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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Barb Pidgen

Well, we are finally into the prime of our rowing season! I really hope that you all get out and make the most of it by rowing often. We now have our brand-new quad and now even newer to our boathouse are 2 rented racing singles from Levator. We are trying these boats out for the season and then the rent will go towards purchase price for buying this type of single or something quite similar for next year. These new boats are for all members, so do get out to row often and use these boats. With these singles, we now have quality singles to row if there is no one to row with!

We have now put into use our fenced-in area outside the boathouse. This was necessary in order to accommodate our new racing quad inside. This was quite a large project and we sure appreciate all the helping hands of many members to help complete this area.



We have some special events coming up for all to participate in – Our Intra-regatta and Raffle Draw on July 20 and our very own mini-triathlon on August 1. We really hope that all can attend these 2 special events. Also, remember our rec practice nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a warm-up starting at 6:45 pm. We have had a few challenges with wind on these nights, but we will keep trying.

Always check the bulletin boards for anything new when you are at the boathouse.

See you on the water!
Yours in Rowing, Barb Pidgen

**Orillia Rower
Laura Pidgen
Representing Canada
in Belgium**

Former Orillia Rowing Club Member, Laura Pidgen will be rowing for Canada at the "World Under 23 Championships" in Belgium from July 20 – 23, 2006.



Laura is part of the recently named Canadian Women's Heavyweight Under 23 Team. She will be rowing in a pair and is one of 15 Canadian Women rowers. Canada has one entry in each of the eight, straight four, pair, and single.

Laura started rowing at the Orillia Rowing Club in 2000 and rowed competitively with our club until 2003. Since then, she has rowed with the University of Western Ontario Mustangs and has spent 2 summers receiving intensive coaching from the Ottawa Rowing Club. Since this spring she has trained at Rowing Canada's London Training Centre.

Last summer, Laura rowed for Ontario in the Canada Summer Games in Regina winning Gold with her team in the straight four, Silver in the eight, and fourth in the pair. We wish Laura the best as she has her first taste of international competition!

If you would like to send her your best wishes, her email is laura.pidgen@sympatico.ca

RECREATIONAL ROWING

Submitted by:

Sandy Patrick and Kelly Wilson,
Recreational Program Directors

Well it is already July and time is flying! Hope you are getting out to row and enjoying our lovely (well mostly!) mornings and evenings at the club. If you have not already received the rowing update June 2006 handout, please ask for it so you can be an informed rower! The skill of the week of June 19th was "early roll out". Watch the bulletin board weekly for the **skill of the week** which will be explained and emphasized at the Rec practice nights each Tuesday and Thursday at 6:45pm by our talented boathouse staff. Come out and improve your skills and enjoy the social atmosphere with fellow rowers.

For returning rowers the club is looking for mentors who would be able to encourage and row with newer rowers on occasion. Information is posted at the boathouse and if you are interested you can sign up on the volunteer clipboard. For more info contact: Sandy Patrick (rec rep on the executive) at 329 0021 or e-mail spatric@sympatico.ca

There are some fun events planned including a fun triathlon (row, bike, run/speed walk) and two intraregattas this summer and we need volunteers to help with these activities. These events are open to all rowers, all ages and all abilities! See you on the water!

Recreational Regatta Schedule

River Reflections – Bracebridge,
Sunday, August 20th

Georgian Bay Invitational – Midland,
Saturday, September 9th

Head of the Thames – London,
Saturday, September 16th

Head of the Welland – Welland,
Saturday, September 23rd

Head of the Trent – Peterborough
Saturday, September 30th

ORC Special Events

(also see Calendar of Events posted at the club)

Mini Tours – Sun. June 25th, 7am and
Sun. July 16th, 7am. Watch for details
and sign-up sheet at boathouse

Intra Regatta & Social Night – Thurs.
July 20th at 5:30pm

Fun Triathlon- Row-Bike-Run, Tues.
August 1st at 5:30pm

Intra Regatta & BBQ- Thurs. Aug. 24th
at 6pm at 618 High Street

ORC FUNDRAISING

Submitted by:

Vera Cameron van Amelsvoort
Director for Fundraising

Our Car Wash this year was another great success with just over \$700.00 raised. Thanks to the wonderful turnout of students and masters who made it a fun event for all.

Tag days this year brought in a whopping \$1462.00 - the most ever raised by ORC since we first started tagging. A big thank you to the few volunteers responsible for this - especially to Conor Jones and Alexander Cameron who took on a second shift on Saturday to tag in the pouring rain.

Tagging is a very simple fundraiser that generates a lot of funds through very little effort. With more volunteers next year we could easily double this figure. The Orillia community at large is very familiar with tagging and is extremely generous with their change!

We have six confirmed oar sponsors to date: **Dr Dan Moore (sponsored fall 2005), Kelsey's Restaurant, Montana's Cookhouse, Karen O'Coin, Leon's Furniture of Orillia, and Brenda Jenkins and Don Scallion.**

Along with single-handedly securing all of these sponsorships, our president Barb Pidgen has also secured a \$3,000.00 donation from Dynamic. As a result, Dynamic will have their name on the bow of our new racing quad!!



Please keep in mind everyone, that under our new "Buy-a-Seat" program, other businesses have the opportunity to also have their name on the new boat, opposite a seat (on both sides of the shell) for \$1,500.00.

Please keep collecting your A&P and Zehrs grocery tapes and bring them to the boathouse. There is a box above the desk you can drop them into. Also, if you have Canadian Tire dollars you'd like to donate, there is a jar for that as well above the staff desk.

Finally, keep selling those raffle tickets. Remember that you will receive 1 volunteer hour for each raffle ticket sold above the initial 5 you received. If you need more you can pick some up at the boathouse.

The due date for handing ticket stubs and money in is on JULY 10 at the BOATHOUSE. The draw for our wonderful prizes takes place on July

20, the day of our INTRA REGATTA.

If anyone one has any fundraising ideas you think might be worth pursuing, please contact Vera and Gerry @ Vera_row@hotmail.com, or call 835-2440. We'd be happy to hear from you!!

IT WAS A HOT ONE!!

Submitted by
Brenda Jenkins
Social Events Support

On Sat June 17th, some members of the ORC sweated it out at the Port of Orillia manning our booth at the Boat Show sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Doug Bunker, special events coordinator, kindly allowed us to set up our booth without the usual business fee since we are a nonprofit organization and because he appreciated the worth of our sport and its presence at the Boat Show. We added a unique and pleasant touch to the show which was made up mainly of motorized watercraft and marina and accessories sales displays.

Even though we did not sell scores of raffle tickets, we had some there which we did sell. More importantly, we raised the awareness of Rowing among the community and more specifically among the boating community.

Several club members took shifts braving the intense heat and everyone's help was very much appreciated. Their names are currently on the volunteer board with a "Thank You" attached. Also, thank you to Ron and Barb Pidgen for bringing one of our sleek doubles over to the Boat Show. Great to have the support of our team. We'll see what happens next year but it looks like we have an opening with the Chamber for inclusion in this type of

event in the future should we choose to do so.

TRAILER TOWING

Submitted by
Barb Pidgen, President

We are in need of people who could assist with towing the Club trailer to regattas. If there are any volunteers who have a truck that could do this, please let us know. The club pays 35 cents per km. Insurance for the trailer and boats is covered by the club, but insurance for the truck would need to be through your own personal insurance.

Gerry van Amelsvoort has volunteered for the following regattas:

June 11 - High School regatta in Midland

July 8 & 9 - St. Catharines & Welland

Aug. 8 - 13 - Part of Henley

Sept. 23 - Head of Welland

We need trailer drivers for the following regattas this season:
Either Jun. 24 Welland or July 2 London

July 22 & 23 - Welland

Aug. 8 - 13 - Part of Henley

Aug. 20 - Bracebridge

Sep. 9 - Midland

Sep. 16 - London

Sep. 30 - Trent, Peterborough

Many thanks to Gerry for his help with trailering. Thanks also to Doug Wiles for driving the trailer to London Jun. 17 to pick up our new quad.

ORC REGATTA RESULTS

Georgian Bay High School Regatta

The Following Regatta Articles are all Submitted by Laurie Herd
Director Events/Publicity

ORC had 24 students participate in the High School Regatta which was hosted by the Georgian Bay Rowing Club on June 11th. Races took place on the 1400 m course at Little Lake in Midland.

The cold, windy weather did not quell the spirit of Orillia's mostly novice rowers. Coach Margot Herd was pleased with the effort and drive of these young athletes. They had trained for many hours since March, including dry-land conditioning and on-water workouts as part of the Spring Student Rowing Program.

Doubles Category:

- Sarah Pidgen and Kirsten Cameron finished 1st rowing Kaschper
- Men's crews of Coor Jones and Alexander Cameron had a great row to finish 3rd while the RCA crew of Jordan O'Coin and Noah Schaefer finished 7th.

Coxed 4 - Jim Wilson's "Ashleigh"

- novice women Alexa Dunn, Hilary Rice, Madeleine Harber, Vanessa Surge with coxie Stephanie Duquette had a clean race to finish 4th while the young mens crew of Jones, Cameron, Adam Moore, Marcus Martin and coxie Duquette fought it out to 6th place.

Quad events - Kinsmen

- novice Women's crew of Hannah Skalosky, Audrey Willsey, Alison Burrell, and Olivia DiBacco cleanly slipped into 3rd; while the junior men of Tim Dwyer, Stephen King, Matthew Siddall and Jon McRae had a gold medal race to finish 1st with a time of 5:03. The senior crew of Blake Moore, Mat Dwyer, Noah Schaefer and Isaac Todd finished 2nd with a time of 5:27.

Many of Orillia's team got to experience the Power of Eight in the "Jar race" to finish the day. Jones and Siddall were in the winning eight

of a field of six boats of mixed team crews.

Great work team Orillia student rowers!

CORA in London

ORC attended the C.O.R.A. (Central Ontario Rowing Association) qualifying regatta on the 1500m Thames River course at the site of the London Rowing Club, in London, Ontario. This Regatta turned out to be a hot and windy day and ORC's mostly novice crews had to battle strong currents, rocky shorelines and a narrow curved course.

The club did well capturing 2 medals and finishing with 3rd, or better, placed finishes throughout the day.

Singles – rowing "On-the-Fly"

- Under 19 Women - Sarah Pidgen finished 2nd
- Master rower Barb Pidgen rowing in the Senior Women's category rowed for 3rd.

Doubles – rowing "Kaschper"

- Under 17 women of Hannah Skalosky and Alison Burrell had a clean row to finish 3rd while
- Under 19 women of Sarah Pidgen and Kirsten Cameron rowed in 7:37:53 to capture 1st place gold
- Master's Women Barb Pidgen and Vera vanAmelsvoort rowed the 1000m masters course to 1st place as well.

Doubles – rowing "Gold Barr"

- Under 17 Men of Matt Siddall and Tim Herd had a great row and finished a close to second 3rd
- Novice rowers in the Under 19 Men's category of Mat Dwyer and Isaac Todd had a clean row to 3rd place.

Under 19 Women's Quad

- Sarah Pidgen, Alexa Dunn, Alison Burrell and Kirsten

Cameron rowed hard to finish in 3rd place.

There was great team work by Orillia's competitive crews, all of whom then participated in the CORA Championships in St. Catharines

CORA Championships

Twelve members of the ORC attended the C.O.R.A. Championships in St. Catharines, Saturday, July 8 and participated in 10 events. Team Orillia met the challenge of hot weather and fast current to bring home 4 medals in the top 3 placements.

Singles – rowing “On-the-Fly”

- Under 19 Women - Sarah Pidgen rowed hard to 4th place
- Master rower Barb Pidgen raced through to a 3rd place bronze
- Men's Under 19 competitor Blake Moore had a good row to finish 4th.

Double - rowing Kaschper

- Under 17 Women - Hannah Skalosky and Alison Burrell to a clean 2nd place silver medal
- Masters Women Barb Pidgen and Vera Cameron-van Amelsvoort fought it out in RCA to 3rd place bronze

Men's division - rowing Gold Barr

- Under 17 crew of Matt Siddall and Tim Herd raced in to capture Gold for 1st place
- Under 19 contenders of Mat Dwyer and Isaac Todd had a good row to finish 5th.

Quad - rowing in the new club Quad

- Under 19 women of Sarah Pidgen, Burrell, Alexa Dunn and Skalosky rowed well to 5th place
- Under 19 men of Todd, Dwyer, Premal Patel and Moore also finished in 5th.

The Competitive ORC crews will be training hard to attend the RowOntario Championships in Welland July 22 and 23.

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