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"Paul"
Pasquale Silvester

Account No. 502

NAME

Locker No. 287

Proposed by *Mm. Giovanni*

Occupation *cleaning Business*

Age 21 *Mass*

Seconded by *Ray Schinkel*

Business Address *2309 Bryant St.*

Elected *Aug. 13, 1930*

Suspended

Re-instated

Residence Address *168^a 29th St*

Resigned

Died

4/6/2006

Remarks *Swimmer Dolphin & Swim*

age 97

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PAUL SILVESTER
2876 - 25TH ST.
S.F., CA 94110
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Paul Silvester

Passed away on April 6, 2006 in Santa Rosa.

Devoted husband of the late Charlotte Silvester. Cherished father of Dennis (Judy) Silvester of Penngrove and Gary (Susan) Silvester of Rohnert Park. Beloved grandfather of Susan (Paul) Wise, Shery Silvester, Michelle Hickman, Matthew Silvester, Nicole Silvester and the late Stacey Wheeler. Adored great-grandfather of Jacquelyn Silvester, Danielle Wheeler, Jacob and Ryan Wise, and Victoria Rose Hickman. Predeceased by a brother and a sister. Survived by several nieces and nephews.

Age 97. A native of Lawrence, MA. Paul was the oldest living member of the Dolphin Club of San Francisco. He enjoyed golfing, swimming, bowling and fishing.

Friends and family are invited to attend the Visitation, Thursday, April 27, 2006 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., with a Vigil Service at 7:00 P.M. at the PARENT-SORENSEN MORTUARY & CREMATORY, 850 Keokuk St., Petaluma, CA. Private Cryptside service, Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma, CA.

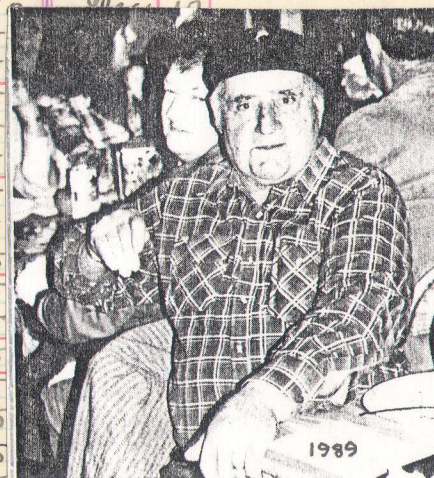
Four Dolphins In Gate Swim

Aug 11 '35

Four members of the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, in training for that organization's annual Golden Gate swim Sunday, August 25, yesterday made the crossing from Fort Point to the rock at Lime point.

Dick Rittger was the speediest of the group and, aided by a favoring tide, made the trip in exactly 24 minutes. A half minute later Paul Silvester touched the finish line, followed by William Perry, who was clocked in 26 minutes, and Lloyd Rickman, timed in 28 minutes.

It was the thirty-seventh time that Rickman had swum the Gate.



Paul Silvester joined the Club in 1930 and was part of the evening's festivities.



Golden Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Charlotte Silvester.
September 4, 1940 - September 8, 1990

SILVESTER, Charlotte C. (Dolly) — At rest July 24, 1993; beloved wife of Paul; loving mother of Dennis and Gary; idolized grandmother of Susan Martinez, Sherry, Stacey, Michelle, Matthew and Nicole; great-grandmother of Jacquelyn; loving mother-in-law of Judy and Susan Silvester; and survived by many nieces and nephews; a member of St. Anne's Confraternity of St. Peter's & E. Mission Improvement Assoc. Funeral on Tuesday, July 27th at 10AM from DRISCOLL'S MORTUARY CHAPEL, 1096 So. Van Ness ave at 22nd St. thence to St. Peter's Church where a Funeral Mass will be offered at 10:30AM. Committal, Holy Cross Cemetery. Vigil, 7:30PM, Monday. Spiritual Bouquets preferred.

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OBITUARIES

Paul Silvester

Paul Silvester, 97, was the oldest living member of the historic Dolphin Club of San Francisco, and set some records during his day swimming the bay.

Silvester died April 6 at a nursing home in Santa Rosa following a bout with pneumonia, said his daughter-in-law, Judy Silvester of Penn Grove.

Newspaper clippings from 1937 show Silvester was the

first man to swim the six miles from Sausalito to the Dolphin Club in Aquatic Park, said club historian Walt Schneebeli. Silvester did the difficult swim in about three hours.

The Dolphin Club was founded in 1877. Members swim in the chilly bay waters, often participating in lengthy bay swims.

Silvester, described as short, stout and strong, swam every day into his 80s.

He stopped swimming after he moved from San Francisco to Sonoma County after the death of his wife, Charlotte. They'd been married just over 50 years.

"He was very active, always on the go," Judy Silvester said.

Paul Silvester was born in Lawrence, Mass. His family moved briefly to Italy and then came to California when he was a young boy.

They settled in San Francisco where his father started a tailor and dry cleaning business. Silvester eventually took over the business and ran it until his retirement in about 1990.

Silvester loved swimming. He joined the Dolphin Club in 1930 at the age of 22, according to club records.

As well as the Sausalito swim, Silvester's aquatic accomplishments included swimming around Alcatraz Island in

1954 and many times under the Golden Gate Bridge, members said.

"He really enjoyed it," said Schneebeli, a 58-year club member.

Silvester also bowled once a week and played golf twice a week, bringing in high bowling scores and impressively low golfing scores, Judy Silvester said.

RESIDENCE AND

And Paul Silvester loved fishing and was known for fishing off of the Dolphin Club pier.

"As you'd swim by, he would make some kind of stroke correction for you," said 27-year member Don Harrison. "Everybody loved him. He was a good guy."

"He was the only man we ever knew that caught a lobster in the San Francisco Bay," Schneebeli said. It was another feat that made the local paper.

"He was a wonderful father," Gary Silvester said.

As well as his son, Gary Silvester of Rohnert Park, he is survived by son Dennis Silvester of Penn Grove, five grandchildren

and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, 3-8 p.m. at Parent Sorensen Mortuary. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary.

Cryptside services will be private at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity or hospice of choice, family members said.

—Randi Rossmann

Locker No. 287

Age



Paul Silvester

SIX-MILE SWIM IN SPEEDY TIME

A new chapter in San Francisco Bay aquatic history was written in foamy letters yesterday as Paul Silvestri successfully completed a six-mile swim from the Sausalito ferry slip to the San Francisco shore.

First man to make the difficult crossing, Silvestri finished fresh at the Dolphin Club pier in Aquatic Cove after being in the water two hours and 55 minutes.

1937

Dolphin Clubbers Swim Around Alcatraz Island

Paul Silvester, 46, and Chuck Pruett, 20, swam from Aquatic Park around Alcatraz Island and back yesterday morning in what is believed to be the second and third such trips in history. Pruett was timed in three hours and two minutes, Silvester in 3:12.

The only other person known to swim around the island and return to his starting point is Bert Capps of the South End Rowing Club.

The Dolphin clubbers, who were accompanied in a boat handled by Frank Adams, Bob Holberg and Joe Mares, encountered a strong tide beyond the island, slowing their progress. The sea during the swim that began at 6:05 a.m. was calm. The temperature was 60 degrees.

9-5-1954

Cold Stops Ortlip in Bay Swim

By SYD RUSSELL

Numb and blue from San Francisco Bay's 53 degree water, Glenda Ortlip, 18 year old endurance swimmer, halted her attempt to swim from Sausalito to Aquatic Park yesterday afternoon after she had swum four of the five miles.

It was the first failure for Glenda, who holds several distance records.

She entered the water at 11:10 a.m. and was hauled aboard her pilot boat two hours and ten minutes later by Coach Mark (Buck) Graham and Trainers Bob Neilsen and Joe Weiss.

Strong currents forced her off course toward the Golden Gate Bridge. Glenda never mentioned quitting, but Graham ordered his charge out of the water.

Only Paul Silvestri ever completed the route that Glenda attempted yesterday. In 1937, the Dolphin Club swimmer negotiated the distance in two hours and fifty-five minutes.

Originally, Glenda had planned to swim from the St. Francis Yacht Club to and around Angel Island and then over to Aquatic Park. The Sausalito swim was substituted because it presented better tidal conditions.

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Dolphin Club to Honor Old-Timers Tomorrow

By George F. Lineer

Jimmy Cronin's clarion cry, "Once a Dolphin always a Dolphin," will ring through the Dolphin Club's quarters tomorrow night, where 69 oldsters, each with at least 25 years' membership in this swimming and boating club, will gather to pay homage to veteran members. The entire evening will not be devoted to oldsters, as 30 new members, some still in their teens, will be inducted.

Heading the list of oldsters will be the redoubtable and still effervescent, 87-year-old Jimmy Cronin, a member of the Dolphins for 64 years, who still takes his daily swim in the bay. Next in line, in years of service, is Joe Keenan, industrialist, a noted oarsman more than 50 years ago. Joe has been a member

for 63 years. Dr. A. W. Ward has a record of 61 years in the Dolphin Club. Pete Freudenberger has 57 years to his credit.

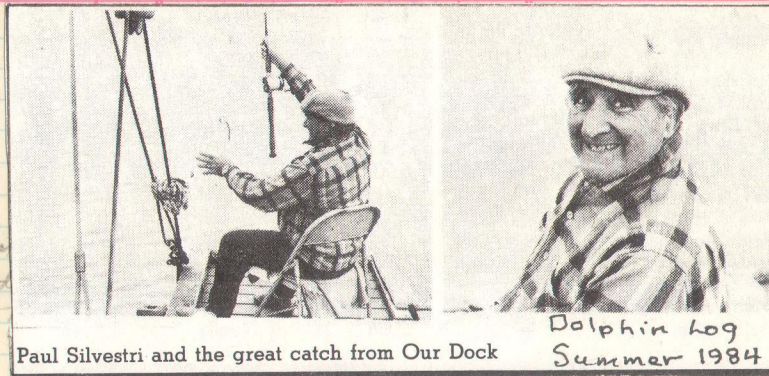
Among the others to be honored for loyalty and long membership are: Pat Flynn, Dave Crowley, Hector Guntini, Romeo Rocca, Jerome White, Tom Castberg, Henry Kanter and Ralph McKay. All of these last-named have been members for 45 years or more.

Life-membership certificates will be bestowed on the following Dolphins for deeds of valor in the field of sport and unflagging support of the promotional programs that has kept the club flourishing these many years: Virgil Anderson, Andy Dunne, Joe Gelardi, Jim Fitzpatrick, Paul Silvester and Tim O'Shea. Oct 15, 1955

Sixteen times the conqueror of the Golden Gate, Paul Silvester, Dolphin Club swimmer and pride of all his friends at 21st and Bryant, set up a new mark for aquatic greats to point at Sunday when he completed a six-mile swim from the Sausalito ferry slip to the San Francisco shore.

Silvester is the first and only man to make the crossing, but he finished strong and fresh at the Dolphin Club pier after being in the water just five minutes less than three hours.

1937



Paul Silvester and the great catch from Our Dock

Dolphin Log
Summer 1984

PAUL SYLVESTER 1913-2006 (Joined 8/13/1930)

The club's oldest member and the only Diamond Dolphin (75 years) passed away on April 6, 2006 aged 97. He had been a member of the club since 1930. Paul, who ran a cleaning service for most of his life, enjoyed golf, swimming, bowling and fishing. In 1937, he was the first person to swim the six miles from Sausalito to Aquatic Park. It took him nearly three hours. The newspaper reports at the time said that his friends claim he trains by sleeping in a bathtub full of cold water. At 46, he was only the second swimmer, accompanied by Chuck Pruett, to swim from the club, around Alcatraz, and back. That was in 1954 when the island was still a prison. Most 'phins will remember Paul best as the fisherman who spent many hours sitting on a chair, fishing from the end of the pier. "As you swam by, he would make some kind of stroke correction for you," says Don Harrison. "Everybody loved him." And, says Walt Schneebeli, "He was the only man we ever knew who caught a lobster in San Francisco Bay."