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On the Cover

Baskin's Beach – see last page of this issue for article by Beverley Brown

Top photo: This was taken when Tom Fuller paid a surprise visit to Baskin's in uniform early in the war. On the beach are Al Goffin, Tom Fuller, David Kirby and Ben Cook. The two children are Bruce Kirby (sitting) and Blair Cook.

Bottom two photos:

Cruise Weekend at Baskin's
Photo 1: (lower left) 1941 - See last page of this issue
Photo 2 (lower right): 1950 - Rod Miller, Bernie Reid, D.P. Kirby and Heli Waldon cooking supper

Commodore's Report

by Konrad Lewinski

We have seen a successful launch and summer conditions have kicked. Water levels are at historic lows, so studying charts for cruising and racing is mandatory this summer.

Your board of directors has seen some realignment to strengthen our board of directors in making decisions on your behalf. Mark Korchinski has taken on the important portfolio of Membership and Marketing and David Burke has joined our board as Honorary Secretary.

The Membership and Marketing portfolio has been vacant for too long a period of time, and so this new line up provides Mark the fresh opportunity to take on this key portfolio. David was ratified as Honorary Secretary at the July board meeting, and we look forward to having his fresh perspective on our board. David's bio is found on the web site at <http://byc.ca/about-byc/officers.html>

Our new accounting system is up and running and providing the needed reports for the board to better understand the business of our club. The imposition of the HST by the provincial government will cause our members pain for the coming year, since memberships were not subject to the 8% PST in the past. Bill Lumsdon our Honorary Treasurer will update you in a separate communiqué on the resultant burden. In general, our operations are running well, with most costs in line with our reduced budget. We have made progress on

filling the empty slips in the harbour, and our challenge now is to increase membership, two revenue sources that are required to provide the current and future boards with added financial flexibility. We have received valuable "on air" publicity from the *Rock the Dock* Auction and Easter Seals Regatta with CTV News stories and my interview July 18 on CFRA's Outdoor Experience. Paul Moore, our General Manager, was also interviewed on CFRA on July 23 about the low water levels for boaters. CTV also covered our Open House last May and came aboard *Abracadabra*.

Our efforts to find outside events (weddings, business meetings, parties) last year and this year have been more than successful, with a steady stream of revenue from rentals and food and beverage sales exceeding budget so far this year.

We have purchased four new boats for the Junior Learn to Sail program and found the money to purchase two new coach boats. We have had significant improvements to our house: with the help of the Ancient Mariners' fundraising, we were able to invest in a new furnace and central air conditioning system in the Sunset Room and Bruce Neuk just before the heat wave hit. Additional donations from generous members have allowed us to not only replace the carpeting in the upper lounge but to refurbish the washrooms on the upper deck. Two major projects, the 12,000 lb capacity crane and hydraulic trailer are well into detailed engineering and planning for installation as capital funds and permits are obtained from the NCC for the leased lands. The replacement of windows on the East side of the upper deck and West side of the lower deck are also being planned. We have received quotations for the eavestroughing to stop

further damages to the stucco on the clubhouse. Renovation of the stucco is also being planned for early in the new fiscal year. In addition to this, your Rear Commodore has also found the time to revive the longstanding authorization from the membership to establish an independent endowment vehicle for the Sherwood and Marshall and in the future, additional member bequests. This new not-for-profit corporation will operate as an organization to review requests from the BYC board of directors and provide needed funds based on the restrictions (if any) that accompany the donation. A final draft is now in circulation, and a Special General Meeting will be called once the board has recommended the by-law of this corporation and interim officers and directors for ratification by the membership.

Our racers, junior and senior, are bringing glory to our club. The tennis courts are again being utilized and with the fine weather, more and more members are enjoying our club's unequalled vistas of the Ottawa River. I'd like to thank Clark Cada for his generosity in volunteering time and funding for providing a continental breakfast for the swimmers competing in the NSC to BYC swim at this year's Easter Seals Regatta, serving over 180 swimmers and their supporters. I hope you all share my enthusiasm for the volunteer efforts being expended on your behalf. I'm looking forward to another successful National Capital Regatta chaired by Lynn DeL'orme in August, and encourage all members to volunteer their time to make it another great success.

These are exciting times to be your Commodore and a member of the board of directors! See you at the club and on the water!

What's going on in the Harbour?

by Phil Moorman,
Vice Commodore

Boat Handling Project

The project has been approved by the board of directors. A consulting engineering firm has been contracted and has begun inspecting the site and will make a report to the project team shortly. Applications into the NCC have been made; approval is required before we can begin construction of the crane base.

Gas docks

You will notice that we are upgrading the gas dock area including relocating the fresh water service to a spot at the wishing well and installing a 2-way radio at the gas dock so that members can call yard staff when they need fuel. Please remember that docking your boat at the gas dock (red painted boards) should be for no more than 15 minutes to allow others to access the facilities.

Safety Concerns

This year has seen a significant focus on safety in the harbour, a continuation of the good work of our former Safety Officer Kevin. I would like to encourage all of you to keep safe and to help identify safety issues. If you see something that is clearly unsafe please contact either Paul Moore or Andrew Furey immediately. If you are unsure about a safety issue please contact Joe Courtney who can check it out with you. Many thanks, keep safe!

Bun racks

We have been building new bun racks for your tenders this summer. Several more will be built and distributed around the harbour as funds allow. Please feel free to use them.

Derelict boats

Boats that have been abandoned are being identified and relocated to the back of the harbour. In due course they will be disposed of. If you have knowledge of any of these boats, please contact Andrew Furey.

Youth @ BYC

by Marc Charbonneau
Youth Director

Summer is really here! Just look across the harbour and you will see many active 'youth @ BYC'! Four new sailboats and two new inflatable safety boats have been added to the revamped fleet and will greatly enhance our commitment to maintaining BYC as a center for sailing excellence in a harbour of choice. Our team of instructors include: Alana Riordan; Head Coach and Silver Sail, Rob Frost; High Performance Team (HPT) coach, Tom Arbuckle and Anders Hagglund; Bronze coaches, Jennifer Fuller and Michelle Martin; White Sail 3, Taylor Cada and Jen Welcher - White Sail 1 and 2. Christopher Brennan completes the group of qualified instructors.

On behalf of Youth @ BYC, I would like to recognize all our volunteers. Sincere thanks go out to the Foys (Denny, David and Shane), the Pilsworth, Martin and Hayes families, Steve Glover, Jim Jilesen, Bryan Johnson, Janet Ferguson, Biron Boucher, Mary Hefford, Al Malo and Wendy Smith. These members volunteered their time and energy to upgrade the Optis, Squadrons and 420 fleets. I also take this opportunity to thank our manager Paul Moore and his staff for their continued efforts.

The **BYC High Performance Team** (single and double handed fleets) are well into their race season. At the **Ice Breaker Regatta**, Shawn Kayser and Ryan O'Donnell were 1st in the 29^{er} fleet. At the **Lilac Regatta** (Hamilton) the BYC 29^{ers} scored well with Joel Riordan and Matt Soosalu in 4th, Olivia and Zach Rubens 5th, Shawn Kayser and Ryan O'Donnell 8th. Joel Riordan and Matt Soosalu finished 2nd at **Sailfest Sarnia** and 5th at the **29er Canadians** in Kingston.



No speeding! No wake! Right of way going out of Harbour

Please respect the 3 knots speed limit in the harbour and give way to boats leaving the harbour. Summer is here and the number of dinghies in the harbour are increasing. Please give them extra space when you are entering or leaving the harbour.

At the **Canadian Youth Championships**, the 29er team had an outstanding performance with Riordan/Soosalu 2nd, Kayser/O'Donnell 7th and the Rubens 10th. In the Laser under 17 fleet, Francis Guiton, Jesse Lee Vokaty and Mitchell MacDonald were 7th, 8th and 9th. Three in the top ten in both fleets! The season wraps up with our own **National Capital Regatta** - Ottawa - August 14-15 and **CORK and 29^{er} North Americans** in Kingston August 16-19.

Crazy Ivan won the Shark North American Championships in Kingston July 31 to August 2. All three (David Foy, Jamie Foy and David O'Sullivan) are graduates of the BYC youth program.



The Building of the Spectacular Harbour

by John W. Bienko

Longing to be Closer to the Wind, the Sun, and the Sea.
Spiritually at Latitude 21 degrees 19 minutes North:
Longitude 157 degrees 56 minutes West

Many years ago the entrance to the harbour at the Britannia Yacht Club was blasted out of solid rock by Reg Bruce and Tom Fuller by igniting explosives fabricated from potassium nitrate. Today that same narrow harbour mouth is protected by two brass cannons. Commodore Simon Fuller and the Harbour Committee installed them for ceremonial and decorative purposes to attract visitors to the club, not to deter them. Enterprising planners and builders constructed the rock walls of the impressive harbour by the hand labour of volunteers. A brass plaque on the lagoon wall commemorates this outstanding achievement for future generations of members.

The Magnificent Sail Training Vessel "Black Jack"

Simon Fuller supervised the restoration of Black Jack and was honoured with 2 antique awards in 1984. The cannons serve to complement the incredible beauty of the Sail Training Vessel (S.T.V.) "Black Jack", a magnificent brigantine moored on the side of the harbour opposite the clubhouse. The Bytown Brigantine Inc. foundation provides adventure, education, training and challenges that develop character, leadership and self reliance in young people in the exciting and demanding environment of a sail training vessel. Her tall mainmast reaches 78 feet into the clouds. She carries 3000 square feet of working canvas and is rigged in the honourable traditions of square rigged sailing vessels. The vessel is fitted out with VHF radios, radar, loran C, life raft and other safety equipment. The brass work, pine interior, oil lamps and a wood stove give it a traditional flavour.

This ship was built in Scotland in 1904 as a steam tug. The vessel hauled logs for the Upper Ottawa Improvement Company for almost 50 years. From that humble genesis the ship was converted into an 87 foot Hermaphrodite Brig by Captain Thomas G. Fuller in 1952. His life and extraordinary military exploits have become legendary. It is a truly wonderful experience to see this venerable old man of the sea, with handsome beard, recounting, in the fashion of Ernest Hemingway, the many exciting stories about this historic club and its pioneering men and women.

Dedicated and Skilled Craftsmen

Art aficionados will be impressed by the immense sailing mural painted on the wall of a cement block building next to the parking lot. But if they swing open the doors of the non-descript shed they will be overwhelmed by the sights and smells of the lovely antique wooden boats inside. There, dedicated and skilled craftsmen are busy restoring the beautiful hulls of old wooden skiffs, precious launches and priceless Dragon class sailboats

More of the BYC - The Legend and the Legacy Series by John Bienko will be published in future Full&By brief newsletters.



Sailing news

by Rob Braden, Fleet Captain

Unbelievably good summer sailing weather! That's what this year is all about. Sunshine, warm weather **and** wind! Rare combination.

On the results front there is good news to report. Joel Riordan and Matthew Soosalu placed 2nd overall of 20 boats and 1st in the 18 and under category in the recent Sailfest Sarnia 29^{er} regatta. Rob Hemming placed 3rd overall in lasers at the same regatta. Joel and Matthew placed 2nd in the Youth Nationals at NSC.

At the Capital City Shark regatta held here at BYC, Crazy Ivan, once again, captured 1st place honours. Many other local boats did very well, some better than they expected (count me in that group). The regatta came off very well, good food, good company, excellent wind, and a first rate job done by our RC, led by Chris Jalkotzy. If you see George Clayburn around the club, give him a pat on the back for a job well done as Chair of the regatta. Of course he had help from the many volunteers and our club manager Paul Moore, who all stepped up to the plate when asked. Thank you. You made BYC look good and the members feel proud of their club.

Easter Seals was a big success overall. They raised \$55,000.00 through sponsorship and programs like the auction, sailing rally and dinner. Thank you to all who helped from the BYC end. It is important for our club to carry on with a social responsibility cause.

Many thanks to Bob Sunday who took over as the Cruising Rep. His ever present smile and positive attitude made for a good cruise week.

Quyon was a drifter this year, with not even a single boat finishing upriver, but that didn't stop anyone from enjoying the event and the evening. There should be a prize for Halcyon who hung on the longest. They emerged from the narrows and could see the finish line, but couldn't get there.

Fighting current and a mutiny they retired after 11:00 p.m. That's a long day to put in without a result.

Our lake is a busy lake this year. The Canadian Youth Sailing Championships was hosted by our compatriots at NSC in early August; the Stan Carson C&C regatta was Saturday August 7th. A one-day affair that was competitive and entertaining.

The National Capital Regatta (NCR) is coming up fast. With the good weather and wind we have been getting, there should be a good turnout. With Lynn DeL'orme's dedication and enthusiasm, I have no doubt that it will be a great success again this year. Successful regattas though, mean a lot of participants and that means she will need help. Step up and offer to lend a hand. Talk to Lynn or Paul Moore. It's always a lot of fun and a rewarding experience.

The Switch Around race will happen on Tuesday August 10th. This is a race where we switch crew members to each other's boats. The idea is to promote social familiarity amongst crews and to spread the talent around to help develop boat handling and racing skills. Look for notices up in the bar.

As a closing note, remember the water is very low. What isn't normally a hazard is this year. Pay attention to your charts and depth sounders.

Good sailing.

Reciprocal Clubs for 2010

The reciprocal club list for 2010 has been updated. For more information, please see the binder in the lower lounge, or check our website

<http://www.byc.ca/members-a-membership/reciprocal-privileges.html>



Annual BYC Golf Tournament – August 16

On Monday, August 16th join us at the Annual BYC Golf Tournament at the Canadian Golf & Country Club! Shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., with the BBQ taking place at BYC at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$65.00 per person, which includes golf, prizes, BBQ, and the cart. For those interested in attending only the BBQ, the cost is \$15.00 per person. To reserve, please call the office at (613) 828-5167 or email info@byc.ca.

There is a deadline to reserve. Guests are welcome.

Members' Comment Box

In keeping with our commitment to improve communication and better serve our club members, the Board of Directors have positioned a new "Members' Comment Box" in the front lobby of the clubhouse. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we continue implementing changes and making improvements to your club.

Your constructive feedback will be reviewed each month when the Board meets.

Thanking you in advance.
Kelly Lyon

Low water levels

As you know we are experiencing record low water levels in the river. If your boat runs aground in the harbour or at your mooring please contact Paul Moore, club manager. We will work with you, if at all possible, to find a solution.

Phil Moorman

Establishment of the Britannia Yacht Club Foundation (BYCF)

*by Agnar Johanson
Rear Commodore*

In 2002, the BYC membership decided to establish a trust to which members could contribute for the betterment of the club, but it was never implemented. Following a full review, the Board decided that Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall (our Honorary Counsel's firm) should be contracted to work towards the establishment of an arms-length not-for-profit foundation which would administer the Sherwood bequest of \$66,000 and the \$115,000 from the estate of Charlie Marshall. Furthermore, the BYCF would be open to general or specific (directed to specific purpose) bequests or donations to the benefit of the club. It is our intention to ensure that the BYCF (which would be our "giving program") is administered totally beyond the day-to-day operational and financial stresses of BYC.

In establishing the BYCF, the club's objectives are:

- to capture all present and future donations/bequests in a **single administrative structure**;
- to keep **administration burden to a minimum**;
- to ensure members see the structure as a **secure mechanism** for protecting their wishes for the use of their donated funds;
- to provide for **flexibility** within the structure so it can accommodate a variety of wishes (funding of specific projects, use of capital or interest, or both, etc.);

- to provide for "arms-length" administration of the BYCF in order to eliminate the temptation to use the funds to cover operational pressures;

-to **minimize taxation** on the gains from investments and properties (including municipal taxes) which have been donated and to provide benefits to donors, if charitable status is achieved.

The BYC Board has contracted with Anthony P. McGlynn, of Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall who is their Partner, Head of Personal Legal Needs and Estate Planning & Administration Groups, an expert in the field of trusts and foundations and giving programs. BYC's Honorary Counsel, Trevor Klotz, of the same firm, is participating. I am the project manager.

The advice of the experts is that the club is correct in choosing to incorporate a **separate** not-for-profit corporation as a foundation, "Britannia Yacht Club Foundation", which would administer all donations and bequests made to the club (to the foundation) and would ensure that the particular directions for the use of the funds are followed. Given the possibility that the foundation might be deemed a charitable organization, an application to Revenue Canada Agency will also be pursued. The experts have advised that a foundation is a far better solution than a trust.

In the near future, we will invite all members to a meeting to review and approve this very important course of action.

Raising awareness: BYC is a gem!

*by Jacqueline Malboeuf
Director, PR and
Communications*

Thank you for keeping the volunteer spirit alive at BYC. So many of you responded to our call for volunteers to participate in the Open House at BYC, *Don't miss the boat!*, in May and I am very grateful. Your effort showed positive results. Over 650 people came through our gates that day and we received media coverage. We reached our first goal of building awareness of the club as well as our second goal – members and staff were engaged and proud to showcase BYC to the community.

New this year, we had a windsurfing equipment swap. The group raised \$145 for the webcam and \$60 of that amount came from the sale of two old boards left at the club and of owners unknown. Our free sailboat rides were a hit again this year!

We are progressing with the web site redesign to align it with the objectives of our marketing strategy as mentioned earlier. Our small committee comprising Beth Shepherd, Paul Moore, myself and experts will be presenting you the new look by early fall.

If you have any suggestions of activities that can help build awareness of BYC or ways that you would like to receive news of BYC, please email me at communications@byc.ca.





Helping Kids with
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Easter Seals Regatta and Swim Raises \$55,000!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 15th annual Ottawa Easter Seals Regatta a resounding success! Attendees had an absolutely wonderful time at all of our events and, despite some economic challenges, once again we have reached our goal of raising \$55,000 to help Easter Seals Ontario support the over 500 local families that depend on them for assistance!

Here are a few highlights from the weekend:

Auction – The Domicile *Rock the Dock* auction night was packed with fabulous auction items and Jim Watson proved himself to be a very able auctioneer. Commodore Konrad Lewinski accepted, on behalf of BYC, an "Award of Distinction" from Easter Seals Ontario. Winners of this award have demonstrated meritorious service by making a remarkable difference in the lives of Easter Seals kids through a contribution of time, talent, material and/or financial resources.

Swim - Over 180 swimmers participated in the 4th annual Bushtukah Bring on the Bay Swim, more than double the number of swimmers from last year!! All of our swimmers completed the 3 km swim from NSC to BYC in ideal conditions including Bay Ward City Councillor, Alex Cullen. The swimmers enjoyed a healthy

and delicious breakfast at BYC, donated by Cada Construction. See pictures and results at www.bringonthebay.com

Fuller Family Fleet Salute – A record 27 families came out and were able to set sail with our wonderful pirate skippers. This is a great part of the day and lets these families enjoy a fun filled experience as a family, something that is not always easy for them to do. CTV came out this year and both BYC and the event were featured on the nightly news!

Rally - Congratulations to David and Denny Foy who won this year's Easter Seals Rally and have brought the trophy back to BYC! The winds were up on Saturday afternoon and not everyone was up to the challenge, but certainly this photo shows that this was no problem for David, Denny and junior sailor, Quinton ...all smiles on board!

A special thank you goes to Ashilee Schroeder, Clark Cada, Karen Johnson, Rob Braden and Paul Moore for their help. We couldn't have done it without you!

Photos: Until the end of August, event photos can be found at <http://irishfa.smugmug.com/>. The kid photos are in the "EasterSeals" folder...and the password is EasterSeal (note the capital E and S in the password). The "boat only" photos are in the "Skippers Parade" folder and the password is MIZZEN (in capitals). Please note the following restrictions from the photographer: "If you want to include my photo in your school report or presentation, use as a screensaver or wallpaper on your personal desktop, put

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See you next year!
Karen Wright, Easter Seals Regatta Chair

Pimp My Slip contest by Kelly Lyon

Director, House and Grounds
Congratulations to the crews of *Vega, Phoenix, and Lively Lady* who were the winners of Britannia's first "Pimp My Slip" contest earlier this summer. These three teams laboured long into the hot afternoon creating a tasteful and enduring landscape masterpiece that has been the envy of others. You're invited to take a stroll down Commodore's Walk to check out the winning slips.





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The Full&By brief

Deadline for next issue: October 4. Please send your submissions including those for the classified section, event photos, etc. to:

Jacqueline Malboeuf

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Pleasure Craft Operator's Card:

John Irvin is again offering the Pleasure Craft Operator's Card course at BYC. To book a spot, please contact the office or John Irvin at (613) 291-7336, john.irvin@rogers.com, or www.skisail.ca

The Entertainment File

by Cynthia Street
Entertainment Director

I don't know where the summer has gone, but somehow here we are with half of it over. On Friday, July 23 we had the best party of the year. Harbourfest was held at the Martini Monday site and the band (Tom Rowe, Sweet & The Back Beat) were unstoppable with three hours of fantastic music. We just couldn't stop dancing! Thanks to all who brought munchies, they were delicious. It was a great time to get to know new members a little more and connect with friends. We will have this party again next year and hopefully more members will decorate boats and join in. Let's start a new tradition at BYC!



See back cover for the list of upcoming events at BYC.

TO ALL BYC MEMBERS

Handicap ramp – special thanks

In the past week, those of you who frequent the clubhouse will no doubt have taken the opportunity to glide down our brand new handicap ramp, now situated in the Dragon Lounge. It's been a long time coming, and we can be proud of the fact that we are taking major strides toward making the lounge accessible to **all** of our members, their families, and friends.

This project was undertaken by our Breakfast Club Team, and the ramp designed and hand crafted by our very talented club member, Peter Van Delst. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Peter for donating his time and talent, and the Breakfast Club Team for their generosity and support. You guys rock!

In addition to the new ramp, a second project is currently underway that will see a brand new, handicapped accessible, front door dedicated and installed at the main entranceway to the clubhouse. Keep an eye out for some exciting development there over the next few months.

Cheers!

Kelly Lyon
House and Grounds Director

Membership Growth Contest - *Win a dinner!*

A contest to motivate every member to get involved in growing BYC's membership.

All members are encouraged to increase our membership through continued outreach.

BYC is kicking off a membership drive. For each new member that you recruit, you will be entered in a contest to win a dinner at BYC for you and 'your' new member(s).

The contest ends on **September 30**. All recruited members must join for the balance of this year and next year for your entries to be eligible.

It's a win-win situation for you and the club. If you have questions, please email the club manager, Paul Moore, at info@byc.ca. Thank you for your participation.

The National Capital Regatta

by Lynn DeL'orme

Once again, BYC will proudly host the annual National Capital Regatta the weekend of **August 14 and 15**. The regatta's 53rd anniversary this year!

The first National Capital Regatta (NCR) was held at BYC on July 26 and 27, 1957.

For many years, 15 or more classes competed. These classes included keel boats such as Sharks and Kirby 25s. In recent years, the singlehanded fleet has been dominated by the Laser class, but the CIs and Bytes can also be seen on the start line. Spectators always enjoy watching the Optimists, 420s and sail boards from shore, as Charlie course is located close to the club. Every year or so the regatta hosts Canadian or Ontario Championships for fleets such as the Fireballs and Y-Flyers.

Last year's regatta was a huge success with over 300 competitors and 226 boats registered.

The aim of the National Capital Regatta is to bring together the novice sailors and the well-seasoned racers in an atmosphere of friendly competition and camaraderie.

BYC is the place to be that weekend. Come and encourage your fellow sailors and take part in the fun, either as a competitor or as a volunteer. Volunteers are an integral part of this regatta and BYC members pride themselves in welcoming everyone and showing off the best that BYC can offer.

Information:

<http://www.byc.ca/ncr/#>

Did you know that on average BYC spends \$20K each year on credit card processing fees?

What can you do to help?

You can pay your annual dues by cheque. If you do online banking, you can set up BYC as one of your payees and pay all or part of your dues via the Internet. You can even set up a recurring payment in your banking profile so you don't have to remember to make a payment each month.

If all members who paid their dues by credit card were to pay by cheque or online banking, we estimate that the net savings to BYC would be \$6K - \$8K each year.

We appreciate your assistance.
BYC Management

Tennis Report

by Howdy Russell
Tennis Director

The BYC tennis courts have been busy since play began in May. Weekly Open Play on Wednesday, and now Thursday, has regularly seen two and sometime three and four courts occupied; Sundays have consistently seen the courts full. Wednesday evenings have also been well attended when the weather has permitted.

Unfortunately the 2nd Annual Member/Non-Member Tournament had to be cancelled due to inclement weather in June; we'll try again next year.

Every Sunday afternoon, Margaret Gibson, for the past six or seven years, has brought teenagers from the community to the BYC courts for instruction on play, tactics and decorum. Her efforts were recognized on Sunday, July 25th, when Commodore Lewinski presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and an Associate Membership to BYC for 2010 that had been authorized by the BYC Board of Directors.



On Friday, July 30th, the Tennis Raffle that had been running for the month of July was terminated and a winner drawn. Jane Heney was the lucky winner of two tickets to the ATP Masters Tennis Tournament semi-finals in Montreal on August 21st. Many thanks to all those who purchased tickets. The raffle generated over \$200 that will be deposited in the Tennis Fund to begin accumulating funds for new fencing around the courts.

On Sunday, August 1st, entries for the Annual BYC Club Tennis Championships have closed, and play will start shortly thereafter. Matches will be completed by mid-September and the Champions declared in Men's, Women's, and Mixed competitions. An awards dinner is scheduled for Friday night, November 5th.

The Tennis Annual meeting will be held on the Upper Deck, Sunday, September 26th at noon to discuss and decide any issues that may have arisen. A new Director, Tennis will also be nominated for 2011 (Please look at the BYC Reg, Part 6, on the BYC Website for the responsibilities of the Director.)

See you on the courts.

Margaret Gibson with students and their family with Konrad Lewinski, Commodore, Wendy Faas and Howdy Russell, Tennis Director, left to right.

Personal Memories of Baskin's in the 1940s

by Beverley Brown

During the 1940s cruises to Baskin's took place each Civic Holiday and Labour Day weekend. In advance of the weekend my father, David P. Kirby, would collect \$3.00 from each person to cover the cost of their food for the cruise. During war years every Canadian had a ration book. Many items were rationed including meat, butter, tea and coffee. Over the years, if any family didn't use its full allotment of a particular item, it would give any extra coupons to my dad and these would be stored safely in a special cup in our china cabinet until they were needed for food purchases. A few days before the cruise Dad would drive up to Mr. Baskin's farm and pay him five or six dollars to rent the sandy beach and the wooded area behind it for our use. On the day of the cruise a truck loaned by Reg Bruce would arrive at the club to pick up the ice box, the food tent and all the food, the supplies for building the tables, the cooking utensils, the dishes and cutlery along with anything else the cruisers didn't want to take up on their boats. As a lot of dinghies and open boats participated at that time most people sent their bedding, tents and personal items ahead on the truck. After a trip through a very bumpy and rough cow pasture the contents of the truck were left at Baskin's. Usually the only other vehicle to drive there was my mother's. Our car was used as a lockable spot to store the pies for Sunday night's dinner. If the pies were left in the food tent the kids would have swiped all of them long before dinner. I think for my mother

this was a way of avoiding having to sail up. Also, there was transportation available in the event of an emergency. When the first cruisers arrived at the site it was necessary for each person to pitch in and erect the food tent and stock the icebox and sort and pack all the rest of the food. The picnic tables had to be erected. They were similar to a modern one except they were about thirty feet long. The cooking utensils were assembled on the beach and firewood was collected. As the boats lacked accommodation everyone stayed in tents in the wooded area behind the beach. There were times when the wind was so light that some boats didn't arrive until Sunday morning. Sunday's breakfast consisted of bacon and eggs, toast, jam and coffee cooked over a fire on the beach. The club owned grills which stood about eighteen inches high and large pans in which to fry the bacon and eggs. Each person toasted his own toast. The coffee was made from river water boiled in a huge pot. After breakfast a group, mostly the ladies, pitched in to wash all the dishes. Similar to today's work parties it was usually the same people who did the work each meal while others disappeared magically into their tents when there was work to be done. The cruisers made their own lunches from bread and butter, peanut butter and tomatoes from the food tent. Sunday's dinner was always ham, potatoes and carrots. The potatoes and carrots were prepared by rubbing them in the sand down at the water's edge. The highlight was the arrival of the ice cream truck delivering our dessert. It was packed in dry ice which the younger kids used to take down to the water and be amazed by all the bubbles and "smoke". This was also when the pies were removed from our car. I remember

the older boys trying to bribe me to get the keys from my parents and steal them a pie. The evening was spent around a huge campfire on the beach singing all the old "club songs" into the wee hours of the morning.

After breakfast on Monday people started to pack up their tents and return the things to the spot where the truck would pick them up. One of the tables was usually left up until after lunch. When everything was tidied up boats began to leave for the journey home. The cruises were such fun that I hated the return to Britannia, especially on Labour Day weekend because I knew that I had to go back to school the next day and it wouldn't be long until it was time to move from the cottage near the club back to the city for the winter. If there wasn't any wind the boats would form two lines behind Aloma and Attaboy to hitch a tow back to the club. They were the only boats with motors. Often a fight would break out between the two lines and tomatoes and any other food we had would be tossed back and forth. Tomatoing someone's sail was a great accomplishment!

This type of cruise came to an end in the mid fifties for a couple of reasons, the primary one being the introduction of more modern boats with sleeping accommodation on board along with galleys and heads. People no longer wanted to sleep in tents ashore and use an outhouse back in the bush. I also think that the death of my father in 1953 contributed to the decline. There wasn't someone willing to step up and do all the work he had done to keep things running smoothly. He even took a boatload of cruisers over to the Quebec shore each Sunday morning for mass even though he wasn't a Roman Catholic. The cruises still take place but have evolved into a weekend of everyone being responsible for his or her own meals except for the Sunday evening barbeque and some boat owners rarely coming ashore. Thanks to Denny and Brenda, Rob and Rosemary and Marc and the others who try to get people to participate in the fun ashore.



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1941 at Baskin's: Left to right: Blair Cook, Beverley Kirby, Irene Ogilvy, Eileen Kirby, Laura and Jim Scott and Air Vice Marshall and Mrs. Ellwood Middleton

Upcoming races at BYC

Aug. 13-15: National Capital Regatta

Aug 22: Stoney Point

Aug 27: Midnight Madness

Sept. 4: Armitage Race

Sept. 10-12: 100-miler

Sept. 11: BYC

Sailboat Open Regatta

Sept 18: Singlehanded keelboat race

Sept 19: Queen's Park

Sept 25: BYC Club championships

Oct. 2: 20-mile race

Oct 9: Fall 50

Orientation Tours for new members:

August 20 and

September 17

Please contact Melva at

homes@melva.ca to

sign up or call the

Office.

Upcoming Events at BYC by Cynthia Street

August 13 - Endless Summer Band - Beach Party, Dinner/Dance, 7:00 p.m.

Upper Deck \$35.00

This band is from Toronto. They are unbelievably talented and will bring the all-inclusive resort atmosphere to the Upper Deck. Get ready to dance to the Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffet, Elvis, The Beatles, The Four Seasons, the Mamas & the Papas and many more. Bring your friends, family and new potential members for a memorable time. *Wear beach fun wear!*

August 20 - Danny Rembadi - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Under the Marquis, weather permitting (if raining: Dragon Lounge)

Come out and dance the night away. Danny is very popular at BYC because of his talented guitar playing performances. That Spanish guitar is so sweet! This is a very casual, relaxed evening. The BBQ will be smokin for light dinners and it is guaranteed that there will be a lively crowd.

August 27 - Roxy Swan performs the music of Patsy Cline - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Under the Marquis, weather permitting (if raining: Dragon Lounge)

Do you love the Patsy Cline era? Roxy's band is doing a special evening for us with all the Patsy hits. Ladies, there will also be a Patsy Cline look-alike contest with great 1st and 2nd prizes, so get out your stetson hats, boots and western shirts. There will also be a karaoke singing contest to "Walking after Midnight", with prizes. No paparazzi please! What happens at BYC....stays at BYC!

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

*Led by Beth Shepherd with member volunteers and staff
Thank you to our many volunteers who contribute their time to the club. Volunteers are what make events and programs happen at BYC.*



Yannis Fainecos and Bunny Lumsden with Konrad (middle)



Beverley Brown above; Lynn DeL'orme and Kerry Hayes below...and many more



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