

CLUB TATTLER



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Notable Quote

Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability.

--John Wooden

COVER STORY

New Features on the Old Colony Club Website

The new and improved Old Colony Club website is now in service.

It is still getting some construction work, so there will be some bumps in the road, but it is available for your use and enjoyment. The club website is at <http://www.oldcolonyclub.org>.

The site includes a section to view the web pages, and a smaller section that holds seven buttons that link to the different site features. The seven buttons are:

Home: always gets you back to the main page.

Calendar: a calendar of club events, with links to more information about the events.

The calendar is there now, but the links are not yet all in place.

Club History: a six-page history of the club and the house

Cookbook Project: an ongoing collection of recipes of interest to members

Member Forum: a place to share

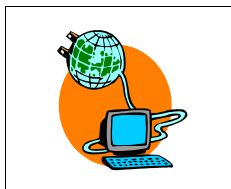
ideas and information, and to carry on continuing online discussions about club-related subject. More below.

Members Only: This section needs a username and a password. For security reasons, I won't print them here. You can call or email me, or actually show up at the Club some Friday night. More below.

Reading Room: Back issues of this newsletter and scanned historical Club documents.

Traditions/Special Events: Details about various Club traditions, including Forefathers Day, Twelfthnight, Clark's Island, the Clambake, Past Presidents Night, etc.

More about the Members Only section: There is one username and password for the Members Only section, it is not the same as your personal set for the Forum. This section includes a members list with phone numbers and clickable email addresses (that's why it is protected). Please check the information for accuracy and report any errors or omissions. *Page 4*



Dates For the Club Calendar

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Menu</u>	<u>Time</u>
Fri.	Mar 26	Social Evening	Pot Roast	5:30 PM
Fri.	Apr 2	Business Meeting	Roast Beef	5:30 PM
Fri.	Apr 9	Social Meeting	Fish / Seafood	5:30 PM
Fri.	Apr 16	Social Meeting	Lamb	5:30 PM
Fri.	Apr 23	Social Meeting	Italian	5:30 PM
Fri.	Apr 30	Social Meeting	Chicken	5:30 PM

On red meat nights there will be chicken or fish alternatives and sugar free desserts are generally available. The kitchen will be happy to honor these or any special requests with proper notice.



Wacky Facts

>Avoid parking tickets by leaving your windshield wipers turned to, *fast wipe*, whenever you leave your car parked illegally.

>90% of us depend on alarm clocks to wake us up.

>If a person is chocking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a jug of boiling water down their throat and presto! The blockage is almost instantly removed.

>16% of us have forgotten our wedding anniversary (mostly men).

>21% of us don't make our bed daily. 5% of us never do.

>3 out of 4 of us store our dollar bills in rigid order with singles leading up to higher denominations.

>Old telephone books make ideal personal address books. Simply cross out the names of people you don't know.

>If you ever drop your keys into a river of molten lava, let'em go, because, man, they're gone.

>50% admit they regularly sneak food into movie theaters to avoid the high prices of snack foods.

>No time for a bath? Wrap yourself in masking tape and remove the dirt by simply peeling it off.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DON BROWN

This weekend was the weekend of my exam and I didn't do much of anything but prepare for my message to the Club.

I just wanted to remind everyone about the Pop's trip in June. Tom Finn is working on upgraded tickets for better seats for those who want them. Anyone who is



planning on going to the Pop's should let me know by the May Monthly meeting. I will need to have a check in hand in order to reserve your tickets. Checks should be made payable to either Colonial Lantern Tours or to the Old Colony Club. Please note on the checks that it is for the Pop's trip.

You Grow Old When You Quit Playing

Anonymous

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people only grow old by deserting their ideals. Nor is youth simply a matter of ripe cheeks and supple knees. Youth is a temper of the will; a quality of the imagination, a vigour of the emotions, and a freshness of the deep springs of life. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Whether seventeen or seventy, if there is in one's heart the love of wonder, the childlike appetite of what's next, and the courage to play the game as the rules are written, that person is young.

"Men do not quit playing because they grow old; they grow old because they quit playing".

From "Joy of Words", Copyright 1960 by J. G. Ferguson Publishing Company, Chicago, Illinois

Club Connection

The following 2004 Executive Board Members are listed for your convenience. If you need information about the Club, one of the upcoming events, Club Membership List or if you've lost your Key, call or E-Mail us.

President	Don Brown	508-830-9420	debrown@adelphia.net
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Building Committee*Bill Rudolph*

The committee met March 13th to review several projects President Don Brown would like to complete during his term. The most important ones have been identified and the committee is currently requesting quotes for review and prioritization. Among those being considered are the Front Hall Restoration and a Second Means of Egress from the Lower Level Dining area for compliance with the City Fire Code.

For the Good of the Club

Neal Merry is still very much under the weather. Lime Disease has no mercy, effecting everyone differently. He is not able to take calls but would appreciate cards.

John Talcott is still undergoing rehab in Sandwich. He would enjoy visitors.

Ed David is feeling better and back at work.

Jack Brenner recently had 4 bypasses and a cow valve replacement.

He is now back home working on the computer...slowly. It will be a few weeks before we see him.

Jim Cotter had vascular surgery earlier in the month. They gave him a temporary cane, he goes to physical therapy and he has to go through this again in a couple of months.

Ted Lougee had a reaction and had to stay at the hospital for a few days. He's feeling better.

Dexter Olsson is still tiring quickly. He is starting to get outside and each day he has been feeling a little better.

**Membership**

Congratulations to our newest member, Mr. Ray Thompkins of 10 Eel River Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360.

Bill Rudolph and King Rudolph were his sponsors.

The Club has 131 members. Keep up the good work!

The yearly Membership Fee for 2004 is now past due. To remain an active Club member we must receive payment by March 31st or other arrangements for payment must be made with Treasurer.

What's New?*JOHN SGAMMATO, HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN*

In recent weeks, members have enjoyed a variety of interesting treats at our Friday gatherings. *Of course this is nothing new; you never know what you'll find on a Friday night at the Club! Last week we had traditional Irish Coffee. I will put the recipe on the Club website in the Cookbook section. The previous week Kevin McKenna surprised us with a heaping helping of fresh Chatham oysters - they went down quite nicely with a white Rioja from Spain. For next week I have a peculiar smoked liverwurst acquired from the equally peculiar Morse's Sauerkraut in Waldoboro, ME. I got some other interesting treats there as well.... We have had a variety of tasty Polish sausages and a variety of pickled and*

smoked fishy things for those who choose to abstain from meatstuffs during Lent. The smoked eel was delicious, if a bit inconvenient.

Lately we've gone nuts in a big way. We have had smoked peanuts and fresh North Carolina peanuts, and even some truly ghastly boiled peanuts (following the suggestion of the aforementioned Kevin McKenna). We have some lovely Turkish pistachios, which, as more than one pistachio aficionado has reminded us, are far superior to the bland giant California variety. And the basket o' mixed nuts is about due for a refill. As always, if you have a request, don't be shy. We try to make sure your Fridays at the Club are never boring!

Don't take a butcher's advice on how to cook meat. If he knew, he'd be a chef.

--Andy Rooney

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The annual jaunt for the Boston Pop's is scheduled in June. All members must sign up by or before the May 7th Business Meeting. Tom Finn is handling the details 508-747-4161

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New Features on the Old Colony Club Website

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Also in this section you can see some of the many items of Club interest available for sale through the House Committee on Friday nights, including Club neckties and bowties and a variety of booklets about Club and local history. You can get a copy of the Club bylaws here, too.

More about the Members Forum: This is maybe the most exciting addition. The Forum is a place to log in and post emails about ideas, questions, and observations, where any other member can view and respond to them. It is a good way to get information about upcoming events, to make other social plans, and to find out about how members are recovering from the various

illnesses and injuries to which we all fall prey. Every member has a unique forum username and password (that's how the forum knows who made each post). To get started, your Forum username is your first initial and last name, and your password is the same. For example, my starting username and password were both jsgammato. It is important to note that we use the name by which to get started, your Forum username is your first initial and last name, and we know you, so Richard

"Skip" Lougee, is slougee. The first time you log in, you should change your password through the Profile button at the top of the screen. When you change your password, you enter your original one and then the new one twice. It only shows up as bullets when you type it, so you do it twice to make sure you didn't mistype anything. In the Profile section you can also add other information about yourself. You can use the Forum to post public messages or private messages to members.

The Member Forum is built on some pretty slick "Freeware" software - so there are some few bugs here and there. I hope you will report any problems you find to me, and have a little patience as you get used to it - it really is a valuable resource! The bottom line is this: The new website is now operational, but there is still finish work to be done. Please log in and play around with it, especially the Member Forum. If you find any problems, please email me at jsgammato@bigfoot.com.....Enjoy!

*John Sgammato is Chairman of House
Committee and has upgraded our webpage*