



The Sycamore Islander

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**** Hot Tickets ****

Orientation for the Waiting List is Saturday, November 10. Who needs to be there? See p. 3.

Fall Workfest is Saturday November 17 (rain date Sunday, 18). We all need to be there. See p. 8.

November Meeting

The next meeting of the Club will be November 14 at 8:00 on the Island.

The October meeting set the date for an orientation on November 10th and the Fall Workfest on November 17th (rain date the 18th). An increase in dues has become necessary to compensate for the effects of inflation on the budget over the past seven years as well as to take into account upcoming construction costs and the need to maintain a reserve. Alan Gelb provided his usual masterful budgetary analysis and projections for discussion at the meeting. Several alternative motions were offered on dues and meeting the Club's upcoming expenses. See the motions and the article on dues and budget below. The November meeting will make decisions on these issues.

October 2001 Minutes

Attendance: Carl Linden, Jim Drew, Ann Marie Cunningham, Caroline Gelb, Renee Dunham, Bill bays, Gerald Barton, John F. Stapko, George Loeb, John Matthews, Terry Murphy, Johnna Robinson, Jeff Komarow, Trip Reid, Peggy Thomson, John Noble, David Winer.

Treasurer's Report: Caroline Gelb reported that as of September 30, 2001, the Island's year-to-date expenditures were right on track, i.e. at 75% of the total amount budgeted for the year. Current income from dues alone, however, is insufficient to cover normal operating expenses. Over the last seven years, dues have been fixed and not adjusted for inflation.

In the June meeting, Alan Gelb presented a discus-

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October Minutes (continued)

sion of the current budget problems that we are facing since dues have not been increased in seven years, combined with the challenge of paying for the repairs/construction of the caretaker's quarters. At that meeting, the sense of the majority was that the total number of members should not be increased, that funds shouldn't be raised by offering special memberships, that lump sum assessments of all members are difficult on those for a fixed income, and that savings sufficient to cover 9-11 months of operating expenses should be maintained. The possibility of an increase of up to \$100 was raised.

At this meeting, Ann Marie Cunningham and Caroline Gelb presented Alan's subsequent proposal. Scenario 1 shows what will happen with no dues increase; our savings will begin to be depleted next year, from enough to cover 10.3 months of operating expenses until we are in debt in 2007. Scenario 2 shows that a dues increase of \$48 maintains our current reserve. These two scenarios exclude the building improvements to the caretaker's quarters. Scenario 3 shows the effects of spending all of the appropriated funds while increasing dues by \$48. The reserve drops to a level that leaves little protection in case of an emergency. Scenario 4 shows the \$48 increase starting in 2002, and adds a \$36 increase in 2003 to rebuild the savings. This phased approach was done to lessen the impact of a large increase and to accommodate a later building schedule than was expected. It is possible to have an increase lower than \$36 if the construction costs are less than planned.

An additional option is to request members to voluntarily make contributions and/or loans to the Club. Members would be asked to pledge a loan amount at the time they pay their dues in 2002, but the pledge would not be payable until the construction costs are fully known and the building has begun. It would be repaid at rates comparable to a CD. Contributions would further reduce the need for a dues increase in 2003. (A full discussion is presented elsewhere in this publication.)

Several motions resulted from the scrutiny of this budget projection. The motions will be taken up for voting in the November meeting.

Motion 1: (Gerald Barton)
Resolved that total membership be increased by 20 members.

Motion 2: (Gerald Barton)
Resolved that membership dues be increased by 10%.

Motion 3: (Terry Murphy)
Resolved that total membership be increased by 25 members.

Motion 4: (Caroline Gelb)
Resolved that there be an increase of 20% in dues and fees for the year 2002.

Motion 5: Ann Marie Cunningham moved that the Standing Rules be amended in order to facilitate changes in dues and fees. Her clarifying remarks and the text of the changes to the Standing Rules are presented separately on page 3.

Waiting List: Jeff Komarow expressed his concern about the length of the waiting list. At present, anyone applying for membership now would probably not enjoy membership for 14 years. He proposed alternative motions regarding closing of the Waiting List in 2002:

Motion 1:
Resolved that the Waiting List shall not be opened for new applicants in 2002 except that applications by children 21 years and over of regular or senior members shall be accepted during the month of January.

or

Motion 2:
Resolved that Waiting List Applicants beginning in 2002 and thereafter shall not be issued Waiting List Passes except upon approval of the membership assembled in regular meeting after considering the number of Waiting List Passes issued to pre-2002 Applicants and the impact of additional use of the Island.

Orientation: The date of the Orientation was set for November 10.

Work Party: The date of the Work Party was set at Saturday, November 17, with a rain date for November 18.

Senior Membership: By unanimous consent, Trip Reid was accepted as Senior Member.

George Loeb reported that the Regatta was extremely successful, particularly because there were so many families with children attending. He would like to know from members what the best time of year would be for this event.

Proposed Amendments to the Standing Rules

During discussions concerning the dues increase, we became aware that there is no requirement to notify members prior to changing the dues. Additionally, some fees, but not the dues, are specified in the Standing Rules. It is therefore both advisable and necessary to change the Standing Rules in conjunction with a change in dues and fees.

The proposed text is below. The only new paragraph is number 18, which requires prior notification of proposed changes to dues and fees. Paragraphs 3, 10, and 11 are changed to remove the specific fee amounts. In the future, all dues and fees will be determined by motion in meetings, and will not require a change to the Standing Rules. Paragraph 3 is also changed to eliminate an ambiguity as to the number of guests in a large party. Additionally, one paragraph number is changed, due to the insertion of paragraph 18. As the text is not changed, it is not shown here.

3. Large Parties and Guests

g. Reservation and use fees for parties from 11 through 20 guests (i.e., nonmembers) and for parties in excess of 20 guests shall be paid to the Financial Secretary or as directed by the Supervisor of Parties at the time of application for approval to hold a party.

10. Assignment of Boat Racks

A storage fee (payable annually, but pro-rated monthly as appropriate) shall be charged for initial racks assigned to senior members, Waiting List Pass holders and honorary members,

and for second racks assigned to any class.

Members wishing to store boats outside the canoe shed shall do so only with the approval of the Supervisor of Canoeing and in areas designated by the Supervisor. For members holding assigned racks in the canoe shed, there shall be an annual user fee for such outside storage.

11. Application for Membership

... He or she shall attach a non-refundable deposit as an application fee and will receive *The Sycamore Islander*.

Beginning in the calendar year following his or her application, each applicant shall pay an annual fee, known as the Waiting List Fee, to help defray the cost of the Waiting List, communicating with applicants and the cost of printing and mailing copies of *The Sycamore Islander* to applicants. The fee shall be waived for any applicant who purchases a full-year Waiting List Pass.

When a vacancy occurs, the first acceptable applicant may be offered a Regular Membership, and will become a Regular Member upon payment of an initiation fee and the annual dues prorated to the nearest month.

18. Dues and Fees

Dues and fees shall be established by the members in meeting assembled, after prior notice of proposed changes has been published in *The Sycamore Islander*.

Fall "No Excuses" Orientation – Saturday, November 10

The Club has scheduled an Orientation for Saturday, November 10, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00-12:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we will have a barbeque lunch after the Orientation. The Orientation is open to everyone, but it is particularly important for Waiting List applicants.

If you missed the Spring Orientation, now's your chance. The Club's Standing Rules provide that, beginning in 2002, Waiting List applicants must have attended an Orientation in order to obtain a Waiting List Pass or to become a Regular Member. So don't delay. It is especially important to learn about the privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities of our Club.

Note that motions will be voted on at the November meeting to increase the size of membership. Without suggesting that any of these motions will or will not pass, it is a reminder of the old adage of not putting off 'til tomorrow what you can do today. As membership vacancies open, they will go to those on the Waiting List who have met the requirements for membership, including the Orientation requirement.

Please notify the Membership Secretary, Jeff Komarow (JeffKomarow@aol.com, 301-897-5996) if you plan to attend so we can get a head count for lunch.

See you on November 10th!!

Sycamore Budget – 2002 and Beyond

At the June meeting of the Club there was an extensive presentation and discussion of Sycamore's financial situation. The Club is fortunate to be in a solid financial position. But we need to keep it that way, and this requires dealing with two issues:

- Inflation since the last dues increase has driven up costs and prices by over 20%. As a result, budgets now exceed income and the reserve built up will erode if no action is taken.
- The Club has authorized up to \$50,000 for new construction, which will need to be paid for. Even though there is still some uncertainty over timing and final cost, we need to prepare for this.

Your treasurer was instructed to prepare a proposal to the Club for adjusting dues and other charges, and also to take into account the possibility of inviting members to advance funds to help phase new construction costs over a longer period. This sets out a proposal for consideration.

Background

Sycamore's budget for 2000 was \$58,800. Income in 2000 was \$58,634. This included: membership dues: \$43,720; guest card fees: \$5,034, application fees: \$1,725. With high interest rates, investment income (including on a reserve of \$50,000) was \$4,066. Canoe and party fees etc. added the modest remainder. The 2001 budget is \$60,755, the same level as for 2000 (and also for 1999) adjusted for inflation.

Several points arise from these numbers. *Membership dues now fund little more than eight months of the Club's annual running costs.* Investment income is falling with sharply lower short-term interest rates. Costs continue to increase at least in line with the general price level, with some categories, such as insurance, tending to rise faster and some a little slower. It should be noted also that most of the major items in our budget are fixed costs, unless there is a decision to radically change the activities

of the club or let our facilities run down.

Our current reserve level is almost 10 months spending. This is not too far from the level it has been since 1988 with the exception of the early 1990s before the last dues increase and after exceptional repair spending.

What will happen without any new construction if we hold dues at current levels and prices and costs continue to rise at about 3% per year? As shown at the June meeting, income will fall behind spending and our reserve fund will be eliminated by about 2006. Should we proceed with major construction, our reserve fund would be eliminated next year.

We therefore need to adjust dues to allow for both higher costs and for construction, but taking into account the fact that there is still uncertainty on the timing and cost of the project.

Proposal

1) To allow for anticipated higher costs it is proposed that dues increase by \$48 from 2002 onwards, from \$240 to \$288, and that other charges be approximately pro-rated to yield a 20% increase. Barring exceptional circumstances, this should protect the club from the erosion of its reserve by inflation for a few years, and also provide some cushion for construction costs.

2) At the time of sending out the dues assessments, members will be invited to indicate their willingness to advance (or even donate) funds to the club to help fund construction. These promises would be called on as soon as the need was confirmed. Loans would be for a minimum of \$1000 and for five years, and carry a modest return, paid through a rebate on dues. Loans would not be needed unless the project depleted our reserve below a prudent level.

3) Dues for 2003 onwards would be raised again depending on the level of construction costs. A project costing \$50,000 (already approved) would probably require dues to be raised by a further \$36 to \$48 if reserves are to be rebuilt towards current levels by 2007.

Budget scenarios are set out in the accompanying tables.

- In Scenario 1, there is no dues increase and a projected prices and costs increase of 3% per year is factored into our budget. By 2006 our reserve is eroded.
- Scenario 2 applies the \$48 dues increase from 2002, prorated to all fees and charges.
- Scenario 3 includes a \$50,000 project and shows the effect of this project in 2001-2002, and
- Scenario 4 builds in an additional \$36 dues increase from 2003 (for a total of \$84), again prorated to all charges. The additional increase of \$36 is not quite enough to bring our reserve up to its current level, but it comes close and might be supplemented by loans from members and/or budgetary savings if we are fortunate not to require further capital spending or substantial repairs.

Even with these dues increases, Sycamore fees are reasonable. By comparison, for membership at a neighborhood pool we paid \$420.00 this year, plus

	Existing	Proposed
Membership Dues	240	288
Senior Members	120	144
Inactive Member	60	72
Application Fee	75	90
Waitlist Fee	20	24
Waiting-List Passes	100	144
Initiation Fee	50	60
Large Party (11-20 guests)	10	12
Large Party (21 + guests)	25	30
Canoe Rack	24	30
Outside Storage	12	15

over \$40 for guest passes. And the pool is open for only a few months!

Budget Projections Proposal For October Meeting

Scenario I: No Project, No Fee Increase, Inflation at 3%, Interest 2.5%

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Regular Spending	60755.0	62577.7	64455.0	66388.6	68380.3	70431.7	72544.6
Total Income	58000.0	57025.0	56874.0	56682.6	56437.5	56135.9	55774.7
Dues etc (const)	55000.0	55000.0	55000.0	55000.0	55000.0	55000.0	55000.0
Interest	3000.0	2025.0	1874.0	1682.6	1437.5	1135.9	774.7
Final Reserve	52000.0	46447.4	38866.4	29160.3	17217.6	2921.8	-13848.1
Res/Spending (mths)	10.3	8.9	7.2	5.3	3.0	0.5	-2.3

(Scenarios continued on page 6)

Scenario 2: No Project, \$48 Dues Increase from 2000

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Regular Spending	60755.0	62577.7	64455.0	66388.6	68380.3	70431.7	72544.6
Total Income	58000.0	68025.0	68286.5	68385.6	68436.7	68438.8	68389.0
Dues etc.	55000.0	66000.0	66000.0	66000.0	66000.0	66000.0	66000.0
Interest	3000.0	2025.0	2286.5	2385.6	2436.7	2438.8	2389.0
Final Reserve	52000.0	57447.4	61278.9	63275.8	63332.2	61339.3	57183.6
Res/Spending (mths)	10.3	11.0	11.4	11.4	11.1	10.5	9.5

Scenario 3: With \$48 increase from 2002 and \$50,000 Project in 2001-2002

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Regular Spending	60755.0	62577.7	64455.0	66388.6	68380.3	70431.7	72544.6
Project Spending	5000.0	45000.0					
Loan Repayment		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Loan Interest		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total Spending	65755.0	107577.7	64455.0	66388.6	68380.3	70431.7	72544.6
Dues, etc.	55000.0	66000.0	66000.0	66000.0	66000.0	66000.0	66000.0
Extra Charge		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest	3000.0	2125.0	1821.9	1956.6	2019.3	2004.8	1907.8
Loans raised	0.0						
Total Income	58000.0	68125.0	67821.9	67956.6	68019.3	68004.8	67907.8
Final Reserve	52000.0	12547.4	15914.3	17482.2	17121.2	14694.4	10057.5
Res/Spending (mths)	9.5	1.4	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.5	1.7

Scenario 4: With \$48 increase from 2002, additional \$36 increase from 2003 and \$50,000 Project

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Regular Spending	60755.0	62577.7	64455.0	66388.6	68380.3	70431.7	72544.6
Project Spending	5000.0	45000.0					
Loan Repayment		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Loan Interest		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total Spending	65755.0	107577.7	64455.0	66388.6	68380.3	70431.7	72544.6
Dues, etc.	55000.0	66000.0	71500.0	71500.0	71500.0	71500.0	71500.0
Extra Charge		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest	3000.0	2125.0	1931.9	2291.0	2587.1	2815.3	2970.7
Loans raised	0.0						
Total Income	58000.0	68125.0	73431.9	73791.0	74087.1	74315.3	74470.7
Final Reserve	52000.0	12547.4	21524.3	28926.6	34633.4	38517.0	40443.1
Res/Spending (mths)	9.5	1.4	4.0	5.2	6.1	6.6	6.7

The Sycamore Island Regatta

On Monday, September 3, 2001, a large crew of Island enthusiasts of all ages joined in the annual Sycamore Island Regatta. Winners abounded and spirits were high, throughout the many competitions. The Regatta commenced with the 'Round-the-Island Race. The speedy team of Gregg Toohy, Don Pomeroy, and Chris Richards won, with Claude Banta and Serena Shapiro zooming in for second place. Nimble-fingered Thomas and Michael Esch came in first in the Bag Pickup, with Susan and Laura



Marcia Loeb, Bill Banta, and George Loeb are having a good time while running the show. The way it should be!

of skill. The winners of the Tennis Ball Neck Pass (do not ask, just come next year to see for yourself) were Doc, Serena, David, Kelsey, Natalie, Marcie, Phyllis, and Susan. The Egg Carry victors were Mike, Thomas, Jennifer, Caitlin, Dana, Laura, Ed, Christian, and Marijke. Laura and Susan were the unscathed and victorious Egg Tossers. The competition in Balloon Stomp was so fierce and extended that a tie was called between Claude Banta, Jennifer Esch, Thomas Esch, and Serena Shapiro, all of nimble foot.

After their victories, athletes and fans gathered together to enjoy the sunshine and a



Phyllis and Doc and others cheer the racers at the finish.



Not the winners, but running a close second in the 'Round-the-Island Race. This is a tough competition.

Young sweeping into second. Honors for speediest recovery in Jump-and-Dump went to the talented team of Don Pomeroy, Claude Banta, Bill Banta, and Sherri Pettie. In Lancelot Canoe Jousting, the gold ring award went to Serena Shapiro and Christian Richards, and the silver to the DePorter team of David, Caitlin, and Chelsea. Since jousting is the State sport of Maryland, it made a fitting finale to the waterfront competition.

Not all contests took place on the river. Landlubbers also had a chance to test their mettle in feats



The Balloon Stomp is an action-packed event.

— photo by Bill Banta

sumptuous meal with delicacies brought by the assembled crowd. There were burgers for both carnivores and vegetarians, salads, fresh figs, cookies, and other delights. Even better than the great food was the great company.

Before the victors headed off to the mainland, the Masters of Ceremony, George and Marcia Loeb, awarded certificates to all of the winners, along with prizes for use in camping, canoeing, and enjoying the outdoors.

All who participated in the wonderful event want to extend special thanks to Marcia and George Loeb for planning, coordinating, and leading a fantastic Regatta.

--Vicki Judson

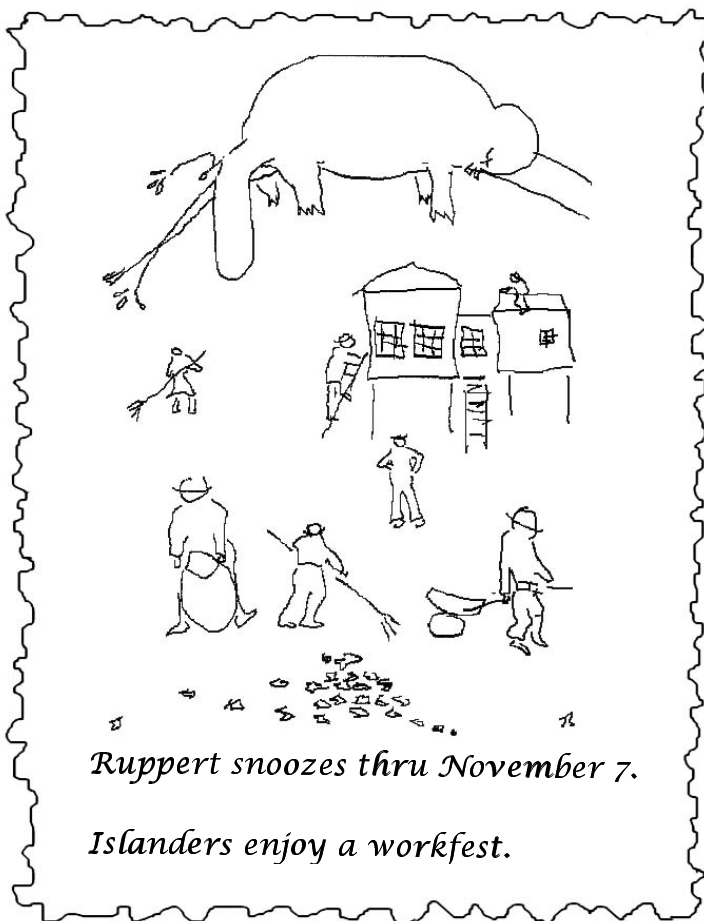
Kudzu Roundup

According to experts, the only feasible way to kill sizable growths of Kudzu is to hit it over several years with certain herbicides. So round two our fight to stop it from enveloping more big trees along the river gorge is concentrating on that step. Early in October, three energetic Sycamoreans, Johnna Robinson, Irene Sinclair, and Sally Strain, plus a friend, Mrs. Shortridge, cut access paths to facilitate spraying the regrowths which, as expected, have mounted well up into most of the trees since the initial cutting in May. In the absence of other volunteers, two obliging relatives came to the rescue and sprayed Roundup on all the new vines that could be reached.

Meanwhile, our resourceful Island Captain, John Matthews, was pursuing what seems to be a far better solution for the longer term – a truck from Cabin John with long hoses that could spray not just the edges where trees are threatened, but the entire two patches of Kudzu along MacArthur Blvd. for a quite reasonable price. Adding the cost for the Roundup concentrate we would need (at \$100 a gallon), the cash outlay probably would run between \$350 and \$400. Hopefully, modest contributions from individuals and other sources could meet that surprisingly low cost and greatly reduce the volunteer problems. Stay tuned.

—Phil Thorson.

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Cartoon by Johnna Robinson

Fall Workfest: Now is the time to grab your calendar and make sure you ink in November 17

...as the day you will be on the Island for the Workfest festivities. You folks on the waiting list especially should take advantage of the opportunity to come down and meet Members and have a good time on the Island... to get involved... and experience that one thing normally denied... a fun weekend on the Island. Every Member is expected to make a service contribution, and as the last few years have seen a trend toward larger turnouts, the occasion has become more of a Funfest than a Workfest, as many hands make the onerous jobs go fast. Bring a dish for pot luck and help George and Marcia Loeb with the feast. Incorporate children in the Workfest... where else can they experience something akin to a community barn raising. And even if you do not make it down for the heavy lifting at 0900 hrs, come when you can.

Previous Workfests have seemed like those rare events where participation is its own reward. Think about it... many people who do not necessarily know one another come together in various small teams during the day to undertake a series of various tasks that singly are not very glamorous but together are crucial to making the Island ship-shape for the winter. Most of these teams are collaborative efforts where no one is the actual boss but where the better idea imposes its own authority to get the job done.

Notes from the Island

Tue 2 Oct The Island cats revel in the cooler weather and are now eager to patrol outside. They particularly have taken to the mulberry tree near the wooden walkway that has tilted over... making the now more horizontal trunk a perfect ramp up into a perfect perch from which to survey the lawn. The raccoon and possum are still frequent visitors despite the fact that the garbage can lid is secured by a 20-pound bag of kitty litter on top. The beaver are now brazenly in evidence on any particular evening... and will make a point to approach and then splash before diving should anyone be sitting on one of the floats, but so far seem to be chewing elsewhere than Sycamore Island.

Sat 6 Oct The Club has received notification from the Park Service that because of the recent situations there will be an increased emphasis on security along our part of the river: *“Our park closure is one half hour past sunset. I will have a Ranger check the area at 7:30pm (after dark) on Friday and Saturday evenings and again early the following mornings. We will maintain zero tolerance with violators.”*

Club staff has also received detailed instructions on reporting procedures on *“any observed incidents occurring in the area.”* Accordingly, the Club Captain has now directed that the ferry will stop prior to the closing of the Park... and that the time of the last ferry to leave the Island be posted on the ferry sign-in sheet so that any Member or visitor coming on the Island will know in advance.

Mon 8 Oct During a picnic yesterday, Robert Gelb put a hook in the water baited with Irish cheddar from Sutton Place and a 24-inch, 6.5-pound catfish was pulled in. The log records this both as a record to strive for and as a comment on the upscale tastes of our spoiled Island fish.

Fri 12 Oct It is now still dark when the Caretaker's Wife crosses the river to climb the hill to work. The familiar sounds of multitudinous geese can now be heard at this time. But they are just passing through... just unseen sounds of the changing season... for by the time the light has strengthened and the first cup of coffee prepared for a stroll in the early morning light... they have taken flight and are gone.

Tue 16 Oct While watching migrating birds in the distance on their way south one dusk during the weekend it was surprising to be snapped into close focus by a nearby bat. What... did this mean there were still flying insects enough to feed bats this late in the year??? Surely there are no more hatches occurring this time of year!!! Well... a moth did race by shortly afterwards... and then... lo and behold... a lightning bug could be seen as it grew dark. The south winds are keeping the early evening temps up in the comfortable 60's... things still have their late summer greens on... and despite the low river there is still enough soil moisture content to keep the Island foliage unusually lush. Even by mid-August one expects more of a withering and parched look to Island foliage and the Island trails to be greatly widened as the plants shrink back. But not this year... and were the first leaves not on the lawn one could easily imagine a continuance of high summer. Of course... today is probably a last high mark of the ebbing season... and all this will change with tomorrow's chilled north winds.

Tue 23 Oct Jim Drew saw what was possibly an otter this weekend... or at least something that was not a beaver and had a long neck... he thinks too long a neck to have been a muskrat. Each year we have such sightings that cannot be positively confirmed... and while we all hope to be able to note the return of the river otters... so far they are still fables akin to UFO's or leprechauns.

Wed 31 Oct Grounds Supervisor Trip Reid and his successor-to-be next year, Anna Sofaer, met on the Island yesterday to begin the handing off procedure, an example of how next year the Club will again be blessed in the quality of its leaders. So many benefit because of the efforts of so few. There are also only a few who carry the business of the club by attending the monthly meetings. The monthly meeting at the Island on Wednesday, November 14, will be especially important for the future of the Club... and the stewardship of the Island. Please come so that the wishes of the wider Membership will be heard. —Doc Taliaferro

*Excerpted from the Caretaker's Log at:
www.sycamoreisland.org*

MONTGOMERY SYCAMORE ISLAND CLUB

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND SUPERVISORS

2002

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Richard Doolittle	George Malusky	

STANDING COMMITTEES

* = Safety Committee ** = Personnel Committee

Sunday Relief Caretakers November 2001

Date	Time	Name(s)	Telephone
Nov-04	10:00 - 2:00	Tryon Wells	301-320-6762
	2:00 - Dusk	Caroline and Alan Gelb	301-229-5969
Nov-11	10:00 - 2:00	Johnna Robinson	301-229-5421
	2:00 - Dusk	Renee Dunham	202-686-6451
Nov-18	10:00-2:00	Peggy Thomson	301-656-3630
	2:00-Dusk	John Noble	301-320-3554
Nov-25	10:00-2:00	Jay & Fern Ingersol	301-270-5219
	2:00-Dusk	Terry Murphy	301-263-9766
<p>** Caretaker Volunteers *** Call Patricia & Terry Murphy (301)-263-9766 or Brian & Anne Waidmann (703-536-3168) to volunteer for caretaking . It's a great way to spend time on the Island! <i>Volunteers from the waiting list are encouraged. Don't forget: Relief Caretakers sign in too!</i></p>			

Large Parties

No Large Parties have been reported for November 2001

A large party application form may be printed from the club's Web page at
<http://www.sycamoreisland.org/systems.htm>

— or —

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