THE SOUTH END'S GOLDEN GATE SWIM

The Second Annual Golden Gate Swim, Aquatic and Athletic Carnival has now passed into the history of the South End Rowing Club but Labor Day, September 7th, 1931, will be long remembered by the members of the Club and their guests who participated in or were spectators of the events that made up that Gala Day, which was complete with thrills and excitement.

The program started at 8:15 A.M., when two excursion boats loaded with swimmers and their pilots, race officials and spectators left the Club Pier. No Golden Gate Swim has ever been made under such adverse conditions as those faced by the members of our Club. Strong head-winds during the night had whipped the waters of the bay into a frenzy of white caps which well might have daunted fainter hearts than the twenty-six South-Enders who took to the water at the crack of Chief William J. Quinn's gun, the official starter. The first thrill came on the way to the course when two men in one of the pilot boats were catapulted into the bay.

The race did not commence until 9:40 A.M., due to the fact that the tides were held back on account of the strong head-winds during the night and the race scheduled for 8:58 A.M. was therefore delayed.

But despite the trying circumstances, twenty-one swimmers finished in good time as follows:

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Ray Johals swam a wonderful race and finished the course in 23 minutes, 30 seconds, beating his own Club record of last year of 26 minutes, 45 seconds. Ray was ably assisted by his redoubtable pilot, Ed Grusilman. Ed guided Ray to the west of the buoy off Fort Point, which spectators thought a mistake, but in bringing Ray in number one, his good judgment was evident.

Mark Graham, who finished second without the aid of a pilot, also deserves a lot of praise. Mark swam part of the course with a back stroke. We predict that next year Mark will be a dangerous rival for first place.

The next two to finish - Frank Willey and Jim Goggin - provided one of the greatest thrills of the race. About 100 yards from the finish, they started a neck and neck sprint for third place. Willey just touched the white rock of Lime Point to beat Goggin.

Jim Gleason was the first policeman to finish. His brother officers finished as follows:

- No. 9 - Charles Iredale
- No. 17 - Jack Surges
- 11 - William Stanton
- 20 - James McGinn

Special mention should be given to Jack Surges, who learned to swim only three months ago.

Another sprint to the finish was between Bill Fleming and Jim Cummings, who in the end touched the rock at the same time and tied for the fifteenth place.

Contestants who failed to finish - Leonard Mosias, Dave Brady, Arthur Hickey, H. McElroy, and William Casella - are undismayed and rather, are looking forward to the next swim. The veteran Bill Casella was carried off his course by the tides and was finally pulled out of the water, over his violent protest, by the Coast Guard. This was a tough break as Bill was in fine condition and was certain he could finish.

Upon the return to the Club the swimmers, pilots and officials were served a light breakfast prepared by the ever-obliging chefs, Eli Rosen, George Brady and Max Seideman.

The rest of the day was taken up with a program of aquatic and athletic sports. One of the main events of the day was a four-oared barge race between the San Francisco Police Department, captained by Barney Reznik, and the San Francisco Fire Department, captained by our own Harry Raymond Hunt. The "coppers" won the race after a hard fought battle.

John Engler further upheld the honor of the cops by defeating Jack Gaffy, a fireman, in a thrilling handball match on the club courts with scores of 21-8 and 21-14.

Phil Noonan settled an ancient feud by defeating Bill Paccinelli two out of three games of hand-ball. Phil claims that once and for all
After observing some of the antics of a few of our ever-enthusiastic swimmers Jerry Murphy was heard to remark that the line of demarcation between normalcy and insanity was often crossed, with much to spare, by Kid Neptune's devotees.

SOUTH ENDER HONORED

Charles Pierre Mathet, M.D., F.A.C.S., chairman of the urology department at St. Mary's Hospital, urologist-in-chief of the Southern Pacific Hospital, president of the San Francisco County Medical council and a member of the American, Spanish, French and Romanian Urological associations has been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor through the Pasteur Institute as a recognition of his contributions in international medicine.

Dr. Mathet served long and faithfully as handball commissioner of the South End Rowing Club. Handball is his relaxation and hobby and he has represented the Club in national tournaments at Detroit, New York and Los Angeles. During his continental tours the doctor has become adept in the European modification of the game jai alai and pelota.

CHISELING TO BE STOPPED

On account of the Club's large and active membership taxing our present equipment to the utmost and the fact that some members are abusing the privilege of bringing visitors on the Club premises, the boathouse keeper has been instructed that hereafter boathouse rules regarding visitors will be strictly enforced.

MOTION PICTURES AT THE HANDBALL BANQUET

Tom McInerney is making a big effort to have the motion pictures of the Club's Golden Gate Swim ready for the Handball Banquet. Pictures of the entire event were taken and Tom says if they turn out as expected should be highly interesting.

PHIL ZWERIN STUDIES ABROAD

Phil Zwerin, barrister and avid student of Hebraic history, paused at Rome during his recent Continental tour to inspect the treasures of the Vatican Library and receive the Pope's blessing. Phil admits that during the ceremony, in order to have everything kosher, he held a masizha in his left hand.

Phil also included a few of the principal northern African ports
in his itinerary and learned a few shots in African golf that he intends to try out on the green baize cloth some Sunday.

CONVALESCING

Herb Otto was seen around the Club. He still is using the "sticks" but he is getting stronger each day.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We wish to acknowledge with thanks, the kind hospitality shown the members of the South End Rowing Club by Mr. A. B. Coronado, 823 Marin St., upon their visit to Vallejo to witness the ball game between the San Francisco Police and Vallejo All Stars.

We hope Mr. Coronado and his family will pay us a visit at our boat-house and that we may reciprocate in a like manner. Incidentally the boys in blue were victors by a score of 10 - 6.

MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting for month of September was held at the Olympic Hotel, September 2, 1931.

Minutes of past meeting were approved as read. The financial secretary's report and treasurer's report were also passed. Tom McInerney made the final report on the swim to be held Labor Day. Tom has acquired a prize for every member that finishes, so the boys haven't anything to worry about except how to get across. The swimming commissioner was given a vote of thanks by the Board of Directors for his hard work in handling the Labor Day Festivities. Gus Bertrand submitted a brief outline of a financial plan regarding the financing of the new Club house. No definite action was taken pending the return from the East of Mr. Martin, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Bob Cummings related his experiences on his eastern trip.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR TICKETS?

Some members have failed to make returns on their picnic tickets, and it is earnestly hoped that this matter will be attended to as soon as possible. Regardless whether the tickets were sold or not they must be returned.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were voted into our Club at the September meeting: John F. Meehan    Nat Moore    Edward Vincent O'Gara
it is decided who is the best man - as far as hand-ball goes.

Fred Lohse of the Dolphin Club then showed us how they play hand-ball over there by defeating Joseph Bertrand, our Club champion, in a match.

In a race between relay swimming teams from our Club and the Ariel Club, the visitors were defeated.

There were barge races between teams made up of Club members and Bob Cummings, our Pacific Coast Club champion, gave an exhibition shell race with his brother Jack.

At the conclusion of the sports events Mayor Angelo J. Rossi distributed the many beautiful trophies which had been won during the day.

Moving pictures were taken of the events which took place during the day and they will be shown to the Club members at some future date.

At this time it is suggested that all Club members who received trophies drop a note of thanks to the donor. It would be a very gracious gesture to the friends of the Club who so kindly gave these trophies. We are indebted to the following donors:

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi
Judge George Schoenfeld
District Attorney Matthew Brady
Judge Frank Dunn
Judge Theresa Meikle
Judge Jos. M. Golden
Judge A. J. Fritz
Judge George Steiger
Sheriff Dick Fitzgerald
Supervisor Thos. Garrity
Assessor Russell L. Holden

It is also requested that members who received excursion boat tickets make their returns as soon as possible either to Thomas McInerney, Swimming Commissioner, at his home, 505 Sanchez St., or the Chief's Office, Hall of Justice, or to Al Nixon, Caretaker at the Club.

Thomas McInerney, Swimming Commissioner, wishes to thank all those who assisted in making this day a success and members are already looking forward to the Third Annual Golden Gate Swim.

The Annual Chronicle Golden Gate Swim will take place on Sunday, September 20th, and the following members of our Club have declared their intentions to participate:

Ray Johnson
Harry Hershel
James Goggin

Frank Willey
Babe Holbrook

Charles Iredale
James Gleason
Jim Cummings
We would suggest that as many Club members as possible be on hand at the finish to give the boys a cheer when they finish the gruelling course at the Life Saving Station off Crissy Field.

A representative of the Swimming Commissioner of the Dolphin Club issued a challenge to swimmers of our Club for a relay swimming race around the cove. The teams will be composed of ten men each. The swim will probably take place on Columbus Day. Those who wish to participate will kindly forward their names to Thomas McInerney as soon as possible.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I wish to thank the Club swimmers who so thoughtfully chose to give me a cup. It was such a great surprise to me that when Mayor Rossi presented the trophy, I was unable to find the words to thank the donors. I assure you that this trophy is one I shall always cherish as a tribute of good fellowship and a symbol of true sportsmanship.

-- THOMAS P. McINERNEY

MY TRIP TO THE NATIONAL REGATTA

By Bob Curming

On arriving at Philadelphia, after a very interesting, but very warm train journey, I at once got in touch with Captain Garrett Gilmore of the Bachelor's Barge Club, which is one of the oldest rowing organizations in this country, being incorporated about 1850.

Mr. Gilmore did everything possible to get me settled there. I lived at the Penn Athletic Club, which is centrally located, and has every convenience of an up-to-date hotel and club.

My boat did not arrive until two days later and until that time I had the use of a boat from the Bachelor's Club and had familiarized myself somewhat with conditions on the Schuylkill River, where the Races were held. The river is dammed just below Boathouse Row and this serves to reduce the speed of the current. Philadelphia's municipal Park borders the river on each side, which lends to the beautiful surroundings.

Boathouse Row consists of the buildings of eleven rowing clubs, and is the scene of great activity every evening and Sunday mornings.

One thing that impresses the visitor, is to see so many elderly men rowing single shells. Many of them great oarsmen in their day, and still getting their exercise at the game they love.

During my first week of training I rounded into pretty good condition, altho I felt the heat quite a bit. By working out twice each day I soon began to get used to the river water, and after the rough water in San Francisco Bay, it certainly was very comfortable rowing.
As the day of the race approached, I was in very good condition and felt confident I could win, although I knew I would have a hard race. My only opponent in the event being Tommy Clarke of the Undine Barge Club. Clarke is not a very big man, he weighs only around 126 lbs, but he has had a world of experience and is one of the most polished scullers on the Schuylkill River. He is known all over the East as the 130 lb. wonder.

The race was called at 4:00 in the afternoon, and after leisurely rowing up to the starting line we were each directed to our stake-boats which are anchored at intervals across the river.

The race was a case of first man out in front staying in front. Clarke’s perfect sculling earned him an enviable three length lead in the first half mile, two lengths of which he managed to hold until he was over the finish line.

It was a hard race for both of us. Clarke’s time for the mile and a quarter was 7 - 37 4/5 sec, while I was over in 7 - 41 sec, which was 3 sec. faster than the Association singles which was rowed a few minutes later.

There were 61 entries in the regatta and close finishes in most of the races kept things lively.

I accompanied the Philadelphia boys to the Canadian National Regatta which was held at St. Catharines, Ontario.

This affair is the biggest of its kind on this continent and is well patronized each year.

I entered the 140 lbs. singles and won my way to the finals, but lost the final, by a scant two feet, to the Canadian Champion Fred Burns. It was a hard race to lose, but I had a great deal of satisfaction in leading Clarke by about five boat lengths.

The time was slow on account of a very strong head-wind, Burns’ time was 9 - 47 4/5 sec. The distance is 1 mile 550 yds.

American crews and scullers won seven, of the eleven, Canadian Championships.

DANCE AT THE BOATHOUSE
SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 19TH

The entertainment committee is now arranging the first dance of the season, to be held at the Club, where we are sure an enjoyable evening will be the reward of the committee’s efforts in organizing this affair.

Dancing will start at 8:30 and continue until 1:00 A.M., to the strains of the South Enders’ Orchestra.

Refreshments will be served at the Cottage-by-the-sea, and an assortment of soft drinks will be on hand.
Tickets are $1.00 per couple, and your presence is requested in order that this social function will be the success it should be.

Enclosed please find Dance Ticket which it is hoped you will use - additional tickets for your guests may be obtained from the Caretaker or any of the committee.

**HANDBALL - Commissioner Joe Bertrand**

The Annual Handball Banquet will be held on the 23rd of September at the Rue-De-Inn at 85 Broadway St. This banquet will be THE stag party of the year. All of the members of the Club are urged to attend this banquet as it has always been the best stag of the year. The cost will be nominal at $1.00 per plate, a real Italian Dinner with spaghetti and all trimmings. The new members of the Club are urged to attend this banquet as it is a wonderful opportunity for them to meet the older members of the Club. Members are urged to sign the list which will be posted on bulletin board, so as to give Commissioner Bertrand an opportunity to know how many will attend. Don't forget the date September 23rd at 6:30 P.M. The winners of the Singles handball tournament will be presented with their trophies at this banquet. Judge A. J. Fritz will officiate as toastmaster and Dr. Mathes will speak on South End's handball history.

**AROUND THE HANDBALL COURTS:** Have you noticed Doc Friedenberg is getting back in shape. That our old Champ Frank Burke is playing again. That John Engler defeated Jack Gaffey for the Service Championship. That Phil Noonan is training for a return match with Bill Puccinelli. That Cream-Puff Bill Stanton has given up handball and is going in for gallery razing. That Jerry Murphy is trimming all the would-be champs in second class. That Cap Dulles is getting tougher to beat every day; that Emil Vignau defeated Caesar Manelli for second place in first class.

**A LITTLE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM FROM JOE TOUTOURAT**

A Study in Contrasts.

From 8 P.M. until about ten we listened to a lot of high powered talk at our last Board meeting - $60,000.00 boat houses - $1,000.00 eastern - Via San Diego - trips were glibly discussed in a manner characteristic of men well along in the huge money.

Came 10:10 - Johnny Engler proposed to Eli Rosen, Chairman of the Rations Committee for the Labor Day events, that we get about a dollars worth of butter for the "Swim" breakfast.

After a heated discussion they compromised on spending 4 bits to grease the rolls of hot dog abstainers.
Do you notice the work going on in front of Boathouse?

AQUATIC PARK NEWS

On August 15th, President Burke and Board of Directors visited the Mayor's office regarding Aquatic Park progress. They were received by Mayor Rossi, who pledged his support to the Club's rights in Aquatic Park. On the following Monday, August 17th, President Burke attended the official signing of the Government grant in Aquatic Park.

WITH THE OLD TIMERS

By Judge Al. J. Fritz

Did you know that on Labor Day there was a grand reunion of the championship crew of 1894 at the boathouse. The crew consisted of:

Henry Bode, bow
H. La Chapelle, No. 2
Al. Fritz, No. 3
Frank Duplissea, Stroke

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Ed. Scully, the father of Aquatic Park, was around the Clubhouse, Labor Day, rendering his aid wherever needed.

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Many other old timers visited the boat house during the day chatting with the old friends about the good old days at the foot of Third Street and comparing the present day athletes with those of the early 90's. The question will never be settled as to whether the oarsmen of today are as good as those of the early days or whether the old hand-ball players were superior to the Burkes and Bamsets of today.

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"Lest we forget" - this boy McInerney has a pump right under the fifth rib. When out of the clear blue sky Mayor Angelo Rossi presented Tom with a tiny token of appreciation from South End swimmers for his untiring efforts in prepping up the Gate swim and knocked him right out of his Sunday pants - the voice faltered - the hand shook and the old eagle eye dimmed a little.

Young Battling Kid Horstmeier, eighteen months old and a third generation South Ender spent a few days at the Club during the recent warm spell. His granddad pulled a lusty oar for South End thirty five years ago and his dad was Coast senior sculling champ in 1925.

Sweet and Lovely - Sally Clark and Fritz Illing spliced at Redwood City last month.

The recent grass fire at Rockaway destroyed the little house behind the big house at Frank Burke’s country estate. In a huddle with Al Horstmeier, Frank has evolved a plan for rebuilding which encompasses some modernistic and futuristic features in back house architecture that will be a revelation to Club members interested in outdoor plumbing.

Leo Beggs is carrying the torch for a certain brunette beauty with pearly teeth and everything.

On August 14th, consternation reigned along boathouse row, South End colors went to half mast and forty bachelor members threatened to resign when a rumor was circulated that Capt. Geo. Brady had been married.

In his collegiate years George had majored in astronomy and scouts were at once dispatched to Blue Lakes Lodge where George was located studying and observing new and interesting phases of the moon as it shines in Lake County. He chartered a plane at once - flew back to the Club, proved he wasn't that way and with "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain" as a theme song, a suitable celebration was staged.

Dear Genevieve - Yes, Gentleman Jack Burgess is always that way. He's a bachelor, eats most anything, very handy around the house and adores children. When going to bed he removes his shoes and dons a passionate suit of pyjamas in Algerian colors with burnt orange predominating.