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## Commodore's 2010 Report

by Konrad Lewinski

Your board of directors got to work the week after elections with the first meeting held December 22, 2009.

There were a number of immediate challenges that the new board undertook to improve your club. The board upgraded the club computers and software to current Windows 7 standards, upgraded the Point of Sale and Accounting systems, and installed a new systems server to run our data management systems. This undertaking was implemented in April and this summer we enjoyed a series of new reports that allow your board to make decisions in a more timely manner.

The role of editor for the Full&By has been taken on by the Public Relations and Communications Director and we succeeded in providing a Full&By "Brief" which although lacking in the broad detail envisioned, was able to provide the membership with needed communications. We are pleased to provide you with this year's first full issue of the Full&By.

The redesigned website was met with favourable reviews from our members

and allowed us to provide timely information to our membership of upcoming events and race results.

This year's Open House "Don't miss the boat!" was very well attended by the general public and members and thanks to the efforts of our numerous volunteer members, the Public Relations and Communications Director and staff, we provided a great day for the visitors. The inclusion of sponsors was a welcome addition and helped defray the considerable cost of hosting the event. Regrettably, we were not able to capitalize on this exposure which included radio and television coverage, into attracting the number of new members we anticipated.

Our efforts to increase membership were hampered by the resignation of the Membership Director and we are fortunate that the Honorary Secretary has taken up the role since early this summer. A new Honorary Secretary stepped forward to fill this position for the balance of the 2010 year.

Your board approved the hydraulic trailer and new 12,000-lb. crane purchase, contingent on receiving NCC approval (which has yet to come). Look for the new trailer after haul out and the new crane for next year's haul out, contingent on the club successfully negotiating a long-term lease with the NCC which continues to be an uphill battle.

Our staff and volunteers once again were instrumental in completing a successful launch and haul out safely. This activity is the most crucial in terms of effort and risk to the club.

Our National Capital Regatta was a success again in 2010, thanks to the dedication of our staff and volunteers in providing excellent race management and on-shore services to the competitors, coaches and families.

Our support to the Crazy Ivan team paid off with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in Switzerland this summer, racing in difficult conditions, at the Shark World Championships. We look forward to hosting the Shark World's in the near future.

Club racing enjoyed a great season with a new Principal Race Officer (PRO) who took exceptional care in setting courses for our sailors. We hope that he will return for 2011 Racing Season.

Our Junior Sailing program headed by the Youth Director had a very strong year, aided by the board commitment to purchase new boats to complement our fleet of training boats. The head instructor and her able staff of dedicated instructors and assistants made the program a success this last summer.

Our Rear Commodore took on the additional task of translating the desire of the membership and the board to institute a "giving program". Providing members with a vehicle for making donations and bequests, the Britannia Yacht Club Foundation is in the process of being incorporated into a stand-alone not-for-profit corporation. This Foundation enables investment return of perpetual funds to be applied to the upgrading of our club, sail training and related trusts.

We were able to finally put "completed" to the Bruce Neuk restoration. This accomplishment is after the fire two years ago. We have made it a showcase, expanding needed space on the lower deck for members to mingle and committees to meet while the regular day-to-day activities take place in the Dragon Lounge and the boardroom.

*See Fees page 2*

## BYC 2010 Board of Directors

### Officers:

Konrad Lewinski: Commodore  
Phil Moorman: Vice Commodore  
Agnar Johanson: Rear Commodore  
Rob Braden: Fleet Captain

### Honorary Members:

David Burke: Honorary Secretary  
Bill Lumsdon: Honorary Treasurer

### Honorary Counsel: Trevor Klotz

### Directors:

Kelly Lyon (House and Grounds)  
Marc Charbonneau (Youth)  
Cynthia Street (Social)  
Howdy Russell (Tennis)  
Mark Korchinski (Membership and Marketing)  
Jacqueline Malboeuf (PR/Communications)

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**Club Historian:** Beverley Brown

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### Fees (from page 1)

Our club activities and fees are subsidized by the efforts of our club staff to rent out our facilities for weddings, business meetings and events. This year we were able to maximize the volume of business going through this operation and contributing to keeping our fees as low as they are. We are currently revising our room rental rates and optimizing our pricing strategies for food and beverage sales to be more discriminating in the type and size of event that we book to provide the maximum economic benefit to the club members. The fact that we have been booking events to take place in 2012, since early this summer, speaks to the popularity of our club as a destination to host weddings and business meetings. Our efforts have paid off in exposure of our fantastic location and services provided. Word of mouth recommendations are now our chief source of new bookings, an enviable position. New policies have been put in place so that these events no longer conflict with members' enjoyment of our facilities.

The new carpets on the upper deck and stairs have provided a complementary face lift to the dance floor completed last year. Member donations of materials and labour were responsible for the second floor washroom renovations making the club more attractive to members and guests. Professional picture placement by a dedicated member has created a more polished and upscale look in the *House*.

The replacement of the furnace and installation of air conditioning to the Sunset Room were a welcome addition during the hot days of July and August, making for a pleasant climate for dining. We have the Ancient Mariners to thank for contributing one third of the funding to make this a reality.

We attracted a number of new members and boats this summer, not as many members as we lost, and this is a troubling trend that has been in place for several years. We attempt at the board level to create an environment where new members are encouraged to join and continue in one of the many

categories available, Senior Single and Couple being the key ones. This category (voting members) is where we made a little progress this year and gained some boats. Our very much appreciated New Member Orientation Program, we hope, will pay us dividends in future years by successfully integrating new members into the club family. Our existing members are the best source of attracting new members among their families, co-workers and friends. All members have a duty to the club to attract and retain new members. Doing so, will ensure that our club remains vibrant and that we can fund the activities and upgrades needed to keep our club as the jewel of the Ottawa River.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on December 18 and Wassail on December 19, and in the new year, at future club events, volunteer activities and on the water.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and all the best in the New Year.

## Harbour Master / Vice Commodore's 2010 Report

by Phil Moorman



We started this year with hopes of better sailing weather than last year and improved services in the harbour for

boat owners and sailors. I am glad to say we have enjoyed both!

You will recall that for the first time in years the harbour gates were not installed this spring, a great thing for sailors who wanted to get out on the lake early. Unfortunately the dry spring continued all summer and we had record low water levels, not so great for our friends with deep keels. This resulted in the need to find temporary moorings for a dozen or so boats over the course of the summer – thanks Andrew!

The two boat owners' meetings were well attended and input from members was helpful in improving harbour operations.

So what did we do this year?

- Approved and funded the 'Boat Handling' project: hydraulic trailer, 12,000-lb. crane and an expanded boat parking lot;
- Upgraded the north and south cranes this spring;
- This year has seen a significant focus on safety in the harbour, a continuation of the good work of our former Safety Officer Kevin Kubusheskie.
- A boat owner's guide for launching and hauling out was produced by the Safety Committee.
- Several 'crane use' tutorials were offered by the Safety Committee
- Continued with the mooring chain replacement project: 50 have been replaced over the past three years;
- New mast dollies, Mast trees and 'bun' racks for tenders
- An additional 14 moorings on finger docks were installed mid-June on the north wall of the main channel west of the cut.
- The 505 shed was revitalized thanks to the good work of Don Creelman, Matt Owers and Shawn Weatherup so that there is a working area for all members
- A 'Lost and Found' area was created on the east side of the Bruce shed, in the fenced-in area that used to contain fire wood.
- Upgrading to the gas dock area: changed the location of the gas

pumps and the fresh water service

- Boats that have been abandoned were identified and relocated to the back of the harbour
- At the advice of several boat owners we revised mooring sizes to include an 11 foot mooring
- T-docks: made improvements to ramp and spine and implemented daily monitoring
- Haul out 2010: Over the course of two days over 230 boats were hauled out of the harbour thanks to a large number of volunteers organized by the Crew Chiefs Kirk Robertson, John Wright and Kim Moffat, and the tireless work of the harbour staff Andrew Furey and Jordon Morrow.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Fleet Captain's 2010 Report by Rob Braden

The sailing season of 2010 is played out. It has been a very good

year. The awards dinner was a tremendous success. What a great year.

Good results on and off the water. We had surprisingly good wind given the heat, the two don't usually go together.

We ran two very successful regattas, the Capital City Shark Regatta and the National Capital Regatta (NCR). Both had good competition, good wind, and great on and off the water organization. The C&C regatta was fun and creates a good base to build upon for one of the bigger fleets on the lake.

We managed to pull the club championships together this year on a

windy day that saw four teams compete in a round robin of match racing. Bill Lumsdon and myself prevailed, but competition was good. Leads changed back and forth in all the races.

Thanks go out to Ron Schute for lending us his Sonar boats for the competition and to Kim Moffat for her help. Thanks also to Kirk Robertson and Al Malo, who as judges made it happen.

Which is a good segue into my saying how easy it has been for me as Fleet Captain at BYC. Our members have consistently stepped up to the plate when called upon to help out. It takes a lot of members to make the many successful events come together as they do. And not just on the water. Prominent names, Joan Yuile for her support on the sailing committee and doing a lot of the little things that make events happen smoothly, Kirk Robertson for his leadership on race committees and Lynn DeL'orme for her work on the big job of organizing and running the NCR.

Relationships with the other clubs on the lake have greatly improved thanks to the efforts of the sailing committees of each of the clubs. The new Fleet Captain at NSC, Tracy Ross, has been very good at keeping lines of communication open between our clubs. Which is so important in our efforts to prompt sailing here in Ottawa. A joint effort of CVGR, NSC and BYC has led to getting almost all the buoys back in their original place after years of drifting and disappearing marks.

Sean Oderkirk and his race committee have been excellent this year. When asked to do 'just one more thing', over and over again, he always came through for us. Paul Moore and his staff have been, as always, helpful and supportive. Andrew Furey has been an excellent background support to me and the sailing committee.

Moving forward, Wendy Smith will be taking over the helm from me. She is a well organized person who has not only done a lot to help promote women's sailing, but sailing in general. I don't know if there has ever been a time when both clubs had women Fleet Captains at

the same time. It's about time. I hope our members will make her job as easy as you have made mine.

Thank you. It has been an honour to have served my fellow members and sailors.

To you and your family, a very happy holiday season and Happy New Year!



**Membership and Marketing Director: Proposal for 2010-2011**

*by Mark Korchinski*

I would like to report on the issue of the marquee use for booked events.

Event bookings bring considerable value (financial and promotional) to BYC. However as bookings grow in number, there have been some concerns expressed about the use of club facilities, especially the marquee, for non-member events such as weddings.

After discussion among the board members, we have proposed that four action items be implemented immediately as a start to finding a balance between value and member service:

- 1) The dates and times of club facility rentals will be posted on the website and in the clubhouse.
- 2) The policies related to outside rentals will also be posted on the website and available in the clubhouse. These will continue to emphasize that BYC is a private club and non members are guests "in our home".
- 3) The Club Manager is committed to ensuring that food, beverage and other member services are not compromised while paid events are underway.
- 4) A committee will be struck to explore marquee alternatives. The general principle is any projects involving a cost would

be covered through event booking charges and will not impact on other project financing.

The first two items are designed to ensure that members and those booking events are well informed. The third is to make sure that members continue to get service regardless of events, and the fourth will identify balanced solutions.

If you have any questions or comments please forward them to [Manager@byc.ca](mailto:Manager@byc.ca) and Paul will forward them to me.

Season's Greetings!



**Youth Director's 2010 Report**  
*by Marc Charbonneau*

This year has been an exceptional year for Youth@BYC. Through the season, sailboats and safety boats were acquired! Volunteers renewed the fleet and repainted the clubhouse! There was early training for racers and this year's High Performance Team registration was up by 54%! Regatta results were extraordinary! The Learn to Sail Program grew by 15% to 170 participants! The annual Learn to Sail/Learn to Race awards banquet held in August was sold out with almost 200 sailors, parents and family members attending. Overall satisfaction and optimism is at an all time high! The University of Ottawa Sailing Team joined the BYC family this fall! All this contributes to promoting BYC as a center for sailing excellence in a harbour of choice and bodes well for our continued success in 2011.

All this enthusiasm was only possible through a collaborative effort. My heartfelt thanks go out to the sailors, the parents, the instructors, the manager, the office staff, the Youth Committee members, the volunteers, the board and all BYC members. I would be amiss if I did not thank myself for having given myself this unique opportunity to serve and learn.

An online survey of parents and youth involved in the Learn to Sail Program produced a 31% response rate which is significantly better than the average 3% response rate of a direct mail. Here are some interesting numbers: 59% of attendees were not children of members; 93% rated the instructors either excellent or very good; 71% thought the course was great value for the dollars; 96% would recommend the course to others. Electronic marketing and improved communications were introduced this year through a newsletter and a Student Handbook on the renewed BYC website.

The racing program participants deserve our continued support. They have had a banner year and they are great ambassadors for BYC! Three notable highlights: the High Performance Race Team posted impressive results and received the Best Team Award at the recent National Capital Regatta; at Cork International, the 29ers finished three boats in the top 25 of the Gold Fleet/North America Championship. BYC Coaches' Rob Frost and Tom Arbuckle led by example as they finished 5th in the 49ers Olympic Class.

As a sailing community we should plan to encourage contributions to the Junior Sailing Fund by offering a charitable tax receipt. The fund will be established by the Britannia Yacht Club Foundation (BYCF) using the \$114,000 bequest from the Estate of Charles Marshall.

As a not-for-profit organisation we will continue to maintain and improve the fleet and facilities through an active volunteer program.

As concerned citizens we will strive to promote environmental awareness through a clean marine initiative. As a welcoming community we can encourage family membership at BYC through social and educational activities.

As a dedicated collective we will move forward in 2011!

Have a joyous holiday season and my best wishes for the New Year.



**BYC Annual  
Tennis  
Report –  
2010**  
*by Howdy  
Russell*

As we enjoy our first dusting of snow, I am told it's time to render a summary of BYC Tennis for 2010. Lots has gone on during the year, not the least of which was the removal of the cedars bordering the north tennis court fence. Following closely behind - the tennis backboard has been relocated, reenforced and repainted so that it can be used while Court 5 (the generally preferred court) can be used for games.

We have had well populated courts when the weather was on our side this summer, and can boast of ten new tennis members for BYC – a goal that we had set for ourselves in the Spring. Most Sunday round robins saw at least three courts in use, and many times all four courts were full with even more players waiting to go on. Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings were also consistently attended. Our Tennis Pro, Stan Kasta, was a consistent favourite for all who wished to improve their games both at his Wednesday night clinics and Sunday round robins. The annual Club Tennis Championships were fully subscribed this year, and the Awards Dinner and the Club's "Holiday" Tennis dinner on December 2<sup>nd</sup> was a success! This was be the 17<sup>th</sup> year that BYC Tennis has organized this dinner Thank you to all of you who joined the rest of the Club in welcoming the Christmas Season to BYC.

My very rewarding time as Director, Tennis will come to an end this year at the AGM, but I will be replaced by a very able new Director, Dan Delorey. Dan has been an avid supporter of BYC Tennis, and although his name is not on a trophy this year, I feel sure that it will be next year and for many more yet to come.

I would like to express a most sincere "Thank you" to a very dedicated, able,

and involved Tennis Committee during the past three years. I would not have been able to fulfill all my duties without their consistent advice and very willing support. As we all look forward to winter tennis inside, **ALL of BYC Tennis joins me in wishing one and all the very Best of the Season followed by the Happiest of New Years.**



**Public Relations/  
Communications  
2010 Report by**  
*Jacqueline  
Malboeuf*

Thank you to the enthusiastic volunteers who made the club's communications plan function effectively over the last two years. Thank you as well to the Membership, Marketing and Communications Committee (MMCC) that I co-chair with Mark Korchinski (and with Beth Shepherd when she was on the board). To have members from the club come together and discuss ways to grow the club, to drive it forward is encouraging.

What is the club's communications plan, you might wonder? It's to organize and implement/support three campaigns: 1) to raise awareness of the sport of sailing and the beauty of the Ottawa sailing area and, of course, of our club; 2) to attract and retain members; 3) to engage members in being ambassadors for the club. Our overall strategy is to build our two most valuable assets: our brand and our member relationships. Our name and trademark – BYC *Your cottage in the city* – and our members make BYC! We want to build a mutually profitable long-term relationship with our members, not just sell the club.

We orchestrated a number of communications activities this year including three major projects: 1) our open house in May *Don't miss the boat!*, 2) the redesign of our website, and 3) the Full&By brief. The open house saw over 600 members from the general

public come through our doors. Sponsors came on board this year and so did the crew of CJOH TV (literally on Abracadabra!). We offered one-week visitors' passes – a promotional idea that we will likely repeat. In the coming year, the Membership, Marketing and Communications Committee will assess this and other forms of public outreach activities for the general public as well as targeted audiences assessing which ones bring the best return on investment. We will also continue our work at establishing partnerships with the private and non-for-profit sectors.

We have redesigned our website as the next step in the club's project to upgrade our content management system. We applied the common look and feel for the club that was developed last year and we focused on ways to offer members and potential customers more information and opportunity for contact and dialogue. It's a work in progress.

The Full&By brief was produced as a means to deliver information to members in a brief and concise manner. It is not meant to replace the club's traditional newsletter, the Full&By, however, in the absence of a full-time editor and considering my limited skills in graphic design and my workload on the board, I believe the shorter version is a good compromise. Again, we applied the common look and feel of the club and our expenses are the printing and mailout fees. This current issue resembles the traditional Full&By as it needed to include the board members' reports and the biographies of the candidates for service on the 2011 Board of Directors.

I enjoyed serving on the board as Director of Communications and Public Relations these last two years. Thank you for the supportive and helpful emails and messages you sent me with regard to the website and the Full&By brief. They were a boost.

I wish you a very happy holiday season and all the best for 2011.

## BYC Projects undertaken in 2010

by Agnar Johanson



During 2010, the BYC Board, ably assisted by the Planning Committee and the Club Manager, has been active in pursuing the upgrading and renovation of the BYC facilities. It also approved upgrading of our computer systems to ensure operational effectiveness and the incorporation of the BYC Foundation (BYCF).

The Board met with the Planning Committee (as required by the By-laws) on March 22, 2010 to obtain from the Planning Committee its recommended priorities for 2010. The following is the entry in the minutes of that meeting:

*"6. Planning Committee: report and discussion A. Johanson*

*Andrew Hope (guest) (see attachments) on 2010 priorities on capital / maintenance*

Capital Project Priorities 2010

- replace south side crane
- hydraulic trailer
- replace senior clubhouse 2nd floor windows east
- replace senior clubhouse 1st floor windows windows
- augment finger dock inventory

Maintenance Project Priorities

- repair replace senior clubhouse cladding
- repair / replace senior clubhouse caulking and parging
- reinstall air-conditioning in Sunset Room
- clean up harbour grounds
- repair/replace senior clubhouse eavestrough
- repair inner harbour walls E and S end of dam
- rebuild dinghy ramp and Sherwood Point
- retain services of grant proposal expert

*There is no motion arising from these priorities, but a request to agree in principle to proceed."*

The following table provides a summary of activity and results with respect to these priorities and other projects undertaken at the Board's initiative. Only projects with \$ amounts shown have been approved by the Board for implementation. Project achievements during 2010 are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>		<u>Comment</u>
	<u>2010*</u>	<u>2011**</u>	
<u>Capital Project Priorities</u>			
replace south side crane	2,765	93,485	Trailer has been order (\$28,580) and crane pad engineering commenced (\$4K). Total project cost is estimated at \$ 96,250, including contingency amount.
hydraulic trailer			
replace senior clubhouse 2nd floor windows east			Project ready to go including <u>all</u> windows (given much less than expected price). Total price was \$44,175. Board decided to stop

replace senior clubhouse 1st floor windows windows			project until wall structural integrity is examined. Hence it has not been implemented. Removal of asbestos caulking (\$10K) would not be necessary.
augment finger dock inventory	6,602		14 more moorings were installed and paid for by members. Amount shown was paid by BYC - ramp and extras.
<u>Maintenance Project Priorities</u>			
repair replace senior clubhouse cladding		4,500	Amount is for repair of worst cracks and danger points to be completed in Nov. Full renovation estimates ranged from \$40-310k. Given technical uncertainties and quotes, Board decided to have Planning Committee review alternatives and provide recommendations next year.
repair / replace senior clubhouse caulking and parging			
reinstall air-conditioning in Sunset Room	7,000		Project completed. Cost shown after donation to date of \$4,295 from Ancient Mariners.
clean up harbour grounds			Harbormaster undertook to do from own/operating budget.
repair/replace senior clubhouse eaves trough		3,500	Will be completed by end of Nov.
repair inner harbour walls E and S end of dam			Investigation and monitoring are on-going.
rebuild dinghy ramp and Sherwood Point			No longer considered as a necessity by Youth program.
retain services of grant proposal expert	820		Amount was paid to consultant. Proposal developed and submitted to Trillium for LTS boats and floating dock. If successful, Club may have to contribute about \$10k.
<u>Projects not on Planning Committee List</u>			
new computers and equipment, new and up-graded software	17,294		New computers (with MS 7.0), printer and server. Accounting s/w now Quick Books. Maitre'd was up-graded.
replace second floor carpet	5,896		Old carpet did not reflect well for outside events.
4 new boats for Youth (LTS)	17,879		Old, unsafe boats replaced.
2 new Coach boats for Youth (LTS)	6,051		Amount taken from excess in LTS operations budget.
BYCF legal fees	3,888	1,412	Negotiated fee of \$5,000. Disbursements of some \$300 will be additional.
Replace tower roof		6,300	Was missed when rest of roof was replaced.
Total	68,195	109,197	

\* amounts actually expensed in 2010

\*\* amounts forecast to be spent in 2011 (only Board approved projects – windows project pending check of structural integrity affects)

## Dear Members: They're back – and beautiful!

by Kelly Lyon

BYC Director, House and Grounds

It's a Cinderella story. Eight weathered barstools, steadfastly serving their time in the Dragon Lounge for the past 20 years, went off as ugly ducklings and came back as beautiful swans for our club members to continue to enjoy over the years ahead.

For those of you who don't know the significant history of our wooden lounge barstools, many years ago they were generously donated to the club by Mrs. Jeanne Fuller. Each of them bears the name of one of the boats that belonged to her late husband, Thomas G. Fuller.

So, next time you settle yourselves at the Dragon Bar for a beverage, you can thank John Irvin and Linda McBurnie for managing this very complex project which took months of hard work to complete, and also the following people who stepped forward to finance the refurbishment:

- Al Malo
- Mike Fahmy
- Joan Yuile
- Jack Faas
- Donnie Tucker
- Donnie Rogers
- Brenda & Denny Foy
- David Foy
- Nancy Foy Parsons
- Morley Parson
- Janet & Ralph Bayley
- Linda McBurnie
- John Irvin

Enjoy your comfortable and very attractive perch!

Warmest regards,

Kelly

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

Each year, BYC averages about \$20,000 in 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 fees 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.

## Congratulatory messages

from Kelly Lyons

Director, House and Grounds



## We've Been Framed!

As you walk around the clubhouse, you can't overlook the fact that our walls now showcase a variety of unique picture and award displays. Many thanks to club members Heather and Brad Cairns (Samsara) who own and operate "Framed" - a full service framing and art store on Bank Street. Since the beginning of the year, Heather and Brad could be found donating their time and talent to staging the new displays in the Bruce Neuk, the Dragon Lounge, the boardroom, and the Upper Deck. Job well done!

## Our Fall Work Party

A hearty "Thank You" goes out to the 22 club members who helped make our Fall work party another success. The sound of hedge clippers, sight of rows of raked leaves, and the smell of fresh paint signalled more progress being made at the club. The team capped the day off in a delicious way with a steaming bowl of homemade chilli prepared by Chef Chris.

## Our new Tennis Walk Garden

On August 21, Shirley Vines led an energetic work in the construction of the new Tennis Walk Garden on the house grounds. A rendering of the landscaping for the new garden is on display close by. Next Spring, watch for the "Adopt A Plant" campaign which will give members an opportunity to sponsor their favourite flower or shrub when the planting season begins."



## About the Bruce Neuk

by Kelly Lyon, Director, House and Grounds

It's been a long time coming. In preparation of the rededication ceremony that will be held for our newly refurbished Bruce Neuk, which in recent years bravely survived a devastating fire, I would like to revisit the history of this particular room – for the enjoyment of older club members who lived and breathed it, and for the education of members new to our club who are wondering the why, and what for.

I am very pleased to present the following excerpts, prepared with input

from Jeanne Fuller, Rod Miller and Bill Fuller, lifetime members of our club. Enjoy.

Kelly Lyon  
BYC Director, House a Grounds

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The two rooms at our Yacht Club, the Fuller Boardroom on the south end, and the Bruce Neuk on the north end of the clubhouse represent, and are a remembrance, of two men and their families that had the vision, energy and where-with-all to turn the Britannia Boating Club into the Britannia Yacht Club as we know it today.

Prior to the 1950s, the Britannia Boating Club was a hive of sailing enthusiasts. Boats were moored out in front of the pier, each person was responsible for their own mooring, and the dinghies were moored along the catwalk and behind the pier. In order to get to the larger boats, you had to row out to them with all your equipment and crew, to your mooring. If we had remained like that, it is most definite that Britannia Yacht Club would have been a hard sell.

Just north of the Yacht Club, there was a channel cut, the remains of an abandoned power plant in 1902 that was built by the Metropolitan Power Co. There was a shelf of rock that ran over to a small island – a great swimming spot as the story goes. This “island” starting approximately where the Junior Club is today, is the north side of the main harbor and the south side of the inner harbor.

Tom Fuller and Reg Bruce, both prominent members of the Britannia Boating Club, combined their forces to formulate a plan to use the canal as a harbor. Tom Fuller of course owned Fuller Construction Company, and Reg Bruce owned a quarry and operated Fraser Duntile, which was in the business of supplying crushed stone for the many projects going on as Ottawa expanded.

In the early 1950’s the plans had been laid and construction started. It was an amazing sight to see explosive experts from Fraser Duntile drilling and moving

rock – inches or feet as building progressed. It was equally amazing to see Fuller Construction shovels and ultimately a drag line filling the quarry trucks and building the damn at the east end of the harbor. A coffer dam was built so the new entrance could be blasted at the west end of the construction site.

When the river threatened to flood the clubhouse, Reg Bruce’s company would build decks to save it.

One of the most remarkable memories is that club members pitched in and hundreds of men, women, and children worked weekend after weekend to build the harbor, as we now know it.

The equipment that was used and the expertise that was made available would normally have been beyond the financial grasp of the Britannia Boat Club. It was never published, but everyone knew who the men were who were subsidizing the effort.

Reg Bruce also owned a concrete business in Belleville by the name of Wilson Concrete. In order to keep his motorboat inside for the winter months, Reg built the Bruce Shed, which is now used by the Yacht Club as the Harbor Manager’s domain for keeping the harbor operational. It was originally built to house the “Spindrift”, a beautiful Shepherd mahogany motor boat.

The first two bays of that building were used to house the instruction area for the Junior Squadron. It had a nickname. It was called “the Sweathouse” because it was stinking hot. Junior’s were not allowed in the main clubhouse at that point in time.

Tom and Reg were also instrumental in building the dinghy shed. At one point in time in the 1960’s there were as many as 15 International 14’s housed there.

Originally, the Bruce Neuk was the men’s locker room. As the footprint of the club expanded, the locker room was change and the front of the club was moved closer to the river. In the beginning, that room was designated as a “quiet room and library”. That idea didn’t work out well and thereafter the Fuller family refurbished the room and dedicated it to

the Bruce family. It was a place to play cards, billiards, and to socialize and was the first room in the club to have carpet and curtains, donated by the Ladies Auxiliary. In the early 1990’s it was the club’s trophy room and housed the National Capital Regatta. This year, we returned to that tradition.

Reg was Commodore of BYC during the club’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Also an avid sportsman, he was a competitive member of the BYC water polo team.

Reg and Marie Bruce are both honorary club members. In addition to being a tireless contributor to the club, Marie is recognized for her support in allowing Reg to do all he did for Britannia.

These two gentlemen, and their families, need to be remembered – these rooms are very important. We have much to be proud of.

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, December 18**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Upper Deck**

**Annual BYC Wassail**  
**Sunday, December 19**  
**1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
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**Ancient Mariners Holiday Lunch**  
**Wednesday, December 15**

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### NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Britannia Yacht Club will be held in the clubhouse on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2010 at 1100 hours for the purpose of receiving the report of the Commodore, the audited financial statement, the reports of the Auditors for the past fiscal year, the election of Officers and Directors for the ensuing year and any other BYC business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

#### SCHEDULE 1100 HRS: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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### Entertainment:

Friday January 21: Robbie Burns Night, Upper Deck

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Wednesdays are movie nights at BYC. Check the website at [www.byc.ca](http://www.byc.ca) for the listings.

### Your feedback, comments and suggestions are always welcome!

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## **BYC's annual general meeting (AGM) is Saturday December 18, 2010**

Following are brief biographies submitted by the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee to serve on the 2011 Board of Directors.

### **Konrad Lewinski**

#### **Nominated for Commodore**



**PERSONAL INTRODUCTION:** I was born in Montreal and I have had a passion for sailing for over 40 years. I got the bug when I was at McGill in the '60's and was asked to crew (I had a car!) at a university 420 regatta in Kingston. My wife Jane and I have been married since 1985. In 2002 we moved from Metcalfe to be closer to BYC, and built our current home in Britannia Village on the site of the old Hewitt cottage. I am, since February 2010, Vice President of Marketing at Terra Acoustics Incorporated, a start up company which has designed a mobile stand-off buried IED detector system for use to protect Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. I have two brothers who live on the West Coast (one in Berkley, California the other in Victoria, BC), and my mother now lives close by in Aylmer.

**MEMBERSHIP:** When I moved to Ottawa in 1981, I took a temporary assignment at AECL, where I met Al Bruce and Gord Foy who later sponsored my senior membership at BYC. I have now been a Senior Member of BYC for 27 years.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES:** I am currently Commodore of BYC. I thank the membership for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Our board has made great strides in reducing the unrestricted deficiency carried on the books for several years now. We have increased the attention paid to reducing accounts receivable, and purchased new software to better control expenses and monitor club operations. The recent SGM approved the significant initiative to institute a Britannia Yacht Club Foundation, a giving program to protect the donations of members from day to day operations of the club. I have participated in the Finance Committee, the BYCF Committee and sat in on meetings of just about all other committees at least once. I also managed to race One Design C&C 27 weeknights and Class 8 for weekend events on my boat "ABRACADABRA III" and have raced my BONGO Sportboat in the National Capital Regatta again in 2010.

**PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT:** I was the Fleet Captain for two years, and the Class 5 rep., followed by C&C rep., on the Sailing Committee for a span of over 10 years. I have been a frequent contributor as fleet rep. to the Full and By. I initiated and spearheaded the organization of the C&C 27 One Design Fleet. I am past Chairman of the Long-Term Planning Committee and have served on the Nominating Committee for two years. I volunteer on launch/haul-out crews, work parties, regattas and Sunday breakfasts.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS:** Member of the Advisory Board for the National Research Council Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics since 2008-2010. Member of The Opimian Society.

**CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT:** A strong Board of Directors (steering) with enthusiastic subcommittees (execution) for large tasks.

**OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER:** To continue to provide leadership to BYC with a top-notch sailing, tennis and social program, the renewed envy of other private clubs. To continue to lead the board as Commodore and using my management background, expertise and skill set to grow our club, attracting and retaining new members. To renew BYC's reputation as the premier yacht club in the Ottawa area.

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**Phil Moorman**  
**Nominated for Vice Commodore, Harbour Master**



Hello to all BYC members! I have put my name forward for a second term for the position of Harbour Master / Vice Commodore. I have been a club member for over a dozen years and am an active sailor in both the racing and cruising communities of BYC. I have raced 505s, and keelboats, both on Ottawa River and Lake Ontario and am currently racing and cruising my C&C 27. As some of you may know several years ago I was on the BYC board as the Honorary Treasurer. I had a chance to learn a great deal about the club and the workings of the board. Since then I've had a chance to conduct strategic planning sessions with Boards and have just finished my first term as Harbourmaster / Vice Commodore.

As your Harbourmaster I will bring the project management skills I've honed over years in my professional career to the Harbour Master job. As well I will rally club members who have interest and expertise to work with me to rejuvenate the Harbour and bring it up to the standard we all expect.

I believe the Harbour is the soul of the club; a place where water, boat and land meet. The harbour is the starting point of many an adventure and the place of endless hours of work and play on our precious boats.

**Kelly Lyon**  
**Nominated for Projects Director/Rear Commodore**



**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** I am a single mom, raising a very unique teenager who has a passion for the visual arts - photography in particular. On a professional basis, I am President and CEO of Lyon Project Consulting Inc. Currently, I am working as a Consultant on a large Information Technology project for Revenue Canada. I have over 25 years of Project Management experience performing effectively on a variety of IT, Planning, Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction Projects. Earlier this year, I attended Carleton University where I completed my Masters Certificate in Project Management and am now certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP) with the Project Management Institute. If elected, I feel my teamwork skills and work experience could be of benefit to Britannia on the projects we currently have underway, and those we are planning for down the road.

**MEMBERSHIP:** I am currently a full member at Britannia. BYC has been my “home” for the past nine years.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES:** I came to BYC through the Keelboat Share program operated by the Ottawa Sailing School, where I completed my Beginner & Intermediate CYA Certification. My focus as a racing member has been split between Monday Night Women’s Racing (Skidbladnir), PHRF (Blew Bye U) and JAM (Samsara). I have also crewed in a number of up-river races and this summer I competed in the Canadian Laser 28 Championship and the North American Laser 28 Championship. In addition to crewing, I have spent the past few years fixing up my 40-year-old Y-Flyer (Tiger), which has now retired from racing and is enjoying life as a “cottage boat”.

**PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT:** For the past year, I have served on Council as House & Grounds Director, working diligently with a very talented Sub-Committee to enhance the appearance of our clubhouse, and surrounding grounds. In the three years prior to that, I stood as Monday Night Women’s Rep, assisting in the design and implementing the Women’s Coached Boat Program. Our program has served to boost the number of boats on the line on Monday nights, increased female membership, and has fostered a whole new group of skilled women skippers. I have also worked as a committee member assisting Britannia’s Social Director. For the second summer in a row, I worked on the organizing committee for the National Capital Regatta.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS:** If I could spend 24/7 on a sailboat, I would. But I do have some interests that draw me in other directions. I am a classically trained musician, having studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, and more recently at the Ottawa Folklore Center. I also study Flamenco dance, enjoy downhill skiing, swimming, bike riding, gardening, and racquetball. To support my community, I have been a volunteer for the Ottawa Winterlude Festival Association (NCC), Co-Chairperson for Ottawa Emergency Health Services Annual Charity Golf Tournament in support of The Children’s Wish Foundation, and in earlier years, I joyfully held the position of “Rusty” - Beaver Leader, for the Osgoode 1<sup>st</sup> Beaver Colony.

**CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT:** My reputation at the Club is that I am helpful, organized, energetic, and extremely people oriented. As House & Grounds Director, I was fortunate to have a dynamic Sub-Committee working with me this year and we were successful in accomplishing the many tasks that we set out to do. If I am re-elected, I look forward to working with the BYC Planning Committee and hope that my project management skills can be of benefit on the projects that lie ahead for that team.

**OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER:** There is a lot I would like to accomplish for Britannia, particularly in the role of Projects Director/Rear Commodore. I am in tune with the vision for the future of our club that our Long Range Planning Committee has so carefully and thoughtfully defined. I am particularly anxious to get on with the job of restoring the clubhouse façade to its original grandeur in anticipation of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which arrives in 2012. There is much planning to do, and work to be done between now and then.

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**Wendy Smith**  
**Nominated for Fleet Captain**



I started sailing in an Optimist at Pointe Claire Yacht Club in Montreal. Over the years I obtained White Sail I, II, and III. Having moved to Oakville, Barrie, Orlando FLA, Banff, Vancouver, Calgary, and finally Ottawa sailing was not an activity readily available in most locations. For fifteen years in Alberta I enjoyed hiking, back country camping, and downhill skiing.

While in Calgary I was an active member of the Junior League developing an after school cooking program for latch key kids. I also spent two years on the food distribution line at the Calgary Food Bank.

I moved to Ottawa in the spring of 2008 and immediately signed up for Basic Cruising. From there I have been able to crew with some great skippers on fabulous boats both at BYC and down on Lake Ontario. I took over the role of Coached Boat Coordinator for Women's racing for the 2009 season, and spent a second year in 2010 coordinating the program. In the spring of 2009 Britannia hosted Women & Wind – a single day event for women racers. Through organization with a strong committee we were able to double the attendance from the previous year and attract some very informative speakers.

While I certainly don't have the depth of racing experience that so many Britannia members have gained, I am a strong organizer and effective communicator. With the help and support of former fleet captains as well as racers at Britannia I am confident the summer of 2011 will be a great racing season.

**Colonel (Retired) David A. Burke**  
**Nominated for Honorary Secretary**



David Burke spent his early years in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Later he attended high school in Regina and the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon; the latter under the auspices of the Regular Officer Training Plan. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Canadian Military Engineers.

Most of his military career was spent in the operations side of military engineering including command at troop, squadron and regimental level. He served in 3 Field Squadron, Chilliwack, 1 Airborne Field Squadron, Edmonton and later he commanded 2 Combat Engineer Regiment in Petawawa in 1986-88. Staff jobs have included junior and senior appointments at Land Force Headquarters and National Defence Headquarters as well as a one-year appointment with the UN in Cyprus. Training related postings have been to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering, the Combat Training Centre and the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College. In the latter job he served initially as a member of the directing staff and finally as Deputy Director Land Staff. For three years he served as the Area Engineer for Land Force Western Area. He is a qualified military parachutist with 113 military parachute descents. In addition Colonel Burke is a qualified Combat Diver and served as the first Senior Army Diver. Recreational interests include reading history, current affairs, investing, alpine skiing, swimming, cycling, sailing and rugby.

David Burke's military educational qualifications include graduation from the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College (Kingston), and the Pakistan Army Command and Staff College (Quetta). Civil qualifications include a BSc in Civil Engineering as well as a BSc (Honours) in War Studies from the University of Baluchistan and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alberta. He is also an International Fellow of the Chinese PLA National Defence University.

He was accredited as Canadian Defence Attaché to China and Mongolia in August 2000, at the rank of Colonel, after serving four years in China he returned to Canada to retire from the Canadian Forces. He has set up a firm, *Anson Consulting Inc.*, to provide consulting services to government and business.

David Burke is married to the former Penelope Savage from Sydney, Australia; they have two sons, Alistair and Robert.

**Howland S. (Howdy) Russell**  
**Nominated for Honorary Treasurer**



Born and raised on a citrus and cattle ranch just south of Santa Barbara, California, I graduated BA from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire in 1954. I spent the next 30 years in the USAF as a fighter pilot and staff officer, coming to Ottawa in 1980 as the senior defense Attaché at the US Embassy. I retired from the USAF in 1985 as a Colonel. I formed and operated a successful Consulting business in Ottawa until 2000 when I join a small publishing firm as the Chief Financial Officer. I began free lance consulting as a Business Advisor in 2006, and earned an MBA from the University of Phoenix (On-Line) in 2008.

I joined BYC in 1994 to play tennis at the invitation of Len Ball. In 1999 I was elected Honorary Treasurer and served through 2003. In 2008 I was elected Director, Tennis and served through 2010. During my BYC membership I have served on the Tennis Committee, the Finance Committee, the Property Tax Committee and several planning committees focused on Special Events.

I look forward to my duties as Honourary Treasurer again as I feel confident that my BYC and business experiences have provided me with a deep and solid foundation upon which I can draw to help BYC grown into its future.

**Daniel R. Delorey**  
**Nominated for Director (Tennis)**

Dan joined BYC in the spring of 2010. Since then he has become a fixture at the club. He is a regular tennis player and hopes to be a boat owner someday. He crews with D'Arcy Craig on Islay Mist. Dan was introduced to BYC through the Ottawa Sailing School. He has completed several on the water and classroom courses through the Ottawa Sailing School.

Dan was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick and moved to Toronto in his teens. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Certificate in Personnel and Industrial Relations (CPIR).

Dan has 23 years' service as a Peace Officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He has served in Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and the last five years at the RCMP National Headquarters. His wife Wendy has two children Amanda and Cameron.

**Marc Charbonneau**  
**Nominated for Director (Youth)**



**PERSONAL INTRODUCTION:** Originally from Northern Ontario, I moved to Ottawa in the early seventies to study art and education at the University of Ottawa where I received my B.A and B.Ed. I worked for the French Public Board as an art and media art teacher until I retired in June 2008. I have since been contracted as a lead curriculum writer with Ministry of Education and employed contractually by other education groups and associations.

**MEMBERSHIP:** I have been a full member of the Britannia Yacht Club for 24 years. I am also a active member of the Britannia Boating Club Memorial Park Association.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES:** I first learned to sail in the seventies on my Laser (sail #11) out of Aylmer before discovering BYC. My focus at the Club has always been boating. I have crewed and cruised and I have regularly raced weekdays and upriver. I now sail Charlie Marshall's 1947 wooden Viking *Vega*, and have raced her upriver in the Quion and Armitage races.

**PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT:** Last year I was elected to the Board and acted as Youth Director. I have been on the haul out and launch crews for years. I have also been involved as a volunteer for many National Capital Regattas and other club activities.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS:** I have previous experience as an active director on other boards including the Ottawa School of Art and I was a founding board member of the Ottawa Art Gallery.

**CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT:** I look forward to continue working with other Board Members and an active committee to maintain and expand the high standards of the Junior Sailing Program at BYC through. I plan to maintain the active communication network with members and parents through the Youth @ BYC newsletter. My priority remains the renewal of the aging fleet and facilities in order to fulfill the shared vision of a center for sailing excellence in a harbour of choice.

**OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER:** I wish to continue to represent the interests of both the boating community and the membership at large by maintaining a strong tradition through changing times.

**Mark Korchinski**  
**Nominated for Director (Membership and Marketing)**



**PERSONAL INTRODUCTION:** Originally from Saskatoon, I moved to Ottawa in 1990 and have worked in different program areas in Health Canada since then.

**MEMBERSHIP:** My wife, Anne, and I have been members of BYC since 2004. I am primarily a social member but we have gone out sailing a number of times as guests and crew (or as I like to call it “ballast”).

**PAST BYC INVOLVEMENT:** I usually help out as a strong arm on haul-out and launch crews, I have also volunteered for the past three National Capital Regattas and was the Honorary Secretary on the Board of Directors for 2008-2009 and half of 2010. I took over in July as Director of Membership and Marketing after a Board resignation.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS:** As a licensed amateur radio operator for thirty years (call sign VA3ZU) I’m active with local clubs. I am also on the Executive of the American Industrial Hygiene Association Workplace Exposure Level Committee.

**OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER:** I have advocated moving the Reciprocals system to establish open standing reciprocals with members from any sailing / yacht club. My goal as Membership director this year is to focus on Member services including improving handicapped accessibility at the club and updating the policies on outside rentals of club facilities to ensure that while members remain the prime focus of BYC that is balanced by the obligations and responsibilities of being a member of one of the oldest Yacht clubs in North America (celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012).

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**David Brown**  
**Nominated for Director (Public Relations/Communications)**

Biography posted at the club

**Jean-Francois Rochefort**  
**Nominated for Director (Public Relations/Communications)**



**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

I am the proud father of Lea, 18 months old, who learned to sail before walking at BYC last year. Thanks to my spouse Danielle who supported me when I announced to her in January 2009 that a friend and I decided to buy a sailboat that was hibernating at Britannia Yacht Club. It was a fantasy that came true and the beginning of a new family adventure.

I presently work at the Treasury Board Secretariat as an Event Manager and I have over 15 years of experience in Marketing, Communication, Public Relations and Project Management. Before joining the federal government, 5 years ago, I worked in marketing and special events in the casino industry and in an advertising firm in Public Relations.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Unlike most BYC board members, I am a very new sailboat owner and very new to the Britannia Yacht Club. This is only my second season at BYC and I love it already. I have been windsurfing for years in the mid 80's, on the Ottawa River, before I decided to try a Laser, and a Hobie cat at my father in law's cottage a few years ago. I instantly got hooked and purchased a C&C 29.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES:**

My main activity, at the moment, is to go sailing with my family and friends, whenever we have time. There is so much for us to discover on the river and so much to learn from our boat. It's always a treat to go out sailing.

My boat partner and I have the firm intention to start racing next season. We just didn't feel ready yet but we are looking forward to racing for fun next year. We've been watching others and learning...Watch out!

We also enjoy the social aspects of the Club and I am always proud to bring my guests at our fantastic Club House for drinks and burgers in the summer. Lea likes to stop by the park to play, where she will eventually be able to watch her dad challenge her mother on the tennis court. There is just so much to do at BYC that we haven't had a chance to try it all yet!

**OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS:**

In winter, I am a part-time teacher on weekends at the Cité Collégiale, sharing my passion about special events logistics. I have been on advisory boards before at Algonquin College, the Juno Awards in Ottawa, the Grey Cup in Ottawa, and the Tulip Festival Ball.

I am an active person who enjoy cross country skiing, alpine skiing and road biking. I also like to renovate and now that most of my renovations are done, I would like to offer some time on renovation projects at the Club.

**CLUB COMMITTEE COMMITMENT:**

To provide an attractive Full & By Newsletter including relevant content, produced at a minimal cost, that would answer as much as possible Club members expectations and to represent the best interest of the Club within my other Public Relations functions.

**OBJECTIVES AS BOARD MEMBER:**

To bring my experience in Public Relations, communication and marketing, as well as my creativity, to the Board of Directors.

To maintain the quality and interest of the Full and By Newsletter and develop creative useful new ideas for the benefit of all Club members.

To contribute my time to BYC, in appreciation of the great work undertaken by others.

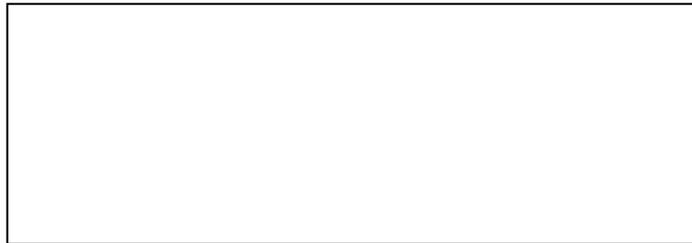
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