

# SNIPER

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## Editorial Policy

With this humble beginning, the Lake Worth Sniper makes its bow. Its purpose is to print all the news that's fit to print about the comings and goings of the members of Dear Old L. W. S. C., and to support anything that will be beneficial to the Club. Any reflection upon the character or good name of any individual will be cheerfully corrected upon receipt of satisfactory proof that said individual has either character or good name. The Editor's decision will be final, and in case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

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In line with the desire of the perpetrators of this sheet to print stuff & junk that may be of interest to its readers (if any), and in order to fill up space, the Sniper publishes below a directory of the Club membership, which we believe to be reasonably correct. The Sniper will appreciate advice of any errors, or changes in residence or telephone number.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
-Paul Andrews		Andrews & Grafa - 7-0100
-Paul Beasley		Western Feeders Sup. 6-1131
Ray Brearley		Continental Oil Co. - 2-5171
-Ross Brewer		Fort Worth Press - 2-5151
Oden Brooks		Montgomery Ward - 2-4121
-Geo. Brown		S. W. Bell Tel. Co. 2-8211
Bill Bruegmann		T&P Terminal Whse. - 2-6371
-Hamp Cottar		Cottar Glass Co. - 7-2537
Bill Gilleland		Terrell Laboratories 2-5131
Burtis Holt		W. C. Stripling - 3-2461
Ed Huff		Morrison Supply Co. 2-7114
-Buddy Johnson		Swift & Co. - 6-3161
George Kent		Community Pub. Svc. 2-4176
Gene Magruder		Armour & Co. - 6-2101
William McAllen		John Miller Co. - 2-2206
-Jim McWhirter		Swift & Co. - 6-3161
-Lee Morris		FW&DC Railway - 2-8131
-O. L. Pitts		Fort Worth Press - 2-5151
John Thompson		Electric Bldg. - 2-1621
-Bob Turbeville		Morrison Supply Co. - 2-7114
Chas. Whitesides		Swift & Company - 6-3161

ADDRESSES REMOVED

An extra copy of the above directory is being mailed with each copy of this, the first Sniper. Stick it up by your telephone, or put it in your bill-fold.

FLASH!

In an early issue the Sniper will undertake to inaugurate a series of informal articles on Snipe racing rules and technique. We are extremely fortunate in having obtained the services of one of the foremost authorities now at large, and we hope the articles will prove informative and interesting. We would tell you the name of the author, but it's a deep, dark secret, and besides that, we can't pronounce it.

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TACKS & GYBES  
(By the Sniper's Snooper)

It is being told about that George (Regatta) and Alice (Slim) Brown have flown the coop for a vacation in Colorado. While the Snooper would not stoop to repeat gossip, a rumor is afloat to the effect that the real reason for their hasty departure is that the Revenocers are after George for not paying his 1921 income tax, amounting to something in excess of 38 cents.

We are glad to welcome into our Sappy Little Family a recent addition to our membership, in the person of John Thompson, who purchased Geo. Liser's boat and seems to know pretty well how to sail it. Unfortunately, due to John's absence from the city, we haven't had as much opportunity to get acquainted as we would like. We're happy to have you with us, John, and look forward to knowing you and your charming wife better.

A question frequently asked lately is - "What has become of Gene Magruder?" A prize of 10 pounds of slightly used beer bottle caps will be given for the best solution to this baffling mystery. We hope he isn't working too hard. Whatever the answer is, we are missing him and hope he will be out again soon.

The Snooper is happy to report that Ross (Whataman) Brewer is satisfactorily coming out of a set-back he had following his long spell of malaria, flu, and a bunch of other stuff that would have gotten him if he hadn't been so tough. He is up and around some now, but is taking it easy on the Doc's orders. We hope to see him out again soon.

We haven't seen much of our able Treasurer, Ed Huff, either, lately. The reason, as most of you know, is that Ed has just recently bought him a new home, and has been up to his ears in work, getting everything shipshape. He and Margie have also been busy teaching Little Huff the rudiments of sailing, so he can start in next year crewing for Ed.

And speaking of the Treasurer, I think most of us realize he has one of the most important and most difficult jobs in the Club. Ed has done well with it, and we ought to cooperate with him. Some of our best members are forgetful about their dues, and it often works a hardship on the rest. Dues are due on the 20th and past due after the 1st. Those who are in arrears owe it to themselves and the Club to catch up, and those who have been late in paying should try to cultivate the habit of getting their money on the line as near after the 20th as possible. The money can be used to advantage, as there are many things we need to do to make our Club facilities more livable and comfortable. The Editor sez he is going to publish a list of delinquent members shortly after October 1st, so if you don't want to get your name in the paper, you'd better kick in.

It will soon be time for our Second Annual Banquet, and it's not too early to start thinking about it. Those who attended last year will attest the fact that it was a howling success, and we hope the one this year will be even more so.

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Word has just reached us that one of our most loyal and valuable members is being transferred to Abilene. William G. Gilleland, better known as "B. G.", is a charter member, and has endeared himself to all of us during our years of association with him. While we are happy about his promotion, and congratulate Dr. Terrell on his ability to recognize an expert laboratory man, it is with deep regret that we see him go. B. G. and his partner, Bill (Flash) Bruegmann, built one of the first Snipes in our fleet. While we haven't seen as much of B. G. in recent months as we would like, he has remained a very loyal member, and has always had the best interests of the Club at heart. His new wife, formerly Doris Alexander, better known as "Alec", has also become one of the most loyal in our "Ladies Auxiliary." In fact, we can give her credit for the fact that the "Pride of the Fleet" now carries sails with the Snipe insignia and numbers. We tried for years to talk Gilleland into finishing the sails, to no avail, but it didn't take "Alec" long to assume command of the situation and get the job done. We wish B. G. and Alec the best of luck in their new surroundings, and all of us hope they will be able to return frequently to visit with us. We will continue to feel that they are an integral part of the gang, and they will always be welcome among us.

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At a meeting held on Sunday afternoon, September 18th, those present very happily and unanimously voted to reinstate Oden Brooks to full membership in the Club. He was also a charter member, and the builder of one of the first Snipes. The Editor has never seen or heard of anyone who doesn't like Skipper Brooks. As most of you know, he left Fort Worth in March this year, due to conditions over which he had no control. We hope he will stay with us for good this time. He was, by the way, 1937's "Most Determined Skipper," and a darn good one. To say that we are glad to have him back would be a rash under-statement.

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Arrangements are being made so that the double doors at the front of the Club house may be barred & bolted from the inside. Members who do not have keys to the back door should get them as soon as possible, or else they won't be able to get in.

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#### SOCIETY NOTES

The gang is planning to go to Dallas next Saturday night, September 24th, have dinner at a jernt over there, and then partake of such other entertainment or skullduggery as the situation seems to require. The more the merrier, you know. Anyone interested in the particulars can get them by calling Hamp or Ray. Judging from reports of previous similar excursions to the eastern suburb, the Editor has a sneaking suspicion that anyone who goes will have a helluva good time.

At last Sunday's meeting the application of W. H. Steiger was unanimously approved, and he is now a full-fledged member. He is the owner of a Sea Gull, and we're glad to have him and his boat. We hope that those who haven't met him will have an opportunity to do so very soon. All reports reaching the busy editorial offices of the Sniper indicate that he is a swell egg. Unfortunately, we don't have his address, so we can't put it in our directory in this issue.

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Members, their families and friends are urged to send in any news item that may be of interest to our readers. If you have any views you would like to air to the membership at large, or any complaints or criticisms you would like to register, just write up your story and drop it in the Sniper box underneath the bar counter. Any libel, slander, or unduly derogatory remarks will be deleted.

Your contributions to the columns of the Sniper will assure its success. If you like the idea of a Club paper and want to see it continue publication, send in your literary efforts. It is extremely doubtful that there are enough brains on the entire staff to keep the thing going without your support and cooperation. If you hear a joke that we can clean up and use, send it in. If Junior says something cute, preserve it for posterity in the Sniper. If there's anything you think we ought to print, let's have it, whether it's about sailing or otherwise. We might even engage the services of one of our recent brides, such as "Alec" Gilleland or Almerna Johnson, to write a Cookery Column. It's rumored that they both can open cans and make sandwiches with infinite skill. Or, as a last resort, we might get Commodore-door Cottar to conduct an "Advice to the Lovelorn" column, a la Dorothy Dix. In a nutshell, whatever you want, we'll get it for you.

So - until we accumulate enough trash for another issue of the Sniper, we bid you adieu .....

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