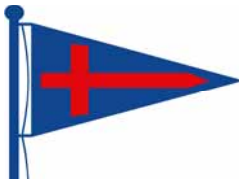


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ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2008

Log Canoes At RHYC! Regatta July 19th & 20th



Come Watch The World-Famous Chesapeake Log Canoes

If you own a boat and would welcome spectators aboard, please let us know. If you'd like to help with Race Committee, chase or safety boats, let us know. Please call the club to volunteer 410-639-2182. Check our website for racing details and times.



Opti Jr. Green Fleet Regatta

Thurs., July 24

Registration: 8-9 a.m.

Skippers' Mtg.: 9:15

1st Warning: 10:30 a.m.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On the water, on the land. This

one's a hoot! Some of these kids are racing for the very first time in their lives.

We need lots of observant adults with "motherly" and "fatherly" patience.

Please contact Chuck Parry to volunteer at 410-778-4560 or gardy3@verizon.net

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Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship at RHYC July 26 & 27



This is a "first" for RHYC, and it's being held here at the request of the Lightning Association, based on the good time a couple of their sailors had here last year at the Annual One-Design Regatta. RHYC, now the home of Lightning Fleet #513, will host this prestigious event. Two full days of exciting racing — a great regatta dinner on Saturday night — with the ever-popular "Flashback" live band for dancing afterward.

Please go to our official website — www.rockhallyachtclub.org for all the racing details — and, as usual, we'd be grateful for all the volunteer help we can get. Dinner reservations are a 'must' at 410-639-2182 - or - manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net

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4th of July Fireworks in Rock Hall

Fireworks are scheduled for 9 p.m., Thursday evening, **July 3rd**, in Rock Hall. This is a spectacular 35-minute display set to music. One of the best vantage points is at The Sailing Emporium, where the U.S. Navy Jazz Band plays wonderful music, beginning at 7 p.m. (You'll see many RHYC friends there.) If you're new to this, and if you want to go to the Sailing Emporium, here is a little bit of local knowledge: Go for the band concert at 7 p.m., if you don't want to have to park downtown and walk. (Parking is very tight.) Take your own bag chairs, picnic supper, and beverages. There is usually hand-dipped ice cream for sale, but the line is a long one! And be prepared for a slow trip home, if you don't live right in Rock Hall. The police and county sheriff's dept. do a fantastic job of funneling the cars out of Rock Hall, but it's a slow process, and eastbound Rt. 20 is bumper-to-bumper. There are other viewing points in Rock Hall, but the traffic remains much the same



Club Racing Sunday, July 6th 1 p.m. Start

Followed by a Family Barbecue

Cap off this festive weekend with some fun racing at RHYC. No experience necessary. All levels of sailing ability welcome. This is not "serious" racing, but it's racing, nevertheless, with a starting gun, a race course, marks, chase boats, etc. And lots of laughs! We finish up with a great Family Barbecue at the Pavilion. **Please make reservations for the barbecue** — \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids thru age 11 and \$8 for Tweens from 12—16 . Call the club to make your reservation—410-639-2182.

No Maid At RHYC



It would be so helpful if everyone would do their share of keeping things as neat and tidy as possible around the club. We don't have the staff to follow people around and clean up after them. Please — when you and your children are leaving the deck, the pavilion, the pool area — dispose of your trash in the waste receptacles. Straighten the furniture, if you've moved it around. Take your glass back to the bar. We ask only that you accord our property the same respect you would your own. If there is a spill of food or drink, please notify someone on the staff. And remember—there is to be **NO food** inside the pool enclosure — and beverages beyond the clubhouse deck should be in plastic or cans.



Rock Hall 4th of July Parade Friday, July 4th 10 a.m.

Main Street, Rock Hall

Americana at its best. A hometown parade, complete with a float from the Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School. Come and cheer us on! Warning: there are kids (and some adults, too) all over the place with water pistols — so don't be surprised if you get squirted.



Don't Forget!

"Now Hear This!" the RHYC Newsletter and Calendar of Events, are posted monthly on the official Rock Hall Yacht Club website at www.rockhallyachtclub.org Please use the on-line version of the Newsletter and Calendar to quick-check menus for dinner, dates for an upcoming event, and/or to remind you of what's current at our club. (Please see Page 4 for more website details.)

RHYC's new official website address is:

www.rockhallyachtclub.org

RHYC Trophies — Past, Present and Future

by John Macielag

A feature of our club that creates heritage and continuity through the generations is our perpetual trophies. We have a number of them that have rich traditions. Over time we have acquired additional trophies to honor and memorialize distinguished individuals from our club and the local sailing community.

The most visible trophy in our case is the C. Doane Greene trophy, originally presented by Bill Hackett in honor of his friend C. Doane Greene. Mr. Greene liked keelboats, detested spinnakers, and didn't like little boats. As a result, the C. Doane Greene perpetual is for keelboats 26' LOA +, non-spinnaker.

There is a Hampton Class Commodore's Cup, which is a beautiful 3-tiered trophy that I found in pieces in the attic in the mid 1990s. It was awarded from the 1950s until the mid-1970s, judging by the years the winners were engraved. We had it re-plated and began awarding it again about 10 years ago.

We also have a Commodore's Cup for the Log Canoe class, which is awarded to the overall winner on corrected time for the Log Canoe weekend. The Log Canoes also have the John Whittum perpetual trophy, which is for the overall best finisher on elapsed time. Mr. Whittum owned the "Mystery," which is one of the biggest canoes. Often the big canoes finish first, only to see the smaller canoes win on corrected time. The Whittum is designed to reward line honors.

When the club was founded in 1937, William Collins from the Chester River Yacht and Country Club attended the organizational meetings as an advisor. One of his recommendations was for RHYC to join the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA.) The Collins Cup, in Collins' honor, is for 1st to finish on corrected time in the Down River Race. The Down River Race starts from the dock at CRY&CC and finishes at Can 5 at the mouth of Langford Bay.

(We also possess a fairly ornate Rock Hall Handicap Trophy, donated by the club founders in 1939, but there are no further details on the trophy. Another trophy in our case is a handsome silver plate with an enameled burgee in the center that is engraved with "RHYC 1st." We suspect it might be a leftover from a regatta many years ago. No one is sure.)

Another Down River Race perpetual trophy is the Sonny Usilton. Sonny Usilton was editor of the Kent County News and loved sailing. He did not like handicaps, though, and felt that the first boat down the river to Can 5 was the winner of the Down River Race. As a result, the Sonny Usilton is for 1st to finish on elapsed time. It was originally presented by Hurtt Deringer, editor, on behalf of the Kent County News after Sonny's untimely death.

The remaining Down River Race perpetual trophy is the Strong-Austin Memorial in honor of past Commodores Robert H. Strong and David Austin. This trophy is for the top RHYC member finish on corrected time. The spectacular color log canoe picture behind the bar came from a photo Dave Austin took of the Flying Cloud at our regatta, circa 1990.

The Stenger Trophy, in memory of member June Stenger, is a relatively new one, given for outstanding service to the racing program at RHYC.

Rounding out our existing offering of perpetual trophies is the T. Allan Stradley award. Mr. Stradley was the one who originally struck the deal with a retired ship captain to purchase the property for the club in 1937. He was one of the club founders and remained active in the club until the 1990s. Originally conceived by Don and Mary Dunn, the Stradley Award was presented by Mr. Stradley for many years. I can remember vividly the animated presentation

he gave. The Stradley Award is for the junior sailor from the club who places highest in our junior events without finishing in the top 3. The concept is to encourage young sailors to stick with the sport even though they have fallen just a little short, time and again, from placing.

New last year was the James S. Troutman award, donated for the junior high point sailor in the summer racing season.

We also retired the 50th Anniversary Award Trophy, for volunteer service given to the club, and started the 70th Anniversary Trophy in 2007 for the same purpose.

One other trophy is for Bateau racing, last awarded in 1978. It would seem that the once-popular sport of Bateau racing has faded out over the course of the past 30 years along with the Bateaus.

Over the years we have added new perpetuals and perhaps now is the time to add a few more. Patty and I have made seed contributions for three new perpetuals we have proposed for the Log Canoes. We call on others to contribute so that we can finalize and fully endow these new trophies. (Look for a description of what I think would be appropriate for additional Log Canoe trophies in a future newsletter.) I also encourage others to make their own suggestions for other trophies.

These perpetual trophies provide a permanent chronicle of our history as a club and enrich our long-held tradition of being one of the premiere racing venues on Maryland's Eastern Shore.



Welcome Aboard New Members!

Trey and Cheryl Hill, and their son, from Rock Hall, have been boaters all their lives.

Bill Snyder of Chestertown is hoping to get back to more sailing and would welcome opportunities to crew.

Important Website Information

Along with our new website at www.RockHallYachtClub.org there is a new e-mail distribution list which we utilize to keep members informed on a weekly basis of upcoming RHYC events, menus, and other club-related items. All of our current RHYC members have been added to this e-mail distribution list using the e-mail address(es) that were submitted as part of the recent 2008 club membership directory effort. But, if you are not part of "The List," and would like to be, please...

1. Go to our website www.RockHallYachtClub.org
2. Click on "Club Information" on the left menu.
3. Enter your e-mail address in the white **Google Groups Subscribe to RHYC-Members** box and click "Subscribe."

We will verify your RHYC membership and add you to the list. You'll receive weekly e-mails from the RHYC through this e-mail list. Note that you can subscribe more than one e-mail address, if that is desirable. If at any time you would like to UNSUBSCRIBE from the list, please send an email to rhyc-members-unsubscribe@googlegroups.com For assistance, questions, or comments please contact Connie at web@RockHallYachtClub.org



July 2008



Call the club to make dinner reservations: 410-639-2182

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rock Hall 4th of July Fireworks Thurs., July 3rd, at 9 p.m. over Rock Hall Harbor		1	2 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar 5 p.m. Grill Night 6 p.m.	3 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.	4 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.	5 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar 5 p.m. Sat. Night Dinner A la Carte From 5 p.m.—8:30
Rock Hall 4th of July Parade Fri., July 4th, at 10 a.m. Main St., Rock Hall						
6 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Club Racing 1 p.m. SHARP & Family BBQ afterward	7	8	9 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar 5 p.m. Grill Night 6 p.m. Board of Directors 7 p.m.	10 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.	11 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Sailing School BBQ 5 p.m. Friday Night Racers 7 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.	12 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar 5 p.m. Sat. Night Dinner A la Carte From 5 p.m.—8:30
13 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5-8 p.m.	14 Sailing School Session III Begins 	15	16 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar 5 p.m. Grill Night 6 p.m.	17 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.	18 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.	19 Log Canoe Re- gatta Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Regatta Dinner Cocktails 5 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.
20 Log Canoe Regatta Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5-8 p.m.	21	22	23 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar 5 p.m. Grill Night 6 p.m.	24 Opti Jr. Green Fleet Regatta Registration 8 - 9 a.m. Skippers Mtg. 9:15 a.m. Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.	25 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Sailing School BBQ—5 p.m. Friday Night Racers 7 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.	26 Lightning ACC Regatta Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Regatta Dinner Bar 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. "FLASHBACK" Band After Dinner
27 Lightning ACC Regatta Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5-8 p.m.	28 Sailing School Session IV Begins 	29	30 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar 5 p.m. Grill Night 6 p.m.	31 Bar Opens At Noon Light Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Bar & Small-Plate Service 5—9 p.m.		

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July 2008 Menu



Make your reservations by noon the day before dinner and other food events with a call or e-mail to RHYC – 410-639-2182 or manager.rhyc@baybroadband.net

Saturday, July 5

Please consult your newsletter for change to A la Carte Menu for this date!



Sunday
July 6th
Following
Club Racing

Family
Barbecue
At
The Pavilion

Saturday, July 12

Please consult your newsletter for change to A la Carte Menu for this date!

Saturday, July 19
**Log Canoe Regatta
Dinner**

Bar 5 p.m. — Dinner 7 p.m.

Buffet Menu
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Crabcakes
Asparagus
Roasted Herb Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Marble Brownies

BBQ Chicken
and Ribs
Corn on the Cob
And Dessert
\$12 Adults
\$6 kids thru
age 11

\$8 Tweens
12-16



Please make
reservations!

Saturday, July 26
**Lightning ACC Regatta
Dinner**

Bar 5 p.m.— **Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

Buffet Menu
Sliced Prime Rib
Shrimp Scampi
Rice
Broccoli Rabe
European Garden Salad
Crème Brulée

NOTE: Menus subject to change without notice, depending on market availability of food items.

sPlease talk to your server about **Children's Plates**—\$6 apc. for children through age 11.
"Tweens" from age 12–16 will be charged half the adult dinner price on Saturday evenings.

Main Course substitutions may be requested when you make your dinner reservation.
Please pay at the bar for your dinner. Wait staff tips should be left at your dining table.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you have made a reservation and fail to show up without notifying the club, you will be billed for your meal(s).

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À la Carte Menu

For July 5th
&
July 12th

Dinner Service Between
5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
No orders accepted after
8:30 p.m.

Salad

House Salad \$3 Caesar Salad \$5
Tomato/Mozz Salad \$7

Appetizers

Seared Ahi Tuna \$8
Baked Brie \$7
Crab Dip \$8
Mushroom Bruschetta \$5

Entrée with Vegetable of the day

NY Strip \$17
Cajun Catfish Platter \$14
Chicken Cordon Bleu \$14
Thai Stir Fry \$14
Chicken Pesto Pasta \$12

Dessert Your Choice \$4

Chocolate Lava Cake
Cheesecake
Ice Cream
Bananas Foster
Crème Brulée

Children's Menu \$6

(Age 11 and under)
Chicken Nuggets
Pasta (Buttered or Pesto)
¼-lb. Burger
Hot Dog

**PLEASE MAKE
RESERVATIONS!**

2008 Directories Are Here!

With thanks to member Jack Yellott for contributing the money for the printing expense, the 2008 RHYC Membership Directories are here and waiting for you to pick them up. Please ask at the club bar for your copy. If you are absolutely unable to pick up your directory in person, we will mail you your copy, but only if you call the club — 410-639-2182 — with your request. If anyone would like an electronic (pdf) copy of the directory to put on their computer desktop, please send an email to Fred Welsh at fredwelsh@verizon.net and he will send you one by return e-mail.

And major thanks, also, to Jane Rogers, Fred Welsh and Linda Parry for several months' work in putting the directory together. The task is nothing less than arduous!

Corruption — Of The Electronic Kind

If you have picked up your 2008 Membership Directory and find that your name is missing — or if there is a mistake in your information — please notify Jane Rogers immediately. After the Directory went to press, we discovered that a couple of address files were corrupted, and it is our wish to correct these errors ASAP. You can reach Jane at hjroge@verizon.net or at 410-810-0296

Addresses—Of The Frustrating Kind

Stock Records Manager Mary Ann Ruehrmund is making a valiant effort to keep the records straight. If you are a RHYC stockholder and you change your address, would you please notify Mary Ann at maxr3@verizon.net.



Commodore's Corner

ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB, Inc.

Our yacht club provides a wide variety of activities to members. Significant effort goes on in the background to make this happen, much of it invisible, and rightly so. Most people know there is a factotum called the Commodore. And there are rumors of a secret society called the Board of Directors, alternately blamed or praised, depending on the issue of the hour or the event. One of them may be next to you at the bar, bracing for a board meeting, so take care what you say out loud. However, none of this is really secret. The Board consists of hard-working members volunteering their time and experience to deal with the problems typical of a functioning small business.

Here are a few interesting facts about the Maryland-chartered corporation called Rock Hall Yacht Club. RHYC is incorporated, under section 501 (c) (7). For practical purposes, this means that the club generally does not pay income tax, (but it does pay property, payroll, etc.). In return for this blessing, the officers and board cannot be paid for their services, the club may not pay dividends on issued stock, and donations made directly to the club are generally not tax-deductible. The entity has: a president, a.k.a. Commodore; vice presidents, a.k.a., Vice and Rear Commodores; a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These positions are the legal operating management of the club. As in any corporation it also has a Board of Directors that includes the officers, and also other members, totaling twelve. The role of Board is to oversee and advise the operating management, but not get into the daily supervisory weeds. However, Board members do chair important committees, such as Finance, Development, Buildings and Grounds, and others. It is my goal to keep these committees staffed with other club members, both to increase member input and to introduce our future leaders to club operations. I thank those of you who are presently on committees, and invite others with interest to get involved.

The corporation does have paid employees, typically part-time, with the exception of the club manager, who is full-time. These persons are employees, not club members, with both the rights and the responsibilities this implies. You are their customers. Their supervisor is the club manager, who in return reports to the Rear Commodore. Have a complaint? Tell the supervisor. Have a compliment? Tell both the employee and the supervisor.

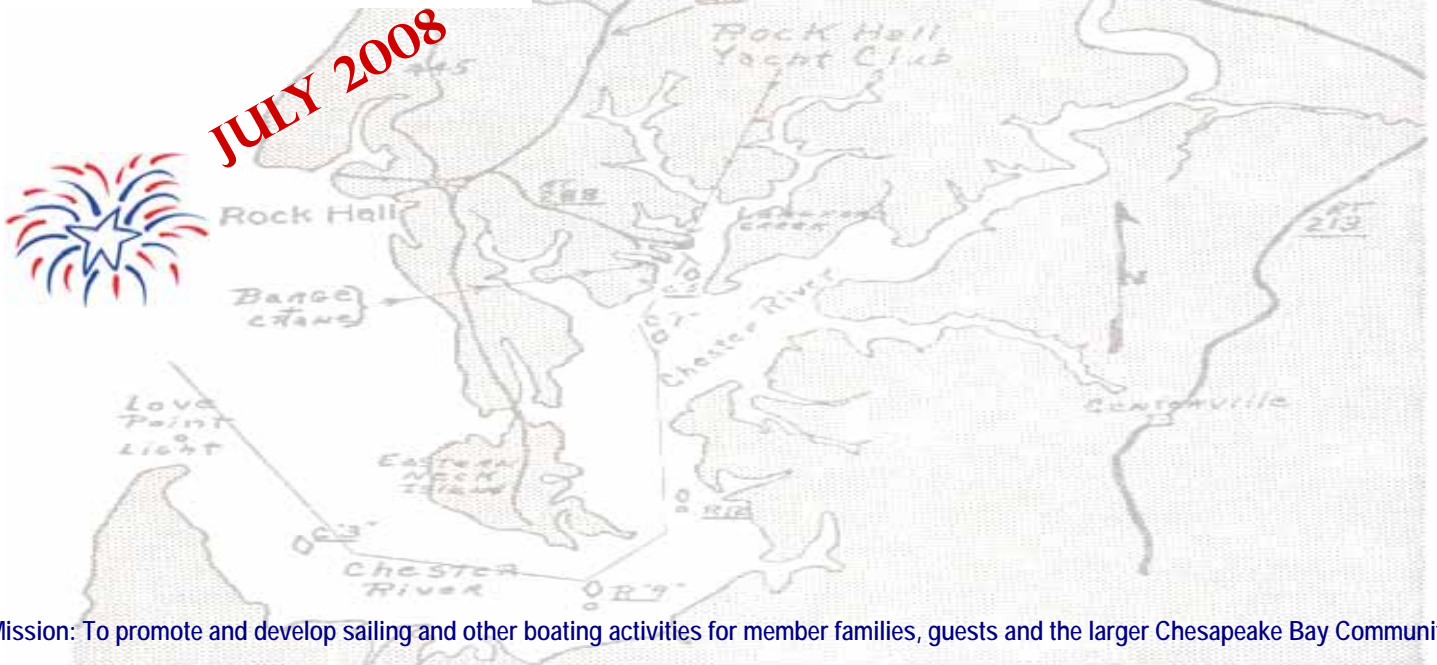
Most of what you see in the media about corporations relates to money. Most of what the RHYC officers and Board deal with relates to money, with the same tisse as a blue chip: not enough to do everything we would like. The budget for 2008 is about a quarter-million dollars. Where does this come from? And where is it going?

Here are some round numbers, based on the original 2008 budget plan:

Forty-four percent of our revenue comes from member dues.

(Please turn to Page 8)

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Mission: To promote and develop sailing and other boating activities for member families, guests and the larger Chesapeake Bay Community.

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ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Corner *(continued)*

The next biggest revenue item is from food and bar income, about 36%. Actuals vary from month to month. After these are a variety of smaller income items totaling the whole, such as regattas, slip rentals, and club rentals for private parties.

On the expense side there are food service expenses approximately offsetting its revenue, (we work hard to accomplish this without compromising quality), wages and salaries, utility costs, (big and getting bigger, just like at your house), insurances, and property taxes.

This is just a snapshot. We must at least break even, as the club has in recent years. We don't publish our finances to the world; it's not the world's business. But any member can ask for the information and welcome. Fred Welsh, our Treasurer, does an excellent job as treasurer. He knows at any moment how much we have, or more importantly, how much we need. For example he knows we need a new furnace before next winter, one having failed irreparably late last winter. The Board, in turn, knows we need to figure out how to cover that un-budgeted item. All in a day's work for your club management. Count on being warm next January, but wear a sweater to pub nights, just in case.

Dyer Harris

August 2008 Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			6 p.m. Grill Night		1	2 Small Boat Family Water Games
3 Club Racing & Family Barbecue	4	5	6 6 p.m. Grill Night <i>Board of Directors 7 p.m.</i>	7	8 Final S. School Barbecue 5 p.m.	9
10	11	12	13 6 p.m. Grill Night	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 6 p.m. Grill Night	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 6 p.m. Grill Night	28	29	30
31						