



# ORC NEWS

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Photo by Laurie Herd

**HELPING HANDS:** The club recently thanked it's paid staff members for their assistance during the rowing season. Pictured are **Margot Herd** (eyeing the giant cookie), **Britany Gordon** and **Alison Sheepway** (dreaming about the gummie worms on the cake?). Margot and Alison continued to work through September while attending area high schools, while Britany returned to her studies at Acadia University in Nova Scotia at the end of August.

## New look newsletter

If you notice something different about this issue of the newsletter, then either you are very perceptive, or you have a good memory. Perhaps both are true!

It has been a few months since the last issue of the club newsletter was published (May to be precise), so it has undergone some retooling in an effort to re-establish this important means of communication with the club's membership.

Aside from the name change to "ORC News" from the original "Orillia Rowing Club Newsletter," the new look nameplate now incorporates the club logo and streamlines the use of fonts in an effort to (hopefully) eliminate some minor production problems.

Also currently pending is a decision to change the dates of publication for the newsletter so that it will appear six times per year rather than four. It has not yet been decided if this will occur in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December or, alternatively, January, March, May, July, September and November.

If you are interested in reviewing past issues of the newsletter, they are available for download in PDF format from the club's web site.

## Banquet to feature awards presentation

Looking for a way to celebrate the end of the rowing season? Get out your day planner and write this down: "Attend ORC year-end banquet."

Hosted on November 9 at the Couchiching Golf and Country Club, this will be the first-ever "official" celebration of the end of the rowing season. If all goes well, it is hoped that this gathering will blossom into an annual event.

This year's banquet promises to be a particularly significant date for the club as it will

feature the first-ever presentation of the Judith Gaudaur-Savage Memorial Trophy.

The trophy will be awarded annually "to an Orillia Rowing Club member for volunteerism and rowing enthusiasm." The trophy was donated by Judy's classmates, teachers, friends, and family to honour her love of sport, her pride in her family's rowing heritage, and her lifelong work to build communities through her many friendships.

Many of Judy's family and friends will be in attendance at

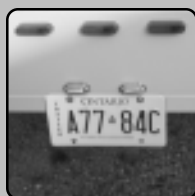
the banquet to commemorate this special occasion.

You can reserve tickets for the year-end banquet by leaving a message for Jeff Cole at the boat house by phoning 326-3519.

In your message, please state your name, phone number and the quantity of tickets required, and Jeff will return your call to follow up on payment.

The banquet reception begins at 5:30pm and will be followed by a buffet dinner and conclude with a brief awards presentation.

Tickets cost \$20 per person.



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# The Season in Pictures

1. **Don Clune** and **Ron Pidgen** stand beside the club trailer during an early stage of construction in May. The trailer, since completed in June and used all season long, represented 200+ hours of volunteer work by both Don and Ron, in addition to significant donations of material on the part of **Old Tymer Welding**. The trailer bears the logo of **Jim Wilson Chev-Olds** as part of a 2001 sponsorship agreement.



2. Raffle fundraising chair **Wendy Lou Paquette** tallies the proceeds at the August 1st draw.



3. Masters rowers **Tena Jackson, Vera Van Amelsvoort, Brad Ingleton, Rebecca Rumsey, Bob Wink, Diane Carter, Patti Freeman** and **Jackie Wink** assemble for a photo at the Royal Canadian Henley.



4. **Heather Kerslake** and **Barb Pidgen** relax at the end of their 5km race at the Muskoka RC's River Reflections regatta.



5. **Alison Sheepway, Margot Herd, Sarah Pidgen, Allie Robinson** and **Lynsi Henrickson** pose at the Royal Canadian Henley.

6. **Malcolm Kannenberg** pulls with all his might during erg races at the summer rowing camp.

7. Mixed 8+ crew of **Doug Herd, Lawrence Boyer, Don Clune, Kathy Hunt, Rhonda Lauer, Tena Jackson, Sally Ritcey** and **Diane Carter** get ready to race at the Don RC's Tops 'n' Bottoms regatta.

8. **Christian Velenosi** and **Heaven Lee Graham** on the water at summer rowing camp.

9. **John McGill** pulls a winning raffle ticket as **Dave Barr** and **Laurie Herd** look on.

10. **Sarah Pidgen** and **Lynsi Henrickson** erg away on the ORC float at the Canada Day parade as **Ron Pidgen** looks on.

11. Bantam rowers **Tim Herd** and **Mark Kelly** get ready to row at the Georgian Bay RC's Midland regatta at Little Lake.

5. Photo by Laurie Herd



6. Photo by Margot Herd



7. Photo by Laurie Herd



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9. Photo by Tim Herd

10. Photo by Jeff Cole



11. Photo by Laurie Herd



# A tip of the hat to rowing club volunteers

## By Rhonda Lauer Volunteer Coordinator

Looking back on 2002 provides plenty of evidence that volunteerism was alive and well in the Orillia Rowing Club.

Our members involved themselves in a wide variety of events over the course of the rowing season and contributed to the daily tasks that a busy boat house constantly needed to be addressed.

Before the season even started, volunteers worked away on our major fundraising drive. Our raffle, chaired by **Wendy Lou Paquette**, saw fundraising successfully net approximately \$2500 to assist with the cost of our beautiful new trailer.

Members **Don Clune** and **Ron Pidgen** led the charge of undertaking crafting our very own trailer. **Lawrence Boyer**, **Doug Herd**, **Doug Moore**, **Jeff** and **Kristi Cole** also spent many hours bringing the trailer dream to life.

Our new trailer proudly displayed our sponsored oars during the Canada Day Parade. Members on that day not only marched in the parade, but also staged a rowing demonstration at Couchiching Beach Park, giving exposure to our touring fleet of Trillium, Peter Burstyn and Splendid.

The ORC had raffle booths at both the Leacock Sidewalk Sales and the Spring Boat Show. Members covered the venues for our Annual Tag Days, overseen by **Michelle Dwyer**, and raised another \$1275 for the club.

Members were once again on the water to assist with the Sun City Swim in August, offering support to the individuals participating in member **Brenda Jenkin's** fundraising event for Community Care Access and Soldiers Memorial Hospital.

The Simcoe County Conservation Authority called upon the ORC to become an on

water flotilla welcoming the returning PALS participants who traveled by canoe around Lake Simcoe and Couchiching offering education and awareness to cottagers, communities and waterfront owners on safe lakeshore usage and management techniques.

A newly refurbished heavyweight racing shell, the Donoratico, became part of our fleet after many hours of dedicated restoration work by several members.

**Wendy Sullivan** and **Elaine Thompson** got each of the learn to row participants and new members through their swim tests in the spring.

Other members kept the boat house in good shape by assisting with boat maintenance, general house-keeping and helping out with learn to row classes and the youth summer camp for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Some members became

familiar with competition by assisting with the organization of regattas. **Patti Freeman** saw to it that all interested regatta competitors were properly registered.

**Barb Davidson** took on the task of Payroll Officer, thereby keeping our very deserving boat house staff happy.

Our phone committee kept members up to date on social events, changes in rowing times and volunteer opportunities within the club. Collecting grocery tapes and manning a display for Information Days at the mall were other volunteer contributions.

This was a busy, successful season for our members both on and off the water. If you are still looking to complete some volunteer hours for the 2002 season, come to the boat house clean up on October 19.

Thank you to everyone who made 2002 such a great year.

## Bantam rowers display keen interest in sport

One area in which the club expanded greatly this past season was in the 12 to 15 year old age group.

It would appear that many of these bantam age rowers caught on to rowing this season by following the example of their parents and older brothers or sisters who were also members.

**Sarah Pidgen**, **Tim Herd** and **Alicia Lucas** are part of entire families who were members of the rowing club this past season.

Other bantams such as **Elizabeth Carter**, **Madelaine Kaija**, **Tyhme Thompson**, **Hilary Salmon**, **Mark Kelly**, **Aden Beresford**, **Nick Dwyer** and **Peter Lobsinger** also had at least one other family connection who was a member in the club.

Perhaps the only real exceptions to this rule were **Jan Cahill** and **Michelle Prothero** who joined the club on their own.

In addition, there were also 13 bantam age youths who took part in the summer rowing camp offered in conjunction with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Orillia.

The growth of membership in the bantam category bodes well for the future of the club and it is hoped that these members will continue to pursue the sport throughout high school and into their adult lives.

Some of the current bantam rowers will likely consider becoming student competitive rowers next season, but it is expected that membership in the bantam category could expand significantly next year if promoted in the community at large.

During the offseason, the club's board of directors will be looking at establishing a summer program for these rowers for the 2003 season.

## NOTICE OF ORILLIA ROWING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19  
at the ORC boat house**

**Breakfast Social  
8:30 am**

**Annual General Meeting  
9:00 am**

**Boat house clean up to follow  
Volunteers needed**

**All members are invited to attend**