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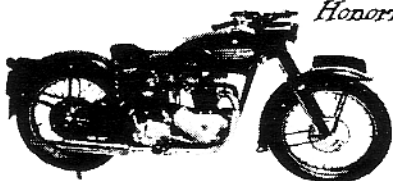
The Newsletter of the  
Northern California Norton Owner's Club

No. 317

April 2005

## XVIII Annual Clubman's All British Weekend

*Honoring Pre-Unit Triumph*



**April 9-10, 2005**

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
San Jose, California

[www.bsacnc.org](http://www.bsacnc.org)

**SATURDAY**

**8 AM - 4 PM**

### SHOW & SWAP MEET

- Open for setup 6:30 am
- Early-Bird Registration Specials, Show, \$15; Swap Meet, \$35
- Early Bird deadline, March 28, 2005 postmark
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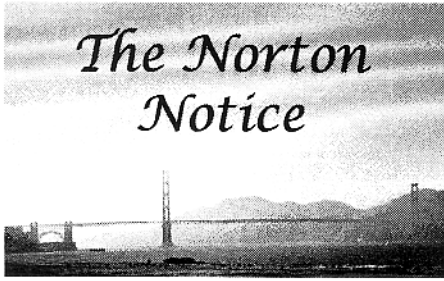
**SUNDAY**

**10 AM**

### "MORNING AFTER" RIDE

- Organized by The Norton Owners Club
- Departs from Baker's Square Restaurant, Highways 9&17, Los Gatos
- For more info, contact: Don Danneier (415) 898-0330

Contact Ray Pallett to help as a ride marshall, etc



is the official publication of the Northern California Norton Owners Club and its sole purpose is to inform and entertain its membership. The Northern California Norton Owners Club is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and use of Norton motorcycles and promotes events and activities twice a month that are open to members and guests of members.

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## NORTON NOTICE

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# Upcoming Events

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## **2005 Meeting Schedule**

### Northern California Norton Owners Club 2005 Meeting Schedule

**April 14th**  
**Harry's Haufbrau**  
**390 Saratoga Ave.**  
**San Jose**  
**408-243-0434**

May

12<sup>th</sup> – Meeting – Harry's Haufbrau – San Mateo

June

9<sup>th</sup> – Meeting – Prince of Wales – (Tentative – Patio?)

July

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ride/Meeting San Juan Bautista - Sunday

August

11<sup>th</sup> – Meeting – Tommy's Joynt S.F.

September

8<sup>th</sup> – Meeting – Harry's Haufbrau – San Mateo

October

2<sup>nd</sup> – Old Timer's Ride and AGM

November

10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting - Harry's Haufbrau – San Mateo

December

4<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)

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## Ride Schedule..

by Gar Jorgenson, ride coordinator

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April

*9<sup>th</sup> – Clubman's Show Booth*

**April 10th – Morning After Ride lead by the NCNOC**

**This year we are leading the Morning After Ride. As usual it will leave at 10 AM from Baker's Square restaurant in Los Gatos and tour the Santa Cruz Mountains. Ray Pallet is the leader and primary planner for this ride. Ray has a good route planned. The Rudge Club and the NCNOC will both be providing sag wagons so you can feel free to ride that unreliable bike you only bring out on special occasions and not feel like you are taking the space reserved for Keith's Norton. If you want to volunteer to be a corner marshal (and get a snazzy orange vest to wear) please give Ray a call at 650-947-9780. This is a great ride that kicks off the Bay Area Riding season, so do not miss it!**

May

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Mt Hamilton. Ride Leader Tom Dabel reports that he will be leading us west to east this year starting from his house in San Jose. Tom asks that you be there by 10:00 AM so that we can leave shortly thereafter. To get to Tom's house, exit I-680 in San Jose on McKee Rd and go east. Turn Left on Toyon and left again on Golf. Turn right on Linda Flora and stop when you get to a bunch of Norton's parked on the east side of the road! Call Tom at 408-272-0369 if you need additional info.**

**The ride will go up the west side of Mt. Hamilton with stops at the observatory and "The Junction". The ride will return to San Jose via Mines Rd and Pleasanton, or you can bail out at "The Junction" and head down into the San Joaquin Valley via Del Puerto Canyon.**

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June

12<sup>th</sup> – North Bay Ride – Sunday

19<sup>th</sup> – Adopt-a-Highway clean up day - Sunday

July

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ride/Meeting – San Juan Bautista - Sunday

13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> - INOA National Rally, Oregon

August

12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> – Dardanelle/ North-South Weekend – Friday through Sunday

13<sup>th</sup> – Alternative Day Ride –Saturday David Crader is going o take us over the mountains to the Ghost Town of Bodie this year, so if you can only make one day of this weekend, this is the day

21<sup>st</sup> – Adopt-a-Highway clean up day - Sunday

September

18<sup>th</sup> – Cameron’s/HMB Ride - Sunday

October

16<sup>th</sup> – Delta Ride – Sunday

November

5<sup>th</sup> – All British Ride - Saturday

27<sup>th</sup> – Adopt-a-Highway clean up day - Sunday

27<sup>th</sup> – Turkey Ride - Sunday

December

4<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)



## **PARTY PARTY PARTY PARTY PARTY**

Art Sirota and Lynda invites the NCNOC to his annual barbecue on June 25 at noon. *Free* food and drinks.

No alcohol or smoking

Hot tub, bring your suits (I don't know about Art, but I would not like to see you guys in the buff. ed.)

Kids welcome

You are encouraged to ride a British Bike.

601 Harrison Avenue, Redwood City 650-363-9277

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Next month will be busy, busy, busy. All Club members are asked to show up at the Clubman's Show and Day After Ride. There is still work to be done on the Club booth and help required to Marshall the Day After Ride. Contact Lorin Guy and Ray Pallett respectively.

I have received a flyer from Bator International announcing the 37th Annual Hanford Vintage Motorcycle show and Swap Meet. This will be held on Saturday, May 21. You can go to: [www.batorinternational.com](http://www.batorinternational.com) or call (805) 646-9566 for informational. Also announced is the date of the El Camino Show in the Los Angeles area to be held on September 24. This is normally the week before the Del Mar Show and races but I have no info on that date, so check it out.

The second printing of the proposed by-law changes is elsewhere in this issue. They will be voted on at the meeting at Harry's Haufbrau in San Jose on the 14th of April. If you want to have any input, be there or be square.

If the rains keep up (damnit) there should be plenty of wildflowers to look at for the Mt. Hamilton Ride in May. It is hoped that the roads will not have been affected. It was interesting to read in the paper that there was a tornado in South San Francisco on Sunday the 20th of March. This is a very rare occurrence and everyone knows that it was not caused by the turbulence from my Model 50.

There continues to be a hot market for Nortons. In the past month I was contacted by three people who wanted to place an ad in the Notice, but all three units were sold before this issue went to press. If you have anything to sell, please let me know and I will place the ad in the Notice and cause it to be in the website also.

Mike Sullivan, Editor

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**President's Message** by Lorin Guy

Whew, what a great start to a riding season we've had, with the Polar Bear ride coming off so well, the Sweetheart ride, the Highway clean up, this last weeks ride to the WALL... we have a really had a great start. Good turn out of riders and great riding weather. I was very please to see a number of "two up" riders this last ride too.

I guess it can be attributed to the great people this club has as members. Everyone dedicated to having a good time and going the extra mile to make sure everyone else does to.

It great to see the number of older, relatively inactive members that have been coming out of the woodwork, it is wonderful. It's great to meet you and hear that so many of you want to get active again.

Our meetings have benefited by being in different locals, if you have not attended they really are a fun evening of camaraderie and Norton banter, as well as some club business.

Our last meeting we discussed the new bylaw changes and some very constructive critiques were discussed. It's wonderful to see people discuss on a truly friendly, helpful way.

Our Big club activity still is in need of volunteers, the INOA international meet in Oregon this July is looking for attendees to offer some time to an event or activity. Not your whole week end but just a few hours to help make this the event of the decade.

We can do it, I'm sure; this club has some of the most innovative and creative minds in INOA. We also have the energy and desire. Send a note to Alan Goldwater if you can help out.

So let get these Nortons out of the garages and on to the roads where they belong! We have a number of really great rides and activities coming. What is it they "ton Up" boys say.... "Be there or be square"....

Lorin Guy

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Ride points leaders as of last month: 4 way tie:  
Harry Bunting, Don Goforth, Ian Reddy, Mike Sullivan

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## Minutes NCNOC meeting 3/10/05

Harry's HoffBrau in San Mateo was the site for the March board meeting and 18 members were in attendance. Harry's is a nice enough place if not hard to find. Nice room off to the side where we can be official and still enjoy some privacy for the joyfulness. Seems the street recommended as a freeway turnoff does not really exist as a turnoff but this small error on the part of Yahoo Maps is a costly time mistake. If you follow their map you end up going over the San Mateo Bridge all the way to the other side, paying the toll and driving all the way back. Caltrans could put a "Last Exit" sign, which would be helpful. But... I'm sure I was not the only one who made this error.

Lorin Guy, President, allowing for some lost souls to get in the door before we pulled it shut, called the meeting to order approx 8:15.

### Past Business:

The first order of business was to except the past minutes as they stand in the Notice and it was so voted.

### Bylaws proposal:

The proposed change in bylaws was discussed and Lorin Guy heard all opinions after an opening statement. It was proposed by Jerry Granger, Vice President, that because of the up coming Clubman show, the club temporarily accept the changes as purposed so that the club can offer memberships to non-owning Norton enthusiasts. The proposal was so voted.

In addition Ray Pallet, Treasurer, stated that club membership is on the decline and has been over the past few years and if it declines at the current rate membership will stand at about 5 members in 10 years.

### *Editorial moment:*

**It is in light of declining membership and statements by some prospective members that these changes have been brought**

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**about. They are to help ensure the continued existence of the NCNOC and offer of a friendlier face and a more inviting purpose statement. The club needs to look 5 and 10 years down the line to find what is best for the club and the marque. It is a fact that as these bikes disappear so does the number of owners and enthusiasts. We need to open our doors and our club to insure its existence. Please read the new purposed changes and come the next meeting.**

Events:

Ride committee members (not in attendance)

Rides were discussed and Dave Crader talked about his ride "The WALL" on March 12, 2005.

Ray Pallet talked about the morning after ride on April 10th. This is the ride NCNOC is sponsoring after the CLUBMAN show. Volunteers are needed to ride as marshals and to help man specific turns. Contact Ray. Velloctette club in providing a chase truck.

Clubman show, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed by BSA Club to help man the doors and act as judges for some specific classes in the show. If you can spare a few hours please contact Lorin Guy or BSA clubs Jim Tomich (408) 377.9457

Again we are asked to provide a Norton Award for the event. Volunteers are also needed to man the NCNOC booth, please contact Gar Jorgenson.

INOA International Rally: No rep was present, but President Lorin Guy again called for volunteers to help at the event. Just a few hours of your time while in Oregon can help make this event great fun for all, Contact Alan Goldwater for more details. Kathryn Guy and Yvonne Ready are planning the family events; contact them if you have any ideas or comments.

New business:

to see more of you at the next meeting.

Respectfully

Kathryn Guy

Temporary notes taker.

Mar 13 NCNOC Ride Report by David Crader

## **The Wall**

I wasn't sure if anyone was going to show up for this, but for me it looked like a pretty good ride after seeing the general idea on Pashnit. Leaving my house in Brentwood at 8:30am I took Marsh Creek Rd to Clayton. This winding road through the hills between the delta area and Concord is probably at it's greenest time of year. I really enjoy California oak grassland esthetics when all is this color.

At 9:30 I was surprised to see several members already in the parking lot.

Thank all of you: Don Goforth on a 74 Commando, George & Sachi Shoblo on a '75 Commando, Lorin & Kathryn Guy on a 70 Commando Type S, Ray Pallet on a 73 Commando 850,

Phil Horton on a 70 Commando Fastback , Leo Christianson on a 73 Commando, Mike Sullivan on a 71 Commando, Keith Karn on a 75 Commando, Frank & Elizabeth Recoder on a 75 Aluminum Fastback, Carollyn Scott - 2001 Triumph , Me on a 72 Commando Fastback, Terry Morrison on a 74 BMW R90/6, Jerry Grainger on a 72 Commando

From the start at the Sunrise Mall in Concord we took some city streets getting out of residences on Reliez Valley Road to Alhambra Road. The back areas are what Nortons are good for and George and Sachi gave into the call passing me up once out of town. Twisting uphill through the country dwellings of the eastern Berkeley hills the scenery changes from grassland to redwoods then to the eucalyptus woods as we passed the first parts of Tilden Park. Although the temperature was getting just a little cooler, it wasn't uncomfortable as we kept climbing above the Cal Berkeley campus. Keith Karn was waiting for us at the wall, waiving the group in. The usual bench racing went on for 30-45 minutes then goup headed off

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for some lunch. For me this was all I had planned for this ride. My son was taking a drivers class and I needed to pick him up. For those of you that went on to lunch, you can pick up the story from here.

Keith Karn led us to "The Lanesplitter" on the Oakland/Berkeley border for some sustenance. When we got there the place was empty and the thought was "uh-oh What have we let ourselves in for?" As it turned out the food and liquid refreshment was quite good, well worth the stop. Arranged over the doorwat are three bikes, one a rare Ducati 500cc twin.

Terry Morrison has been joining us at the last few club meetings and is eager for find a '75 Interstate, electric start. He's very enthusiastic about Nortons, so if anyone has a lead on a good machine for sale get in touch.

I'm sure Terry will be at the Clubmans in April.



*The view at "The Wall"*

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Second Printing: To be discussed and voted on at the next meeting

*Proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Norton Owners Club of Northern California ("the Club")*

*The official Bylaws of the Club can be seen on the Club's web site <http://NortonClub.com>*

*February 19, 2005*

*To change the wording of section: II Objects*

*The old wording:*

II. Objects ; The objects of the Club shall be the promotion, encouragement and development of motorcycle sport and activities and the use of the Norton motorcycle therein.

*To read:*

The object of the club shall be to promote and encourage the preservation, restoration, use and development of Norton motorcycles in sporting activities, events and rides.

*To Change the wording of Section: III Membership, first section*

*The old wording:*

III. Membership A. It shall be a requirement for regular membership in the Club that the candidate shall at the time of application or renewal, own a motorcycle commonly known as a Norton. The term "Norton" shall include motorcycles with either the engine or frame being of Norton manufacture. This requirement shall be waived under special circumstances only by vote of the Executive Committee.

*To read:*

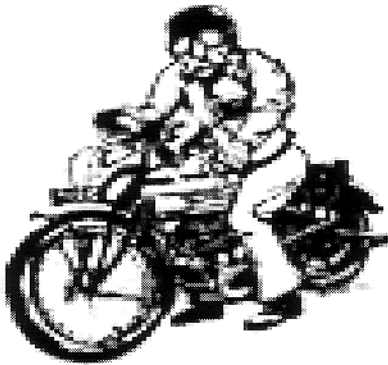
Membership in the Club shall be open to all British motorcycle enthusiasts. It shall not be a requirement for regular membership in the club that the candidate own a Norton motorcycle.

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*The description of what we believe to be a Norton motorcycle should be moved from section III Membership to the second paragraph of section I,*

*To read:*

The term "Norton" shall include motorcycles with at least either the engine or frame being originally designed and manufactured as a Norton, by Norton Motors Ltd. and its predecessors and successors in the United Kingdom, or by Norton Motorsports Inc. in the United States.



*Pappy asks:* When is it time to replace your isolastics? Do they ever wear out? Do they work harden with age?

Knowledgeable answers will be printed in next month's Notice

HIGHWAY Clean -up days are really PICKING UP

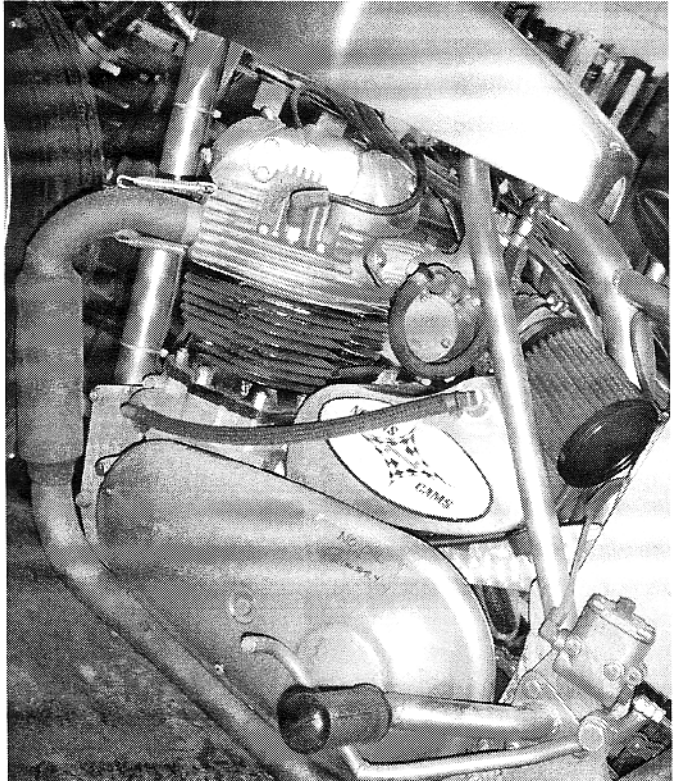
The weather was kind and the trash was ready for the NONOC on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>. The club met at the corners of highways 35 and 84 to again embark on the task of making our favorite road a thing of beauty. We started a few minutes early, as the traffic at Alice's was overwhelming, truly the unofficial "opening day" of a good season to come.

About 300 bikes and three car clubs were milling about trading stories and checking out the classics on this sunny morning. Mopars' in abundance as well as Classic Chevy's and even a few Ferrari. The Mazda club drove bye offering a toot as they headed down 84 to the coast. One Deloren gathered a crowd as they are getting

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### *Highway Clean-up continued from page 13*

pretty rare these days. Motorcycles of every make and color were there too including one very cool restored Sear/Puch, smoke riders will live on forever!

Club members Mike Sullivan, Don Goforth, John Maka and Ray Pallett headed north as Kathryn Guy, Gar Jorgenson and his wife Louise (yes she does exist) headed south followed by Len Iostey. Jerry Grainger, Alan Goldwater and Don Goforth did the lower area. Frank and Elizabeth Recoder arrived to help do the parking lot. Tom Dabel (still nursing his sore foot and ribs) and Liz Sain helped Lorin Guy man the sign in table and helped with the hot coffee, fresh strawberries and pastry sweeties. Todd Darrow stopped buy on his Norton to say "Hey" as well as a couple of old members who are getting active again. We were able to gather a load of trash and make the area spic and span. One BMW riders stopped by to add a compliment to our efforts saying that all the clubs should do this, and added flattering remarks on the NCNOC for their efforts.

In conclusion it was again a success event and a wonderful morning spent with a good effort and wonderful people.

Thank you all..

Lorin Guy



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**FOR SALE: 1971 Commando Roadster. Engine by Ken Armann. single Mikuni. Original carbs included. Sealed battery from Frank Recoder. New rear tire, front tire 80%. Boyer. Easy starter and good runner. \$4000 or best offer. Mike Sullivan 650-872-3336**

## OTHER RIDES

## BSAOCNC 2005 MidState Ride

Starting from the Black Bear Diner at Hwy 1 and Rio Road just south of Carmel, CA at 9:30 AM on Saturday, April 2. Be sure to have your drivers license, registration, and insurance card easily available in order to enter the Hunter Liggett military base. Lunch is again at the Hacienda Restaurant on Hunter Liggett.

Saturday night "Dinner and Cheer" is at the popular Otter Creek Cafe and Bar on the Morro Bay waterfront. Same place for Sunday breakfast. The Ascot Inn is again holding 12 rooms for Saturday night until March 15. Code is 'BSA 05' for a 20% discount for the rooms. Regular prices are from \$89.00 so you're in for about \$71 bux. Cheaper at Motel 6 but you are about a mile away from the group. After the spitted ride in the beautiful green hills we'll return to Carmel on Sunday afternoon. No charge for the ride and maps will be furnished. Contact Frank Forster 831-688-2120  
frankforster@earthlink.net

**THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NORTON OWNERS CLUB**

Membership Application

The Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC) was started in San Francisco in the early 1970's, and grew geographically larger to become the Northern California Club.

Club membership is technically limited to Norton owners, but we look the other way all the time, at least as long as you would like to have a Norton, own other British bikes, or are just a great person to have around. So if you like to ride, repair, eat, drink, be merry, and admire Norton motorcycles, it will cost you \$20 to join.

The club has monthly rides (sometimes more often), monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month (at rotating venues), an award winning monthly newsletter, and a Website.

If you would like to learn more about your Norton and how to take care of it, would like to buy a Norton, or just want to have a good time with other Club members, join now!

The NCNOC maintains a relationship with the U.S. Norton Owners Association (USNOA, also known as the International Norton Owners Association, or INOA) as well as the original Club in England. Our club secretary will tell you how to join the UK organization, if you have an interest.

The USNOA/INOA puts on a North American Rally each year and publishes a fine quarterly magazine called the *Norton News*. This gives you access to national want-ads and to Norton merchants all over the country who advertise in the News. You also get the national membership list. It is well worth joining and will cost you another \$25. Send that to: **Dian Slark, 12603 BelAire Circle, McCalla, AL., 35111...Phone (205)477-7780.**

We look forward to seeing you and your Norton out on the high road.

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**MOTORCYCLES OWNED**

Make	Year	Model	Engine/Frame/Plate Numbers
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\_\_\_\_\_ Attach another sheet if you want to list more.

I hereby apply for membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC). This is a \_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_\_ renewal application.

The undersigned applicant certifies that he or she is a legal resident of the US over the age of 18, has a valid motorcycle driver's license, and will use legally required safety equipment in connection with club activities. Participant does hereby execute this release, waiver, and indemnification for himself or herself and his or hers, successors, representatives, and assigns, and hereby agrees and represents as follows: To release the Northern California Norton Owners Club ("the Club") and its officers, agents and members from any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims, and/or cause of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the club's activities, it being specifically understood that such activities include the operation and use by applicant and others of motorcycles. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify the club and its officers, agents, and members and hold them harmless for the results of the undersigned's participation in those activities. This indemnification shall include attorney's fees incurred in defending any claim or judgement and incurred in the negotiation of any settlement. It is understood and agreed that the undersigned shall have the opportunity to consent to any settlement; provided, however, that such consent shall not be reasonably withheld.

I have read and agree to the additional terms and conditions set forth on all parts of this application. Other affiliated clubs and organizations are also represented and protected by this release.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Send all applications or inquiries to:  
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