

Dear BIAC members,

These are events we gathered in 2010. We hope to document these items as they occur this year, so please send newsworthy items to info@gobair.org.

Regattas • BIAC rowers, as individuals and in all four crews, competed in a variety of regattas this year including Head of the Charles, Northwest Regionals, Southwest Regionals, San Diego Crew Classic, Wine Country Classic, Head of the Port, Head of the American, Head of the Lagoon, BIAC Fall, and FISA World Rowing Masters in Ontario, Canada. BIAC teams placed first in numerous races in the regional regatta, including the novice women's 8+ and 4+, the men's and women's 8+, and women's 4x and 4+. BIAC scullers Barb Frerichs, Simon Vivian, Kass Young, and Steve Bisset placed first or second as individuals.

BIAC Loses Rower in Tragic East Palo Alto Plane Crash • Andrew Ingram, a 31-year old Tesla employee and member of BIAC's intermediate team, lost his life in the East Palo Alto plane crash on February 17, 2010. Andrew joined BIAC in 2008 with the first Learn to Row session of the year, moving up to the intermediate team in 2009. He loved rowing, and was known for his witty, edgy sense of humor and his iconic spandex shorts—faux acid-washed jeans—which he sported at regattas. The Creeksweeper, a double sculling shell, was dedicated in memory of Andrew at the Fall Regatta.

July 4th BBQ and Potluck • BIAC members and their friends and family gathered for a club BBQ and Potluck to celebrate and enjoy the 4th of July holiday. Firework displays from cities around the San Francisco Bay could be seen from BIAC and the Port of Redwood City.

Learn to Row • BIAC held seven Learn to Row weekend sessions, with 61 new rowers graduating from the program. Most continued to row with the novice crew, and many learned to scull with Mike Sullivan. Sign up for this year's Learn to Row program by emailing learntorow@gobair.org. Information is posted at www.gobair.org/learntorow.

Redwood City PortFest • BIAC sponsored the Redwood City "Government Sprints" at the citywide PortFest events held on October 2. BIAC hosted Learn to Row and training sessions for the Redwood City Council and Planning Commission. Training culminated in a best of three 500-meter races held in the Port of Redwood City. BIAC plans to expand the Government Sprints to accommodate crews from other California cities in the future. In May's Opening Day, Redwood City crews may compete in outrigger canoes!

BIAC Sponsored Team Building Events • BIAC hosted three team building/on the water rowing events, two for the Palo Alto Media Center and one for HopeLab. BIAC offers these half-day events for a reasonable fee. Information may be found at <http://www.gobair.org/events/NoviceClasses/ExtremeTeamBuilding.pdf> or by sending an email to info@gobair.org. Please pass on the word!

BIAC Regattas • BIAC organized the 19th Annual Fall Regatta on November 21, hosting 50 rowing events, from high school to masters-level races. A few weeks later, BIAC hosted the smaller 6th annual Corkscrew Regatta here at home. This 15 km race, with 17 turns, is one of the longest and challenging head races in the U.S. A silent auction and potluck meal were held after the regatta. Over \$1,100 was donated to Second Harvest, the largest nonprofit food bank on the Peninsula. The *Palo Alto Daily News* covered the event.

Winter Creek Cleanup • BIAC rowers joined the Peninsula Yacht Club on December 4th picking up trash and detritus which had accumulated along the shoreline of Redwood Creek. Over 25 people ranging in age from 6 to 66 went out in the drizzle to collect over 750 pounds of trash.

December Holiday Tree in Downtown Redwood City • BIAC entered the Redwood City Tree Decorating Contest, with a storefront window at the corner of Theatre Way. A single red sculling shell, large photos in the windows, and paddler and rowing theme ornaments were displayed throughout the month of December.

Winter Eclipse Row December 20th • Nine sweep rowers took out a shell to view the waxing and waning moon and saw the spectacular eclipse (11:40pm) between intermittent cloud cover.

Outrigger Paddling Update:

- Purchased 2 new racing canoes
- Novice Men and Women's Crews took 2nd at NorCal Championships
- Won the overall large club award at BIAC's regatta
- Long distance season: Open men won every race, except one; Master women won 3 races overall, and typically placed in top 3 in other races; Novices won the majority of their races.
- Satellite Juniors Program was started in Avila Beach, with 75 Juniors.
- US Long Distance Championships in Catalina: Master Women placed 3rd and Novice Coed crew was 5th. Catalina is a 31 mile race from Newport to Catalina.
- Wavechase Paddle Series: BIAC hosted the Winter and Summer Series in different venues in the Bay Area, Santa Cruz, and Half Moon Bay.
- US Surfski Championships: hosted by Wavechaser, which had a record amount of sponsorships—over \$17K, and \$10K in raffle prizes
- Multiple committees were set up to address repairs, start a Juniors program, initiate a kayak/stand-up board rental program, apply for grants, host two races, recruit novices, and set up "The Tahiti Project" to have a Tahitian boat builder build boats for the club.

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