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SEASON OPENERS

By Laurie Herd

The first event for the 2003 season is the boat house opening and cleanup, scheduled for **Saturday, May 10th** beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Club members are asked to bring cleaning supplies (soap) and equipment (pails, cloths and sponges) and some elbow grease to get the boat house and shells ready for rowing.

As well, members are encouraged to bring some breakfast goodies for the morning's coffee break and social time.

All donated cleaning time, supplies and food items will be credited towards your volunteer hours for the season.

Krispy Kreme fund raiser order forms and collected money can be dropped off at this event.

Members are also asked to make note of the club's first orientation night and social to take place on **Wednesday, May 14th** at 7:00 p.m. at the boat house.

Here you can meet the club's summer staff, board of directors and other members, both returning and new, while learning the boat



Photo by Laurie Herd

Barb Davidson registers herself and family members for the upcoming rowing season during the club's April registration nights. Returning members **Brenda Jenkins, Shannon Lecour** and **Kim Moore** were some of the volunteers on hand to assist with questions, forms and to provide general information for new and returning members.

house procedures and safety guidelines.

The safety video will be available to view, a must see for all rowers prior to getting on the water.

Various club programs such as touring, competitive and recreational, as well as bantam, student and masters rowing will be discussed.

Once again, donate a dessert, fresh fruit or juice for the social and be credited for volunteer time.

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this event.

The first day of rowing will be **Saturday, May 17th** beginning at 7:00a.m. Hope to see you there!

REFRESHER COURSES

Feel that you need a chance to go over basic sculling and sweeping skills before jumping back into the swing of things?

Just call the boat house manager (Jenn or Britany) at 326-3519 and book a time. Courses will be offered on Friday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. during June.

ROWING CLINICS

Watch for further information on dates and times for the following clinics:

- Sculling
- Coxing
- Touring
- Safety/Rescue
- Care and Use of Racing Shells
- Training for a Regatta

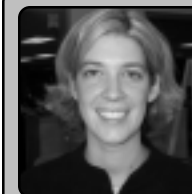
Clinics are tentatively scheduled to take place on alternating Wednesday and Thursday evenings during the months of July and August.



RAISING DOUGH
Help Sarah Houlden sell some Krispy Kreme doughnuts **Page 2**



TAG ALONG
Christine Welton is looking for a few good taggers in July **Page 2**



THIS OAR THAT
Jackie Wink has got both oars in the water and is ready to row **Page 2**



Photo by Laurie Herd

Several rowing club members were getting into summer mode, even during the frigid off season, at the "Say Goodbye to Winter" party and Islands Theme dinner held in March, hosted by the Herd family.

ROWERS WANTED!

LATE REGISTRATION ON MAY 14

The Orillia Rowing Club still has a few spots available for new members during the 2003 rowing season.

Learn to Row, recreational, bantam, touring, and competitive student and masters programs are all components still available to late registrants.

For a registration package please call the boat house at 326-3519 and leave a message, or download a package in PDF format from the club's web site.

www.orilliarowingclub.cjb.net

Fundraising Coordinators Need Everyone's Help



Sarah Houlden



Christine Welton



Jackie Wink

How important is fund raising? Simply stated, without the efforts of club members such as **Sarah, Christine** and **Jackie**, the Orillia Rowing Club would cease to exist! With operating expenses, salaries, rental fees, equipment and maintenance costs amounting to tens of thousands of dollars annually, the club cannot stay afloat on membership revenue alone (no pun intended)! Here are some details on how you can assist those who have undertaken a leadership role in fund raising this season:

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fund Raiser

Coordinator: Sarah Houlden

Key Dates: May 10, 14 or 17 for returning collected forms and money, and May 29 for delivery of the doughnuts.

Goal: To raise \$2000 to fund the purchase of "Double Trouble," a lightweight racing double, from Havergal College.

What Can I Do? Every club members needs to sell his/her quota of 5 dozen of these delicious doughnuts. Volunteers are also needed to help pick up the fresh doughnuts on May 29.

Tag Days Fund Raiser

Coordinator: Christine Welton

Key Dates: Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26

Goal: To raise \$2500 to fund ongoing programs and new equipment purchases.

What Can I Do? Sign up to volunteer your time to tag for an hour or two in front of a local business on July 25 or July 26.

Buy an Oar Fund Raiser

Coordinator: Jackie Wink

Goal: To raise funds to support the purchase of several sets of oars through sponsorships and advertising.

What Can I Do? Suggest the name of a local proprietor or potential sponsor who might benefit from oar advertising or perhaps even consider making a donation yourself!

Off Season Fund Raisers

Congratulations to the following club members who have already initiated 2003 fund raising campaigns... to **Kristi Cole** and **Kathy Hunt** who submitted a successful application to the Simcoe County Health Unit Diabetes Prevention Project to secure \$2800 for the club's summer camp program for Big Brothers and Big Sisters... to **Dave Barr, Jeff Cole** and **Rhonda Lauer** who launched an Associate membership letter writing campaign in support of the club's Junior Apprenticeship program (\$325 collected to date)...and to **Chrisandra Firth-Williams**, for overseeing the club's ongoing Nevada fund raiser.

The "ORChives"

By Dave Barr, Treasurer

[with assistance from archivist Marg Barr]

Do you know who was the greatest athlete to ever spring from Orillia, born in 1858 at the Narrows, descended from one of Orillia's first fur traders and one of the original Chippewa residents, in 1890 winning the double sculls championship of the world on Lake Couchiching, in 1896 at age 38 winning the world's single sculling championship [held for 5 years] on the Thames River in London? If you answered **Jake Gaudaur Sr.**, you are correct!

And who also became an outstanding rower, was North American Junior High School Rowing Champion in 1938 in a boat donated by the citizens of Orillia, accepted a special commemorative plaque from the City on July 1, 1997 when the Couchiching Beach Centennial celebration took place? Answer: Jake Sr.'s son, **Jake Gaudaur Jr.**

The following is the inspiring inscription on the aforementioned plaque:

"Presented to Jake Gaudaur Jr. on 1 July 1997 in recognition of the pioneer role of the Gaudaur family in Orillia and in gratitude for the distinction and honour their achievements have brought this community. On the 100th anniversary of Couchiching Beach Park we reflect on the long association of world champion oarsman Jake Gaudaur Sr. with this venue, the scene of many spirited sculling competitions and demonstrations and recall that a career that took him to the highest ranks of Canadian sport began for Jake Gaudaur Jr. with swimming, watercraft and athletic activities in these same surroundings. The example of good sportsmanship, good citizenship, communal pride and public service set by this remarkable family in 179 years serves as an inspiration to Orillians of every era."

And what contemporary rowers put on an exhibition of rowing at the same 1997 Centennial celebration under the watchful eye of MC **Pete McGarvey**? Answer: **Tony Kaija, Heather Kerslake, Diane Carter and Kathryn McGill.**

During these years another historian, **Jay Cody**, worked tenaciously to establish a public plaque to commemorate the Gaudaur legacy, and thanks to his efforts this can be viewed in Couchiching Park.

This all took place before the fledgling club was formed in 1998, with incorporation being finalized in 2000.

Do you remember the first Orillia Rowing Club Board of Directors? Answer: **Tony Kaija** [President], **Diane Carter, Heather Kerslake, Marci Csumrik** and **Kerrie Pellarin**, working with a cast of many dedicated and enthusiastic rowers.

Thanks to the donations and loans of equipment from other supportive clubs, we were able to take to the water, but we were expanding and we needed boats of our own. What to do?

[To be continued in the next issue...]

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COMPETITIVE ROWERS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday May 14 or Monday May 26

7:00 p.m. at the boat house

Regatta Information Night

Safety Video

Review of Club Rules

Wednesday May 28

7:00 p.m. at the boat house

Boat Use Sign-up for June

If you are interested in signing up for a specific racing shell during the month of June, please attend the Boat Use Sign-up Meeting. Row times for Double Trouble and Gold Barr will be established at this meeting.

COMPETITIVE REGATTA SCHEDULE

June 28 CORA regatta (Bayside -Toronto)

July 5 CORA regatta (London)

July 12 CORA Champs

July 13 Ontario Masters Champs

July 19-20 St. Catherines Invitational

July 26-27 Ontario Champs

August 2 Regatta of the Americas

Aug 5-10 Royal Canadian Henley

Aug 30-31 Canadian Masters Champs (Montreal)

Oct 4 Head of the Trent

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIVE FEES

Juniors (born in 1984 or later): \$32.00 (ROWOntario upgrade fee)

Seniors (born in 1983 or earlier): \$23.00 (ROWOntario upgrade fee)

All upgrade fees are due by June 1, 2003. You must pay the upgrade in order to compete in a sanctioned RowOntario regatta.

Each regatta will have a separate registration fee, usually based on the number of races entered and the type of shell being raced (e.g. 4+, 2x). There will be racing wear (singlets, unisuits, jackets) available for purchase as crew members are required to have the same uniform.

For further information about competitive programs please call **Diane Carter** at 325-9964 or **Brad Ingleton** at 325-0148.

JUNIOR APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Orillia Rowing Club invites applications from youth in the community to participate in its Junior Apprenticeship Program.

Successful applicants will be eligible to receive a grant of up to \$1000 enabling them to:

- finance their annual rowing membership dues;
- develop leadership and interpersonal skills by working on a part-time basis under the supervision of experienced boat house management staff;
- obtain a Level I rowing coaching certificate;
- obtain a power boat operator's license;
- obtain CPR certification;
- pursue their passion for the sport of rowing at a competitive, or recreational level;

Successful applicants will agree to work in a part-time capacity as an assistant boat house manager between June and September 2003. The number of working hours is proportional to the size of the grant being awarded, and must be completed prior to the end of the 2003 season. Upon completion of these hours, and other terms of the contract, the "20 volunteer hour" requirement normally levied on members will be waived.

Applicants must:

- Be a minimum of 16 years of age;
- Be a registered member of the Orillia Rowing Club in good standing;
- Have previous rowing experience and display dedication to the sport of rowing at a competitive or recreational level.

Please submit a detailed **resume** and **cover letter** outlining qualifications and any previous work or volunteer experience by **May 17, 2003**, in person at the boat house, by mail (Junior Apprenticeship Program, c/o Orillia Rowing Club, P.O. Box 981, Orillia, ON L3V 6K8) or by email to orilliarowingclub@yahoo.ca.

Financial support for the Junior Apprenticeship Program is made possible through the generosity of the Orillia Rowing Club's Associate members (a complete list of these sponsors will be published in the next newsletter).

ATLANTIC CHALLENGE CANADA

Attention all Orillia Rowing Club members! There is an opportunity for you to participate in a historical rowing and sailing program called Atlantic Challenge Canada.

Long boats or the Captain's gig are used and instruction for both sailing and rowing in these boats takes place from mid-May throughout the summer at Discovery Harbour, Penetanguishene. New participants are very welcome and no sailing or rowing experience is necessary.

The Youth Program takes place on Tuesday evenings while the Adult Program runs every Thursday. Both programs take place at Discovery Harbour, Penetanguishene between 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Orillia Rowing Club members are offered a 20% reduction in registration fees bringing the total cost down to \$40 per person.

For more information on this unique program please call (705) 326-5422 or visit www.atlanticchallenge.ca. You can register by email at chairman@atlanticchallenge.ca. Be sure to note that you are an Orillia Rowing club member for the discount to apply.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR UPCOMING ORC EVENTS

MAY 10 Spring Boat House Clean Up - 9:00am

- Opening of the boat house and return of stored equipment
- Return Krispy Kreme order sheets and money collected to Sarah Houlden

MAY 14 Orientation and Social - 7:00 pm

- Your chance to find out what's new this year
- Find out about upcoming rowing activities and regattas
- View the safety video – a "must see" for all returning members!
- Return Krispy Kreme order sheets and money collected to Sarah Houlden

MAY 17 On the water!

- Rowing season official begins – refer to schedule for time slots
- **LAST OPPORTUNITY** to return Krispy Kreme order sheets and money collected to Sarah Houlden

MAY 26 Orientation and Social 2 – 7:00 pm

- A repeat of May 14 just in case you missed it

MAY 28 Training/Boat Use Planning

- Are you a returning member planning to train regularly for competition? What boats do you use? And when do you want to row? Come out and let us know, so we can work out the best schedule for everybody.

JUNE 4 Wednesday "Ladies' Night" – 7:00 pm

- Open Row — just show up and we'll get you organized into crews

JUNE 5 Thursday "Men's Night" – 7:00 pm

- Open Row — just show up and we'll get you organized into crews

JUNE 7-8 French River Tour

- For information, call Alex Young

JUNE 14 Scugog Invitational Regatta

JUNE 18 FUN NIGHT – 7:00 pm

- Watch for details at the boat house

JUNE 22 LAKE COUCHICHIING TOUR

- For information, call Alex Young