



# STROKEWATCH

The official Newsletter of the Bay Area Rowing Club of Houston

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## **CHANGE IS IN THE AIR**

*by Robbie Score*

The monthly membership meetings will now be held during the fourth week of the month. If the meeting is at Clear Lake Park meeting room, then the meeting will be the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The "social" meetings that are held at local restaurants will be on the fourth Friday of the month. The location of each meeting will be announced in the monthly newsletter. The **January meeting will on Friday, January 28 at a local restaurant.** Notices will be posted in the BARHouse when the exact location is determined!

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

*by Carl Smith*

BARC's annual membership meeting will be held February 28, in the community room of Clear Lake Park. Annual meetings are required by State statute and by our by-laws of incorporation. The purpose is to provide members with a summary of the previous year's activities, review the financial affairs of the Club, distribute a proposed budget and calendar of activities for the coming year, and elect new officers.

This year the members will be electing a new President, Vice-President, Secretary and two Board members. Paul Lanoux, Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, has lined up a slate for these offices, to be presented to the Board at January meeting. In this newsletter, Paul will be revealing this list of candidates. If

you have an interest in running for one of these positions, make that interest known to Paul before that meeting. Also, nominations can always be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Over the past five years BARC has developed a very sound organizational structure with well thought out by-laws and membership handbook for governing the Club. We have a stable membership base. We've acquired a respectable fleet of boats (for our Club's age). We've developed some good in-house coaching and coxing expertise. We've negotiated a sound lease agreement with the County. We've constructed two floating docks and BARC HAS A BOATHOUSE! AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD FOR FIVE YEARS!

It's very important that members attend this Annual Business Meeting to demonstrate support for a new slate of Officers and Directors that will lead BARC into it's next phase of growth--that being to expand our fleet of Club-owned boats and to aggressively market our Club for membership growth.

Also, it's important for members to keep in mind we're an all-volunteer organization. The Club's growth will be proportional to the level of active involvement of its members. We need your help. There are positions open that need to be filled. We need an equipment scheduler, a person(s) to work on the maintenance of sculling equipment, and we need two captains for overseeing the maintenance of the two sweeps boats. If you're interested in the

equipment scheduler's position, contact Jeff Tave. If you have an interest in the maintenance of sculling equipment, contact Bruce Meltzer, and, if you're interested in serving as a captain for maintenance of the sweeps boat, call Jim Potter. In summary, these are three areas that are VERY IMPORTANT for maintaining the efficiency and effectiveness of our Club.

## **1994 BARC OFFICER ELECTIONS**

*by Paul Lanoux*

Elections for the Officers and Directors will be held during the February 28 membership meeting. Positions are filled in two-year terms on a staggered schedule so that only half of the positions are turned over in any given year. The Officers to be elected in 1994 are: President, Secretary, and two of the four Directors.

The outgoing officers volunteered to serve because they cared enough about the future of BARC to invest time and energy in making sure we all would have a club to enjoy. Show them your appreciation by volunteering to share a little bit of the responsibility. The Nominating Committee will be soliciting candidates over the next several weeks. If you are interested in serving, please contact Walter Madden or Paul Lanoux as soon as possible.

The current officers and the known nominees for the 1994 elections are listed below:

**President:** Carl Smith  
term expires: 1994  
nominee: Bill Dixon

**Vice President:** Bill Dixon  
term expires 1995  
(Board will appoint replacement in 1994 if Bill is elected President)  
nominee: none, so far

**Treasurer:** Jeff Tave  
term expires: 1995

**Secretary:** Crystal Wengel  
term expires: 1994  
nominee: Crystal Wengel

**Director:** Brenda Jamison  
term expires: 1994  
nominee: Brenda Jamison

**Director:** Walter Madden  
term expires: 1994  
nominee: Walter Madden

**Director:** Fran Lantz  
term expires: 1995  
(she will resign in 1994 and Board must appoint a replacement)  
nominee: Marc Bonin

**Director:** Jim Potter  
term expires: 1995

**DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT UTILIZATION POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED**  
*by Jeff Tave*

Chris Woelfel has volunteered to take on the position of equipment scheduler. He will run the monthly captains meeting. So if you have any other equipment use and/or scheduling issues, please contact him. Thanks Chris!

**MARATHON UPDATE**  
*by Carl Smith*

During this past month, Bruce Meltzer was notified by the Natchitoches Rowing Club that he and Ben Newcomb placed second in their category. **THEY WON A SILVER MEDAL!!!!!!** They're setting the stage for other BARCers to follow(?) in their wake.

**BARC LIGHTS**  
*by Carl Smith*

In the tradition of Philadelphia's boat house row, bright, white lights now silhouette the BARC Boathouse. The lights were donated by Brenda Jamison and they were hung in place by our

"Russian mountain goat" Dimi Rachuk who crisscrossed the boathouse roof. He was assisted by Brad Claire, Brenda Jamison, Fran Lantz, and Carl Smith.

**A NEW LAUNCH FOR BARC**  
*by Carl Smith*

The Board of Directors has authorized the purchase of an aluminum V-hull boat from Crystal Wengel's grandfather. This is the boat the Club borrowed during Space City Sprints II and III. Also, the Club will be acquiring a brand-new outboard motor and gas tank to be purchased jointly by the Club and the Rice crew. The purchase will enable the Club to have dependable equipment to enhance its coaching program.

## ABOUT THE CLUB

The Bay Area Rowing Club of Houston is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of rowing in the Houston/Clear Lake area. There are no restrictions for membership. Dues are \$180.00 per year for regular members, \$90.00 for students, and \$270.00 per year for family memberships. Provisions can be made for those interested in rowing, but cannot afford the dues. The club periodically provides rowing instructions to the general public.

The club meets regularly at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Park Office meeting room located at 5001 NASA Road 1. (By the stop light at NASA Road 1 and Clear Lake Park.)

If you are interested in learning more about rowing or the club, call 326-3718.

## CLUB OFFICIALS

### Officers

President  
Carl Smith  
482-6245

Vice President  
Bill Dixon  
480-7513

Treasurer  
Jeff Tave  
326-5098

Secretary  
Crystal Henderson  
286-0675

### Committees

Boathouse Manager  
Mike Meschler  
474-4053

Sweep Rowing Development  
Vacant

Scull Rowing Development  
Bruce Meltzer  
280-0231

Sweep Equipment  
Vacant

Scull Equipment  
Jim Bodmer  
554-2782

Membership  
Jim Potter  
326-3718

### Misc.

Equipment Scheduling  
Chris Woelfel  
286-6514

Safety Officer  
Jonathon Wengel  
480-7012

Public Relations  
Kathy Dixon  
480-7513

Newsletter Editor  
Robbie Score  
286-8650

## EVENTS



1/1-31	Sculling Technique Critique Mike Brint 286-2387
1/9	Board Meeting Jim Potter's house 7:30 p.m.
<b>1/28</b>	<b>General Meeting</b> Restaurant TBD
1/29	Try-It-You'll-Like-It 9:00 a.m.
2/13	Board Meeting TBD
2/16	<b><u>Deadline</u></b> for submission of articles for the next newsletter
<b>2/28</b>	<b>Annual Membership Meeting</b> Clear Lake Park 7:30
1994	Space City Sprints TBD