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SDKC Elects New Officers:

The SDKC Officers for the 1999-2000 term have been elected and taken over their offices. After a run-off the Presidential race was won by Charlie M'Clary. Susan Shampo is the new Vice President. For the rest of the officers who have been elected see Page 2.

Fighter Kites at Fiesta Island!

The Southern California Open will host it's first ever fighter kite competition on Sept. 25th. This will be the Southern California Sport Kite League's first event of the Y2K AKA season and should prove to be a memorable one.

The rules and guidelines for this event were developed by the Northwest Fighter Kite Association (NFKA) and are for "line-touch" competitions. By the time this goes to print, those rules should be posted on their web site (<http://www.eskimo.com/~johnsen/nfka/index.html>) for you to review. If they are not, contact me at the email address below and I'll email you a copy.

The nice thing about the fighter kite competition is that the fliers are left to run it themselves. They are also trusted to determine the winner of each heat as the fliers are much better judges of when their lines are crossed than any judge with a different perspective might be.

Steve Bateman has agreed to run the competition for the league and I'm confident that he'll do a fine job. Steve is an accomplished fighter pilot and kite builder and his enthusiasm for the sport will, I'm sure, help make our first competition a good one.

The scores and top three winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the event and trophies will be handed out. A nominal entry fee of \$5. will be charged for each participant and the scores and standings will be passed along to the NFKA for posting on their web site as well as to the AKA.

In addition to the SCSKL's first fighter kite event, the league will also be introducing it's first-ever Quad Precision competition. Thanks to input from Ron Despojado, the league has all the necessary information (figures, judging criteria, etc.) to make this an interesting and fun event and we're encouraging ALL Quad fliers to attend and participate.

But wait ... there's more. We'll also be holding our first-ever Pairs Precision event and our own version of

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The Presidents Message

First let me thank all who participated in the election and the run-off. In my position statement, included with your run-off election ballot, I suggested changes would be necessary if SDKC is to survive and grow.

Sorry I missed the last board and club meetings- but it was time for my annual pilgrimage to WSIKF. Furthermore, I don't really enjoy "meetings" and don't know many kite fliers who do so we are going to minimize them under my administration. Instead we will have a Club Fly on third Saturday during which we will *fly*. When the wind or the sun goes down there will be plenty of time for a "meeting". The monthly board meeting will be held then at a location mutually agreed on. Weather permitting, I would suggest that that meeting be held at the *founders' table* (immediately North of the Tecolote flying site where the Club was founded) and be open to all fliers who wish to attend. While the Bored Meeting on preceding Fridays has always been open to Club members I believe this format will attract more members into active participation in the workings of their Club.

Understanding the necessity of certain paperwork, the Club bulletin board will be set up during the Club Fly which, along with the pictures and such we normally display, will have minutes and reports from the preceding month posted with copies available for those who wish to have them. I will also be asking that a "kiddy table" be set up with all the materials required to make simple paper and/or trash bag kites. We have long discussed a banner offering free kite flying lessons. I have a piece of light Tyvek and some colored felt tips I will use to make a temporary banner and hope that some of our better kite sewers (revive the *Banner Bums*) will come forward with a class banner. This will be manned by myself and others who are committed to

spreading kiting to others (most fliers enjoy offering their help to the uninitiated on occasion).

A member of my *kitchen cabinet* has suggested that we look to the non-kiting community around us for sponsorship. It is conceivable that with adequate sponsorship available we can reduce the price of SDKC membership to a very nominal figure and thereby increase membership numbers considerably. With the development of Fiesta Island imminent, numbers are going to count. In order to properly approach the non-kiting community for funds the Club will need a resume and presentation program. This will include activities that the club has participated in such as the Oceanside Festivals and the kite presentations at schools put on by members such as Virgil and Slim and the O.B. kite festival that Torri Cable helped so much with. The archives have a lot that can be used here but I will need help in putting the resume and presentation into proper condition. Volunteers and suggestions gratefully accepted.

To possibly attract sponsorship, several of us have tentatively agreed to put on a kite show somewhere on a beach in front of a restaurant in the late afternoon when people are enjoying a sunset. We are thinking of as many big one-liners as we can get in the air but will not exclude anyone. Anyone wishing to help in this can contact me for details as they develop.

Enough verbiage- let's see results.
Charlie M'Clary
President SDKC

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Susan Who?

by Susan Shampo, VP SDKC

As your new Vice President and since I don't usually attend club meetings, no one is more surprised by my new position than I. My surprise began when I opened the envelope from the Club that contained a ballot with something resembling my name below the VP slot. At first I was upset that I wasn't notified or asked if I'd serve in the event that anyone voted for me. Then, briefly, I was flattered that someone thought enough of me to nominate me for office. THEN I quickly realized that no one else wanted to run and since I wasn't around to object, it was a case of "tag - you're it"!

Actually, I think I do know why I was person "tagged" and once I explain, I think you'll feel more comfortable about having me in office. I've been an avid kite flier for a little over two years. I, like many others, lost interest in the club due to reasons like the time and location of the meetings and the crowds at the park which prevented most of us from flying on meeting day. That and the petty political shenanigans that were preventing cooperation between kite organizations put me off. When my membership lapsed last summer, that's the way it stayed. It appeared that the club had nothing to offer me and didn't care if I renewed or not.

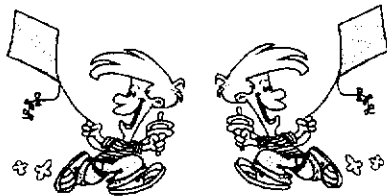
Early this year, after a number of conversations with other kites, I came to the conclusion that instead of

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High Country High Time

by Jim Skryja

While most people were packing and heading for the water over the Memorial weekend, Jim and Jane Skryja dusted off their tent trailer and headed for the high deserts of Jacumba. SDKC was asked to assist a struggling self-help group that has started an annual community kiting building and fly. Camp was setup and introductions made with Sister Billie Walters and her friendly people on Friday evening. Plans and assignments were made for the next morning. Saturday was bright and clear with a beautiful breeze. Supplies for the plastic sleds were setup in the new Senior Citizens Center. Colorful banners, wind toys and wind socks fluttered a welcome to the parade participants assembling nearby. As the parade moved past, Jim steered a small dual liner dancing above the girl scouts. Later, over 65 scouts and other children made and flew kites. Demonstrations of large dual line kites were flown nearby, and four kites donated by SDKC were raffled off. Plans are being made to do it again next year.



complaining about the club, and instead of dwelling on the club's failures, maybe if people like me started pitching in and DOING something constructive, the club could once again be like it was when the stories of outings and fun I'd heard about which compelled me to join in the first place actually happened!

It was an epiphany and the first thing I did was renew my membership. I began thinking of activities I'd like to see the club sponsor, how to get old members involved again and ways to bring in new members. I began talking to Walt, Mitch, Ron and Greg about my ideas. They suggested that I attend a board meeting and I was psyched to do just that. But board meetings are the third Friday of the month and it seems I'm always in the Bay Area for BASKL competitions which occur every third Saturday of the month throughout the season. My guess is that I was added to the ballot in spite of my absences because I showed enough interest in supporting the club and trying to get us back on track to at least talk about it.

So once I thought about it, I knew why I was on the ballot and I guess it's the push I needed to get involved whole-hog! I'm officially involved now, have a vote and a voice in the direction of our club. I won't guarantee that I'll be at meetings, board or club, but you can be sure that when I'm not there, I'm off flying somewhere and representing the San Diego Kite Club. And you can be double sure that no matter where I am, I'm filling a notebook with ideas to make our club better and bigger and most of all ...

FUNNER!

SDKC Website Has A New Address:

<http://www.sdkc.net>

The SDKC Board decided that while the price was right (free) the old address for the SDKC website was too hard for most to remember and pass on to friends and fellow kite flyers. So our esteemed Webmistress, Ellen Morgan, was assigned the task of obtaining our own domain name. In her usual fashion, she jumped right to the task and we have a new address for our website. She has also done a number of changes and upgrades so if you haven't visited in a while, check it out. And of course, tell your friends about the change.

<http://www.sdkc.net>

Do you have a small news article that we should know about? Let your fellow members know by sending it to us for the upcoming newsletter.



B E R K E L E Y



Tails from the Trail Berkeley 99

I'm back again this time I was headed for the 14th Annual Berkeley Kite Festival. This was my first trip to the event and I was looking forward it. I arrived with no problems. (Thanks Again Neil!)

I got some rest and was up early, ready for the day filled with kites and people. It was early and the fields were set up by people who were not sure they had enough coffee as yet. Soon, the field would be filled with the Gladiators of the Skies who had journeyed for the battle of the best for the West Coast Championships. There were banner displays by the Lavender Winds Kite Club resembling flowers. Great display and eye catcher. Jack Rogers was brought in from Boston with his huge kites. Yes, Huge.. Sorry, I don't have specific measures.. but they give John Rogers a run for his money.

He had up bols, Fugus, Octopi, Trilobites, a Crown and colorful foils flown from the lower field. He kept up something for us to WOW all weekend and rotated what he displayed. He had one tied off to a truck that when the winds picked up I was checking to see if it was going to pull the thing into the bay.

Ray Bethell of Canada was there with his award winning routines. He had a field all to himself to WOW the crowds with his control of the three kites. He flew a tribute to David Bui that was very moving which included flying kites with the tail being one piece attached to two of his kites. Beautiful Ray. Thank you. My family saw Ray fly in San Ramon and are still amazed at his strength and skill. We should all be so blessed! Dave Gomberg was our M.C. and I don't recall if he took a breath all weekend ! Great Job ! (He was pushing those California breakfast burritos pretty hard though, must of been good!)

There were tube tails, bouncing inflatable balls, and purple elephants on the kite lines all over the place. Highline kites had a huge tent set up with two demo areas for use by vendors and those who wanted lessons.

The winds were variable, as usual. In the morning on Saturday they were light but by the afternoon they were howling. One of the events that I really enjoyed watching was Hot Tricks. This was a maiden flight for this event and it went so well. Lionel Gibbons did a great job running from one participant to the next as they had their time at doing all the tricks they could in 30 second bursts. Two fliers would be on the field... taking turns as the clock ticked and the music played. Back and forth this went while they whittled down the field. What I really think was a great was that there was no separation between dual and quadline entrants. All the way up to the end the Quads and Dual liners would flick and twist their kites to the music. GREAT JOB and fun idea !! Let's do it again !! Congrats to Brian Champie for his win in this event!

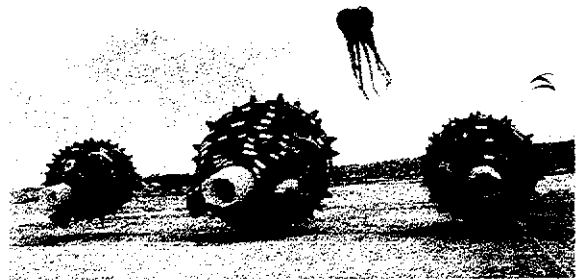


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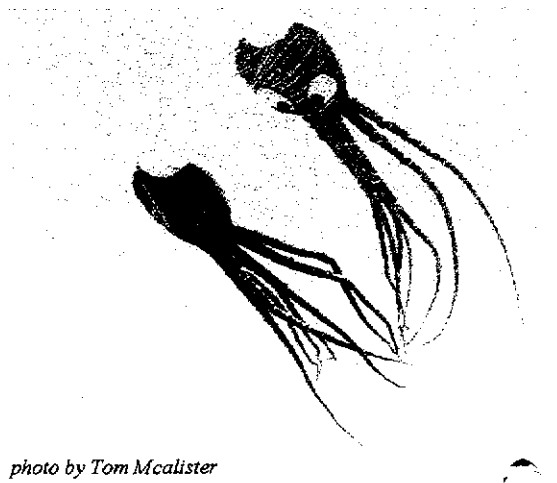


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Ron Despojado stunned the crowd with his new trick
'METAMORPHASIS'

The flight demonstration by the Sundowners was a major WOW factor. My Mom was there and really enjoyed watching them as well as the other team events and demos. She says its very relaxing to watch but must be tiring to do.

Sunday the crowds were entertained with candy drops for kids and adults, Mass Ascensions with pins given to the participants, competitions, vendors, food, the Drummers, face painting, and... then.. the cruise.

The Awards Dinner Cruise left the dock at 7pm on Sunday night for the close of the weekend. It is a dinner cruise on Hornblower Yachts on the Bay. Nerves were a bit tense by those who were waiting to find out what Place they had taken in their events. As the auction got underway, this was a chance to get one of a kind kites, pictures, lawntoys and other goodies with proceeds going to help support the cost of the event.

You see, they post the scoring totals but NOT the name of those who place 1-3. You have to wait till announced at the awards portion of cruise. OK, I was excited. I had reached my goal. I went with intentions of flying and I did just that. I had fun! It was great to be back in the Bay Area since I lived there for 9 years. It was like old home week seeing the skyline of the City at night. Ok, I miss it !

There is no way I could name all the people who did so much hard work to put this event on and make it fun for everyone. I would like to thank the Fliers, for without Kite fliers we would have no events, to the sponsors who believe in the sport and support us, to HIGlinekites, BASKL, NCKC, the City of Berkeley.

All the volunteers who helped set up, run and take down after the event.

I thank you for a wonderful weekend and priceless memories.

Ellen Morgan

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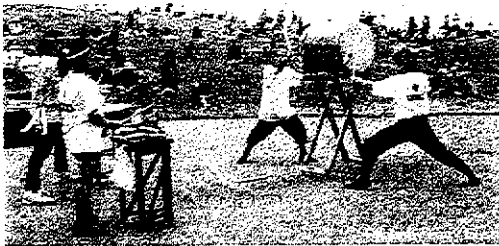
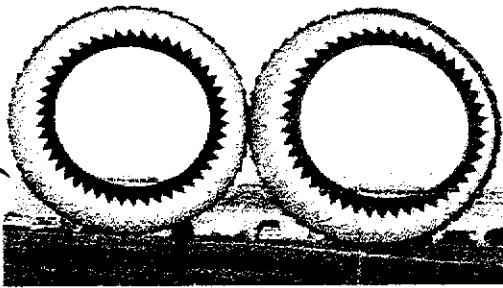


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Susan Shampo, Gerri Adler, Ellen Morgan, and Brian Champie compete in the 'Over Tanned' Division

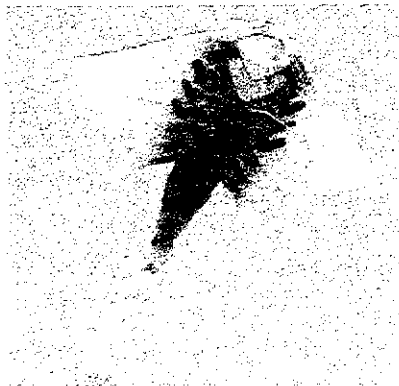


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The San Ramon Art and Wind Festival

by Susan Shampo

Well ... it's happened again. Another Memorial Day weekend has passed in the blink of an eye and it's all because of the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival. This was the second I attended and I had the same experience last year. Each day was so filled with kite demos that I barely had time to visit any of the art and craft booths, or even the concessions, before the days were over. And to make matters worse, this year's event also included indoor flying ... yet another venue to vie for my attention. I never did make it in there ... sorry Penny!

Although the weather was spectacular ... lots of sun, not too warm, not too cool ... the wind was the same checkerboard breeze that blew through last year at San Ramon's Central Park and Community Center. Fliers were caught in the predicament of trying to decide between venteds and ultralights much of the time, though it did make for some interesting shoulder-shrugging and head-shaking between fliers comparing notes and pointing out the many holes in the wind to each other. Though I don't like to see anyone have trouble with a routine, I was heartened when even kite-gods John Baressi (Columbus, OH) and Ray Bethel (Vancouver, BC) occasionally fell victim to the squirrely wind!

As I reflect back on the festival, the the moments that come to mind are a colorful patchwork of memories ... John Baressi kicking off his sandals mid-routine to do a 360 in stout wind with his Rev ... Michael Weingand throwing in a few graceful, well-timed, ballet-like jumps as he ran to re-set his kite after an unfortunate crash ... Flora's little dog running around and looking up expectantly at anyone wearing a red top when she lost track of Flora, who was wearing her (red/white) NCKC jacket ... Rotten Ron (Baron) flying his Tarantula two-stack with tube tails to a butt-kicking tune from the Screaming Cheetah Wheelies (!?!) contrasting Tammy's color-coordinated rainbow Jam and tail mellowing out with Jewel ... Sharon Champie's pies ... helping Ron Despojado set up those three gorgeous Nagel Revs for his Pretty Woman freestyle routine and having him ask ME to fly one of them onto the field (even though I managed to tangle the lines in that short distance) ... watching Andy Williams hold three-year-old Katrina in his arms as she flew her daddy's kite and seeing the look of enchantment on her face after flying her very first demo ... "smoked turkey" ... the feeling of helplessness while watching Sharon's beautiful Black Mariah dangle to destruction high atop a light pole ... "Joseph R. Bacon" proving that if you're young and talented you don't need to practice to put on an impressive, high-energy demo ... Brian Todd's skillful display of what can be accomplished when you spend some time with the new Utopia ... Team Papalotes (Tom Stoner and Barb Dockendorf of San Gabriel, CA), plagued by the patchy wind and broken lines but keeping a mostly sunny disposition none-the-less ...

But the piece-de-resistance in my mental scrapbook is, and for a long time will be the honor of field crewing for Ray Bethel and hearing the gasps of excitement from the audience who had never witnessed his flying prowess before. I guess I've seen Ray perform enough times now that I've come to expect that the feats of mental and physical coordination he so aptly displays are routine. But the wave of excitement that rippled through the crowd just behind me when he docked his three kites served as a reminder of just how amazing he really is and how superb he is as a kite ambassador. If you could pick just one person to represent kiting to the world, who could do a better job than Ray with those sparkling baby-blues and ready smile?

And there are so many more memories. I guess that's what keeps me driving all the way from San Diego for Northern California Kite Club/Bay Area Sport Kite League events - the fact that afterwards my mind is so full of warm-fuzzies that I immediately start looking at the calendar to see when the next one will be. The hours on the road just melt away as I anticipate the coming event or reflect on it as I return home. I know Brian Champie will be writing an article to thank all the Festival sponsors, but I'd like to thank Brian for all the time and effort he puts into the Festival, as well as the NCKC and BASKL and everyone who works so hard to make it possible for the rest of us. I'm already looking forward to next year. And just think, if they get those buildings up by then, maybe the wind will be BETTER!

(For those who have never had the pleasure of attending the San Ramon festival, here are a few lines of explanation.

Sorry Penny - Penny Lingenfelter from Seattle organized the indoor flying and from what I heard, was the star performer, as well, complete with glittering hair and fairy costumes.

Smoked turkey - every year, on top of being an event organizer, Brian Champie puts on a party Sunday night for all the kite fliers who demo and/or help out with the festival. The feast always includes a couple of smoked turkeys that Brian cooks before-hand. Nothing better after a hard day of kite flying than eatin' smoked turkey with kite pals. There's also a password that is circulated to the fliers that will allow them access to priviledged parking at the festival. This year's password was "smoked turkey".

Sharon's pies - Along with the turkey, the after-fest party also includes the most delicious strawberry/blueberry/blackberry pies I've ever tasted, made by Brian's wonderful sister, Sharon. If I wasn't in heaven already, two of Sharon's pies

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were auctioned off on Monday after the day's events and my Kiteman, Allen Stroh, outbid hungry kite builder J.R. Tolman for the second pie. We immediately said our goodbyes, made a beeline to the grocery store for whipped cream and forks and made pigs of ourselves with that pie. Never was \$15 dollars better spent!



photo by Andy Williams

Maybe next year the wind will be better - the ball field where the kite demos are held is a perfect location for spectators. There's a sloped embankment surrounding the field and it's shaded by trees, facilities close by, a beautiful spot. But the wind coming over the rolling hills about a mile behind blowing toward the other rolling hills about a half mile ahead cause the wind to be, let's say, unpredictable from moment to moment. I was watching flags do 90 degree direction changes every 10-15 seconds or so for part of one day. There are dead spots and right next to them, spots where the wind is so strong it'll move you ... literally. There've been rumors of two buildings being built just behind the field and speculation that they'll completely block the wind and spoil the location for flying. I say "bring on the buildings and let's see!"

If you've never been to a San Ramon Art and Wind Festival, you owe it to yourself to give it a try. There are candy drops for the kids, kite flying lessons, kite building workshops, 2- and 4-line demos, 1-line mass ascensions, lots of talking about and showing off of kites ... it's well worth the drive, but some of us So. Cal'ers even fly up. A good time is always had by all.)

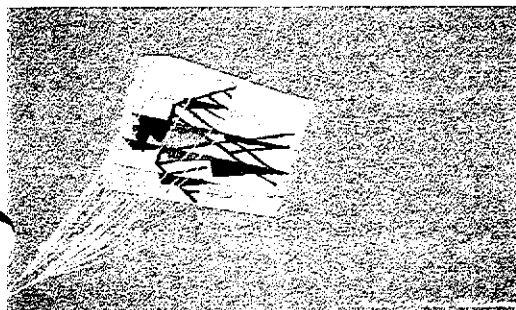


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The 'Breakfast of Champie's



photo by Andy Williams



David Bui Remembered...

by Susan Shampo



David Bui

Although he was not a San Diego Kite Club member, the tragic loss of David Bui on July 17 in a car accident in Mexico has saddened all who know him. I feel compelled to share with those of you who didn't have that pleasure the kind of person he was and just how great a loss this is to the kiting community. I met first met David when I attended a SCKSL First Flight Workshop in March of '98. As Chief Judge and seasoned and highly successful competitive flier, he presented so much information in such a casual way that I immediately felt the tension I anticipated before my first competitive event diminish. He was always available to us fliers, at events or by email afterwards, to answer questions or give advice about any aspect of kiting. Even though he resigned his position with the Kite League when he moved to Yuma to work for Skyshark, I always hoped that he'd come to our events as a spectator. Now that I know that won't happen, I'm deeply saddened. My only consolation is that I always made a point to tell him how much I appreciated him and his support of the league and to me personally. Take a minute today to let someone who means a lot to you know it. Tomorrow is not guaranteed to any of us. What follows are excerpts from the many postings to rec.kites that followed the sad news of our loss. David was awarded some of the top honors in Kiting. - 1995 Outstanding Kiteflyer of the Year by American Kite Magazine - 1995 American Kite National Circuit Masters Champion MIP & MIB - 1995 All American Sportkite Championships Champion MIP & MIB - AKA Grand Nationals Champion MIP - AKA Grand Nationals Champion in Comprehensive Kitemaking - cellular -AKA Grand Nationals Champion for Innovative Kite Award.

Occasionally you meet a person who shines brightly. David was this person. My company employed him and even more so, he was my dear friend. I would like to say a few words to tell people how I feel. David was a perfectionist. Although he expected perfection, he was patient with everyone involved. He had a leadership quality that few have and the ability to communicate his level of intensity and perfection to others and bring everyone up to a higher level. David's intensity, perfectionism, and leadership was contagious. Everyone in production wanted to spend time with him to show him that their work was up to his standards. He made everyone around him proud of their work. --Erez Borowsky, Skyshark

Whether experiencing the edge of competition, the thrill of victory, of the spiritual symbiosis with the natural world around us, David was always clear and level headed. What I think I admire most about David was his eager desire to learn and improve everything. He will be forever be fondly

rememberer and sorely missed! -- Chris M. Moon, Wind Wizards, Kansas City

David was not just a kite flyer but in my opinion he was the best. He won on the east coast, west coast, midwest and everywhere he entered. He will be greatly missed as a friend and a competitor and all around good guy. -- Jug Buckles

David was one of the nicest all around kiteflyers I know. Active in all kinds of kiting, from small wings to big foils. This is such a bummer. He will be missed. Not having much aoxo right now...-- Dearn Jordan

David, the few times we met, I could tell you were special. Thanks for the pow wow, advice, and kind words. There are many who you've touched with tears in their eyes. One of too many kite flyers that have left us this year. You won't be forgotten. --Penny Lingenfelter

David, we did not know you long, but could tell what a wonderful person you were, whether holding kite strings, cheering on a new competitor or just joking around. We have missed you during this season of competition and will continue to miss you even more. You set an example that we as kites would love to be able to follow, you left some mighty big boots to fill! Please have fun flying with Larry Mixon now, and filling our skies with color. --Paul and Chrystal Eshelman

David, you were one of the truly legitimate people in kiting I have ever met. Your successes at all levels of kiting, kite design, kite making and kite flying, stand on their own. However, your willingness to contribute your time and efforts to kiting, your professionalism, your organization, your intelligence, your dry wit, your perfectionism, your politeness, and your courtesy, were to me what set you apart from the crowd. You have set the bar high for those who will follow. Right now, all I can say to you David is - I hope the shopping is great wherever you are! Happy Flying and We Love You -- Barbara Dockendorf and Tom Stoner

We feel very fortunate to have known David for even such a short time. David had innate goodness, selflessness and class. You could tell this when you shook his hand. He had a love for kiting that was contagious. We will miss him. Larry & Sandee Bush

David was the purest dual line kite flier I've ever met! David was a perfectionist in every sense of the word. His kiteflying and kite building skills were second to none and his personality was just as impressive! David, you will be missed and remembered by everyone that has ever had the pleasure to be graced by your presence. -- Troy Gunn, AKA Region 8 Director

David was the nicest, most unselfish, giving and astute kite flier I've ever met. His energy and enthusiasm in kiting were boundless. I only knew David for about a year and a half but in that short time I came to respect and admire him for many reasons.



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the Hot-Tricks Shootout competition that was first introduced at last July's Berkeley West Coast Championships.

The Hot-Tricks Shootout event is one you DON'T want to miss. You'll get to see the best-of-the-best dueling it out for top honors as the hottest trickster around. Brian Champie took first place at Berkeley with Susan Shampo a very close second and we're all looking forward to seeing a repeat of that battle at Fiesta Island. Bring your camcorders as this event is one you'll want to watch again and again!

All these new events WILL become an integral part of the competition scene here in Southern California during the Y2K sport kite season and we're hoping for a big turnout.

So tell your friends ... tell your neighbors ... and especially tell all your fighter and quad kiting buddies to get signed up for the SoCal Open. You'll have a blast and get to see some of the best fliers in the country strut their stuff. See you there!

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More than anything else though, he made everything look easy. Last November ('98) Avi Kite Festival, I watched David fly his Tika in zero wind behind the hotel ... on 60' lines. This was not a zero wind kite by any stretch of the imagination, but David made flying it look effortless and you got the impression he could do it all day long. That was what I ALWAYS noticed about David's flying. He made it look like he could do it in his sleep. David was the consummate flier and inspiration incarnate. I took over David's job as Chief Judge and Scorekeeper for the SoCal Sport Kite League in Feb ('99). He passed along to me a laptop, some notebooks and a few binders full of forms. I corresponded with him for a time until he nudged me through the process of setting up a Sport Kiting event, taught me a few of the things I needed to know but mostly pointed out that the whole process was like flying a kite. There are LOTS of ways to do it...but when you do it well, it looks easy. David's relaxed and easy going approach to kiting set him apart from everyone else. As unassuming as he was, he stood out like a beacon and inspired more fliers than most of us will ever know. I'll miss him as a person and as a fellow flier. David was the jewel of kiting. -- Allen

So Cal. Open Information

Date: 9/25/99

Location: Fiesta Island, San Diego, Ca.

Time: Pilots Meeting 9 am

Events Begin at 10 am

Scheduled Events:

Precision: Individual, Pairs, Quadline

Ballet: Individual, Pairs, Quadline

Spectra Rokaku Battle

Fighter Kite Competition

Hot Tricks Competition

Precision Figures

Novice: 5,3,1,8

Interm: 14,10,15,17

Exp: 30,28,34,36

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Kite Auction - Maybe(?)

Abe Fishman, more commonly known as "Charlie the Tuna", was a regular flier at Tecolote but disappeared from the scene about three years ago. His daughter showed up at the field last week carrying the news that Charlie had died some months ago and left her his kites. She has thought to sell them but is beginning to think she might keep a couple of them for her own growing kiting enjoyment (in other words *we hooked her!*). I have suggested that she bring whatever she chooses not to keep to the next (Sept.) Club Fly and we will auction them off for her. Among the goodies are two Rev I's, a pink and blue that shows no real fading, and a pink and turquoise that shows only light fading, a stacked set of three blue, pink and green, Flexi's - 4', 6' and 8'. Charlie wasn't big enough to have flown that much power that often so they are in great shape. An Evolution (remember them- double spined, good puller?). A signed Jordan-Air. A 4' Quadrafoil with lines and handles. A couple of homemade stacks- 12 and 15 each, 18" spans. A stack of 20 30" deltas.

We'll try to have the auction at ten AM.



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Submitted by Joanne M'Clary

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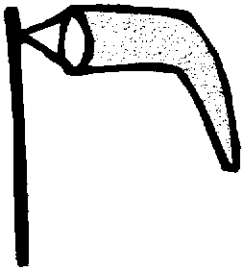
Centipede 7 to 10 mph, Coyne 5 to 15 ,
Delta 3 to 17 , Eddy 4 to 20, Hargrave 10
to 30, Fighter 0 to 7, Parafoil 8 to 30,
Scott Sled 3 to 20,
Tetraedrakil4 to 15 and a Thai Cobra 7
to 12.

Most sport or stunt kites will usually list the ideal wind conditions on brochures accompanying the kites and as you

become acquainted with the different kites you will be able to gauge which kite to fly under what wind conditions.

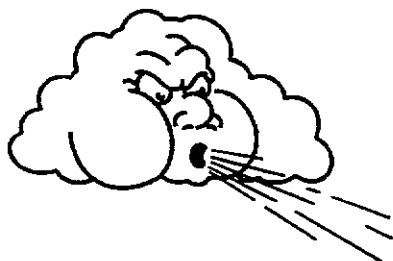
One of the best means of determining whether wind conditions are suitable for kite flying or not is to check with the Beaufort Scale, a wind table devised by Sir Francis Beaufort, an English rear admiral who sought to give sailors a convenient set of signs by which to estimate these conditions. This scale can be particularly helpful to kitefliers inn determining by practical means the velocity of the wind.

See Beaufort Scale On Page 11



BEAUFORT SCALE

Beaufort #	Name	MPH	Description
0	Calm	Less than 1	Calm, smoke rises vertically.
1	Light Air	1-3	Direction of wind shown by smoke, but not by wind vanes.
2	Light breeze	4-7	Wind felt on face; leaves rustle; ordinary vane moves.
3	Gentle breeze	8-12	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion; wind extends light flag.
4	Moderate breeze	13-18	Raises dust and loose paper, small branches move.
5	Fresh breeze	19-24	Small trees in leaf begin to sway; rested wavelets form on inland water.
6	Strong breeze	25-31	Large branches in motion; utility wires whistle; windows rattle.



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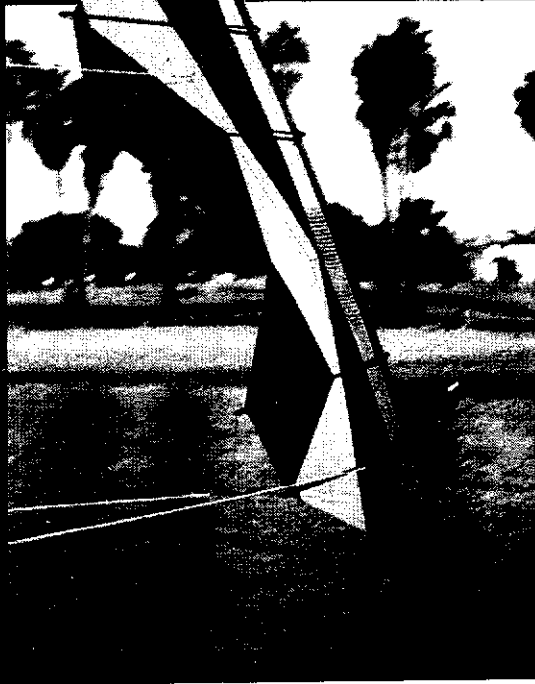
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