

June 2016 Newsletter

It has been a very busy month, with the tradition of the Head of the Martindale for single scullers, excitement of the high school rowing season and our Christening of shells on Sunday, June 5. The next meeting is Monday night, at the boathouse, and we are planning for the summer season ahead! Regattas start for us on July 2 in London, but we first have to get equipment organized, rowers coming with the summer coaches and plans made. The summer racing happens quickly, and we end with Henley August 2-7. Then it's time to watch our international competitors, like the U23 Men's Lt 2- (and coach Sean Leyland), and Eric Woelfl heading to the Olympics in Rio. We hope everyone has a great summer of rowing !! (Attached are the minutes of the May meeting.) Please get in touch with news, updates, or any other information.

NEXT CLUB MEETING is scheduled for Monday, June 13, at 7:00 pm at the boathouse on Henley Island. Planning of the summer rowing, equipment and other items is planned.

2016 CLUB FEES At the Annual General Meeting, fees for 2016 were kept the same, with the additional \$100 Service cheque required, made out to Ridley Graduate Boat Club. Competitors and shellowners are \$350., Junior Competitors are \$300, and Supporters are \$125. Please send your cheques to RGBC at 5 Swan Drive, St. Catharines L2T 2C2. Dues must be paid before rowing, and paid NOW if you have a shell in the boathouse! A reminder that all competitors are expected to work 2 Service Opportunities, or have their \$100 cheque deposited into the club account.

BINGO UPDATE Upcoming dates are Sat May 25, Sun July 3, Sat June 18 and Sun July 31. Sunday sessions are 9:30-11:30pm, with the new Saturday sessions (June 18 and each 4 weeks thereafter) at 7:30-9:30. Looking for volunteers to work at these events. Email- nstorrs@yahoo.com.

SUMMER ROWING Nancy is posting a sign up list on the door for use of singles and doubles, with any conflicts to be worked out amongst the coaches and Nancy. Brian Elliott, Ally Whitty, Bruce Adams, Siobhan McLaughlin, Nancy Storrs and Don McSween are all scheduled to be coaching. It looks as though the U23 women are practicing at 6:00am, Junior B and Junior Men at 7:30, the Junior B and Junior A women are in the afternoon (maybe 5-7pm). Regattas start for us July 2 in London, with July 9 in Welland, before the SC Invitational (normally only Juniors) on July 16, Ontario Championships in Welland July 23-24 and finally Canadian Henley August 2-7.

SHELL CHRISTENING AT CSSRA was a resounding success, despite the change in schedule of CSSRA and the storm which blew through just before our ceremony. Photos can be seen on the Ridley College Flickr account: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ridleycollege/> New shells include the Fluid Itwt 1x-Fred Wodchis, Fluid mid-heavy 1x-Tony Biernacki, Hudson mid-heavy 1x-Rick "Raz" Rasmussen, and the Fluid 4x-Jack Nicholson.

RGBC Birthdates **June** 2-Sharon Broderick, 9-Katherine Walker & Walt Krawec, 11-Kelly O'Connor, 13-Tim Prince, 22-Cameron Jones. 23-Sylas Coletto, 28-Ashley VanRoon; **July** 1-Samantha Clark, 3-Trofym Anderson, 4-Barry Ireland, 6-John Pauls & David Wakulich, 12-Siobhan McLaughlin & Luc Brodeur, 15-Tori Carroll, 18-Eric Woelfl, 29-Allison Thomas

RGBC Rowers at CSSRA - A number of RGBC rowers won medals at the High School Championships, including Gold to Seth Moyer in the Jr 1x (Ridley), Silver to Steven Rosts in the Sr 1x and Sr 2x (Eden) and to Claire Dirks in Senior Women's 8+ and Bronze in the Sr 4+ (Havergal), and Bronze to Jack Petrunick and Ethan Enns in the Jr 72kg 4+ and to Alex McRae and Clark Schultz in the Sr 2x (all Ridley).

RGBC National Team Rowers – New members Taylor Ashwood and Grayson Gray are racing at the U23 Worlds in the Lt 2- and are training and racing here this summer. Let's watch their results, and cheer them on to continued success.

Keep watching the National Team results, as Eric Woelfl is heading to the Olympics and raced at a World Cup in Italy 2 weeks ago! Some of our Juniors attended a Jr Assessment Camp last weekend (with Paige Adams, Steven Rosts and Clark Schultz being in the seat racing top group).

JACK NICHOLSON glass Head of the Trent Mugs – Nancy still has half a box of the special mugs, with a quote and special recognition to Jack. They are only \$5.00, so get in touch if you want one. nstorrs@yahoo.com or 905-688-5292