



# The Southender



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## LEST WE FORGET

The following article is an item from "The South Ender" issued on July 20, 1930 -- the Golden Anniversary of The South End Rowing Club.

Ed Sculley joined the club in 1889 and was captain from 1895 to 1910. He was a great oarsman and piloted the club to many victories. In 1908 he arranged for floating the present clubhouse from Mission Bay to what years later became Aquatic Park.

With Mr. William Palmer Stanton Sr. who was at that time a City Supervisor, he worked long and hard for the building of Aquatic Park and Yacht Harbor.

# Aquatic Park

By ED SCULLEY

What is it? Where is it?—are the questions asked wherever the name "Aquatic Park" is mentioned. And even among the members of the Clubs that now occupy space in which some day we hope will be an Aquatic Park that every San Franciscan may be proud of, the same questions are asked. They, like the majority of our citizens, have been hearing about the fight which has been carried on for so many years to get this Park.

The season is now approaching when we will again hear a lot more talk about this project, just as we have been hearing for the last twenty years. The politicians will be eager to tell how friendly they are toward it, what they have done and will do if elected. The Aquatic Park movement was started long before any of the present Playgrounds, Golf Links or Yacht Harbor were thought of, and I know of no project that so much effort has been put into with so little accomplished, as today the so-called Aquatic Park is nothing more than it has been for years—a dumping ground with debris strewn along its beautiful sandy beach that the people of San Francisco should have the pleasure of enjoying. However, it is now hoped that some results from our long hard fight may soon be realized, as there seems to be a stir at the City Hall, and Mayor Rossi told the writer a short time ago that he would take a personal interest in furthering the commencement of work with money now on hand, and I feel that he is sincere in this statement. The Mayor feels, as do we of the Committee, that there has been neglect and needless delay in this matter.

I want to say for the Committee that the Aquatic Park has received very little support from public officials, nevertheless a great deal has been accomplished by the Committee not apparent to one not familiar with our work, such as the acquiring of land, rights-of-way, and property from the State. We have kept a record of those who have shown a friendly interest, and might here call attention to the last bond election, when but one Supervisor out of the entire Board could be induced to put forth any personal effort in helping to try and put the bond issue over. This one Supervisor gave his time for weeks going from place to place, attending meetings and speaking on behalf of the Park, and I want to here assure him that his work in this regard will not be forgotten.

I am gratified to see that the Rowing Clubs and their friends have at last come to realize that if they ever get any place with this proposition they have to put up a fight. They have appointed a Committee from each Club to act jointly, having held their first meeting a few evenings ago, which proved a great success. They will now keep their respective Clubs posted on just what is being done. From all indications there will be something doing very soon, but we are now being held up by one of our over-worked officials at Washington, who is too busy to put his signature to some papers which are necessary, giving title to the City of the old Government Wharf. I was in Mayor Rossi's office a few days ago when he caused a telegram to be sent direct to President Hoover, asking him to speak to this "over-worked" official, and it is hoped that some action will be taken very soon and it will then be only a short time until we will be able to enjoy one of San Francisco's greatest assets.

Just think of a pleasure pier 60 feet wide, running out in crescent shape 1000 feet from the foot of Van Ness Avenue at the pumping station, forming a breakwater; at the same time you will have smooth water inside and a clean sandy beach 150 feet to 200 feet wide and about 1800 feet long; wading pools for the kiddies, and a large building with lockers for swimmers, such as they have at Fleishhacker's. The Clubs will have to erect new buildings on the west side of Van Ness Avenue, just north of the tunnel facing east, with their entrance off the roadway and their front facing the water. This space has been allotted for that purpose, and the Clubs should now be making plans and arranging to finance same—then perhaps we may soon be able to answer the question—WHERE AND WHAT IS AQUATIC PARK?

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Last year under the leadership of Nat Calegari much in the way of needed reconstruction of the club was accomplished. Through Nat's undivided efforts and with the assistance of committees, the year 1961 was a highly successful one. All the social affairs, and there were many, were well-attended.

This year is several months underway and the major part of the club's program, both social and reconstruction, is still ahead of us. I hope that by the end of the year that the net results will compare favorably with those of the year 1961. The membership will be called upon from time to time to assist in putting over the various projects. It will only be through their efforts which will decide whether this year is to be a successful one for the club.

JIM HEGARTY  
President, SERC  
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## STADLBERGER, WYRSCH SCORE AT FRESNO

The South Enders more than held their own in the Fresno Invitationals. Competing against the best players in California, Rudy Stadlberger finished 2nd and Howie Wyrsh finished 3rd in the singles.

Each brought home a big, new Trophy!

Our own doubles tournament caught fire and Wyrsh and Hal Solin went all the way in the winners bracket. They are standing by waiting for the team that wins the losers bracket.

Joseph Solen

## CLUB NOTES . . . . .

The kitchen staff for the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, Saturday, March 17th, will be under the direct supervision of Mr. Jack Keefe and his cordon bleus.

Phil Hunter reports satisfactory progress on his new pier job. He was ably assisted by Dan O'Neil and Bob Dickson.

George Brady wishes to thank the members for the many visits and calls during his recent illness.

Ray Savigliano has a few vacancies on his crew for competent and qualified swamper's.

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# SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1962

High Noon  
at the  
Club house



ANNUAL  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY LUNCH

*Be there!*

South End Robbing Club

# South End Rowing Club

Boat House  
Hyde and Jefferson Streets  
San Francisco, Calif.



## Honor St. Patrick

The South End Rowing Club finds a peculiar pleasure in doing honor to this memory of a man whose good name has endured through fourteen centuries.

He wrought a great work in his day - made Ireland a nation of saints and scholars, the most peaceful nation in the world.

St. Patrick had no politics. His sympathies lay with the right; that was politics enough. When he came across a reptile he forgot to enquire whether he was a democrat, a commie, or a republican, St. Patrick simply raised his staff and let him have it.

Honored be his name.

Daniel O'Neil

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