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The COUNCIL COMMISSIONER CORNER

Oct 27, 2021

Greetings GGAC Commissioners:

This will be my last GGAC Commissioner Newsletter. My term as GGAC Commissioner has ended and I am pleased to introduce Mike Allison as the new GGAC Council Commissioner. Mike has been serving as the Assistant Council Commissioner for Commissioner Resources and as the Tech Dean for the NorCal Commissioners College.



It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Council Commissioner. We have faced numerous challenges together as we brought three councils together to form the Golden Gate Area Council. We started this journey under the harshest conditions: burdened by debt made worse by COVID – which led to cancelling the 2020 summer camp (the Council's primary source of revenue). We faced negative media attention as BSA filed for bankruptcy in the face of child abuse lawsuits. Our membership numbers dropped by over 40%, and we were painfully forced to lay off staff.

Things may have looked dark, but the path ahead in 2021 is now bright. By remaining fiscally disciplined – guided by our Strategic Plan and Scouting principles – the Council has made critical decisions establishing a solid financial and organizational foundation enabling the delivery of high-quality scouting programs. Some of these decisions such as selling the two council service centers: San Leandro and Pleasant Hill were very difficult - but necessary. These sales along with a short-term loan have enabled the council to fulfill its substantial financial commitments to the BSA Bankruptcy settlement WITHOUT having to sell any of the Council Camps. We are also demonstrating our serious commitment to Youth Protection by adopting a YPT Policy that will ensure 100% YPT compliance for the entire recharter year, in addition to establishing a new position of Vice President of Diversity Equity & Inclusion to foster an inclusive positive culture and enhance cultural understanding and acceptance of everyone in the communities we serve.

We continue to adjust to this new brave COVID world. Scouts and Scouters interact more and more in-person whether indoors with masks or in the great outdoors. The future is truly bright for the Golden Gate Area Council – and I am eager to continue our scouting journey together.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Paul Shimotake | Council Commissioner

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Paul, with Steve Welch and Flory Dekovic at Ranchos Los Mochos on 9/26/2021



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ALL-HANDS MEETING

7pm Wednesday, November 10 via Zoom

Online Recharter is ready, but many units are not. Our next All-Hands meeting will give you the tools to help your units sail through the new Internet recharter process. We will cover the new Internet Recharter 2.0, and FAQs raised by our units including: YPT Policy, BSA Registration Fee, and the Council Program Fee.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83660103982?pwd=emltbXhaUEV3UUdORDFVSXZKanJTQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 6010 3982

Passcode: 377915

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NorCal College of Commissioner Science

Save the date, Saturday **Feb 26, 2022** for the amazing college sponsored by these councils: Golden Empire, Golden Gate Area, Greater Yosemite, Marin, Nevada Area, Pacific Skyline, Piedmont, Redwood Empire, Sequoia, and Silicon Valley Monterey Bay.

- 45 courses in 9 tracks are being finalized.
- National Level speakers are expected.
- Midway with special interest sessions.
- Virtual college that allows for greater attendance
- Courses for every level of Commissioner and every level of Commissioner experience, including Associate, Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate of Commissioner Science Degrees with Continuing Education Degree sessions.

Stay posted through the website (<https://www.norcalcommissioner.org/>) that will go live soon.

Reminder for ALL SCOUTERS

Diversity, equity, and inclusion work only if everyone is invited to participate and feels accepted for their uniqueness. To learn more and come up to speed with what our youth expect from us, just log on to [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) to complete training.





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From Stuart Mahler, ACC for Exploring: exciting Webinars coming up in November

EXPLORING™ EXPLOSION 2.0

“Driving Membership Growth Through Exploring”

In a time when workforce development is at the forefront of conversations throughout the United States, Exploring has a unique value proposition for youth, parents, educators, community organizations, and local businesses. Every youth deserves the opportunity to “*Discover their Future*”. The Exploring program will help youth in deciding which career path to take as well as assist in determining where they may not have long term interests. It also provides a pathway for businesses to attract and potentially hire “job-ready” employees that are already known by the employer.

Overall goal:

To insert “*Career Interest Surveys and Open Houses*” into every council/district’s membership plan from October thru January. This allows the foundation for additional membership growth following the annual Cub Scout School Night recruitment cycle by growing the number of Exploring Posts/Clubs each year. Our initial focus is to organize at least 1 new Post or Club in every district.

How to get started:

Volunteers and professionals are invited to learn more about the simple steps to success in growing and supporting Exploring within their councils. These are proven techniques that led Exploring to 24 consecutive months of membership growth during the initial Exploring Explosion Campaign.

Attend one of the national webinars to learn the “4 Phases” of organizing a new Post/Club, including:

- How to conduct and utilize Career Interest Surveys (Online and paper “scantron”)
- How to conduct effective Exploring Open Houses to recruit youth into the Exploring program
- How to locate available resources that will help you grow and support Exploring

Feel free to invite all of your professional staff & volunteers to attend one of these 3 options:

Wednesday, November 10th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Central Standard Time

Thursday, November 11th, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Central Standard Time

Friday, November 12th, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Central Standard Time

Copy this link to register for webinar(s):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSey1mPjhLj-t_1xsK5Xtl-mP8B63xYT7fRNaT8OZz84rUcpBA/viewform

Or contact:

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National Exploring Subject Matter Expert

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From Steve Welch, ACC for Sea Scouting: Fun on the water!



SEA SCOUTING

Sept 10-12, 2021 was a fun-filled **Sea Scout weekend** on the water front for the SSS Corsair, SF Maritime Explorer Club (MEC), SSS Viking, MSS Tradewind and SSS Sea Fox at Wente Scout Reservation. Scouts had an opportunity to also participate in **Quarterdeck Training** – a multi-faceted program offered through Sea Scouting.



On Oct 23, Scouts then attended **Safety at Sea**, a Coast Guard training day at Yerba Buena Island where they learned how to launch rocket flares, don survival suits and jumped into the Bay. They also climbed into inflatable life rafts, put out real fires, patched leaks, dewatered, and “played with fire hoses.” Definitely the most fun event to-date for them!

For more information, or for help with forming a Ship or MEC in your area - as some of our Districts do not have a Ship or MEC yet – contact GGAC Commodore Steve Welch who is eager to assist! His number is (415) 269-0790.





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The latest from Steve Conn, ACC for Commissioner Tools

The Functional Roles of Key3 Delegate & COR Delegate Gain Importance

With the debut of Internet Recharter 2.0 on 10/15/21, many of our units need to know how to assign the Functional Role of Key3 Delegate to the person processing the recharter (assuming it is not the Committee Chair nor the Unit Leader). Internet Recharter can be process only by one of the Key3 or a Key3 Delegate. Only one of the original Key3 can assign a Key3 Delegate.

With the advent of GGAC enabling Online Adult Applications, it may be beneficial for the COR to assign the Functional Role of COR Delegate. Online Adult Applications can only be approved by the COR or the COR Delegate. Only the COR can choose and assign the COR Delegate.

With the implementation of the new stricter YPT rule voted in place by the GGAC Board, Unit Key3 or Key3 Delegates may want to assign someone in the Unit to be able to run reports for the current YPT status. Anyone of these Registered Positions or Functional Roles can run a YPT/Training Report: Key3, Key3 Delegate, YPT Champion, & Unit Training Chair. Possibly also the COR Delegate too.

How to assign Functional Roles

- Login to my.scouting.org
- Select the folder for your unit
- Choose Roster
- Choose Position Manager
- Choose Functional Roles
- Add the Adults to the Functional Roles you wish

Good training videos from national - <https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>

The screenshot shows the 'my.Scouting | Organization Manager' interface for Troop 0155 St Joseph Mens Club. The 'Functional Roles' tab is selected, displaying a grid of roles and their assigned individuals:

Registered Positions	Functional Roles	Registration Inquiry (0)
COR Delegate (1/1)	Key 3 Delegate (3/3)	Registration Inquiry (0)
Steve Conn ✓	Steve Conn ✓	ADD +
	Tien Lai Tan ✓	
	John Konglathu ✓	
Unit Advancement Chair (1/1)	Unit Training Chair (1/1)	Youth Protection Champion (1/1)
Tien Lai Tan ✓	Steve Conn ✓	John Konglathu ✓

The left sidebar shows navigation options: Organization Manager, Settings, Unit Pin, Roster, Position Manager (highlighted), and Reports.



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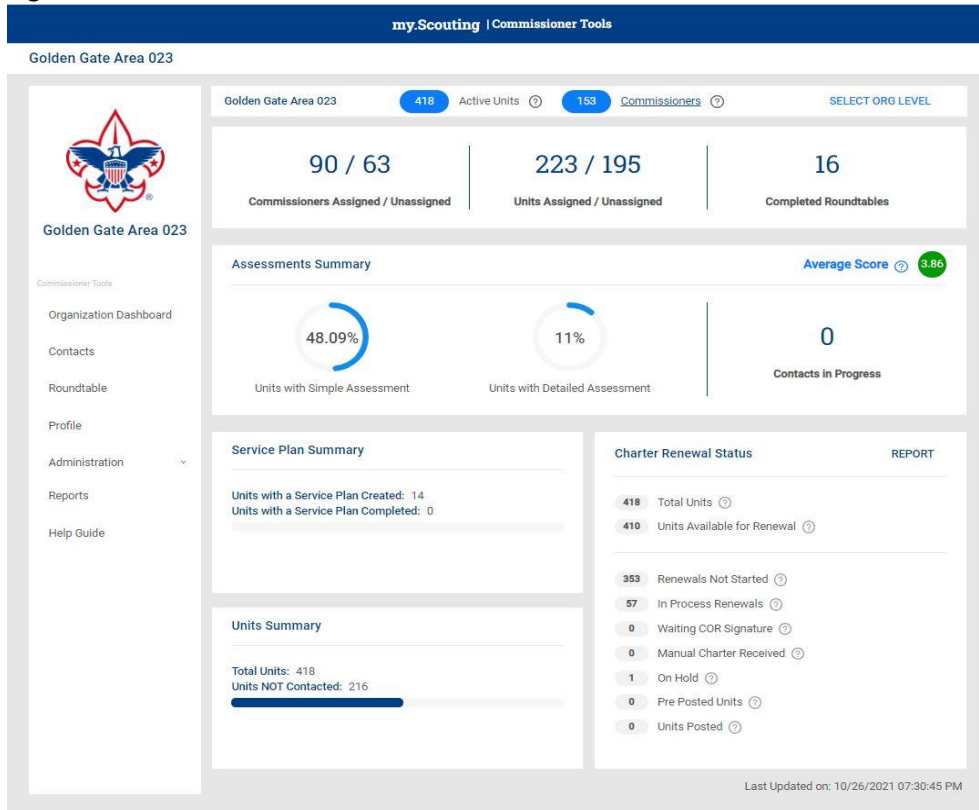


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New Charter Renewal Status Dashboard & Report

With the debut of Internet Recharter 2.0 on 10/15/21, we now have a high-level dashboard and a detailed report of the current status of the units' recharter progress in our Districts.

Login to my.scouting.org and navigate to Commissioner Tools. The dashboard has been added to this page in the lower right corner.



Click on Report to run a detailed listing of the status for each of your units within the recharter process.

Unit	#	Gender	Chartered Org	Expiry Date	Charter Status	Charter Type	Manual Charter Received	Waiting COR Signature
Crew 0176	176		Centerville Presbyterian Church	12/31/2021	Renewal Not Started		No	No
Pack 0020	20	F	Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church	12/31/2021	Renewal Not Started		No	No
Pack 0110	110	F	Pack 110 Parents	12/31/2021	Renewal Not Started		No	No
Pack 0112	112	F	Niles Discovery Church	12/31/2021	Renewal Not Started		No	No
Pack 0119	119	F	ILM Academy	12/31/2021	In Progress	Internet	No	No
Pack 0120	120	F	Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church	12/31/2021	Renewal Not Started		No	No



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News from Flory Dekovic, ACC for Girls in Scouts BSA

The first GGAC **Order of the Arrow (OA) Induction** was held at Camp Herms this October. There were about 80 Ordeal Inductees including Scouts who were elected before the pandemic. Additionally 20 Scouts and Scouters received their “Brotherhood” membership, including many “first” female youth!



The **44th Annual Construction Industry Lunch-O-Ree** was on October 8, 2021 at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square honoring the “Good scout recipient” Bob Alvarado of the Northern California Carpenters’ Council with Eagle Scout **Christine Mlynek** (Troop 402, Lafayette) as a featured speaker. Christine was also the 1st female Eagle in the history of this luncheon to address the 600+ attendees. Emcee and ABC7 News Anchor noted that her exceptional speech was a testimony to Scouting’s gift to our youth. We are sure to hear more from Christine - a founding member of Troop 402 - as she finishes high school and enters college in 2022.



GGAC Scout Executive Mike Hale and Council President Dan Walters with Christine Mlynek



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Rendezvous!

**A very successful all Girls Troops Campout
was on**

October 15 - 17, 2021 at Rancho Los Mochos, Livermore



Troop 402G in Lafayette, CA organized the all GGAC girl troops as they came together for a fun weekend campout. They reserved the largest campsite, Manzanita (300) at Camp RLM in Livermore and had some scout field day events, troop challenges while spending time, sharing ideas, best practices and getting to know each other. We are confident this will become an annual Council event!

Some of the other troops that attended Rendezvous were: Troop 722G, Troop 2019, Troop 42G, Troop 2998, and Troop 2088.

And for news about the awesome number of female troops that attended our 2021 summer Council Camps, SEE NEXT PAGE





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Female Troops at 2021 Summer Camps in-Council (GGAC)

Wente Scout Reservation				Camp Wolfeboro			
District	Troop	Youth	Adults	District	Troop	Youth	Adults
Briones	302G	9	5	Briones	200G	3	2
Briones	405G	2	1	Briones	405G	2	2
Briones	224G	11	3	Briones	402G	38	5
Briones	303G	12	3	Chief Solano	8818G	6	3
Golden Gate	88G	5	2	Diablo Sunrise	22G	5	2
Peralta	202G	10	2	Diablo Sunrise	514G	1	2
Meridian	36G	16	2	Hermes	42G	10	2
Meridian	126G	22	6	Meridian	444G	8	2
Mission Peak	152G	3	2	Twin Valley	2999G	2	2
Silverado	7009G	9	3	Silverado	7062G	3	2
Tres Ranchos	2722G	7	2	TOTAL	10	78	24
Tres Ranchos	2789G	5	2				
Twin Valley	2998G	13	3				
TOTAL	13	124	37	Camp Royaneh			
				District	Troop	Youth	Adults
				Alameda	1015G	9	4
				Golden Gate	343G	4	2
				TOTAL	2	13	6