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The Annual General Meeting was well attended, and I hope the attendees found it informative. There were a number of lively and constructive discussions.

We have made some progress towards financial stability. The overall financial results were encouraging, but we still must remain vigilant in protecting our major assets, controlling our expenses and maximizing our main revenue streams.

The main items going forward are the drafting of clear medium and long range strategic plans. There is an urgent need to focus on the building condition, replacement of the race committee boat and implement a replacement program for our Learn to Sail boats. To finance these projects, we should investigate all options available through grants and subsidies; even individual sponsorships could be considered.

We are starting 2018 with a complete and talented board. The board will be consisting of seven new members and four completing the second half of their respective terms. The directors will be establishing several sub-committees to run different events. These sub-committees are crucial to providing value to a membership in our club. In addition to contributing to the smooth operation of our club, work party credits are earned.

One of the topics strongly discussed at the AGM was the need to increase our membership in all categories; we must achieve critical mass. It was agreed the responsibility to recruit new members does not only lie with the Membership Director, but with all of us.

John McMullen and his team deserve a big thank you for running a great and successful Turkey Roll.

In closing, I would like to wish all members and their families a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Richard

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Fall Freezer Blow Out!

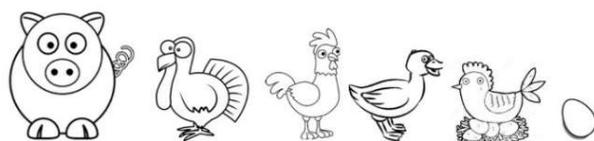
Pork boxes will be on sale for \$50! That's 10lbs of ham, sausage, bacon, roast and other cuts. Great deal to try out our berkshire pork. There are still 11 varieties of sausage to choose from.

Pork halves available, \$5.50lb includes butchering. There are 25 varieties of sausage available to choose from! They are selling quickly, reserve your half now for beginning of November pick up. There are other cuts available, contact us for pricing.

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Each director will be setting up a number of sub-committees to share the various tasks associated with the position. Volunteering for any of these sub-committees is a great opportunity to earn work party credits, but more importantly contribute to the success of our club.

NEW WINTER HOURS & WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Effective Saturday December 2nd

Monday	16:00 - 20:00	One on One Darts
Tuesday	16:00 - 20:00	“Sip & Stich”
Wednesday	16:00 - 20:00	Team Darts
Thursday	16:00 - 20:00	Alternating between Games Night and Sailors Night *
Friday	16:00 - 20:00	Appetizer Night *
Saturday	15:00 - 19:00	*
Sunday	15:00 - 19:00	*

*Check the BHYC website calendar for weekly event details

For members who were unable to attend the AGM, the need for increasing our membership was vigorously discussed. The consensus reached was to use our winter activities as an introduction to our club for potential new members. All members should consider themselves as part of the recruiting team. Any lead developed, the Membership Director will be more than pleased to follow up.

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BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

It seems incredible that I am here, writing a year end wrap-up. Time for some thank-you's and some crystal ball gazing.

I was out of the country, for all of January, February, March, and half of September. The roles of organization were taken up by, cruising directors, handicappers, scorers, protest chairs, committee chairs, and by the race committee. A huge band of volunteers, ran almost seamlessly in my absence. These folks deserve the respect and appreciation of all the BHYC club members, for their dedication, and service throughout the year, and of course mine

I also have to congratulate the Bronte Rocks Committee for running a successful competition, under uncooperative weather conditions, and a financially successful regatta overall. The committee has already held it's first planning meeting for 2018. The workload involved in this event is huge, but I think that most of these folks would be prepared to tackle this again, provided they receive help in one department

I am actively seeking one or two individuals to head up the search for sponsors, to head out during the winter, while the trail is still warm, and lay the groundwork for a successful 2018 regatta. Please get in touch with me if you can fill this role

The sail committee has circulated a questionnaire to all racers, please respond now, the committee will be meeting to set objectives, priorities and schedules before Christmas, so that the programme can run efficiently next year

Many thanks to Mike Paulson for assuming the cruising director role for next year

Many thanks to Peter McDougall for agreeing to coordinate the skippers nights for 2018

The November AGM was a source of encouragement on two fronts. Firstly a lack of questions seems to indicate that although we got some things wrong, we must have got more things right. Secondly, there was almost universal acceptance of the decision to seek out a replacement for Bluewater during the winter months

At the risk of boring a few folks, I think the following extract from my report bears repeating

2017 Objectives:

1. To re-establish the Race Committee as a separate autonomous group. This has not been accomplished, the role of race committee director is still vacant. However the membership of the committee has been doubled and the effectiveness of the committee has been maintained, despite issues with aging equipment.
 - There are roles available for anyone in the club to get involved with this group and enjoy being on the water. Courses are available during the off season for anyone wanting to expand their skills.
 - This objective and the continued consolidation of the on the water team, should be carried forward into next year.
2. To address the continued shrinkage of the racing fleet. Although I think that as a result of a partial presentation to the board in April, and subsequent discussions with the sail committee, that we have identified the reasons behind this attrition; the board has not been able to discuss this fully.
 - We have not been able to strategize, set targets, and move forward with changes necessary to reverse this trend, including addressing the club's uncompetitive rates for dry sailors, and the need for some mechanism to try to convert sailing school graduates into boat owners and/or potential members.
 - This item should be carried forward, and some of these issues addressed before next season.

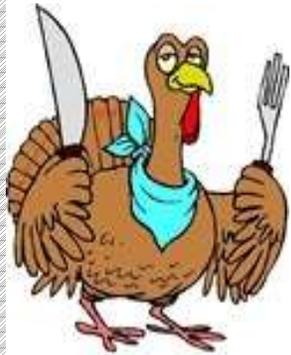
New Objectives:

1. The board is actively moving forward with plans to replace Bluewater, utilizing the Trillium Grant funds that are available to us, and seeking other financial sponsors to fund this project. The RC Sail will provide whatever assistance that the RC Power needs to make this a reality, and to assist in outfitting the vessel, precisely for our purposes.
2. With the guidance of the sail committee, and the Bronte Rocks committee, and the results of a survey of racers; before launching ourselves into the next season, I intend to try to set in place some additional safeguards to try to minimize our costs in delivering the racing and regatta programme, and maybe eliminating some items that are not cost effective.

And may I wish a Merry Christmas to one and all, to your families at home, and the BHYC family that we are all a part of
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Barry

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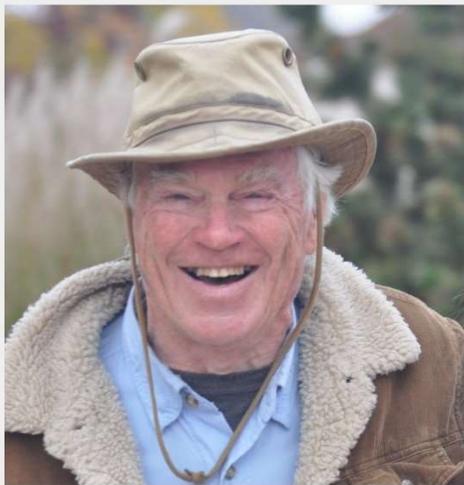
The 44th Annual Turkey Roll fundraiser was yet another success.

Turkey Roll is BHYC's way of giving back to the community. As has been our custom, proceeds go primarily to Ian Anderson House Cancer Palliative Care Hospice, Salvation Army Lighthouse, and Halton Women's Shelter. Support is also provided to BHYC's Visually Impaired Sailing Program (VIP) and the club's Junior Sailing school to help participation by underprivileged children.

Although attendance Dec 1st was down slightly, Turkey Roll managed to generate net proceeds in excess of \$6,500 thanks to a number of generous sponsors and of course the evening's raffles and live auction.

Turkey Roll wouldn't happen without the help of many volunteers. Heartfelt thanks go to Dawn Greville and Beth Stewart and the rest of the kitchen crew for a wonderful meal; to Cheryl Etherington for once again acting as on-site cashier; to ticket sellers Marion Lyver, Julie Harkness, John Estey and Robert Borst; and to Sandra Brans and Marg Paulson who organized the raffle tables.

The Turkey Roll Committee,
John McMullen, Ruth Borst, Dave Cavell, Mike Paulson



Remembering
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OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden passing of our good friend Bill Bullard the loving husband of Natalie on Saturday November 18th.

For more than 35 years, Bill was an active member of BHYC having served several terms on the board including Commodore in 1990 and 1991.

Bill and Natalie sailed their C&C 34 Beausoleil II with their two dogs Sam and Angel.

A celebration of Bill's life was held on Sunday December 3rd at the Conference Centre.



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