

SET & SAIL – September 2007

COMMODORE'S REPORT - Bernie Strohmann

We recently said goodbye to a dear old friend, and three time Commodore, Gary Clark. Garry passed away on August 10th and we held a celebration of his life at the Club on August 22nd, which was attended by over 200 friends.

The Club is doing very well, thanks to the super effort of our Manager, Sharon Chapman. Please remember to support the club and come inside after your Thursday tennis match, or after sailing, to enjoy a drink and great meal.

We now have the very best tennis courts in the south end of the valley. With more participation, we just can do all the nice improvements we have planned.

The Commodore's Ball and Sailpast will be held on September 29th and 30th. Tickets are \$35 so please reserve your tickets early so that Sharon can plan ahead. Dancing to "The Best of Three" until 1 A.M.

We are planning ways to make the crane-in and the crane-out a more simple, organized event, details in the October newsletter.

I hope you continue to have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you soon at the club.

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Shawn Brown

Remember to mark September 29th and 30th on your calendar. On that weekend the club is hosting its annual Commodore's Ball and Sailpast. Tickets are available from our manager Sharon Chapman at 492 2853.

Sunday, September 30th :

8:00 A.M. - A complimentary continental breakfast at the club

10:00 – 11:00 A.M. Boats assemble in between the S.S. Sicamous and the pier beside the Lakeside Hotel.

11:00 A.M. Boats sail past the Commodore

12:00 - 2:00 P.M. Club kitchen open for lunch and wine tasting with Dunham & Froese Winery. Members and guests welcome.

If you don't own a boat, but would like to participate and show your support for Bernie, please contact me and I will do my best to get you out on the water. Registration for the Sailpast is appreciated, so give me a call or email if you would like to take part.

Security issues continue at the club and the Board of Directors is looking at all options to improve security and reduce the likelihood of vandalism and theft. Occasionally doors are left ajar so remember to make sure they are fully closed when exiting the building. Moorage holders, please remember that propping or tying the marina gate open defeats the intended purpose of the gate, increases the risk of vandalism or theft and violates Section 29 of your moorage contract.

Fall work party dates will be announced soon. We would like to landscape the area behind the club and finish cleaning up the compound. Volunteers are needed and just a couple of hours of your time makes a big difference.

Shawn Brown
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FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Don Money Penny

Lots of good things happening on the docks these days. Our temporary visitors dock is getting lots of use from other boats up the lake. However, we do have a problem with goose manure on that dock . For some reason the geese seem to think it's the outhouse. Anybody want to bring their dog down for a run on " Y" dock to help discourage our fine feathered friends, please do.

Well the long awaited arrival of the new Andrews 28 has come and it was worth the wait. She is a beauty and the lady is living up to expectations and then some. Well done Ivan. Sure like to get a ride on it one of these days (hint, hint). She is currently rated at PHRF 94 and still has some fine tuning to do. Going to make for some great competition in "A" fleet at home and up the lake.

The swim guard for Ironman 2007 was well attended with many boats volunteering to protect and aid the swimmers. Thanks to all the boats that came out and a special thanks to Fred Trautman who has organized the swim guard for as long as I have been around and then some. Well done again Fred.

On the down side, another boat was broken into on "Y" dock. Deb and Dwayne's new Katana was stolen , damaged and run aground a couple of weeks ago. Commodore Strohmman has had several meetings with the RCMP, By-law enforcement and the city to try and get more security around the yacht club. Additional measures will be taken to help secure the dock.

Grande Prix 2007 was a stellar success again this year in spite of the fewer number of boats that were able to make it down the lake. The storm on Friday prevented some boats from making it on time. Twelve boats were divided into 3 fleets and the racing was very tight. Excellent winds on Saturday enabled us to get in five races before supper time.

"A" Fleet was won by James Gordon aboard "Violater" with Four Bullets; followed by Syvana ; Rocket Science and Black Magic.

"B" Fleet was won by Andy Macgregor aboard St. Vitus Dance; followed by Farr Our; Raptor and Sojourn.

"C" Fleet was won by Budd Callis aboard Mr. Bigglesworth; followed by Kilroy, The Factor and Picture Me Rollin.

As always , our Racing Committee is the backbone of the fleet and again they did a remarkable job of timing races and keep things under control; much appreciated Paula, Deb, & Liz.

Also many thanks to Rudy for chairing the Regatta Committee, to Steve for stepping forward to organize the Dock and awards functions; to Wayne, Greg and Ori for arranging berths and gate cards; To Paula for arranging the prizes (great stuff) and so much else. To Sharon Chapmen, our manager, for the great food and hospitality; to all the others who helped in many ways and finally to all our sponsors; Appleton Rum; Quantum Sails; PWP ; Fairview Cellars; B.A.D. Designs; & Everitt Construction.. Thanks to you all.

TENNIS NEWS - Sharon Romank

I hope everyone has had a great summer of tennis. Please sign up for the fall leagues. They will start September 10 and go to October 15. The ladies sign up is filling up fast and we still have space for men's doubles on Tuesday s and for 6 good looking strong tennis men for mixed doubles for Thursdays. Call the following to sign up or go into the club in the tennis room.

For sign up :

Ladies Doubles: Call Norm Card 487-8571

Mens Doubles: Call Bob Brownell 493-3575

Mixed Doubles: Call Doreen Houston 492-8004

It is also my pleasure to introduce you to Norm Card. Norm will be taking over my role as Tennis Captain. I have to resign for personal reasons. Norm comes to our club with past experience as a Tennis Pro and has been involved with many tennis clubs in the states and in Canada. He has a wealth of experience and ideas. We are so lucky to have Norm step into the position of Tennis Captain. You can reach him at 487-8571.

TENNIS PRO – Robert Bettauer

Junior after-school group lessons will start up again this Fall beginning the week of September 10th for 4 weeks (drop-in sessions after Thanksgiving). Sign up sheets will be posted at the club and/or you can contact Jo-Anne Bettauer at 486-7320.

Adult group drop-in session will be offered on Wednesday evening starting on September 12th. Again, sign-up sheets will be posted at the club.

A new junior league team representing Penticton will be playing out of the club in September and October against the likes of Kamloops and Kelowna. This is a new pilot program for the top juniors in the region with an all-star team being picked at the end of the season to represent the Interior at the Junior League Championships in Vancouver in November. Home dates will be posted on our bulletin board to provide us with the opportunity to cheer the juniors on!

I will be available for private and semi-private lessons throughout the Fall as weather permits. Just give me a call at 486-3201 if you would like a session. I also provide stringing at \$30. (Wilson string) usually with a quick 1-2 day turnaround.

We're coming up to the best two months of sunny dry weather and moderate temperatures, so let's extend the tennis season into winter.

Robert Bettauer, Vanchen Sports

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The Canadian Senior Nationals Tennis Tournament, Vancouver

Canada's elite senior tennis players came out in record numbers last week for a total of 530 men and women competing in 39 different events for singles and doubles in eleven age categories. The impressive number of participants eclipses the previous national record mark of 425 competitors when the event was held in Toronto several years ago.

Penticton and the South Okanagan were extremely well represented at the 2007 Metro Label Senior Outdoor Tennis Nationals held at the Jericho Tennis Club and the Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club in Vancouver over the past week. National titles were won by Helena Konanz, Lesley Bumby and Robert Bettauer.

Helena Konanz, who is also a former top college and professional player, was very impressive in winning both the singles and doubles crowns in the women's 45 division as an unseeded player. These are the 5th and 6th senior national titles for Helena who also won singles and doubles titles in the 35 and 40 age categories in previous years.

Lesley Bumby is an accomplished senior player having represented Canada recently in international senior team competition in Turkey. On top of winning the women's 50 doubles she was also a finalist in the 50 singles competition. Lesley has won several senior titles in the past. Congratulations to all three of you!

For former Davis Cup player and Olympic Coach Robert Bettauer, coming off two weeks of covering the Rogers Cup Tennis Tournaments in Montreal and Toronto for TSN, this is his first national senior title after being in 5 previous finals and his 4th overall Canadian championship. The win was particularly satisfying for Bettauer who broke his ankle in April at the BC indoor championships, his first National tournament in almost a decade. Robert Bettauer is also Director of Regional Tennis Development for Tennis BC and is the coach at the Penticton Yacht & Tennis Club, as well as the Lakeshore Racquet Club in Summerland.

Jim Kocsis from Penticton also played in the men's 40 and 45 doubles with his brother George (from Armstrong) and they won a round in each event.

Results:
Men's 50 Doubles Champions: Robert Bettauer (Penticton, BC)/ Russ Hartley (Vancouver, BC) def. Jean-Pierre Cote (Montreal, Que)/Fraser MacDonald (Toronto, Ont) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3

Women's 45 Singles Champion: Helena Konanz (Kaleden, BC) def. Ana Maria San Martin (Montreal, Que) 6-3, 6-2

Women's 45 Doubles Champions: Helena Konanz (Kaleden, BC)/Gyata Storman (Cazenovia) def. Pam Olley (Oakville, Ont)/Susanna Sekely (Mississauga, Ont) 6-1, 7-6

Women's 50 Doubles Champions: Lesley Bumby (Penticton, BC)/Janice Longhurst (Apsley, Ont) def. Jane Hernandez (North Vancouver, BC)/Franny Kim (North Vancouver, BC) 6-1, 6-4

Women's 50 Singles: Marjorie Blackwood (Whistler) def. Lesley Bumby (Penticton) 6-1, 6-2

PYTC Tournament Director – Bob Brownell:

Sign up for the last fun tournament of the season on Saturday, Sept 8th, between 2:00 PM and 5PM. Sign up in the tennis room before Thursday, Sept 5th, or phone Bob Brownell at 493-3575. This tournament is open to "everyone", members, non-members, friends and family. There will be a selection of "Wilson" racquets to try during the tournament.

Birk's Cup-September 15th and 16th, 2007

This is our largest men's tournament for the year on Saturday and Sunday, September 15th and 16th. This is a round robin tournament for all levels of play. All teams whether they win on or lose get the same number of matches. Forms are available at the club or phone Bob Brownell at 493-3575.

NOTE: Volunteers are needed to run the tournament desk.

A few hours on Saturday or Sunday would be much appreciated! Matches are all pre-programmed and all you have to do is give out tennis balls and record scores. Please contact Bob Brownell at 493-3575.
I cannot run this tournament single-handed!

BITS & PIECES - Kate Kimberley

We are delighted to report that the traditional "International Pot Luck" supper will be happening at the club on Saturday, November 3rd. All members welcome to attend, more info in the October Newsletter.