

## '60

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From **Chuck Schroeder (23)**:

✉ Super '60 held another quarterly gathering of our SoCal members of USNA at the world famous McP's restaurant, the popular gathering spot in Coronado of our originator, Radm **Jack Shaw (2)**. Our intrepid organizer **Ben Hallowell (3)** and his wife Avery have continued to carry on the tradition. Jack's lovely wife Jan, ten classmates and six more brave wives made it a memorable gathering and an enjoyable afternoon. Classmates pictured in order - with wives electing to remain seated are: Nancy & **John Pethick (9)**, Janet & "**Doc**" **Hand (7)**, **Denis Crawford (2)**, **Mike Fenn (4)**, **John Schmidt (20)**, **Chuck Schroeder (23)**, Ann & **George Marburger (20)**, Sue & **Sam Ward (8)**, Avery & **Ben Hallowell (3)**, **Mike Merrill (20)** and, not pictured, Jan Shaw (Jack) (2).

From **Dick Shawkey (24)**:

✉ "Hi Bill, Last week several members of my family and I competed in the NASTAR National Ski Championships at Squaw Valley, California (2-7 April). The family on the whole did well in competition. My son Andrew placed third in his class in giant slalom (GS), his brother Nick (to my right) won first place in slalom (SL), my grandson Jakob, age 15, (to my left) took a first in SL and a second in GS, and granddaughter Emma, age 8, won second place in GS. I won the gold medal for my class in GS. Nick is the head coach for the Bear Valley Junior Race Team and Andrew is one of the coaches for the race development team. The race was special for Emma because it was her first time on the podium this season. She

finished fourth or fifth in every race she raced this season. We also came in fifth in the family competition. As a side note, Jakob will be attending water polo camp at the academy in late June. He made the varsity water polo team during his recently completed freshman year (one of the advantages of being enrolled at a rural high school), and was dissatisfied with the reluctance of his older teammates to include him in their game plans. He's looking forward to improving his water polo skills so that he can contribute to his team's successes in the fall of 2019. Dick

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ "Gents, In follow up to our January lunch and the endless funny stories about life at the Big House, **Don Broadfield (22)** brought to our last lunch a copy of LINK, our 50th Anniversary Yearbook, to read aloud "The True Story of the Virgin Cannons." There was insufficient time to do so, but I

would encourage each of you to open your own copy of LINK to page 492 for that particular tale, which had the entire Brigade laughing until it hurt on a rainy April afternoon in 1959. And on page 489, you will find the even longer story of the Nightcrawler attack on our very own Parade Field later that same month.

I highly recommend both and would have embedded them in this email but for the fact that I am featured in the Guinness Book of Records as the only person on the face of the planet who actually types at a negative rate of speed. In the 7th grade, I had to make a choice between typing class and going out for football. I thought I could always hire a secretary, and have been paying for that short-sighted decision ever since.

On a more serious note, I think we all owe a great debt of gratitude to **Mark Golden (6)** and the countless others who were involved in putting our 50th yearbook together.

It's far better than any *Lucky Bag* I've ever seen. So, hats off to one and all. Best to everyone, Doug

I recently received some information from **Tug Knorr (20)** concerning Easter celebrations in the Annapolis area. Local folks gathered at Manressa across the Severn from the Academy. On a similar note Linda and I had the opportunity to participate in an Easter sunrise service coming up over the Atlantic off Juno Beach, Florida.

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ "Dear Bill, the older I get, the further behind I fall. Catching up on several of our past lunches, last December we heard from a journalist by the name of Ben Barber, who shared a range of insights from numerous assignments that had taken him all over the globe, many of them in dangerous zones of conflict. He talked about how he had been able to negotiate several life-threatening experiences with only his notebook, pen, camera, and a requisite dose of chutzpah for protective armor. He also spoke about the significant contributions this kind of journalism makes to our National Security.

Classmate humor in January and the Valentine's Day dance in February took us to March and a presentation by John Kiser, a gentleman farmer and accomplished author from Sperryville, Va. In an earlier incarnation, John had established a counter-intuitive business based on technology transfer from the Soviet Union to the US. His premise for doing so was captured in a piece he authored in 1991 for the Wall Street Journal titled "What U.S. Business Can Learn from Leninism."

"Everyone knows that Soviet-style socialism has proven itself to be exceptionally efficient at one thing—producing shortages and inferior products. However, just as carp adjusted to Lake Erie's polluted waters, so the fouled Soviet economic system has produced an adaptive subspecies of scientists and engineers with qualities needed by U.S. industry."

He then goes on to cite the Kalashnikov rifle as an illustration of "Soviet applied technology at its



'60: SO Cal group



'60: Shawkey family skiers



best—simple, rugged, effective, and comparatively easy to make.” By the same token, John’s enterprise was out-of-the-box thinking at its best, with SDI and Sandia Labs as eventual clients.

Finally, April brought a stimulating presentation by RADM Brian Antonio ‘83 on current and prospective developments in the world of aircraft carriers. In addition to being on the point for carriers in the Sea Systems Command, Brian is the son of Gloria & **Bob Antonio (14)**. The Proud parents drove up from the Tidewater to share in the fun and to properly introduce our speaker. It was a special time.

Those who took part in one or more of these gatherings of the Brotherhood included: **Don Broadfield (22)**, Linda and **Ron Burdge (9)**, **Hank Chiles (21)**, Kathy and **Gary Cogdell (7)**, Pat and **Joe Dobes (22)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19)**, Darlene Matulka, Barbara and **Ward O’Brien (22)**, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Nancy and **John Pethick (9)**, Fae Daniels and **Bud Pezet (13)**, **Grant Sharp (19)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Charlotte and **Bob Stevenson (2)**, Amalia and **Duane Tollaksen (3)**, **Bob Traister (2)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Daren and yours truly.

From **Ray Burkley (2)**:

✉ “The Northern California Class of ‘60 luncheon at the Hilton Hotel was attended by **Kevin Ryan (4)**, **Spencer Cleveland (6)**, **Raymond Burkley (2)**, **Daniel Affourtit (24)** and **Dick Shawkey (24)**. Dick made the 3 hour drive from Arnold to Santa Clara for the luncheon and updated us on his plans for his final year of downhill skiing (after he breaks his leg). A quiet lunch and a good time was had by all. Raymond



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## '61

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Intro: Well, guys, I think for once, I have more material than I have room to include in one issue of SHIPMATE. So, if you see that something you have submitted (particularly recently), then you might not see it until our next issue. I have no particular or exciting news to expound upon with the exception of the late-arriving article on Joe Bellino, so I’ll just get started with your inputs (which, by the way, look VERY good this time. Lots of “stuff”). THX for ALL your inputs. Keep them coming!

This comes in from

**Tim DeGavre (11):**

✉ On 21 March, several members of Club 11 travelled from the Washington DC and Williamsburg areas to Salisbury, MD to honor **Milt Jones (11)** and his wife, **Marji** with a special luncheon. Milt has had a rough patch lately, having successfully won a bout with skin cancer but being severely handicapped with a debilitating case of Parkinson’s. The intent was to bring some joy into his life, if only for a few hours, to show our love for him, and to express our appreciation to **Marji** for caring for him with such affection and devotion. Several members of the Club who could not be there sent heartfelt messages which were read by those who were. In the row just behind him and from the left: **Caryl Morgan, Judy Onorati, Marji, Mac Bubeck, and Anne Kelly**. And in the back row: **Caroline and Tim deGavre(11), Miriam Stem, Pat Luper, Rod Bubeck(11), Bob Kelly(11), Dick Morgan(11), and Jim Luper(11)**.



'61: Club 11 in Salisbury, MD



'61: Celebrate the arrival of Spring in Virginia Beach, VA



'61: San Diego group gathers in Old Town San Diego

Sent in by **Ned Kuhns (07):**

✉ To celebrate the arrival of Spring in the Tidewater area, **Caroline & Tim deGavre (11)** arranged an evening dinner for our ‘61 classmates and spouses at the Hot Tuna restaurant in Virginia Beach. As you can see from the smiles on the attendees, it was a fun and festive event with Blue & Gold table decorations and Navy flags in the room. Counter clockwise around the table

on the left are: **Tim & Caroline, Joe & Bonnie Campbell-Kuhn (03 - Honorary), Peg Graham** while **Bob (18)** was taking the photo, **Buzz (12) & Karla Needham, and Judy & Ned Kuhns (07)**. Clockwise around the table on the right are: **Sharon Joyner, Sandy & Ken Craig (07), Kurt Rohdenburg (20), Tom (09) & Jane McNicholas, Fran Rohdenburg, Mike (03) & Jan Bradley, and Jim Joyner (01)**. The evening dinners were started by our spouses