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HO HO HO!!

Gosh - what a great party last Friday night at the club.... A very successful Turkey Roll that raised \$6,700 for three Oakville charities. Congratulation to the whole team led by John McMullen. Great food, great prizes and lots of winners made for a fun time for all and a wonderful kick off to the holiday season.

We held the AGM in November as well and I think I got through it for the most part unscathed! Just kidding, we had a successful year financially and have a solid base for the future. We thanked Ron Parker, Mary Ellen Bockler and Joan Spares for their excellent contributions to the board and club.

We touched on the long-range planning committee at the AGM and their work to consider our future. I have given them my ideas and vision for the future, I would encourage each of you to think about what the club means to you now and how you see it adapting to the future. I am hopeful the committee will meet over the winter and come up with something to consider at the spring meeting for members.

There are many opportunities coming up to enjoy the club including a caroling night and New Years Eve... and the Commodore's Punch Bowl kicks off 2019. After that its the boat show in Toronto and Dad always said winter was half over then.

Please enjoy the holidays safely. My best for the season.

Peter

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R E I N I E R V A N D E R W A G E N
V i c e C o m m o d o r e

The majority of boats have been covered and are waiting for us to start preparation in the Spring. The mobile crane has been booked for April 27, 2019. That means that Launch 2019 is scheduled for that date so you can start to plan your 2019 boat preparation and season.

Please remember to keep extension cords unplugged when you are not on Board and come down from time to time to see how your boats are doing. A number of covers are already looking like they have been through a hurricane. If you see another boat that needs attention, please notify me or the owner. Please make sure that your ladders do not impede your neighbours in the yard and remember to tie off the top of your ladder to a stanchion, push pit, winch, etc., to avoid it falling down when you climbing on or off your boat.

We now have a jack with the ability to lift 8000lb, which should cover a corner of most cradles in the yard. If you think your cradle needs to be levelled differently, please feel free to contact me and we will see what we can do. We were successful in doing one boat already.

An appeal to everyone. If you see that the garbage cans are getting full, please go find another member to help you and empty the bin into the garbage dumpster. It takes no time and saves the certain members from having doing it time and again.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your help and support this past year and wish you a Merry Christmas! Any questions or suggestions, please send me an e-mail at vicecom@bhyc.on.ca.

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Dinner & Dancing

New Year's BHYC Eve PARTY

Details to follow

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JOAN SPARES

Social Director

BHYC annual Christmas Sing Along will be happening on December 15th. Join us for an evening of singing Christmas favourites! Yours truly will be tickling the ivories...

Bring in the New Year in Bronte! Say goodbye to 2018 and hello to 2019 at the Club. Dance to music provided by a professional deejay... you can boogie and bop until you see the Ball drop! We will send out a Bluewater blast letting you know when tickets are available for purchase. The number of tickets will be limited to 50!

And a final word from your Social Director as the reins are handed onto Mary Johannessen:

I want to extend my thanks to club members who volunteered in social events this past year but a special BIG thank you to the members of the Social Committee... for helping with both the planning and execution of our events; for making preparing food, serving food and washing dishes; for setting up tables and serving tables; for attending meetings and keeping us all on track (thank you to Mary and Dave who took minutes!); for being available sounding boards when I needed advice and guidance; for creativity in decorating the room and the tables; and... for saying "YES" a lot when I asked, "Can you..."

(Check the online calendar for these events.)

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BHYC December Games Night

Join the fun on Thursdays, December 6th and 13th from 7 to 9. Please bring your favourite game and a munchie to share and join the camaraderie.

Last year Sequence, Euchre, Cribbage and Scrabble topped the list, but perhaps you have another favourite - Poker anyone? This year we will track the competition and have an overall performer for all game categories at the end of the season.

Come out and connect with other BHYC members, enjoy a libation, some snacks, and plenty of healthy competition. Let the Games begin!

Trudy Doody, Marge Furness, Barbara Keeley-Watt

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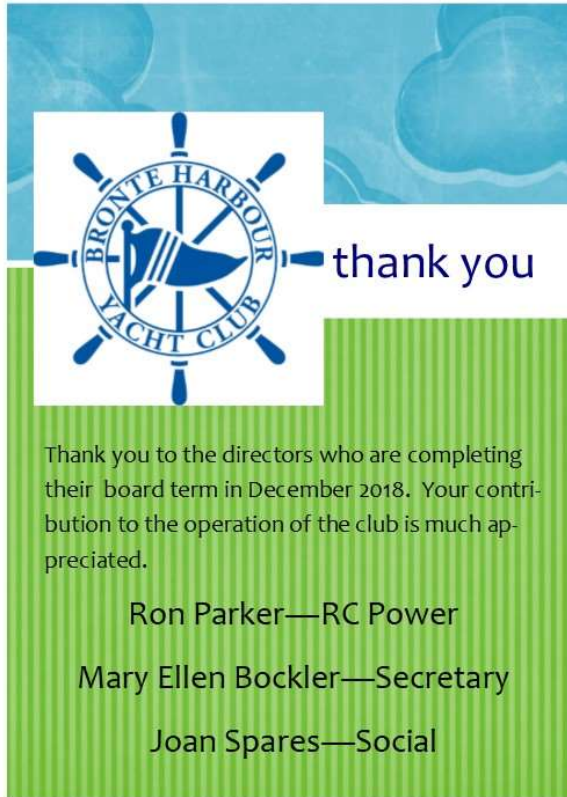
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News Around the Club



Congratulations: to Grandparents Trudy & Mike Doody and family on the birth of their 2nd granddaughter Sophie Emily.

Get Well Soon: Sending get well wishes to Graham Beattie, wishing you a speedy recovery Graham!

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IAN CONEY Membership

I would like to thank all the people who have helped me over the course of the past year. I won't name names in case I have forgotten anyone as there are so many of you.

Merry Christmas to all. Have a happy and safe holiday.
Ian Coney

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Christmas Club Hours: Please note that the club will be closed this year on December 24, 25 and 26th.

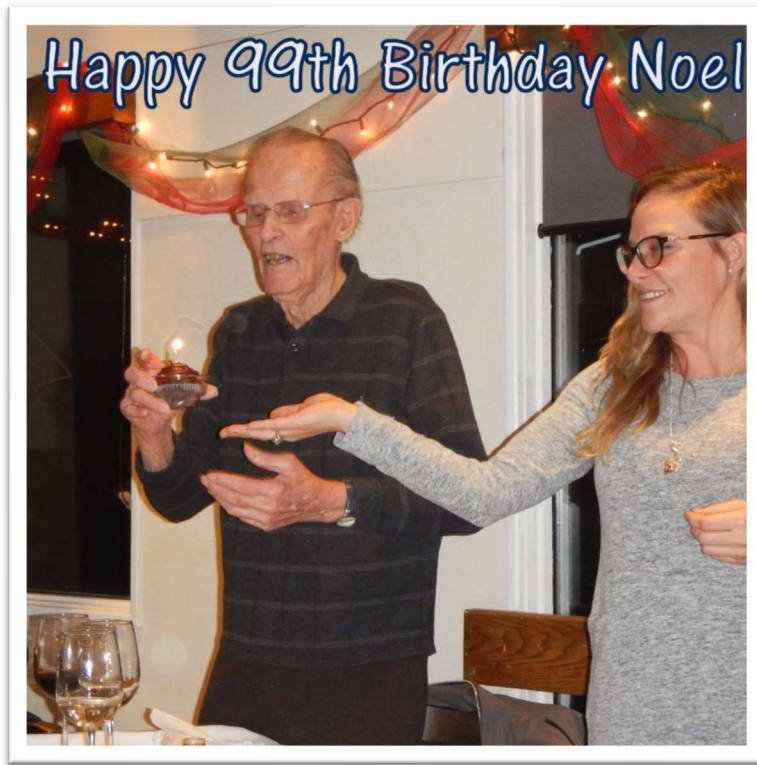
Best of the Season to you!

Phil Gelsheimer

Club Awards.

Congratulations to Dawn Greville winner of the Silent Service Award for 2018, which is presented to a club member who has quietly helped make the club a better place, always working behind the scene.

Congratulations to Phil Gelsheimer, winner of the Allen Gay Award for Outstanding Service to BHYC during 2018.



Noel Almond celebrating his 99th Birthday

Birthday wishes from all of us at BHYC to Noel Almond. Pictured here with his granddaughter Melissa celebrating Noel's 99th birthday at the Turkey Roll.

PHIL GELSHEIMER House Director

The theme for House during November was safety and security. The month kicked off with a Red Cross First Aid and CPR training course. It was attended by both bar staff and club members, so you can feel just a little safer as you go about your activities at the club.

Food safety is also paramount and during the month our kitchen refrigerator failed. As this was discovered only after several days, the food in it had to be thrown out. Given its age it was deemed better to replace the fridge rather than repair it. Now we have a lovely new large fridge that also has an audible alarm should the temperature inside ever become unsafe to store food.

In terms of security, ADT was chosen to continue providing alarm monitoring. In renewing their contract, they agreed to update our alarm keypad and panel. The new panel is cellular based and allows the ability to monitor the alarm status remotely on a mobile phone or web browser. The club can now easily manage access to the alarm system as each individual has their own code. Please remember this if you had a code from prior years as it no longer works, and you'll set the alarm off.

Continuing the aspect of security, the club has purchased a new high definition security camera system, one with enough cameras to include the yard and parking lot in its coverage. Like all things these days, it can also send images to mobile phones so remote monitoring will be possible. Any incidents can be easily captured to a USB drive and shared with authorities. Installation will begin in December.

We've had some changes behind the bar, as Sharon got a full-time job at the hospital and will no longer be working at BHYC. The club wishes her much success in her new role! We're pleased to announce we have two new bartenders joining us, Filip Opacic and Michael Hassard. Filip and Michael are also sailors, as Filip has a boat moored at Bronte, and Michael sails with him. Both are excited to be working at a yacht club and look forward to talking with you about all things sailing.

I wish you and yours the best over the holidays and for a Happy New Year!

Phil

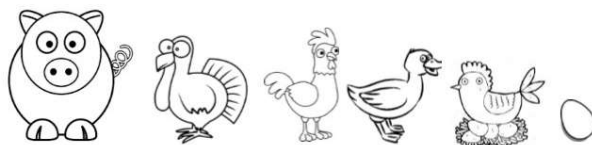
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Chicken is Here!

Chicken is here! We have farm raised chicken available in pieces. Frozen and vacuum sealed. Contact us to send a price list and availability. We will be doing a group of full chickens later this summer. Taking orders for pork halves and wholes as well as lamb halves and wholes. Pork half is about three wine boxes and half lamb is about one. They will be ready in the fall and can be custom cut.

Chicken dry rub: you can either put the rub on at home and keep in a zip lock bag or mix it and put it on before grilling (or baking or frying). Mix 1tsp paprika, 1 tsp cumin, 1 tsp onion powder, 1\2 tsp garlic powder, 1\4 black pepper, 1\2 tsp seasoning salt and 1/8 cayenne powder (optional). Brush chicken with olive oil or even just pat on dry. Does enough for two chicken breasts or similar. Adjust spices to your own personal taste.

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BARBARA KEELEY-WATT Publicity

Back from an amazing 5-week trip to Scotland, touring the highlands and islands, mostly walking & ferrying as I prefer to soak in the landscape with my camera and binoculars, rather than a route march across country. I left late September with the weather just changing from summer temperatures, arrived in Scotland to Scottish weather, going from fall to winter in one day, arriving back in Bronte to shovel snow off Ezee & Ceilidh before Cameron and I finally got the winter coats on the boats the weekend of Awards Night. With the shrink covers done, the boating season is now officially over for 2018. It has been a busy boating season, and we can now focus on the fun social activities around the club.

Please take a moment to review the advertisers who support the club by advertising in the Signal, our Roster, and the Sponsors listed in the Signal Newsletter who supported the Bronte Rocks– the Christmas Season is upon us, consider supporting our local merchants for gifts or gift certificates during this holiday season and be sure to say thank you for their support.

2019 is around the corner and the Publicity team (Cameron, Dawn, and myself) will be busy keeping the club communication systems running smoothly and getting the club news out via the Website, the Signal newsletter, Email Announcements, and Facebook/Twitter. My board position as publicity director will end December **2019** so this year will be busy time recruiting volunteers for the following positions under the publicity umbrella, with the intent of having a smooth transition by the end of 2019.

BHYC Website Manager – taking over from Cameron Watt who has been involved with the website for the past 10 years, we will need an enthusiastic volunteer to transition this important position during 2019.

Editor - Signal Newsletter – the Signal is published monthly and reports the news on upcoming events and updates from board members. We will need someone with strong computer skills to take over during 2019.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all our BHYC families.

Barbara

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BARRY JASPER Rear Commodore Sail

Congratulations to all the awards winners. Congratulations to all the folks who contributed in pulling together an evening to remember. Not sure whether it was the close quarters, or the fact that supper, the DJ and the video were so good, or that the majority of the winners were there in person, just a great vibe, to make it a very special evening. Thank you everyone who helped to add to the chemistry of the occasion.

The AGM is behind us too, it also had an unusually good vibe to it. Not a common reaction, especially from a board member; but there was a good spirit present, perhaps we have rounded the windward mark?

Looking forward to working with the new board members, and with my loyal, talented band of volunteers, for 2019.

The sail committee has already put things in place for next season, but anyone wanting to contribute to handicapping, scoring, or protest group, is always welcome, just drop me an e-mail.

We will meet again once LORC, LOOR, etc have firmed up their schedules. All the events should be on the calendar by mid-month.

The Race Committee now has a roster of 8 race officers, 8 assistants and mark boat folks, and 6 recorders, but they now have something that was lacking, a Director. I am indebted to John Estey for assuming this role. He has a long-term goal to return the status of the group to "the best committee on the lake", a lofty goal; but one which we should get behind and support.

Next year the race scheduling will revolve around our pledge to assist OYS and OC in putting on the LYRA regatta. The committee that has met regularly since May has grown and recruited a number of really talented folks to head this up. This local group hosted the main LYRA executive, at their AGM and socially round town last weekend, it helped us all to put some faces to names and get to know the people we will be working with on this project.

Since many of you will also recognize a lot of these names, I will publish them in next months Signal. For now, just make sure you mark the first week of August on your schedule.

The GHYRA committee has also been busy planning for 2019, so if you are up for it, and while you have your planner handy, also mark off the first week of July. The 8th nite party and 2019 kick off presentation, will be held at Bronte on January 12th, tickets are on sale at the Team App GHYRA website. If you have never tackled this fun week of cruising, racing, and general craziness, come along and find out next years route and registration details.

Don't put that planner away yet, spoiler alert, the GHYRA final night party and awards presentation will be at Bronte Friday July 5th.

Just one more important event to cover, Bronte Rocks. This year under the leadership of Mariella Carvallo, and Mike Paulson and a large, extremely hard-working group of volunteers, we put on a very successful two-day regatta which realized a significant revenue for the club. Recognizing that the other regattas which we are committed to for 2019 are going to strain our volunteer resources, but also recognizing that we need to retain our claim to the Labour Day weekend, we plan to hold a one-day Rocks Regatta on Saturday, August 31st. This will give us an opportunity to maybe experiment with a different format for one year and perhaps give us the opportunity to try some different approaches, that if successful, can be incorporated into future Rocks regattas.

With that in mind I would like to put out a plea to all the membership, old and new. If you feel you could add something to this discussion, and this event. Now is the chance to give me a call or e-mail, it's ever too early to start planning.

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