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Captain News

1. EXTENDED BOARD/CAPTAIN'S MEETING

The meeting to determine this year's practice schedule will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Karin's and Bill's house (directions to follow at a later date). Please have no more than 2 reps per team and the meeting.

2. BOAT REPAIR WORK PARTY

Captains: Please let Bill know ASAP who will be the volunteers to help at the boat repair work party. You can email him at: traub05@comcast.net

Member News

1. ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009

Seattle REI, 222 Yale Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109

7pm

All Club Sake members are invited (and encouraged!) to attend the Club Sake annual meeting and elections on Tuesday, March 3 at the downtown REI store. Refreshments will be served. Please come and vote for the candidates running to fill the open positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Equipment Manager, and to thank Curtis Lu, Eric Broberg, and Bill Traub for their past two years of service in these positions.

Voting Eligibility

To vote, you must be a paid 2009 member of Club Sake by March 3rd. Membership renewals or applications will be accepted at the meeting but will not be processed until after the meeting and elections. Eric Broberg must have received your waiver and payment in his hand by no later than March 1st to be eligible to vote.

How to Vote

There are three voting methods:

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting in person, but if you cannot attend, you can either vote by proxy or absentee.

- 1) In-person – Attend the annual meeting, listen to the candidate's speeches and cast your written ballot.

2) Proxy – To vote by proxy, provide an email or written note stating who you are and whom you designate as your proxy. On the day of the election, the proxy (person that will cast your vote at the meeting on your behalf) must present the email or note to complete your proxy vote. Both the proxy and voter must be a member in good standing.

3) Absentee – To request an absentee ballot, you must be a member in good standing and send an email to clubsake@gmail.com from the email account listed in your membership form, with the subject "Absentee Ballot Request". Please note that Absentee Ballots must be received by Friday, February 27th.

2. BOAT REPAIR WORK PARTY

Sake 1 (our oldest boat) now has all new floatation and benches. The seat material is made by Trex and is a plastic wood that should never need any more work. To get it ready for the beginning of next season I will need to have a work party in March. I need 2 volunteers from each smaller team and 3 from the larger ones in order to finish the work. Sand paper and sanding blocks will be provided, as well as a couple sanders. Volunteers with their own sander would be greatly appreciated! We will be re-finishing the interior of the boat which has worn down to the fiberglass in a few spots and has some loose and flaking areas. This should be about 5 – 6 hours of work, less if we get more volunteers. The tentative date will be Saturday, March 7th. Please let your captain know if you can volunteer.

Bill Traub
Equipment Manager

3. LAKE SAMMAMISH PADDLE EVENT

Saturday, March 14.

How about paddling on Lake Sammamish, probably the very first time for a Dragon Boat!

Soundrowers.org is having a 6 or 13 mile race on March 14 and we'd like to field a dragon boat or two for the short race. It'll be a mass start and we'll be racing kayaks, canoes, outriggers and another dragon boat -- Seattle Flying Dragons (the former TDBA Lake Union club) will also fill a boat. Bill Traub, equipment manager, will ferry one or more of our boats to the site. Yeah for Bill!

Pizza will be provided for all participants. Cost is \$10 per person and we are looking for paddlers, a tiller and a caller/drummer. Please respond to Matthew at president@clubsake.com if you would like to participate. . More details can be found on the SoundRowers.org website.

We'll meet at 9:30 am at Sunset Beach at Lake Sammamish State Park on Saturday, March 14th.

A good time is guaranteed for one and all!

Matthew
Club SAKE President

4. SAKE TEAM FOR BIG CLIMB

Sunday, March 22

To All Club SAKE Members,

For several years now I have participated in Big Climb Seattle, an annual stair-climbing event benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This year I am putting together a Club SAKE team! You and your family/friends are invited to join me. This is a great chance for us to come together and participate in a meaningful event, and boost our Club's visibility. (DISCLAIMER: We are paying for our own participation, and our team does NOT represent an official sponsorship/endorsement/connection between Club SAKE and LLS. Furthermore, I am NOT officially affiliated with LLS in any way.)

For those who don't know, here is a description of Big Climb (<http://bigclimb.org/>):

WHEN? Sunday March 22, team timeslot to-be-assigned (probably late morning).

WHERE? Columbia Center, the tallest building in Seattle (the black one).

WHAT? Climb up the 69-floor stairwell (1,311 steps, 788 feet of elevation). **SPEED IS NOT IMPORTANT!**

Regardless of your age and fitness level, it is a victory just to finish. In the past, people in my Big Climb teams have done anywhere from 11.5 minutes to 30+ minutes. (The overall winner is usually under 8 minutes.)

WHO? Anyone above age of 8 who wants to take it on!

WHY?

- * The exhilaration of challenging yourself and supporting a good cause
- * Nice panorama view at the top (observation floor)
- * Great team experience (optional lunch together afterwards)
- * Great motivation for doing aerobic training – get ready for the dragon boating season too!
- * Free T-shirt!

COST: \$37.50 for registration, *plus* (NEW THIS YEAR) there is a minimum requirement on fundraising, \$50/participant. If you want to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and are not available to do the Climb yourself, please consider donating toward other SAKE members and supporting their participation.

If you have further questions, please check the FAQ on the event website. Also feel free to email me at justzheng@hotmail.com.

TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT, go to the team page for “Seattle SAKE Dragon Boat Club”:

http://www.lswa.org/site/TR/Events/BigClimb/1911683675?pg=team&fr_id=1040&team_id=10960

Click on “Join Team” and use the password “Leschi” (no quotation marks).

In the next step, I encourage you to select “Racer (timed)” instead of “Climber (untimed)” even if you don’t think you will be very fast. FYI, I registered for “Racer” and I will not actually be running, just walking fast. Note that Racers and Climbers will go up two separate staircases and end up on the same floor.

In the next step, Team Name is Seattle SAKE Dragon Boat Club and Team Captain is Zheng Wang. **DO NOT** choose your own start time; a timeslot will be assigned to our entire team later, most likely late February.

PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS YOU CAN TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT. Any issues, email me at justzheng@hotmail.com. I hope you can join me on this exciting challenge!!

Zheng Wang
Hot SAKE

5. SAINT MARTIN’S DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Washington Dragon Boat Association (WDBA), our friends from down south, is looking for volunteer tillers to help at this year’s Saint Martins Cup race on Capital Lake in Olympia, WA. The race is April 26th this year, and should consist of mostly corporate teams that will not have their own tillers. This is a great chance to continue good relations between our clubs and get some more practice at race tilling. If you are interested, please send an email to Molly at molmitten@gmail.com by April 1st.

Also, attached is information on the Saint Martin’s Dragon Boat Festival on April 26th. Is anyone interested in putting together a Club Sake team?

6. 2008 CLUB SAKE CRUISE

In case you missed it, find out who knew the identity of the murderer and who was voted best dressed. A wrap up of the party and a video can be found at: <http://www.club sake.com/Event.html>