterson – Newsletter

## 2010-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 2010-11

Mark Greenberg – President Bob Campbell – Vice President Dan DeClerq – Past Pres Pete Jemme – Membership Janet Spencer – Race Director JoAnn Reed – Treasurer Wendy Sumner – Secretary Debi Clancy – Social Director Gail Mercer – Activities Dir Stephanie Seeno – Special Events Jeff Callo – Singles League Nikki Rubio – BAC Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2013-14

Travis Brophy – President Mark Greenberg – Vice President Bob Campbell – Past Pres Pete Jemme – Membership Tony Baker – Membership2 Chuck Ronconcio – Race Director JoAnn Reed – Treasurer Patti Zanotelli – Secretary Barbara Selva – Social Director Don Powell – Activities Dir Steve Coll – Special Events Janet Spencer – Singles League Kat Severin – BAC Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2016-17

Janet Spencer – President Nikki Rubio – Vice President Rand Stephens – Past Pres Pete Jemme – Membership Wendy Sumner – Race Director Judy Rech – Treasurer Patti Zanotelli – Secretary Barbara Selva – Social Director Debi Bach – Activities Dir Steve Coll – Special Events Toni Derion – Singles League Allison Mueller – BAC Tony Baker – Media Director

#### 2011-12

Bob Campbell – President Bill Manfredi – Vice President Mark Greenberg – Past Pres Pete Jemme – Membership Janet Spencer – Race Director JoAnn Reed – Treasurer Patti Zanotelli – Secretary Debi Clancy – Social Director Tony Baker – Activities Dir Travis Brophy – Special Events Karl Smith – Singles League Robin Lieneke – BAC Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2014-15

Travis Brophy – President Mark Greenberg – Vice President Bob Campbell – Past Pres Pete Jemme – Membership Mike Ferketich – Race Director JoAnn Reed – Treasurer Patti Zanotelli – Secretary Debi Bach – Social Director Lynn Turner – Activities Dir Steve Coll – Special Events Janet Spencer – Singles League Judy Rech – BAC Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2017-18

Janet Spencer – President Nikki Rubio – Vice President Rand Stephens – Past Pres Pete Jemme – Membership Wendy Sumner – Race Director Judy Rech – Treasurer Patti Zanotelli – Secretary Barbara Selva – Social Director Debi Bach – Activities Dir Steve Coll – Special Events Toni Derion – Singles League Allison Mueller – BAC Tony Baker – Media Director

#### 2012-13

Travis Brophy – President Mark Greenberg – Vice President Bob Campbell – Past Pres Pete Jemme – Membership Chuck Ronconcio – Race Director JoAnn Reed – Treasurer Patti Zanotelli – Secretary Barbara Selva – Social Director Tony Baker – Activities Dir Pete Dworkin – Special Events Steve Kent – Singles League Theresa Dennes – BAC Tim Peterson – Newsletter

#### 2015-16

Travis Brophy – President Mark Greenberg – Vice President Rand Stephens – Past Pres Pete Jemme – Membership Janet Spencer – Race Director JoAnn Reed – Treasurer Patti Zanotelli – Secretary Debi Bach – Social Director Laura Tryboski – Activities Dir Steve Coll – Special Events Open – Singles League Mike Ferketich – BAC Tim Peterson – Newsletter Tony Baker – Newsletter2

#### 2018-19

Janet Spencer – President Nikki Rubio – Vice President Rand Stephens – Past Pres Marc Schnarr – Membership Wendy Sumner – Race Director Judy Rech – Treasurer Debi Bach – Secretary Linda Bolla Dow–Secretary2 Sylvia Egan – Social Director Barbara Selva – Activities Dir Steve Coll – Special Events Toni Derion – Singles League Jim Moore – BAC Cathie Speakman – Media Director

#### 2019-20

Karen Halpin–President Lisa Jarvis–Vice Pres Janet Spencer–Past Pres Marc Schnarr–Membership Wendy Sumner–Race Dir Cathie Speakman–Treasurer Linda Bolla Dow–Secretary Sylvia Egan–Social Director Barbara Selva–Activities Dir Steve Coll–Special Events Jim Moore–Singles League Kassey Dolan–BAC Tony Baker-Media Dir 2020-21

Karen Halpin–President Lisa Jarvis–Vice Pres Janet Spencer–Past Pres Marc Schnarr–Membership Wendy Sumner–Race Dir Cathie Speakman–Treasurer Linda Bolla Dow –Secretary Penny Dougherty–Social Dir Penny Dougherty –Activities Steve Coll–Special Events Jim Moore–Singles League Jim Moore–BAC Tony Baker–Media Dir

#### ALL BOARD MEMBERS 1971-2021 Member/Position: First, last, position

Year: Order by year

Member & Position	Year
Alan Norton – Secretary	1995
Alan Norton – Singles League	1996
Alan Norton – BAC	1997
Alan Russell - Race Chairman	1982
Alan Russell - Race Chairman	1983
Alan Russell - Race Chairman	1984
Alan Tiscareno – Membership	2001
Alan Tiscareno – President	2003
Alan Tiscareno – Past Pres'	2004
Alan Tiscareno – Past Pres'	2005
Allison Mueller – Singles League	1993
Allison Mueller – Singles League	1994
Allison Mueller – BAC	2016
Allison Mueller – BAC	2017
Andre Hockett – Vice President	1972
Ann Meeter – Singles League	2002
Antonett Osgood – Social Director	1998
Arlene Arnold – Secretary	1971
Arlene Arnold – Secretary	1972
Barb Sauer – Activities Dir'	1993
Barb Sauer – Activities Dir'	1994
Barb Sauer – Activities Dir'	1997
Barbara Selva – Social Director	2012
Barbara Selva – Social Director	2013
Barbara Selva – Social Director	2016
Barbara Selva – Social Director	2017
Barbara Selva – Activities Dir	2018
Barbara Selva – Activities Dir	2019
Barry Burrill - BAC Rep	1983
Bernie Zieminski – Activities Dir	1976
Betty McNichols – Singles League	1975
Betty McNichols – Singles League	1976
Bill Kuhlman – Singles League	1992
Bill Kuhlman – President	1993
Bill Kuhlman – Past Pres'	1994
Bill Manfredi – Vice President	2011
Bill Phelps – Race Director	1993
Bob Campbell – Vice President	2010
Bob Campbell – President	2011
Bob Campbell – Past Pres	2012
Bob Campbell – Past Pres'	2013
Bob Campbell – Past Pres'	2014

Bob Devine – Secretary	1994
Bob Devine – Treasurer	1995
Bob Nolan – BAC	1980
Bob Pushwa – Social Director	1982
Bob Pushwa - President	1983
Bob Pushwa – Past President	1984
Bob Pushwa – Past President	1985
Bob Pushwa – Race Chairman	1985
Bob Pushwa – Race Chairman	1986
Bob Pushwa – Race Director	1990
Bob Pushwa – Race Director	1991
Bob Pushwa – Race Director	1992
Bob Vitale – Singles League	1989
Bobbi Loben Sels – Membership	1909
Bonnie Slatkin – BAC	
Brian Marcotte – Social Director	2008
Brian Marcotte – Vice President	1992
Brian O'Reilly – Administrative Dir	1993
Bruce Constanidis - BAC	1985
Candance Lorenson – Newsl' Ed'	1981
	1995
Candy Spitzer – Secretary Carey Corbaley – Newsletter	1981
Editor	1998
Carey Corbaley – Secretary	1999
Carl Fudden – Activities Dir	1977
Carol Johnson – Secretary	1989
Carol Johnson – Social Director	1990
Carol Johnson – Newsletter Editor	1992
Carol Johnson – Newsletter Editor	1993
Carol Johnson – Vice President	1994
Carol Vertuca - Membership	1982
Carol Vertuca – Activities Dir	1984
Carol Vertuca – Social Director	1986
Carol Vertuca – Special Events	1991
Caroline Klas – Administrative Dir	1975
Carolyn Robinson – Social	
Director Catey Gift – Social Director	1995
Cathie Speakman – Media	1988
Director	2018
Cathie Speakman – Treasurer	2019
Cathie Speakman – Treasurer	2020
Charles Barnum – Singles League	1984
Cheryl Berger - Activities Director- 2	1974
Cheryl Emerton – Treasurer	1989
Cheryl Emerton – Treasurer	1990
Cheryl Lawson – Treasurer	1998
Cheryl Lawson – Treasurer	1999
Cheryl Lawson – Membership	2002
Chris Blair – Secretary	1977

Chris Hoskinson – Vice President-	2005
Chris Hoskinson – President	2005
Chris Hoskinson – President	2000
Chris Hoskinson – Past Pres'	2007
Chris Igo – Vice President	1999
Chris Igo – Treasurer	2002
Chuck Heinbockel – Membership	2002
Chuck Ronconcio – Race Director	2000
Chuck Ronconcio – Race Director	2012
Collette Kersten – Social Director	2013
Collette Kirsten – Special Events	2003
Dan DeClercq – President	
Dan DeClercq – Past Pres'	2008
Dan DeClerq – Past Pres	2009
Dana Dake – Newsletter Editor	2010
Dani Jennings – Special Events	1999
Dani Jennings – Special Events	2000
Darlene White – Social Director	2001
Dave Marr – Race Chairman	1981
Dave Marr – Vice President	1974
Dave Marr – Race Chairman	1975
Dave Marr – Race Chairman	1975
Dave Marr – Singles League	1976
Dave Shelton - President	1982
Debi Bach Clancy – Social	1973
Director Debi Bach Clancy – Social Director	2010 2011
Debi Bach – Social Director	2014
Debi Bach – Social Director	2014
Debi Bach – Activities Dir	2010
Debi Bach – Activities Dir	2010
Debi Bach – Secretary	2017
Debi Passino – Treasurer	1993
Debi Passino – Newsletter Editor	1993
Debi Passino – Race Director	1994
Dee Dee Bishop – Activities Dir	1983
Dena Van Sycoc - Treasurer	1983
Dennis Bledshoe – Admin Dir	1974
Dennis Durango – Admin Director	1974
Dennis Heffley – President	1996
Dennis Heffley – Past Pres'	1990
Dennis Heffley – Specl Events	
Dennis Hefley – Singles League	1998
Diane Wurzel – Activities Dir'	1999
Dick Duker – Special Events	2000
Dick Duker – Activities Dir'	2002
Dick Duker – Activities Dir	2003
Dick Yox – President	2004
	1985

Don Buddle – Singles League	1981	Gordy Chase - Treasurer	1983	Jim Lynn – Social Director	1979
Don Guerin - President	1981	Grace DeGeorgis – Social Director	1983	Jim Lynn – Special Events	1989
Don Guerin – Past President	1982	Grace DeGeorgis – Social Director	1991	Jim Lynn – Vice President	1992
Don Kelly – Special Events	1995	Greg Brown – Vice President	1989	Jim Molmen – Membership	1999
Don Kelly – President	1997	Greg Kumataka – Singles League	1979	Jim Moore – BAC	2018
Don Kelly – Past Pres'		Greg Kumataka – Race Chairman		Jim Moore –Singles League	
Don Kreiss – Activities Dir'	1998	Greg Kumataka – Race Chairman	1980	Jim Moore –BAC	2019
Don Powell – Activities Dir'	2002	Gus Hanselin – Secretary	1981	Jim Moore –Singles League	2020
Donna Edmunds – Secretary	2013	Gus Hanselin – President	1990	Jim Stewart – Singles League	2020
Donna Edmunds – Admin Director	1982	Gus Hanselin – President	1991	Jim Stewart – President	2003
Dorothy McDonald – BAC	1983	Gus Hanselin – Past Pres'	1992	Jim Stewart – President	2004
Dorothy McDonald – BAC	2006	Gus Hanselin – Race Director	1993	Jim Stewart – Past Pres'	2005
Dory Gouge-Genicke – Specl	2007		1994	Jim Stewart – Past Pres'	2006
Events	1994	Helene Redson – Vice President	1997		2007
Dory Gouge-Genicke – Vice Pres	1995	Janet Barnes – Activities Director	1972	Joan Shelton – Secretary	1985
Dot March – Social Director	1996	Janet Spencer – Race Director	2009	Jo-Ann Lyons – Membership	1985
Doug DeVries – President & VP	1985	Janet Spencer – Race Director	2010	JoAnn Reed – Membership	1996
Doug Lehrmann - President	1982	Janet Spencer – Race Director	2011	JoAnn Reed – Singles League	1998
Doug Lehrmann – Past president	1983	Janet Spencer – Singles League	2013	JoAnn Reed – Secretary	2000
Ed Mahan – Secretary	1976	Janet Spencer – Singles League	2014	JoAnn Reed – Treasurer	2010
Ed Mattson – Administrative Dir	1986	Janet Spencer – Race Director	2015	JoAnn Reed – Treasurer	2011
Ed Mattson – Administrative Dir	1987	Janet Spencer – President	2016	JoAnn Reed – Treasurer	2012
Ed Mattson – BAC	1988	Janet Spencer – President	2017	JoAnn Reed – Treasurer	2013
Eileen Jones – Secretary	1983	Janet Spencer – President	2018	JoAnn Reed – Treasurer	2014
Fred Schreder – Singles League	2008	Janet Spencer –Past Pres	2019	JoAnn Reed – Treasurer	2015
Gail Cleveland – Activities Dir-2	1984	Janet Spencer –Past Pres	2020	Joe Gaudino – Admin Dir	1990
Gail Cleveland – Activities Director	1985	Janice Schoenbein – Specl Events	1996	John Fagan – Vice President	1986
Gail Cleveland – President		Janice Schoenbein – Singles		John Foster – Admin Dir	1976
Gail Cleveland – Special Events	1986	League Jeff Callo – Singles League	1997	John Foster – Admin Dir	1977
Gail Cleveland – Vice President	1988	Jeff Cambra – Social Director	2010	John Foster – Admin Dir	1980
Gail Cleveland – Vice President	1990	Jeff Cambra - President	1976	John Kovack – Treasurer-2	1971
Gail Mercer – Activities Dir	1991	Jeff Cambra – Past President	1977	John Murrell – Singles League	2006
	2010		1978	John Murrell – Singles League	2000
Gary Laurence – Secretary	1986	Jenay Johnson – Newsletter	2001	Joyce Conrad – Secretary	
Gary Laurence – Singles League	1987	Jenay Johnson – Newsletter	2002	Joyce Nechelini – Membership	1984
Gary Orcutt – BAC	1991	Jeni Callaway – Membership	1995	Joyce Nechelini – Admin Director	1981
Gayle Sandra – Membership	1977	Jeni Callaway – Vice President	1996	Joyce Nechelini – Admin Dir-2	1982
Geary Ritchie – Activities Dir	1982	Jeni Callaway – Membership	1998	Joyce Zenda – Activities Dir'	1984
Geary Ritchie – President	1984	Jerry Becker – Vice President	1976		1995
Geoff Rubio – Newsletter	2006	Jerry Becker – Race Chairman	1979	Judith Vella – Vice President	1981
Geoff Rubio – Newsletter	2007	Jerry Brown – Vice President	1977	Judith Vella – Vice President	1982
Ginni Heron – Singles League	1978	Jerry Brown - President	1978	Judith Vella – Special Events	1993
Glenn Leonis – BAC	1984	Jerry Brown - Past President	1979	Judy Rech – Membership	2005
Glenn Leonis – Singles League	1985	Jerry Brown - President	1980	Judy Rech – Treasurer	2006
Glenn Leonis – Activities Director	1986	Jerry Brown – Past President	1981	Judy Rech – Membership	2007
Glenn Leonis – Special Events Dir	1986	Jim Lynn – Social Director	1974	Judy Rech – Treasurer	2007
Glenn Leonis – President	1987	Jim Lynn - President	1975	Judy Rech – Treasurer	2008
Glenn Leonis – Race Chairman	1987	Jim Lynn – Past President	1976	Judy Rech – BAC	2014
Glenn Leonis – Past President	1987	Jim Lynn – Vice President	1978	Judy Rech – Treasurer	2016
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Judy Rech – Treasurer	2018	Laz Lenvay – Treasurer	1980	Mark Greenberg – Vice President	2015
Judy Zanier – Secretary	1991	Leroy Lui – Social Director-2	1972	Marlee Chamberlin – Activities Dir	1989
Julie Guttman – Secretary	1997	Linda Bolla Dow –Secretary2	2018	Marlee Chamberlain– Activities Dir'	1990
Julie Guttman – BAC	1998	Linda Bolla Dow –Secretary	2019	Marlee Chamberlain – Activ' Dir'	1991
Karen Halpin – Social Director	1993	Linda Bolla Dow –Secretary	2020	Marsha Smith – Secretary	1996
Karen Halpin – Vice President	1998	Linda Scherer - Treasurer	1973	Mary Falkenstine – BAC	2000
Karen Halpin – President	1999	Linda Scherer - Treasurer	1974	Mary Freethy – Membership	1986
Karen Halpin – Past Pres'	2000	Lisa Jarvis –Vice Pres	2019	Mary Swift – Treasurer	1984
Karen Halpin – Social Director	2002	Lisa Jarvis –Vice Pres	2020	Mary Watkins – Membership	1984
Karen Halpin – Special Events	2003	Loren Loberg – BAC	1979	Maxine Senavsky – Secretary	1904
Karen Halpin – President	2019	Lorraine Hernandez – BAC	1977	Megan Doubet – Membership	2004
Karen Halpin – President	2020	Lorraine Hernandez – BAC	1978	Melody Melanson – Social	
Karen Powers – Secretary	2006	Lorraine Hernandez- President	1979	Director	1987
Karen Powers – Secretary	2007	Lorraine Hernandez – Past Pres'	1980	Melody Melanson – BAC	1989
Karl Smith – Race Director	2006	Louis Gallegos – Secretary	2004	Michael Neward – Membership	1993
Karl Smith – Race Director	2007	Lynn Turner – Activities Dir'	2014	Michael Neward – Membership	1994
Karl Smith – Race Director	2008	Maggie Naylor – Membership	2003	Michael Neward – President	1998
Karl Smith – Singles League	2011	Marc Schnarr – Membership	2018	Michael Neward – Past Pres' Michelle Slauson – Singles	1999
Karra Jones – Special Events	2006	Marc Schnarr – Membership	2019	League	1990
Karra Jones – Social Director	2000	Marc Schnarr – Membership	2020	Mike Ferketich – Race Director	2014
Karra Jones – Special Events	2007	Marcia Smith – Treasurer	1991	Mike Ferketich – BAC	2015
Kassey Dolan –BAC	2007	Marcia Smith – Treasurer	1991	Mike Lydon - President	1974
Kat Severin – BAC	2013	Marcia Smith – Treasurer	1992	Mike Lydon – Past President	1975
Kathy Meenan - Treasurer	1976	Marcia Smith – Social Director	1994	Mike Mewes – BAC	1995
Katie Smith – Secretary	2008	Margaret Arcaya – Social Director	1997	Nick Nicolaus - President	1976
Katie Smith – Secretary		Margaret Arcaya – Social Director	1975	Nick Nicklaus – Past President	1977
Ken Jepson – Membership	2009	Margaret Arcaya - Vice President		Nikki Rubio – BAC	2010
Ken Jepson – Treasurer	1979	Marge Marx – Treasurer	1979	Nikki Rubio – Vice President	2016
Ken Pfeiffer – Vice President	1988	Marge Marx – Treasurer	1996	Nikki Rubio – Vice President	2017
Ken Poff – Race Director	1973	Marge Marx – Treasurer	1997	Nikki Rubio – Vice President	2018
Ken Poff – Race Director	1997	Marge Marx – Treasurer	2000	O.J. Mahan – Social Director	1977
Ken Poff – Race Director	1998	Marge Marx – Treasurer	2001	Owen Murphy – Singles League	2005
Ken Poff – Race Director	1999	Marge Marx – Treasurer	2003	Pam Feldman – Singles League	2004
Ken Poff – Race Director	2002	Marge Marx – Treasurer	2004	Pam Feldman – Social Director	2008
Ken Poff – Race Director	2003	Maria Marotta – Membership	2005	Pam Feldman – Social Director	2009
Ken Poff – Race Director	2004	Marielle Jaren – Membership	1989	Pat Furney – Activities Dir	1979
Ken Poff – Vice President	2005	Marielle Jaren – President	1987	Pat Furney – Singles League	1980
Kevin Hirst – Activities Dir'	2005	Marilyn Bartlett – Secretary	1988	Pat Furney – Vice President	1983
Kevin Hirst – Singles League	1998	Marilyn Orlando – Secretary	1975	Pat Mincks – Secretary	1973
Kevin Hirst – Activities Dir'	2001	Marilyn Orlando – Secretary	1979	Patti Zanotelli – Secretary	2011
Kurt Wagg - Treasurer	2005	Marion Kolb – Membership	1980	Patti Zanotelli – Secretary	2012
	1982		1988	Patti Zanotelli – Secretary	2013
Kurt Waag – Singles League	1983	Mark Greenberg – Special Events	2008	Patti Zanotelli – Secretary	2014
Kyle Chandler – Social Director-2	1979	Mark Greenberg – President	2009	Patti Zanotelli – Secretary	2014
Larry Scott – Membership	1990	Mark Greenberg – President	2010	Patti Zanotelli – Secretary	2015
Laura Tryboski – Activities Dir	2015	Mark Greenberg – Past Pres	2011	Patti Zanotelli – Secretary	2010
Laurie Miller - Treasurer	1975	Mark Greenberg – Vice President	2012	Patty Crosby – Special Events	2017
Laz Lenvey - Treasurer	1978	Mark Greenberg – Vice President	2013	Patty Crosby – Social Director	2004
Laz Lenvey - Treasurer	1979	Mark Greenberg – Vice President	2014		2000

Patty Crosby – Singles League		Randy Silver – Past Pres'	
Patty Eastman – Secretary	2009	Randy Silver – Fast Fles	2002
Paul Fulkerson – Race Chairman	1987	Randy Stoner – BAC	2006
Paul Fulkerson – Race Chairman	1988	Randy Unverforth - President	1994
	1989	•	1972
Peggy Ann Valley – Treasurer	1986	Rebecca Blair – Membership	1992
Peggy Ann Valley – Treasurer	1987	Reya Gardner – Social Director	1972
Peggy Eklund – Secretary	2005	Rick Shields – Social Director	2000
Penny Dougherty –Activities	2020	Rick Wallace - Activities Director-2	1972
Penny Dougherty –Social Dir	2020	Rik Ritchie – BAC	1990
Pete Dworkin – BAC	2002	Rik Ritchie – BAC	1993
Pete Dworkin – Special Events	2012	Rita Trachuk – Activities Dir'	2006
Pete Jemme – Vice President	2003	Rita Trachuk – Activities Dir'	2007
Pete Jemme – BAC	2004	Robbie Johnson- BAC	1999
Pete Jemme – Membership	2008	Robin Lieneke – BAC	2011
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Pete Jemme – Membership	2011	Roger Buckingham – Activities Dir'	1981
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Pete Jemme – Membership	2015	Sam Dwyer – BAC	2003
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Peter Bonney – Admin Dir	1991	Sandy Lawson – Social Director	1994
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Peter Bonney – BAC	1991	Sandy Lawson – Past Pres'	1995
Phil O'Sullivan – Vice President	1992	Sandy Murphy – Secretary	1990
Phyllis McKenna – Secretary		Sara Swift – Social Director	
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Ralph Marsh - President	1993	VP	1985
Rand Stephens – Singles League	1971	Saverio Pellicano – Past President	1987
Rand Stephens – President	1988	Scott Lewis – BAC	1996
Rand Stephens – Past Pres'	1989	Scott Lewis – Race Director	2000
	1990	Scott Lewis – Race Director	2001
Rand Stephens – Past Pres'	1991	Scott Shreffler – Activities Dir'	1999
Rand Stephens – Past Pres'	1992	Severio Pellicano – Past President	1986
Rand Stephens – President	1994	Sharon Thomas – Admin Dir	1978
Rand Stephens – Past Pres'	1995	Sharon Thomas – Admin Dir	1979
Rand Stephens – Activities Dir'	1996	Sharon Thomas – Membership	1979
Rand Stephens – President	2000	Sharon Thomas – Vice President	1980
Rand Stephens – Past Pres'	2001	Shawn Wells – Vice President	2008
Rand Stephens – Past Pres	2015	Shawn Wells – Vice President	2009
Rand Stephens – Past Pres	2016	Soheila Smith – BAC	2009
Rand Stephens – Past Pres	2017	Sonja Moorea – Secretary	2001
Rand Stephens – Past Pres	2018	Sonja Moorea – Secretary	2002
Randy Silver – Specl Events	1997	Sonja Moorea – Secretary	2003
Randy Silver – Social Director	1999	Sonya Harden – Activities Director	1974
Randy Silver – Singles League	2000	Stephanie LaCount – Social	
Randy Silver – President	2001	Director	2004

Stephanie Seeno – Special Events	2010
Steve Bales – Singles League	1995
Steve Bales – Race Director	1996
Steve Bulliss – BAC	1987
Steve Coll – Membership	1997
Steve Coll – Special Events	2013
Steve Coll – Special Events	2014
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Steve Coll – Special Events	2017
Steve Coll – Special Events	2018
Steve Coll – Special Events	2019
Steve Coll – Special Events	2020
Steve Hughes – Activities Director	1975
Steve Hughes – Activities Director-2	1976
Steve Hughes – Race Chairman	1970
Steve Hughes – Race Chairman	1978
Steve Hughes - Membership	1978
Steve Johnston - Treasurer	1971
Steve Johnston - Treasurer	1971
Steve Johnston – Vice President	1972
Steve Kalinowski – BAC	1974
Steve Kent – Singles League	2012
Steve Tangney – Activities Dir'	-
Steve Tangney – President	2001
Steve Tangney – Past Pres'	2002
Steve Ulrich – BAC	2003
Suanne McGovern – Social	2005
Director	2001
Suanne McGovern – Membership	2006
Suanne McGovern – Spec Events	2009
Sue Haase - Membership	1983
Sue Haase – Social Director	1984
Sue Kleiman – Treasurer	2009
Sue McLeod – Singles League	1977
Susan Walls – Activities Director	1988
Susan Gabriel - Treasurer	1977
Susan Walls – BAC	2001
Suzanne Bailey – Activities Dir'	1992
Suzie Nickerson – Social Director	1973
Sylvia Lloyd – Vice President	1987
Sylvia Lloyd – Vice President	1988
Sylvia Lloyd – President	1990
Sylvia Lloyd – Past President	1991
Sylvia Egan – Social Director	2018
Sylvia Egan –Social Director	2019
Sylvia Sidwell – Vice President	1984
Terry Nichol – Activities Dir'	2008

Terry Bailey – Activities Dir'	2009
Theresa Dennes – BAC	2012
Tim Peterson – Administrative Dir	1988
Tim Peterson – Administrative Dir	1989
Tim Peterson – Newsletter	1996
Tim Peterson – Newsletter	1997
Tim Peterson – Newsletter	2000
Tim Peterson – Vice President	2000
Tim Peterson – Vice President	2001
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Tim Peterson – Newsletter	2015
Tom Brennan – Social Director	1985
Tom Jones – Administrative Dir	1984
Tom Pearson- BAC	1975
Tom Pendolino – Singles League	1991
Tom Rasmussen – BAC	1985
Tom Rasmussen – Singles League	1986
Toni Derion – Singles League	2016
Toni Derion – Singles League	2010
Toni Derion – Singles League	2018
Tony Baker – Activities Dir	2010
Tony Baker – Activities Dir	2011
Tony Baker – Membership2	2012
Tony Baker – Newsletter2	2015
Tony Baker – Media Director	2015
Tony Baker – Media Director	2010
Tony Baker -Media Dir	2017
Tony Baker – Media Dir	2019
Travis Brophy – Special Events	2020
Travis Brophy – President	2011
Travis Brophy – President	
Travis Brophy – President	2013
Travis Brophy – President	2014
Virgil Plautz – Far West Rep	2015
Walt Mann – Activities Dir	1974
Walt Mann – Activities Dir	1978
	1980

Walt Mann – Activities Director2	1985
Walt Mann – Social Director	1989
Walt Mann – Special Events	1990
Walt Mann – Special Events	1992
Warren Peterson – Activities Dir	1973
Wayne Miller – Vice President	2002
Wendy Mueller - BAC Rep	1982
Wendy Sumner – Secretary	2010
Wendy Sumner – Race Director	2016
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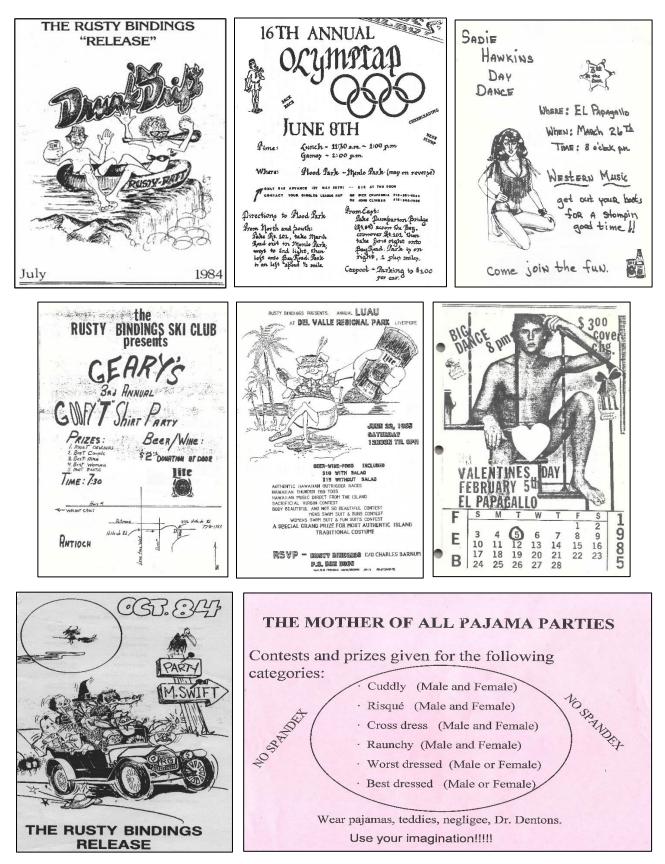
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