



# ORC NEWS

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Summer – 2005

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow!! What a summer so far! The weather has been hot and sunny & despite a few windy days, I hope every member is getting out to row as often as they like. Enjoy the prime of the summer while it is here.

When I see all those doubles in use (especially at the 5:30 am. rows!) and both coach boats out on the water at the same time, it just confirms again that all our fundraising efforts have been worth it. New to our club this year are 2 doubles (Yellow Kaschper and RCA boat), a 15 hp motor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coach boat (borrowed boat belonging to former member Gary Haines), we are also proud owners of P.Burstyn touring quad (formerly we rented it), and 16 brand new sculling oars (with 37 sponsors for literally all our sculling oars in the boathouse), and 2 speed coaches (result of the proceeds from the student carwash efforts).

So, do get out and enjoy all our equipment and everything that our club has to offer! Remember, whatever your schedule, we offer rowing 7 days per week. As well as our new members from our Learn To Row program, we have many new student members from our brand-new high school program. As a result, we have just over a 20% increase in membership this year.

Be sure to join in the other fun activities too. There is the Brewery Bay regatta on July 28, drop in row nights on Wed. and Thurs. evenings, boat maintenance nights monthly (counts for volunteer hours!), and a fun intra-club regatta at Brenda Jenkins house on Wed. Aug. 24 (this is a potluck social evening with some fun racing). Our annual summer fundraising event is Tag Days, taking place on Fri. Aug. 12 and Sat. Aug. 13. This is a major fundraiser usually resulting in about \$1400 that will go directly towards a new boat. Sheila Lahay is our tag day coordinator this

year and the sign-up sheets are now posted for your information. Please sign up for tagging and receive volunteer hours. If you sign up a friend or family member as a second volunteer you receive double volunteer hours!

The final addition of our club phone list for 2005 is now available at the boathouse. Please pick up a copy.

See you on the water!  
Sincerely,  
Barb Pidgen

## "BUY-AN-OAR" PROGRAM ALMOST AT THE FINISH LINE !!

The Orillia Rowing Club 2005 Buy-an-Oar Program has been extremely successful! We have 37 sculling oars sponsored! Each oar costs \$295 and the following individuals and businesses have **GENEROUSLY** sponsored the purchase of one or more sculling oar(s):



- GIT Security
- The Madison County Food & Beverage Co.
- Scotiabank Orillia
- Orillia Lion's Club
- Rotary Club of Orillia – 2 oars
- Rotary Club of Orillia – Lake Country
- Laidlaw Education Services – 2 oars
- Michael Monteith Enterprises Ltd. – 2 oars
- Century 21 – Don Campbell Real Estate Ltd. – 2 oars
- Linda & Rick Dalmazzi – 4 oars (2001)
- Dr. Nancy Harris
- Dr. Anthony Reid
- Dr. David Stirling & Dr. Scott MacGregor
- Dr. Debbie McCloskey
- Vera & Gerry van Amelsvoort
- Dietmar Schaefer
- Carol & Hubert Schaefer
- Art & Else Cameron – 2 oars
- Barb & Ron Pidgen
- Vivian & Arden Pidgen – 2 oars
- Jim MacGorman
- Ans Wafelbakker
- Jackie & Bill Gandy
- Harper Tire – 2 oars
- Sanderson Monument Company
- M. Dwyer Engineering
- Daniel Sawatsky Chartered Accountant

Many, many thanks to all our donors! You have helped us offer rowing to more people in our community.

We still need a sponsor for 1 more sculling oar. If you know someone who would be interested in buying an oar, please let us know.

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## **NEW BRONZE PATRONS OF THE ORILLIA ROWING CLUB**

As a result of the generous contributions of our sponsors donating \$500 or more, the following names are being inscribed on the club's Plaque hanging in the Barnfield Point Recreation Centre.

- Laidlaw Education Services
- Rotary Club of Orillia
- Michael Monteith Enterprises Ltd.
- Century 21 – Don Campbell Real Estate Ltd.
- Harper Tire
- Art and Else Cameron
- Arden and Vivian Pidgen

Thank you again to these generous donors! The club is very grateful for their support.

## **TEAM EFFORT PULLS OFF THE SECOND ANNUAL JAKE GAUDAUR TOUR**

*Submitted by Kathy Hunt,  
Recreation Director*

The second annual Jake Gaudaur Tour took place on Saturday, June 18th with 27 rowers representing: Orillia, Barrie, Peterborough, Toronto, Ottawa, the South Niagara region, and Cambridge rowing clubs.

The tour began at the Orillia Rowing Club launch and followed Jake Gaudaur's training course up to Washago,

where rowers enjoyed lunch and stories about the famous rower from Jake's grand nephew, John Savage. The tour ended back at the Orillia Clubhouse after some tough rowing through windy conditions, but everyone had a good workout and a great day of rowing.

The tour could not have taken place without the enthusiastic contribution from many people, including:

- Peter Bursztyn and Mike Smith, Barrie Rowing Club, for the loan of the touring boats
- Alan Smale and Doug Herd for driving the trailer
- Laurie Herd, Tim Herd, Stefanie Duquette, Lawrence Boyer and Peter and Derek from Barrie for rigging and loading
- Laurie Herd for putting together great hospitality packages and draw prizes
- Angela Evers and Faith Henderson for arranging for and serving breakfast and lunch snacks
- Mariposa Market for donation of muffins and donuts
- All the businesses and organizations that donated to our hospitality packages
- Barb and Ron Pidgen for driving the safety boat, and
- Don Salmon for rowing 16km in the "triple!"

Thank you all, including all the Orillia participants of this year's tour for helping to make this event another fun day!

## **SUMMER 2005 FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

*Vera Cameron van Amelsvoort and  
Gerry Van Amelsvoort  
Co-chairs Fundraising*

Please continue to collect and submit to the Club cash register tapes from A&P and Zehrs as they will help with our ongoing fundraising endeavors. You can put your A&P tapes into the A&P box above Margo's desk at the Boathouse. Yours Zehrs tapes should can be placed in the ORC slot located at the main entrance of Zehrs.

We also ask that you save your Canadian Tire dollars and bring them into the boathouse as well. A jar marked "Canadian Tire \$" also sits on the shelf above Margo's desk. Canadian Tire money is used to assist with boat maintenance related purchases.

A reminder for those members who have not yet picked up their 5 cases of water from the Boathouse. Please do so ASAP as you have already paid for them as part of your membership. If anyone wishes to purchase more cases of water, you will be granted a maximum of 5 volunteer hours with a further minimum 5 case purchase. Remember, that for every case of water purchased, \$2.50 is raised and ear-marked for the future purchase of a convertible quad!! Let's pull together and make those cases in the boathouse disappear!

Finally, please continue to support our Nevada sales. Nevada tickets can be purchased at the Atherley Mini Mart on the corner of Front St. and Atherley Rd.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas please contact either Gerry or Vera at Vera\_row@hotmail.com, or call us at home at 835-2440.



## Student Car Wash

Submitted by Laurie Herd,  
Director Events/Publicity

Wow! What a busy & successful day we had at the carwash! Twenty students from the ORC participated, from both the High School Program and regular student members. Adult members involved were Gerry and Vera van Am., Margot H., Doug H. (did lots of coming and going so we were free to supervise!?) and myself (Laurie). Also the bottled water sales did well and was a draw all on its own! Here is the good news:

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 31 cases of water |            |
| @ \$5.00 =        | \$155.00   |
| Donations         | = \$ 52.00 |
| 109 car washes    |            |
| @ \$5.00 =        | \$545.00   |
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| Total (yahoo!!) = | \$752.00   |

A great big Thank You! to the students and parent volunteers for your enthusiasm and hard work. Your attitude, smiley faces and good work left everyone with a great impression of our club. It helped in the tip department as well!!! Thank you too, to parents and other club members and supporters for coming to get an ORC wash!

See you on the water--not spraying it!

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## Club Clothing

Diana Ruhe (Steph Duquette's Mom) has volunteered to take on the role of our club clothing coordinator. She arranged for all new competitive rowers to receive their new club rowing outfits. There is an order sheet posted at the boathouse for any members who are interested in ordering any other club clothing such as hoodies, sweat pants etc.

Thank you so much Diana for taking on this role!!

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Try Out Rowing

Submitted by Laurie Herd

The Orillia Rowing Club will be offering a hands-on informative seminar for those interested in learning more about rowing.

The next session will be on August 10th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. with registration to - 7:00 p.m. at the ORC boathouse. The cost is \$25.00 per person with a limit of 6 participants per session. Please note this seminar is an informative session and will not be credited as a Learn to Row Program.

If you are interested in registering for this session or would like to learn more, please call the ORC boathouse at 326-3519.

### Row for Gold Camp

The Orillia Rowing Club in conjunction with Orillia Parks & Recreation are offering two, 2 day camp sessions for 12 - 15 year olds. Camps run Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, July 25 -29 and August 15-19. The Row-for-Gold Rowing Camp program will include basic rowing skills plus equipment information, crew formation, stroke technique, racing strategies and safety procedures plus mini-competitions, games and swimming. Registration is limited.

Learn an awesome sport, meet new people and have fun! To register call Orillia Parks & Recreation 329-7250.

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(Maintenance Night)



## ROWING CLUB EVENTS

Here are a few events to mark on your calendar for the Orillia Rowing Club.

Please remember that all events require help and your help is most appreciated and can be used toward your 20 Hour Volunteer requirement for club membership. Read the signs and/or leave messages on the boathouse number (326-3519) with your name, phone number and events that you can help organize or crew. We need your help and would love to hear from you!

1. **Maintenance Night:** For Boats, the boathouse, and the beach are scheduled monthly – please sign up.
2. We need student and adult helpers for the “Row for Gold” camp. Students to help out on the water, and adults to get the registration sheets, waivers signed, order t-shirts, purchase medals, organize & purchase healthy snacks for last day of camp.

### **3. BREWERY BAY MINI-REGATTA**

We are planning a fun, recreational regatta. As a new or veteran member, this is your opportunity to get a taste of racing and have lots of fun!

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 28 (with a rain / wind date of August 9)  
5:00 pm Sign-in  
5:30 - 8:30 pm Regatta  
8:30 pm Social and Munchies at Brewery Bay, Mississauga Street (\$10)

**SIGN UP:** On the sign-up sheet at the Boathouse or by leaving a message on the Club answering machine (326-3519) **BY Monday, JULY 25 at 10 am.** You can sign up as a crew, or on your own (we can put you into a crew). Events may include singles, doubles or fours (sculling and sweep).

Questions... call Kathy Hunt at 327-3363

4. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**  
We also plan to participate in the **BARRIE ROWING CLUB "WREC 'N ROW"** recreational regatta on August 20. The Brewery Bay mini-regatta will be a great way to get ready for this event. (Details will be posted).

5. Remember **DROP IN ROWING** for our recreational members on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00-8:30p.m. Row with new people, row in a different boat, learn a new rowing skill, or try the RCA rigged as a pair! Lots of fun for all!

6. **HEAD OF THE TRENT** – Sun. October 1

7. **LAKE COUCHICHING TOUR** – tentatively planned with our T-11 & T-7 touring boats for Sun. August 14. Sign up at the boathouse. Beginners are welcome!!

8. **Looking for Volunteer Hours?**  
One of the best ways to get in those hours and “learn the ropes” is to be on the water as a coxie for a training crew! Just let the boathouse staff know you are interested and when you are available.

### CANADA DAY PARADE



The O.R.C. would like to sincerely thank all the club members who helped out with the Canada Day float, including those who helped decorate the float, walked along, or “rowed” along the route, and those that helped clean up after, and Aubrey Ford for driving the trailer.



### RACING RESULTS

*Submitted by Laurie Herd,  
Director Events/Publicity*

### ORC Scugog Invitational 2005

The Orillia Rowing Club attended the first regatta of the 2005 season at the Scugog Invitational in Port Perry, home to the Durham Rowing Club, on Sat. June 11th.

23 students and 5 adults participated on this gruelling hot race day under the direction of coach Margot Herd. As well as the hot humid conditions, the racers had to battle head winds, a stiff current, and the threat of thunder storms on this 2000+ metre course. Overall, the ORC team entered 11 events, with 7 first place medals, 3 seconds and one 3rd!

Here are the results:

Double races – Jr. Women Sarah Pidgen and Kirsten Cameron (rowing Kaschper) finished 1<sup>st</sup>, while Jr. Women Elizabeth Carter and Jen Cahill (rowing True Blue from Barrie) finished in 2nd place. Jr. Men Alexander Cameron and Conor Jones (rowing Splendid) against much older crews, finished 1<sup>st</sup>; while Blake Moore and Stephen Scott (rowing RCA) finished in a close 2nd place.



(Sarah & Kirsten)

Coxed 4 - Jr. Women Sarah Pidgen, Jen Chrysler, Hayley Bowers, Kirsten Cameron and coxie Steph Duquette (rowing the Jim Wilson Chevrolet "Ashleigh") finished 1<sup>st</sup>; and Sr. Women Tyhme Thompson, Alli Robinson, Lynsi Henrickson, Elizabeth Carter with coxie Colm Shannon also finished 1<sup>st</sup>. Jr. Men Jordan O'Coin, Noah Schaefer, Graham Warren, Tim Herd and coxie Steph Duquette raced hard, coming close to a second 3rd.

Quad - Jr. Women Steph Duquette, Kitrina Typhair, Laura MacIver, and Jen Cahill rowed Kinsmen through choppy water to 2nd place; while Jr. Men Tim Dwyer, Jon McRae, Stephen Scott, and Blake Moore rowed Durham's new "Scugog" to a 1st place win. Recreational Women, Vera Cameron vanAmelsvoort, Lib Ford, Tena Jackson (Barrie), and Barb Pidgen rowed the Kinsmen Quad to a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish.

Recreational Mixed Eight - Tena Jackson (Barrie), Gerry vanAmelsvoort, Lib Ford, Graham Warren, Tyhme Thompson, Vera Cameron van Amelsvoort, Barb Pidgen and Doug Herd, rowed Durham's "Foolish Pleasure" for a strong 1st place win.

### Central Ontario Rowing Association Events

#### Event #1 - June 26<sup>th</sup>

The first of 2 qualifying regattas sponsored by C.O.R.A. held in Welland, Ontario, home of the South Niagara Rowing Club.

This competitive regatta had 11 students and one adult representing the ORC team under sweltering hot, humid conditions, plus choppy water and some equipment problems on this 2000metre course. Some of these participants were novice

rowers and should be congratulated for their effort, stamina and good judgement when faced with such inhospitable conditions.

Here are the results:

Singles - rowing "On the Fly" Sarah Pidgen came 4th in a close race in Women's Under 17 while Women's Master rower Barb Pidgen came 5th.

Doubles - Under 17 Women, Sarah Pidgen and Kirsten Cameron rowed the Kaschper double to a 1st place win. Under 19 Women Elizabeth Carter and Jenn Cahill rowed "Gold Barr" to 4th place against stiff competition. Under 17 Men Tim Herd and Noah Schaefer rowed the Kaschper to a strong 4th place finish in spite of equipment problems and Under 19 Men Tim Herd and Stephen Scott had a strong row finishing 4th.

Coxed Four - Women Under 19 rowing the Jim Wilson Chevrolet "Ashleigh" saw this young crew of Elizabeth Carter, Stephanie Duquette, Kitrina Typhair, Jen Cahill and coxie Laura MacIver race into 3rd place.

In the popular Quad races, rowing Barrie's Sexton Under 17 Women Sarah Pidgen, Tyhme Thompson, Laura MacIver and Kirsten Cameron had a strong row to finish 2nd.

#### Event #2 - CORA Championships July 9, 2005

O.R.C. entered nine events and brought home 5 medals!

It was another long, blistering hot regatta day with competitors from the central and southern region of the province as well as exhibition events by some Canadian National Team Members.

In the Singles event Junior rower Sarah Pidgen raced a 2000m course in "On the Fly" for 3rd place, while Master rower Barb Pidgen rowed to 4th place over 1000m.

In the Doubles category; Under 17 Women Sarah Pidgen & Kirsten Cameron had a strong 2000 m row in the Kaschper and held on to their 2nd place finish while Under 17 Men Tim Herd & Noah Schaefer rowed hard and strong for a bronze 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal. Under 19 Men Herd and Stephen Scott rowed the Kaschper, while Under 23 Women of Alli Robinson and Katie Howson, in the RCA, both had tough races, with 5th place finishes.

In the Pairs event (1 oar each) rowing the RCA the Under 19 Women of Laura MacIver and Stephanie Duquette, both new to this event, were able to come from behind to finish 4th.

In the Coxed 4 event, rowing the Jim Wilson Chevrolet "Ashleigh", Under 19 Women Duquette, MacIver, Kitrina Typhair, Cameron with coxie Sarah Pidgen raced hard into 4th place.

For the Masters Doubles, competing on a 1000m course saw Vera Cameron van Amelsvoort & Barb Pidgen, in RCA, row to a strong 2nd place; while Bob Wink and Brad Ingleton, rowed Gold Barr to a 1st place win.

#### RowOntario Masters July 10, 2005

The Orillia Rowing Club attended the RowOntario Masters Regatta held in Wellend recently with 4 athletes entered in 6 races capturing medals in five events! This 1000m course was attended by rowers 27years and up who race in age categories with timed handicaps of mixed aged events.



Barb Pidgen rowed her single "On the Fly" to a 2nd place finish; while Vera Cameron van Amelsvoort and Pidgen rowed the RCA double to 4<sup>th</sup> place. In the Men's event, rowing "Gold Barr", Bob Wink and Brad Ingleton raced in to 2nd place.

In the Mixed Doubles event, Vera van Amelsvoort and Brad Ingleton rowed Gold Barr to 1st place while Barb Pidgen and Bob Wink followed close behind in the RCA boat to finish 2nd.

Rowing the "Kinsmen" in the Mixed Quad event were Wink, Pidgen, van Amelsvoort and Ingleton who sculled their way to 3rd place.

Great work to all the Orillia Crews!

We also appreciate and would like to thank the many people who came to watch and lend their support to the novice rowers, the recreational rowers, and the competitive rowers from the Orillia Rowing Club.

**OUR AMAZING BOATHOUSE TEAM!**

The Club would like to once again thank our dedicated boathouse staff for their hard work so far this summer. Through early mornings and late evenings they have been able to keep the boat house in order, provide lessons and advice, troubleshoot & fine tune and do it all with safety and the best interests of the club in mind.

Here's the staff:

Margot Herd, Caitlin Beresford, Sarah Pidgen, Stephanie Duquette, Tim Herd, and (Missing) Kirsten Cameron



Rough Waters on "Lake of Many Winds" Couchiching



Kim Moore, Laurie Herd, Kelly Watson, Sandy Patrick, Coxie – Tim Dwyer

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