

# South End Rowing Club

Boat House

Hyde and Jefferson Streets



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\*\*\*\* THE SOUTHENDER \*\*\*\*

"True Voice of the Clowns and Characters of  
the Mighty South End Rowing Club"

GOLDEN GATE SWIM - Sunday September 30, 1979

The spectator boat leaves from Pier 39 at 8 a.m. to watch the swimmers brave the cold water and rough passage under the Golden Gate bridge. Swimmers will dive in at Fort Point at 9 a.m. and swim to Lime Rock. As always, Phil Hunter and Tom Rice will be rendering expert advice to all swimmers at the early morning meeting before the swim. The boat is oversold, so the first to arrive and get in line will be those who get aboard. Be sure that this is communicated to all those who have bought tickets. Good observation points for the swim are at Fort Point on the west side beach or at Lime Rock or from your own personal yacht. A splendid party is to follow at the Club immediately after the swim and there will be music, refreshments, and presentation of awards. This traditional party is one of the highlights of the year for those who can remember it afterwards. Come join in the swim or at least enjoy the party.

OLD TIMERS NIGHT - October 26, 1979 7 p.m. at Caesar's

This tremendously popular and enjoyable event promises to be even better than last year. The night will be dedicated to Nick Crivello, who is soon to be 75 years young, has been a Southender for 51 years, and can still swim faster than George Farnsworth. The \$13 dinner which includes tax and tip and wine (because we felt most of you would take more of the wine than you would leave in the tip) is at Caesar's on 10/26/79 with no-host cocktails at 7 and dinner at 8 p.m. Ladies are welcome. See John Tarantino, Boat House Captain Ray Savigliano, or J.B. Sullivan for tickets.

SERC DAY AT THE RACES - December 8, 1979 at Bay Meadows

12/8/79 is the day at Bay Meadows and Nat Calegari should be called at 673-2861 to get some of the fast disappearing tickets.

## ROWING

The historic "South End" has been refurbished with new seats, slides, and oars. A recent arrival to our little wooden fleet is a new two-man Viking which is the epitome of fine boat building. Two new single shells were transported from Oregon by Rowing Commissioner Hank Pohl and now are available at our Lake Merced boathouse. All members are encouraged to use our plentiful rowing equipment. Free training and encouragement are available. Contact Hank at 574-0616.

## 1979 TRIATHALON

Two-thirds of the Triathlon between the South End and the Dolphin Club took place on 8/25/79. The SERC runners annihilated the Dolphins 69-36 over the demanding 11.4 mile course. Top South Ender was Don Ardell who is one of the swifter runners in his plus 40 age bracket in the AAU. He was followed by Russ Kiernan in 1:07:00, then Roger Major in 1:08:38, followed by Terry O'Leary in 1:10:55, and 7th overall was Running Commissioner Pat Cuneen in 1:11:27.

The South End swimmers lost a close one 60-45 in a rough water two mile swim. Al Cheftakov, Ed King, Joel Wilson, and Tom McCarty were our top finishers. Our oarsmen were in the long boat but the Dolphins were without theirs which is interesting because the race was planned months in advance. This deciding event has been postponed until they ready their boat and try to get some ex-Olympians which they will need to beat our lads. A special thanks to Tony "Hoot" Gibson and Chef J.B. Sullivan for their great work in this Triathalon.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT JOHN TARANTINO

The San Francisco Park and Recreation Department has approved a lease for the club which goes before the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee on 9/19/79. When approved, we then go to the full Board and finally to the Mayor. The lease runs for 25 years with a renewal option of 24 years. Our rent will be 10% of our gross income. We will have to bring our building up to code and will begin to do so immediately after the Mayor signs our lease. Our first priority will be to put sprinklers throughout the club. We now have 425 members which is the highest number in the club's history. Boat House Captain Ray tells me that the locker situation is tight.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

To Joe and Alice (Sis) Flahavan on the birth of their little man, Joseph William Flahavan, Jr., who came into this world on 6/29/79 wearing handball gloves and an orange swimming cap, and hitting the scales at a solid 7 lbs.