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SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB, ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, was started in 1989 by Staff Commodore Bob MaGee. In 1991, the AL SCHMIDT MEMORIAL TROPHY name was added to the event along with a trophy that the winners names will be inscribed on.

Staff Commodore Al Schmidt (1976) and Staff Commodore Bob MaGee (1977) were good friends and regular golf players.

ALLEN W. SCHMIDT, 1911 - 1990

Al learned to sail in Chicago, where he was born. He started his career as a professional musician, playing trombone in jazz bands. In 1954 he came to Santa Barbara where he established himself as a printer (he owned Rood Associates Printers) and later opened an advertising agency. Al started out in local waters with his 30 foot Islander sloop, *Gefion*. He was Commodore of the Santa Barbara Seashell Fleet, then became actively involved with the Flattie Fleet and sailed *Hysteria*; later he moved to the Dragon Fleet with *Zeus* and *Wani*. An extremely popular Commodore, Al emphasized the importance of a liaison between the city and the club. He was president of Semana Nautica Association in 1975, vice-president of the Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara, an active member of Rotary, and served on the Santa Barbara airport commission.

ROBERT S. MAGEE, 1923 - 2014

For nineteen years, Bob was the publisher of the *Santa Maria Times* newspaper. His Love of yachting was inherited from his father, commodore of the Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club on Long Island, New York. An ardent sailor, Bob participated in many West Coast races, including the first San Francisco to Ensenada race, San Francisco to Santa Barbara and Newport to Ensenada. In 1974 he was selected by SCYA to represent the Los Angeles area in the Pacific Coast Championship on Sant Francisco Bay. In retirement, he operated Bob MaGee Yacht Sales for many years. During his term as Commodore, many improvements were made to the Yacht Club, not the least was the introduction of dominos – and the first annual dominoes tournament.