

## **BAWSC: 20 Years and Going Strong**

It was 20 years ago about this time of the year when I first joined the ski club. Back then we were known as the HP Water Ski Club with only a few members with boats. Most of our events were held at Union Point and the cost was \$10 per person. There was no way we could send all the skiers out at the same time. So, we would plan for 8-10 people per boat and limited everyone to 10 minutes per run. The boats would head out with 4-5 skiers and everyone would get 1 run, and then return to the dock to swap skiers. You could expect to get 2 runs a day and if you were lucky, you got 3. Since we did not have a web page, it was all word of mouth. In fact as an incentive for attracting more people into the Club, one tshirt was given away for every membership that was gained. Back then I would take the Club flyer and put them on boats I would see in the neighborhood.

A few years later, we started getting a few more boats and about 25% of our members were boat owners. At that point we started doing events where everyone was able to be on a boat at the same time. So, the cost to attend a ski day increased from \$10 to \$25 for a day event. In the late 90's we started our web page which promoted our Club well, allowing people to search for BAWSC on the Internet. In 2000, our Club name evolved from HP Water Ski Club to Bay Area Water Ski Club.

Over the years, we've offered many different venues, from camping at a number of different lakes, and places on the Delta to house boat trips at Shasta.

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Saturday, July 20 - Watersports Day

Sunday, July 28

Aug. 9 - 11

- Watersports Day

- Vieira's Camping and

Watersports Weekend

### Message from the Board (con't) By Jim Jardine

After Lake Shasta changed the rules about gray water, the cost just became too high. Participation in some of the camping trips on various lakes has cut those trips back.

Today the Club has a very good ratio of boats to members almost 50/50. Some of our outings get great participation while others are hurting for attendees. The only way to keep this Club going strong is for member participation to be consistent. I've been with the Club from the first year and we have many long-term members. Friendships have been made that will last a life time to the extent that several members who have met in the Club actually got married!

I would really like to see more people at events. We strongly encourage you to get involved in the Club, volunteer your boat, sign up to ski or chair an event. Remember this is your Club and we need you! Come out and have fun. I hope to see all my friends this year on the water.

### - Jim Jardine 2012 VP

## 2013 Officers and Directors



## **Elected Officers**



Gwen Cauthren President





Paul Wesolowski Vice President



Darcy Murray Treasurer



Cynthia Atherton Secretary



Larry Ligon Membership



Chris Feduniw Webmaster



Jim Jardine Last year's VP

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Board Members (con't)

Jerry Baxter

Ralph Rast

Lynette Wong - Newsletter

### **Special Committees:**

Flat Water Times Editor:

Webmaster:

Lynette Wong Chris Feduniw

New Member Advocate:

Shris Feduri

Pat Wolf

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## 2013 BAWSC Calendar of Events

* Member Only Events 3/19/2013					
Event date	Description	Location	Chair Persons		
Tue Jan 7	Board Meeting	Phone conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Tue Jan 22	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Sat Feb 2	Snow ski/board	Squaw Valley	Ralph Rast		
Sun Feb 24	Snow ski/board	Heavenly	Ralph Rast		
Tue Feb 26	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Sat Mar 2	Snow ski/board	Squaw Valley	Ralph Rast		
Sat Mar 16	Day Hike & Picnic	Mount Diablo Park	Jerry Baxter, TBD		
Tue Mar 26	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Sat, March 30	Snow ski/board Spring Social & Potluck	Squaw Valley	Ralph Rast		
Sat April 6	Buffet + Gen. Mtg. Big Dog Houseboat TLC	TBD	Darcy Murray, <mark>TBD</mark>		
Sat Apr 20	Day	Bethel Harbor Marina, Delta	Jim Jardine, Dirk Maasen		
Tue Apr 23	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
	Season Opener, BBQ		Cynthia Atherton, Paul		
Sat May 11	Potluck & Gen. Mtg.	Lohse Home Disco Bay	Wesolowski		
Sat May 18	Boat Driver's Clinic Norcal Master Craft	Ligon Home Disco Bay	Larry Ligon, Gwen Cauthren		
May 18—19	Spring Sale	Pleasanton	N.A.		
Sun May 19	Water Sports Day	Holland Riverside Marina	Jim Jardine, Chris Feduniw		
Tue May 28	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Jun 7 - Jun 9	Camp & Watersports	Bethel Harbor Marina, Delta	Jim Jardine		
	Wake Board Skill Build-				
Sat Jun 15	ing	Bethel Harbor Marina, Delta	Vince Tyson		
Fri, June 21	Slalom Ski Clinic	Diablo Shores Slalom Lake, Brentwood	Larry Ligon, Gwen Cauthren		
Sat Jun 22	Water Ski Skill Building	Holland Riverside Marina, Delta	Chris Feduniw, Lynette Wong		
Tue Jun 25	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Fri Jul 12	*Slalom Ski Clinic	Diablo Shores Slalom Lake, Brentwood	Larry Ligon, Gwen Cauthren		
Sat Jul 20	Water Sports Day	Orwood Marina, Delta	Ralph Rast, Sandi Belanger		
Tues Jul 23	Board Meeting & BBQ	Phone Conference & BBQ, Chris' Home	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Sun Jul 28	Water Sports Day	Holland Riverside Marina, Delta	Jim Jardine, Paul Wesolowski		
Aug 9 - Aug 11	Camp & Watersports	Vieiras Resort on N. Delta	Pat Wolf , TBD		
Sat Aug 17	Water Sports Day *House Boat Trip w/	Orwood Marina, Delta	Lynette Wong, Darcy Murray Cynthia Atherton, Paul		
Aug 22 - Aug 25	Capt. Vince	Bethal Harbor Marina, Delta	Wesolowski		
Tue Aug 27	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Sep 13 - Sep 15	ProAm Ski Tournament CA Coastal/Delta Clean-	Diablo Shores Lake, Brentwood	Not an official BAWSC event		
Sat Sep 21	up/Watersports	Delta, TBD	Chris Feduniw, TBD		
Tue Sep 24	Board Meeting *House Boat Trip w/	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski		
Sep 26 - Sep 29	Capt. Mark	Bethal Harbor Marina, Delta	Valerie Briscoe, Susan Schmidt		

# 2013 BAWSC Calendar of Events (con't)

		* Member Only Events	1/27/2013
Event date	Description	Location	Chair Persons
Oct 1 - Oct 31	Officer Elections	WEB Based Jerry's Home Copperoplis/New Melo-	Paul Wesolowski
Oct 4 - Oct 6	*Water Sports Weekend & Hike	nes Lake	Jerry Baxter, Valerie Briscoe
Sat Oct 12	*Volunteer Appreciation Ski & BBQ	Ligon Home, Discovery Bay	Gwen Cauthren, Larry Ligon
Sun Oct 13	Water Sports day	River's End Marina, Delta	Will Young
Tue Oct 22	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski
Tue Nov 19	Board Meeting	Phone Conference	Gwen Cauthren, Paul Wesolowski
Sat Dec 7	BAWSC Holiday Party	Chris Feduniw Home	TBD

### Season Opener, Potluck, Gen. Meeting - May 11, 2013

By Paul Wesolowski

On May 11, we held our 20th Anniversary Season Opener at Bob and Gail Lohse's beautiful home in Discovery Bay. We had 30 people attend the event and we celebrated by honoring our past presidents at the event. *Five of our past presidents, Tom Nivison, Mark Capalongan, Dave Kroske, Jerry Baxter, and Larry Ligon,* shared stories of what it was like to be president. One of the common themes that they all felt was the many relationships and friendships they built with club members over the years that they were president.



Some of you may not know that the Club was actually started by our first club president, Bill Honeycutt, as the HP Water Ski Club. Bill was looking for a way to hook up with other waterskiers on the Delta. Back then, most correspondences were done by email. In 2000, our Club became independent and was renamed the Bay Area Water Ski Club. From those humble beginnings, we have grown to consistently include an average of 50 paid family memberships a year. We have expanded communication to include a monthly newsletter and a website where members have complete access to all of the Club's operations.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity for every-

one to meet new members while getting reacquainted with old friends. And the potluck was a great success as everyone contributed and no one left hungry! A few attendees also took advantage of the great weather to do some water sports in the early afternoon after the meeting ended.

We had a sign-up board at the event and we were able to recruit some co-chairs for events that still had openings. We also had free calendars from Gordon Rathbun's ski school for all who attended as well as a drawing for various water sports prizes.



Season Opener, Potluck, Gen. Meeting - May 11, 2013 (con't) By Paul Wesolowski



We'd like to thank Bob and Gail Lohse for hosting the event at their house. Also thanks to Larry Ligon for bringing the audio equipment and my co-chair, Cynthia Atherton for coordinating the food sign-ups.

We look forward to another great season on the water and hope you can attend as many events as possible!

### 2013 Boat Driver's Clinic Graduates Four Participants - May 18, 2013

By Larry Ligon and Gwen Cauthren



Four BAWSC members attended and successfully completed the 8-hour BAWSC Driver's Clinic on Saturday, May 18.

The participants spent the morning reviewing the skills and techniques necessary for safely pulling skiers and boarders on the Delta. We were honored to have The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Marine Patrol join us in the morning for an expert presentation on safe and unsafe boating activities on the Delta.

After lunch on Larry & Gwen's Discovery Bay deck, the attendees headed out to the Delta waters to prac-

tice what they learned under warm, sunny skies.

Under Larry's and Jerry Baxter's watchful eyes, students were given individual feedback as they practiced the finer points of piloting a high-performance, tournament ski boat in some of the more challenging areas of the Delta while pulling volunteers/pseudo boarders or skiers repeatedly out of the water.

Congratulations to members Dorothy Hann, Dawn Ko, Janice Baxter and Ralph Rast for successful completion of the 2013 BAWSC Driver's Clinic. *Dorothy and Janice achieved "Drivers in Training" status while Dawn and Ralph attained or reaffirmed their official "BAWSC Certified Driver" designation.* 





If you are a boat owner, please help these new "*Drivers in Training*" get additional experience by encouraging them to practice their skills under your guidance when out boating with you.

Many thanks to coach Jerry Baxter for devoting his Saturday afternoon sharing his boating expertise and utilizing his boat as a training vehicle.

First Watersports Day of the Season - May 19, 2013

By Jim Jardine

We started the morning with bright sunny skies and somewhat warm temperatures. Even though there was a lot of wind blowing, it only took a few minutes for the group to decide to go out. With 9 people and 2 boats, we were fortunate to find skiable water despite the wind conditions (if you skied with the wind at your back). Everyone had a good time and got plenty of runs in for the day

## Upcoming Events

### Watersports Day - June 29 and July 20, 2013

By Ralph Rast

Ready for more fun in the Delta? Wanna ski, wakeboard, or air chair until you are too tired to do more? Well I'm ready and I am inviting you to join me!!!

June 29 - Paradise Point Marina, a wonderful marina and store with a shaded picnic area which overlooks the water. But why is it worthwhile to travel from Discover Bay territory to Paradise Point area? Simple, flat wind-protected water with very few boats!! Moreover, the ski areas are less than 5 minutes away from the launch ramp. Yep, this is my favorite area to ski so I'm encouraging you to try it too. Besides, it's just north of Stockton on Freeway 5 and Eight Mile Road exit (easy 30 minutes drive from Discovery Bay).

#### Register now!

July 20 – Orwood Marina, another wonderful marina with a good restaurant that has indoor and outdoor seating. Orwood Marina is just a few minutes north of Discovery Bay and is very close to some good ski areas that are not crowded. And we can also travel to several different ski areas if one area gets too crowded.

#### Register now!

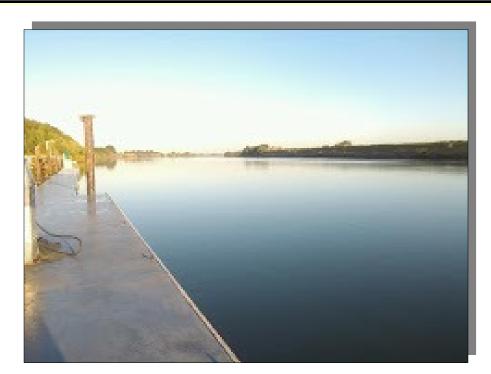
Act now and register for these wonderful water sports days on the BAWSC website as soon as you can for fun in the sun. Are you ready to say, "Hit it!!"?

For more information, please call me (Ralph Rast) at 916-761-6549.

### Upcoming Events

Vieira's Camping and Watersports Weekend! - Aug. 9 to Aug. 12

By Paul Wesolowski



Mark your calendar for the social event of the season! Vieira's camping and watersports event will take place from Friday, Aug. 9 until Sunday, Aug. 12. This year is very special because our usual event chairs (Pat Wolf) and her family will be leaving our Club this year as they are moving to Oregon. We would like to give Pat, Larry, and Hailey, a great sendoff so this will be a time to socialize, reminisce, laugh, and "cry" over all the good times we've had at Vieira's. This event is not just about the skiing but also about the socializing. Plus, we rent the **entire** private grass campground so it's not like your usual camping event. For those who haven't been there, the campground includes clean bathrooms/ showers, electricity and water.

We are planning on doing this event a little bit different this year. There will be an event fee for members and nonmembers to cover the camping fee of \$750 plus estimated launch, tow, and slip fees from \$350 to \$500.

Boat owners will attend for free, but in order to make this equitable and encourage as many people to come as possible, we are going to make this a Pay-As-You-Go event for boat gas. This means if you go out in a boat, you will share the cost of boat gas with everyone on the boat (including boat owners). We believe that you will get more than your money's worth.

We will have our customary pot luck on Saturday evening. In the past we've had some surprises like Russell and Solange's fresh caught Abalone. Who knows what is in store this year but if you don't attend, you'll miss out.

## **Tidbits**

### Uploading Pics and Getting BAWSC Information Just Got Easier!

By Lynette Wong and Chris Feduniw

#### Uploading/sending pictures of BAWSC events Made Easy!

We encourage you to take plenty of photos at any of the events.

And now you can simply upload the pictures to the <u>photo's section</u> of the Club website or email them to Chris Feduniw at <u>chris.feduniw@gmail.com</u> or provide him a link if you posted them to Face book, Flicker or any other photo-sharing website.

This will greatly expedite the process of getting them into the Flat Water Times and being able to share with members of the Club. Thank you for your help!

#### Signing up for different forums!

When you sign up for a forum(s), you're able to:

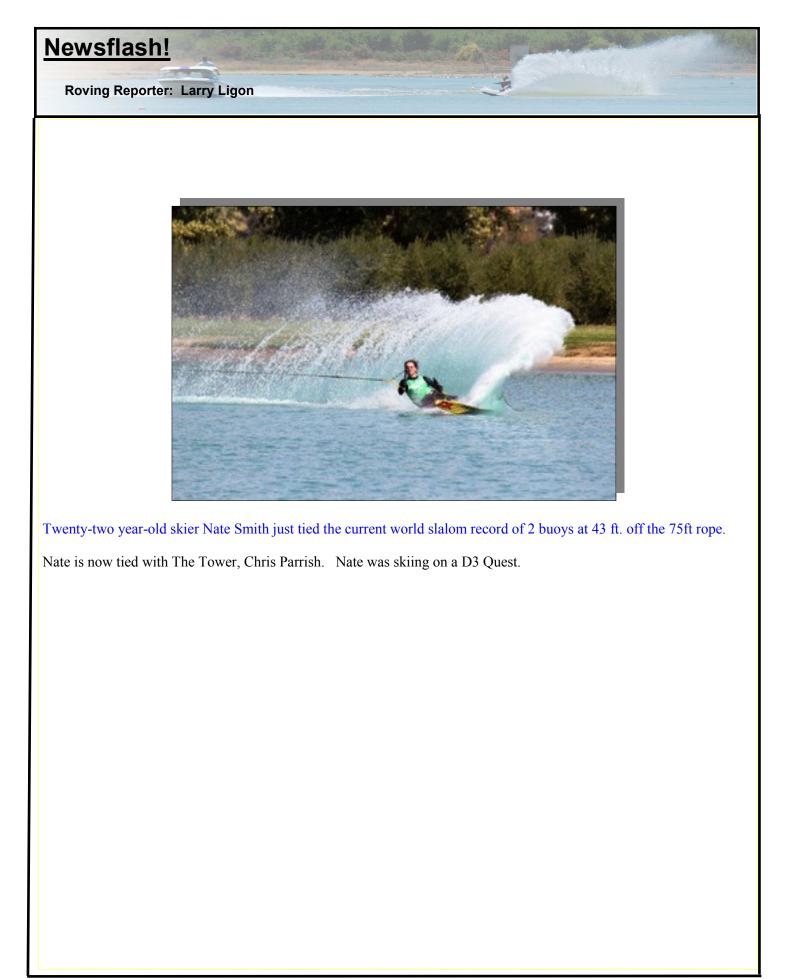
• Post a message when you're "Looking for a Pull/Crew/Car Pool

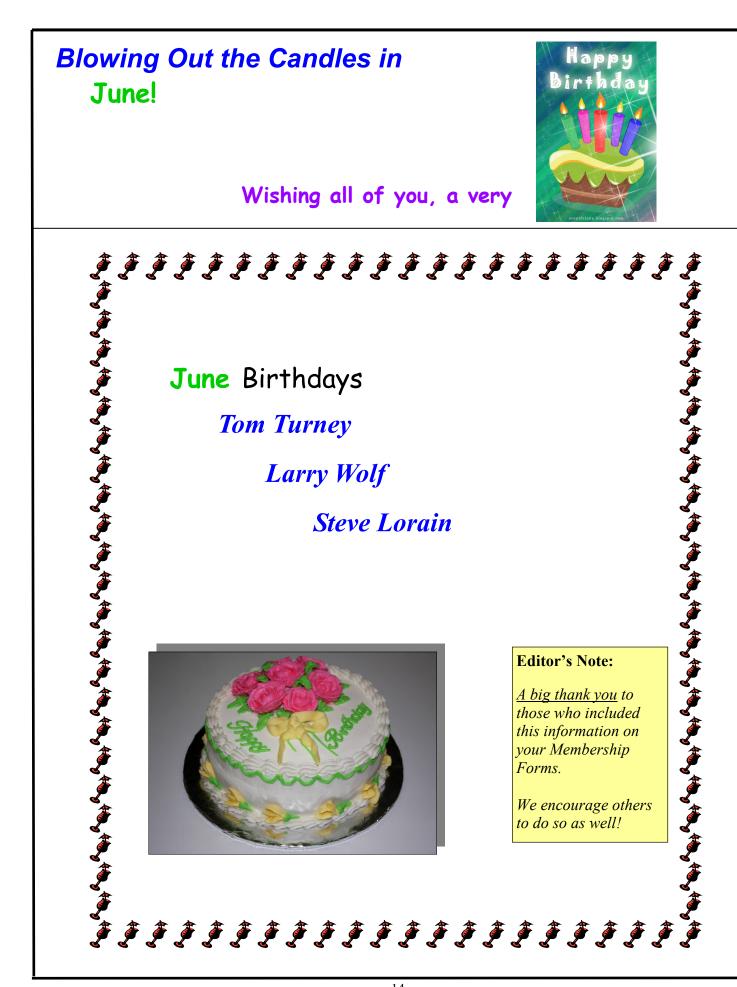
See "Gear for Sale," "Boats for Sale," and the "Treasurer's Reports

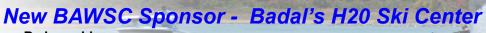
Go the **BAWSC** website and click on the "Members Only Content" area.

If you would like to get email notices about events or the newsletter, make sure you click on the "Subscribe" area on the <u>BAWSC website</u> under "Home."









By Larry Ligon

Badal's H2O Ski Center 925-997-9914 e-mail skibadal@aol.com

Greg Badal, our annual Slalom Ski Clinic coach, has graciously agreed to join us as a BAWSC sponsor.

BAWSC members will get a 20% discount on the complete **HO Sports** family of water sports products, ranging from slalom skis (Syndicate), boots, gloves and **Accurate** brand handles/ropes to **Hyperlite** wakeboards.

The discount also applies to **Eagle Sports** wetsuits, ski vests and super-flexible neoprene heater shirts. Or, if you are in the market for a ski or wakeboard boat, Greg sells **Master Craft** boats.

Check out www.eaglesports.com and email Greg if you're interested in purchasing any of the items!

Greg, as a nationally top ranked skier, record holder and coach can provide club members *unmatched expertise* on the selection and demo (*on his private lake*) of slalom skis & accessories for your individual needs.

Contact Greg: 925-997-9914 email: skibadal@aol.com **BAWSC On-line Membership Application** 

By Larry Ligon

If you need help you may click on "Help/FAQ, How To's, Member/Non-member Subscription & Forms" in the lower left hand corner of the navigation bar on the Web site's Home Page or don't hesitate to contact our membership chair Larry Ligon at 707-322-1157 or e-mail at <u>larry\_ligon@sbcglobal.net</u> or our webmaster Chris Feduniw 925-413-3421 for assistance.

-The new BAWSC website address remains as: www.bawsc.org

-Your user-id for the new site is always your e-mail address.

### **<u>Step 1.</u>** Create or reset your password:

A) Go to the new website <u>www.bawsc.org</u> & click on the "Forgot Password" link in the upper right hand corner of the home page and enter your e-mail address in the "e-mail (user-id)" field and then the six digit anti-spam characters into the "code" field and finally click on the "Submit" button which will then send an e-mail to that address with a link to create or reset your password.

B) Open the e-mail and click on the e-mail link and enter & confirm your chosen password then click "**Submit**".

(Note: The first time you actually log into the new site you will be asked by Wild Apricot to accept their use policy.)

#### **<u>Step 2.</u>** Initiate your new-member on-line application:

Note: BAWSC offers members the option to include one significant other as a co-member under one membership fee called a "Membership Bundle\*". Dependents under 12 years of age can also be added to your membership at no additional cost. Dependents aged 12-18 can be added to your membership for a small additional fee each year. Children over 18 and not living at home will have their own unique membership.

A) Click on the "**Become A BAWSC Member** (New <u>member application</u> Only)" link found in the left hand navigation bar on the web site home page <u>www.bawsc.org</u>.

#### B) Fill-out the requested information for yourself

Note: If you will be adding a co-member/membership bundle to your account you will do this after you initiate the membership application and your account has been activated.\*

C) Make sure you click on the "<u>I ACCEPT I HAVE READ THE WAIVER AND RELEASE</u>" link to read the club waiver and then click on the check box to accept.

D) If you will be adding dependents to your account beyond a single co-member, you will enter them in the "Additional Information" area of the Membership form. For each dependent you have between 12 to 18 please check the box for each person. If you have any dependents under 12 you want to associate with your membership enter the total number of children under 12 in the "Number of Children Under 12" field.

E) If you are a **boat owner**, please enter in the information requested for your boat and **send proof of insurance** as requested on the form to the Membership Chair.

## BAWSC On-line Membership Application (con't)

By Larry Ligon

F) Enter what water-sports you and your dependents participate in.

G) Click "Next" to review your completed membership form and Total Membership Fees that will be owed.

H) If everything looks correct, click on the "**Confirm and Proceed with Payment**" button to initiate your registration. *This step will automatically send a confirmation e-mail titled* "*Membership initiated at Bay Area Water Ski Club*" to you.

I) Check your e-mail for that confirmation that your account has been successfully initiated and an invoice with instructions how to submit your membership dues payment.

<u>Step 3.</u> Send your membership dues to the Membership Chair (*payable to BAWSC*):

To BAWSC c/o Larry Ligon 4835 Cottsberry Ct. Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

Step 4. Complete your membership application/setup (ONLY after receipt of dues payment):

Once your membership dues have been received, you will get an e-mail confirmation from the BAWSC Membership Chair verifying your account is active, at which time you can then complete your membership application & setup by choosing your **privacy** and **e-mail subscriptions** an well as set-up yourself as a Bundle Administrator to **add a co-member** to your account bundle.

A) Log onto the web site with your e-mail (user-id) and password. www.bawsc.org

B) Click "View Profile" in the upper right hand corner of the home page.

C) Click "Edit profile"

D) Review and modify your **privacy settings**, click "**Privacy**" and edit any field you don't want visible to other BAWSC members and then click "**Save**".

E) **Insure you are subscribed** to receive e-mail notifications from the *forum based message boards* when someone posts they are looking for a pull, crew, etc.

a) Click on "<u>Members Only Content</u>" link found on the left hand navigation bar and then "<u>Member</u> <u>Forums</u>" (and "Board Forums" if you are board member) and click on each forum you want to receive e-mail and then click on the "**Subscribe to Forum**" link. **BAWSC On-line Membership Application (con't)** 

By Larry Ligon

b) Then go back and click on "**View Profile**" again, click "**Edit profile**" and click "**e-mail subscriptions**" and then adjust how you want to receive e-mails; immediately, daily or weekly when someone posts to the forum. The default is daily. Then click "**Save**".

### F) Setup a Co-Member Bundle\*

Each paid member is allowed to add a significant other to their account as a "Bundled" co-member. The following steps can be performed to add another person to your account once your membership fee has been received and your account has been activated by the Membership Chair.

- a) Log into the web site with your e-mail (user-id) and password. www.bawsc.org
- b) Click on the "View Profile" button found in the upper right hand corner of the home page.
- c) In the "My profile" screen scroll down to the "Bundle summary" section and then click " Add member"

d) You will then be presented with the membership application page where you will then fill out the form on behalf of your co-member.

e) Click "SAVE" and the co-member will be added to your account and they will receive their user-id (their e-mail address) and password setup link at the e-mail address you entered on the form. You will become the "Bundle Administrator\*" for your bundled co-member.

**CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR BAWSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICA-TION AND SETUP**. We look forward to you joining us at BAWSC Events.

Note: If you receive an error message when clicking "SAVE" that states "This e-mail is already in use" you will then need to contact the BAWSC Membership Chair listed on the <u>Contacts</u> Page to manually associate that e-mail address with your account as Wild Apricot currently does not allow a member to add an existing Contact or Member to their bundle themselves. A member can only add a new Contact or new Member to their account themselves.

\*The way Wild Apricot handles multiple people under one membership is called a <u>Membership Bundle</u>. A membership bundle is a group of members who are linked together and managed by one of their members – the bundle administrator. Bundle members share the same renewal date, status, and membership level. You can learn more about bundles including a short, how-to video at: <u>http://help.wildapricot.com/display/DOC/Membership+bundles</u>