

SET & SAIL – February 2008

COMMODORE'S REPORT - Doug Russell

Boating has been a passion for my family for over 20 years. My wife Margaret and our children Victoria, Alexander and Nicolette cruise all summer long on our 26' Sea-Ray Caledonia. We love to visit other clubs and participate in their activities. One of my goals for this year as Commodore is to host an inter-club "raft-up" with boaters from our own club and the others on the lake, similar to other clubs' "invasion" parties.

Last year our family also took advantage of the other huge benefit our club has to offer - tennis. We all took tennis lessons from Robert Bettauer and plan to continue again this year.

At the AGM, I challenged each member to sign up at least one new member this year. This would double our membership. I urge you all to take this challenge seriously.

I look forward to making this year a success.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Pam Ouellette

Jon Milligan from White-Kennedy Chartered Accountants presented the year-end financial statements at the AGM for the Penticton Yacht & Tennis Club and the Penticton Marina. PYTC ended the year in the black by over \$1300, despite the numerous projects undertaken in 2007.

Lindsay Spear, the youngest member at the AGM, drew names for repayment of 12 promissory notes in the amount of \$250 each plus interest, to be paid in July. The names drawn were: Vince Rabbitte, Richard Lyons, Bob Brownell, Stan Dugo, Juergen Kahl (6), Doreen Houston and John Dimopoulos. Originally 60 promissory notes were sold to raise funds for resurfacing the tennis courts.

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Shawn Brown

Thank you to everyone who made it out to the AGM. I'd like to welcome new board members Ori Roth, Steve Portman, Glenn Ross, Janice Cunsolo and Aileen Houston. I would also like to thank past members for their efforts. The new executive is busy trying to build on our accomplishments from last year. With just two months until the start of the new season, we are hard at work getting everything shipshape for the spring.

Sailors will be pleased to know that we are getting a proper visitors' dock that we will be proud to offer our visitors. Members from other clubs with reciprocal privileges will be able to moor their boats and use the club's facilities when cruising the south end of the lake - similar to what we are offered when we visit their clubs. Old pilings are also scheduled to be replaced.

We also hope to update the interior of the club and the newly landscaped area in the back will be planted with drought tolerant native plants.

With crane day fast approaching, remember to stay updated on Marina policies. You are required to pay all fees in advance. For more information, please contact Wayne Lebedow at 770-2000.

Stay tuned for work party, special events and crane day dates.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Steve Portman

The 2008 race calendar is being drawn up as this newsletter goes to print and will be reported next month. I am including the following bridge update for boaters interested in heading up the lake:

The waterway is set to open July 1st, or perhaps even sooner. This means that the north/south waterway will be fully open for the summer months and beyond. Previously, the waterway was set to be closed for the entire summer.

In order to accomplish this, the existing lift span will close in late February. This means that vessels greater than 5 metres in height will not be able to navigate the north/south waterway from March until July. The new waterway for the William R. Bennett Bridge will be 18 meters high and 44 meters wide.

TENNIS NEWS - Aileen Houston & Robert Bettauer

TENNIS CAPTAIN: Your tennis captain is quite new to the PYTC, only becoming a member of the club last year. I played tennis a few times since high school and had never played doubles before joining the PYTC. I have absolutely fallen in love with the sport and the camaraderie and spirit of the members. I appreciate all the help that I've received during play: "Stand closer to the net when playing forward"; or "Just have fun. Where else would you rather be on a Monday night?"; or, thankfully, "You're improving!" Thank you all for your support, encouragement, and laughs in 2007. Oh, and it was fun to win occasionally as well!

Even with all your help, I'm going to be first on Robert's list of group tennis lessons this year. I know for sure that I still have lots of room for improvement. I'm looking forward to seeing you in group lessons and leagues.

My first goal as tennis captain is to form a tennis committee. We could discuss:

- A tennis mission statement;
- How to attract new members;
- Leaders for women's league, men's league, mixed league, and tournaments;
- Website updating to possibly include the league players; and
- Website promotion.

Of course these are just a few projects we could work on, and all ideas and input are welcome.

Please let me know as soon as possible (by March 1st at the latest), if you're interested in becoming part of the tennis committee. Let's build a great team together!

Aileen Houston 493-7782

TENNIS COACH: The first live web cast of a Davis Cup in the history of tennis will be run this week. Everyone will have the chance to view the matches live for free on your computer by going to www.tenniscanada.com and clicking on the live webcast link. The times for the matches are as follows:

- Two singles matches on Friday, Feb 8th, beginning at 3 p.m.
- A doubles match on Saturday, Feb 9th, beginning at 1 p.m.
- Two singles matches on Sunday, Feb 10th, beginning at 11 a.m.

The winner of the Davis Cup tie is determined by the country that wins at least 3 out of the 5 matches. The winner then advances to the next round of the world Davis Cup draw and will play another advancing nation. Next weekend is officially a Davis Cup week on the professional tour, with virtually every country playing a tie against another country. Most of the world's top players will be playing for their country this coming weekend.

Hope you are all doing well and staying fit. I will start outdoor sessions around the middle of March like last year and that is not very far away anymore!

Robert Bettauer 486-3201

ROBERT BETTAUER PROFILE

Veteran television tennis personality and Penticton, British Columbia native, Robert Bettauer will provide in-depth analysis of the five rubbers as the Web cast colour commentator. Bettauer has been a television analyst for the past 20 years, covering two Olympics, numerous Davis Cup and Fed Cup ties as well as the Rogers Cup men's and women's events for TSN. On the court, he is a four-time national champion, was a member of Canada's Davis Cup team in 1980, a two-time Olympic coach and played on the ATP Tour. - Tennis Canada press release

MEMBERSHIP - Kate Kimberley

We look forward to seeing old and new members at the "Sign Up Night" on Thursday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. The membership form is part of this newsletter so you can print it off. Copies will be available at the club, for those members who do not have access to a computer. The bar will be open and we will be selling Mykonos pizza by the slice. Come down for supper and meet up with all your tennis and boating buddies. This is your last chance to use up your 2007 PYTC bucks, so come and join us. With our new bar licence, families are welcome.

Please remember to bring your key card with you to "Sign Up Night". All cards will be de-activated and then re-activated after you have joined.

If you have friends who are interested in joining the club, please feel free to phone me with questions. We look forward to an exceptional year.

Kate Kimberley 492-4481

GARDENING AT PYTC - CLUBHOUSE REPORT - Sharon Chapman

2008 EVENTS

Thursday March 13
Sign Up Night & Pizza

Friday April 12
Spring Fling Dance

Saturday May 3
Open House and Tennis vs. Boater Day

Sunday May 11
Mother's Day Brunch & Tennis Drop-In

Saturday June 14 & 15
Commodore's Ball & Sailpast

Saturday July 12
Pig Roast & Ainsley Cup Tennis

Friday October 31
Halloween Party

Saturday November 8
International Dinner & Tennis Awards

Sunday November 16
Christmas Decorating & Wreath Making

Saturday November 22
Sailing Awards

Sunday December 7
Children's Christmas Party

CLUBHOUSE BUSINESS

Building on the popularity of last year, Manager Sharon Chapman will open the bar and kitchen beginning in March. She is planning an exciting new menu. Stay tuned.

Suggestions for menu and bar items are welcomed and can be relayed to Sharon. The club calendar is rapidly filling up. If you have a personal or work function that you want to book for 2008, let Sharon know as soon as possible.

Sharon can be contacted by:

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BITS & PIECES - COMMUNICATIONS REPORT - Tracy St. Claire

I plan to publish the Set & Sail newsletter once a month (or so). If you have any suggestions for things that you wish to see, please contact me. I would like to thank Kate Kimberley for taking the newsletter to press all of last year.

Check out the newly updated club website at www.pytc.ca to get the latest information on the club. You will like the new look and feel of the site. A big thanks to Leslie Hartley, from WWW Designs, who has created and maintained the website for the last four years. Talk to me if you are interested in advertising on the website.

Tracy St. Claire 492-2268

GEAR SWAP

Look for classified ads in the next newsletter. If you have any tennis or boating gear to sell or that you want to buy, email Tracy St. Claire at tds@uniserve.com. Only gear-related items will be published.