

ORILLIA ROWING CLUB

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Jim Wilson Makes Major Donation Towards Purchase of Racing Four

Jim Wilson (Chev-Olds) has generously donated \$7,000 towards the purchase of a new racing four (total cost \$14,720) and will have an opportunity to name this flagship of our fleet. Sincere thanks Jim!

We have received \$1000 in funding from the Grants Committee of the City of Orillia. Many thanks to Rhonda Lauer for finding out how to apply. The application was put together by Diane Carter and Barb Pidgen.

We also have some other new boats!

The Don Rowing Club has donated to us a wooden (4 man) quad touring boat called the "Havel". In return, we are to take it on some tours, which we hope that some members will be interested in. This will be a nice addition to our boathouse since most members have not sculled in a quad boat.

We have just purchased 2 straight fours (no coxie seats) from Brockville Rowing

Club. These are old wooden boats, but are said to be in good rowing shape. They cost \$1,500 each. We would welcome sponsors to pay \$1,500 in return for their name on one of these new boats.

The old Barrie boat that hung from the rafters all season is currently undergoing a complete transformation. A dedicated group of our male members have been putting in long hours sanding and epoxying this boat in a heated building south of Orillia provided by Russ Nicholson. We are confident that this boat will be great to row next season! To completely refurbish this boat with riggers, new seats, footstops etc., it is likely to cost upwards of \$3,500.

Again, we would welcome a sponsor to pay these expenses in return for their name on the boat.

Please pass on your suggestions.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Mark your calendar! May 4 is a "must" for all of us as we embark on a plan for a fundraising dinner. Jake Gaudaur Jr. is already scheduled to be one of our guest speakers.

As indicated, Jim Wilson has magnanimously made a major donation towards the purchase of a new racing four. To pay for the balance of the boat and other needed equipment, we have set a goal of \$17,000 to be raised through the dinner and other sponsorships such as recognizing:

Gold patron - min. \$1000 contribution

Silver patron - min. \$750 contribution

Bronze patron - min. \$500 contribution

Special donors will be recognized on a plaque at the Boathouse.

We have 80 members; if we all sold 2 tickets (\$50 each) we would have sold 80% of our allotment (200 guests). Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help (tickets, silent auction, raffle, music, floor sales, demonstrations, etc.) but we need more help.

Please call Judy Savage (327-1160; judith.savage@simcoenorth.com) or Dave Barr (327-1479; davidbar@enoreo.on.ca) to volunteer or obtain more information.

BUY AN OAR PROGRAM

We are about to start working on this program. Committee members are Barb Pidgen, Tony Kaija, Laura Kelly, Laura Pidgen, Margo Herd, and Jenny Perigoe.

We will be approaching small businesses and restaurants to ask them to buy us a new oar (1 sweep oar is \$375). We will put their name on the oar(s) and they can display it in their place of business during the off season.

Even though we have not officially started, we already have two donors: Dufferin Aggregates (Sally Ritcey's husband John Ritcey), and Twin Lakes Rowing Club (Tony Kaija). Thank you John and Tony!

If you know of any small businesses that would be interested in buying an oar, please let us know. Our goal is to obtain 5 sets of sweep oars (20) through this program.

MEMBER DONATIONS

Recent donations by members include: a computer (for use by boathouse manager) from Jeff and Kristi Cole; and the loan of a second coach boat & motor for next season from Gary Haines. Many thanks to Kristi, Jeff, and Gary for these kind offerings! We will make good use of them.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Heather Potter and Barb Pidgen have put together a letter to all the local service clubs offering to do a slide/video presentation about our Club, and to request financial assistance. If any ORC members are also members of a service club, please let us know so we can pass on some information.

GET WELL SOON!

Our Fundraising Co-chair and Dinner Convener, Judy Savage, unfortunately has been hospitalized. We wish you a speedy recovery, Judy!



Among the memorable highlights this season were the students who represented the ORC at the Ontario Summer Games - our first official entry in a competitive rowing event.

2000 Rowing Season Provides Many Memorable Highlights

What a season of rowing! Some of our many highlights included:

- 43 LTR's (Learn-to-Row) completed in summer
- 22 LTR's completed in September with the Fall Student Rowing Program
- We are 80 members strong now (41 adults, 36 students, 3 associates)
- 5 Orillia students (Gordon Kerslake, Laura Pidgen, Laura Kelly, Susan Brasier, David Reid) rowed in the Ontario Summer Games making it our first official entry in a competitive rowing event
- 22 ORC members (18 adults & 4 students) participated in the Georgian Bay Invitational Regatta in Midland on September 10th
- Demand for our Student Rowing Program this fall was overwhelming, indicating that there is much interest in rowing among our youth.

Jim Wilson
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VOLUNTEERS HOURS ARE MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

The Orillia Rowing Club is a non-profit organization. A great deal of work is required to keep the Club running and all of that work is performed on a voluntary basis by Club members. Without their dedicated effort and contribution, the Club could not exist. In the past 2 years of operation, volunteer hours have been contributed by members who renovated the boathouse and stripped the Barrie boat. This season, besides endless hours by our executive, some examples of other members pitching in include:

- Janet Earle Coordinated Tag Days
- Many Members!..... Tagged June 30/ July 1
- Judy Savage Fundraising Co-chair and Fundraising Dinner Convener
- Lawrence Boyer, Bruce Donaldson,
Doug Herd & Ron Pidgen Strip/Paint Old Boys Oars
Fiberglass/Epoxy Barrie Boat
- Gary Haines Fiberglass/Epoxy Barrie Boat
- Kristi & Jeff Cole, Laura Kelly,
Laura Pidgen, Gordon Kerslake,
Rhonda Lauer & Ron Pidgen Fall Student LTR & Rowing Helpers
- Marg Barr Make Posters, Photo Albums
Produced July Newsletter
Slide Presentations at PFSS
Quality assurance on website
- Ron Pidgen Arrange boat trailer purchase
- Rhonda Lauer Help with Grants Committee application; stripping oars
- Jeff Cole & Patrick Fogarty Students ORC website design
ORC video presentation
ORC letterhead design
ORC business cards
November Newsletter layout
- Sarah Babineau, Bryan & Heather Marchand,
Rhonda Lauer, Laura Pidgen, Laurie Herd
Elaine Skalosky & Ron Pidgen Returning Old Boys to Midland
& Picking up Havel
- Bruce Donaldson Build stand for 2nd motor
Winterize coach boat motor
Arrange trim for Barrie Boat
Make anchors for buoys
- Patti Freeman, Sally Ritcey,
Elaine Skalosky & others Call members about events

This list is not complete - there have been donations of time by other members also! We DO appreciate everyone's help! Thanks again for a great season.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Orillia Rowing Club now has a permanent mailing address:

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Our new club email address is: orilliarowingclub@yahoo.ca

If you would like to receive your next newsletter via email, please send us a message with your email address.

And finally, thanks to Jeff Cole and his students at Patrick Fogarty, an Orillia Rowing Club website is currently being designed!

Check it out at: www.orilliarowingclub.cjb.net

LET'S PITCH IN! STILL PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

Starting **October 15th, 2000**, all volunteer hours contributed by you will count towards the 2001 rowing season. Please note that a certain number of volunteer hours will be required by every member for this next season (more details in next Newsletter). There will be lots of choices and options.

Currently, we need volunteers for a number of things. To help provide you some options to participate, we have provided the list below.

A member of the club (volunteer from the phoning committee) will be calling to schedule your volunteer time in the near future.

- 1 **Volunteer Coordinator** - 1 person to call and organize members to do volunteer work for the Club
- 2 **Bingo Coordinator(s)** - 1 or 2 person job, to coordinate volunteer members working at Bingo one session per month. This job is important since the average proceeds of \$1200/month could buy us a new racing 4 man shell every year. We hope that 2 of our club members will consider this position.
- 3 **Dock Coordinator(s)** - 1 or 2 person job to get necessary approvals, permits, drawings, and coordinate a dock being built. It is important that work start soon on this in order to have a dock for 2001 season.
- 4 **Strip & Varnish** 6 of 8 sculling oars for our new touring boat "Havel". These could be taken home by someone and completed there.
- 5 **Fundraising Dinner May 4, 2001** Help needed yet:
 - Reception
 - Corporate Contacts
 - Ticket Sales
 - Bar
 - Silent Auction
 - Demonstrations of Rowing Equipment
 - Special Help Where Needed
 - Selling Dinner Tickets over 7 Months
- 6 **Further Renovations to Boathouse** - removal of ceiling at one end and removal of wall by sink - this is to prepare for boat racks along both sides of boathouse - before winter.
- 7 **Oar Lettering** - 2 to 3 people to put lettering on the oars from the Buy an Oar sponsorship program.