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Spring will be here soon!

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P E T E R K I R K W O O D
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It won't be long now until the club shifts into a higher gear and we get back on the water.

It's an exciting year ahead for racers and cruisers alike

On the racing front LYRA will be a big event for all Oakville sailors with all 3 clubs working together for a week-long event. We will need volunteers to help with the event for race committee as well as for party and event management.

Please reach out to anyone at the club to signify your interest in volunteering.

The logistical part of this event in terms of docking will be interesting. We will be asking members to consider moving their boats to alternative harbours. Newport YC has said they could accommodate a large number of boats for the week. Maybe a cruise to NYC would be fun!

In any event this summer looks like it will be a blast!

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 storms have kept coming and so the yard and boat tops remain very slippery. For your own safety, please take care when you go in there and let someone know that you are doing so.

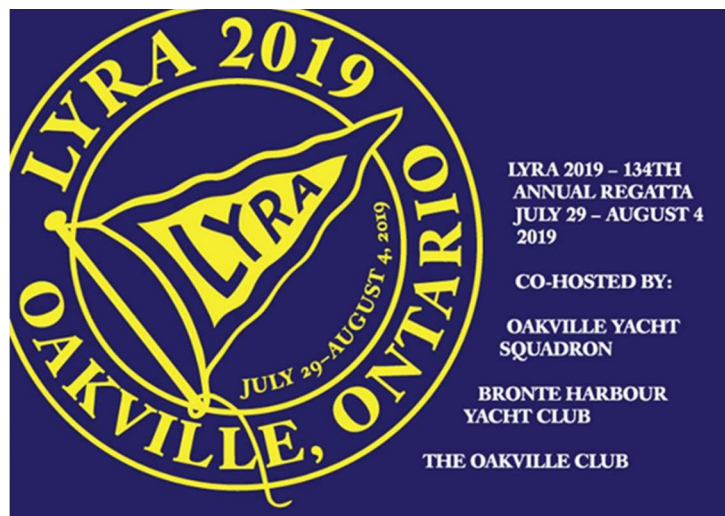
Application forms for wet moorings and storage for dry sailing, dinghies, kayaks, canoes, trailers, etc., took a bit longer to prepare than I anticipated and should be available on-line within the next the week. As previously stated, in order to simplify the creation and accuracy of our records, the application forms will only be available on-line (no paper copies). The electronic application forms will be fillable, and you must complete and submit them as well as pay on-line. The payment on-line is different from my communication last month and is necessary for the accuracy of our records, which was the whole purpose of going on line. Please note that applications will be accepted until April 21, 2019, but that wet moorings will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis and, with a substantial discount over the Town of Oakville rates, they are likely to be snapped up quickly.

There is some talk that the lake water levels are again expected to be higher than normal this Spring. I heard more recently that the climatologists at Intellicast are predicting a dryer and warmer Spring than normal. We will be monitoring this and communicating accordingly.

I am asking for volunteers to form the gardening committee. This committee is important in that it takes care of getting the flower gardens and planters, which make a huge difference to the curb appeal of our Club. The work takes place in four of five weekends spread over the year and will not keep you constantly busy. Please let me know if you are interested.

Any questions or suggestions, please send me an e-mail at vicecom@bhyc.on.ca.

Reinier.





BHYC Board 2020

Yes, you read it right!

The current board is hard at work building the value of a BHYC membership, but we must not lose sight that several directors will have fulfilled their mandate and will be due for replacement.

At this point there will be at least six positions opened on the board for 2020. It is critical we identify candidates for these positions as soon as possible. This will enable the candidate(s) the opportunity to shadow the director and learn more about the demands of the position.

If anyone is interested in serving on the board and wishes to know more about the the open positions, feel free to contact me for a confidential discussion.

At this time, we anticipate the following position will be opened:

Commodore
Vice-Commodore
Rear Commodore of Training
Treasurer
Membership Director
Publicity Director

If any of these positions are of particular interest and you wish to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember all discussions will be treated as confidential.

Richard Bissonnette
Past Commodore / Nominating Committee Chair
pastcom@bhyc.on.ca or 289 242 1406

DAVE MCLEAN

Rear Commodore of Power

Visiting Boats and Officer of the Day (OOD) Program Update

This year we have a new online system for visiting boats to request a slip at BHYC. Kudos to Cam Watt who has developed the online form for visitors that can be found on the website by clicking on: "[About Us](#)" then "[Visitor Information](#)" then "[Doc Reservation Request](#)"

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club is located at 43° 23' 33.35" N 79° 42' 13.56" W in the inner harbour, West of the lighthouses, at the mouth of Bronte Creek in historic Bronte Village. We offer three nights Mediterranean-style mooring at no charge by reservation only. Visitors from [reciprocal yacht clubs](#) are able to reserve a dock through our dock reservation request system. We can accommodate boats up to 35 feet with drafts up to approximately six feet depending on the annual lake water level. Visiting boats must carry a Marine Insurance Policy equal to or greater than \$2million.

[Dock Reservation Request](#)



Visitors requests when submitted will send a message to the RC Power AND be listed on shared drive open to volunteers for the OOD program.

The OOD (or RC Power) can then assign a slip if available and send the confirmation back to the requesting boater.

To compliment this method of communication Members who are vacating their slip for a defined period can identify that by filling in another electronic form also available from the website by clicking on "[Cruising](#)", then "[Member Slip Sign out](#)".

A screenshot of the "Member Slip Sign Out" form. The form is overlaid on a background image of a marina with many sailboats. The form has a white background and a blue border. It includes the title "Member Slip Sign Out" in a large, bold font. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text explaining the purpose of the form: "Members enjoy the benefit of reciprocal docks at other clubs by sharing their empty slips when they are away. Complete this form at any time prior to your trip, a copy of information will be sent to the Rear Commodore of Power so they may offer the slip to reciprocal visitors from other clubs while you are away." Below this text, there is a red asterisk followed by the word "Required". Then, there is a label "Email address *" in bold. Below the label, there is a text input field with the placeholder text "Your email".

This method will replace the chalkboard currently located downstairs in the hall. Slip availability sent in by members will also be maintained on the shared drive so that vacant slips can be assigned to visiting boats as needed.

Full instructions and details will be available in the OOD kit located behind the bar and sent to any OOD volunteer. OOD volunteers can also sign up by emailing rcpower@bhyc.on.ca System will be similar to years past with 4-hour shifts available.

Dave
RCPower@bhyc.on.ca

BARBARA KEELEY-WATT

Publicity Director

Sponsorship and Advertising activity for 2019 is keeping the committee very busy. We are offering a valuable 12-month advertising package to our sponsors, please get in touch to discuss. The plan this year is to cover the costs of running the Bronte Rocks Regatta and support these great BHYC 2019 initiatives listed below. We have many volunteers who quietly work behind the scenes to make these initiatives happen, often we forget to tell the members about the great work we do at BHYC.

- VIP – Visually Impaired Program sail training which takes place in June. See the article elsewhere in the Signal about Jodi Munden one of the VIP sailors.
- Optimist & BHYC sponsor a two-week sail training for youth involved with the Sea Cadets & Big Brothers & Sisters. Sail Training is offered to these young people who otherwise would not have the opportunity to test their skills on the water. (Thank you to Karen Bennett for organizing this sponsorship)
- Recycled Sails for New Homes, Karen Bennett has kindly offered to organize the recycled sail program. Stay tuned for more details as to where to drop off your used sails.

There are several Website Updates which Cam Watt our Website manager has designed to make life simple and easy.

- Visiting Boats Reciprocal Reservation Request form is now live on the website - links to RC Power who then replies with a confirmation including dock number. Found on the website under Cruising>>Visiting Boats
- BHYC Cruising Sign Out form is now live. Members can send in the dates their dock will be vacant from the website instead of the chalkboard downstairs. Found on the website under Cruising>>Member Slip Sign out. RC Power can see this information and use it to assign docks to visiting boats.
- Reciprocal Clubs are now listed on the Website. Found on the website under Cruising>>Reciprocal Yacht Clubs

The Regalia clothing options for 2019 will be available in time for Sailpast. The Regalia purchases can be made on line, and when items are delivered can be picked up at the bar. Stay tuned for updates on this!

Bronte Pier – Muskoka Chair programme will be announced in the coming weeks. BHYC will be submitting a design for these beautiful chairs, anyone interested in designing and painting our chair please speak to me.

Junior Sailing Building on the West River Bank – coming in the spring - watch for the new sailing school advertisement on the wall facing Lakeshore Road. If you are interested in a few hours of painting, please get in touch.

Wishing everyone a good March

Barbara

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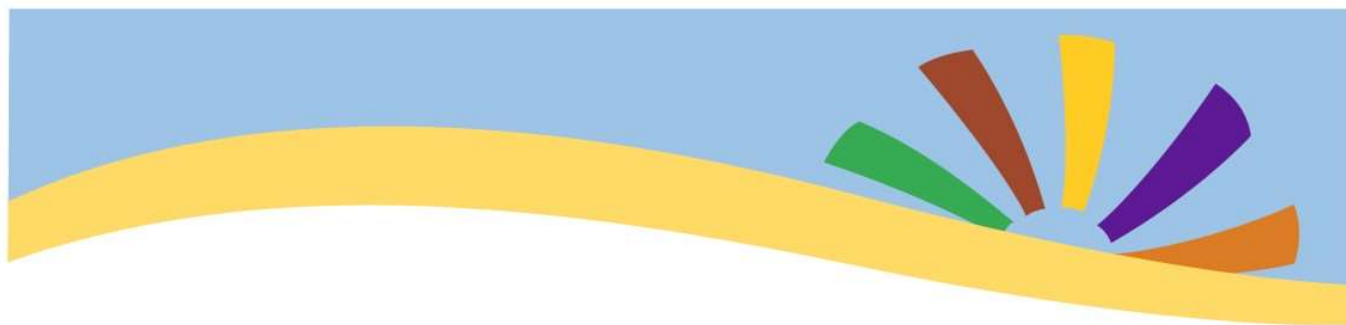
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Movie:
Coco, Disney Pixar movie

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We need a count for kids & adults

SANDRA BRANS

Darts

Annual Darts Challenge First Round Completed

The Lakeshore Yacht Club hosted the first round of the annual home-and-home darts challenge on Sunday, February 24th. Our BHYC sharpshooters entered the challenge as current champions, intent on retaining the trophy. Several LSYC players countered with some trash talk of looking forward to taking back the trophy.

In past challenges LSYC has relied on taking a commanding lead when their favoured game, "cricket", was played at their club. With BHYC's improved prowess in "cricket" that is no longer a guarantee and this round was no exception. Although LSYC created a stacked team, likely intending that team to sweep their eight games, that strategy was not a complete success, thanks to our dogged determination. At the mid-point of round one, LSYC was ahead by four games and showed lots of confidence going into the second half. However, BHYC sharpshooters rallied and this round ended with LSYC ahead by just two games.

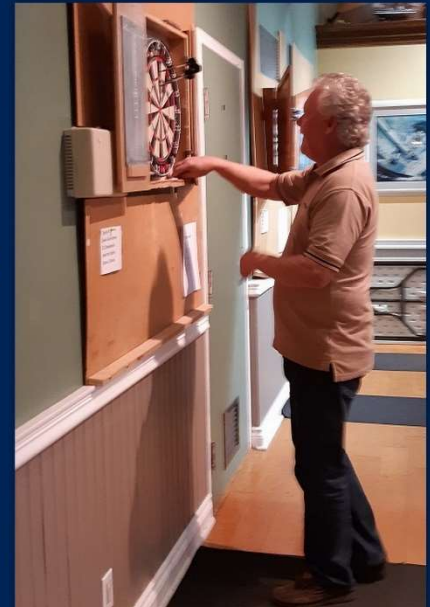
The final now switches to BHYC and our players are eager for this decisive round which takes place on Sunday, March 3rd.

Our intrepid BHYC sharpshooters for the first round were: Diana Bissonnette, Mary Ellen Bockler, Sandra Brans, Barb Dermot, Rona Devreese, Grad Dewar, Phil Gelsheimer, Pat Jeffrey, Dan LaFerriere, John McMullen, Brian Miller, Mike Mills, Dave Platt, Jim Pollock and Renate Weidner.

Submitted by Sandra Brans with remote guidance from Graham Beattie



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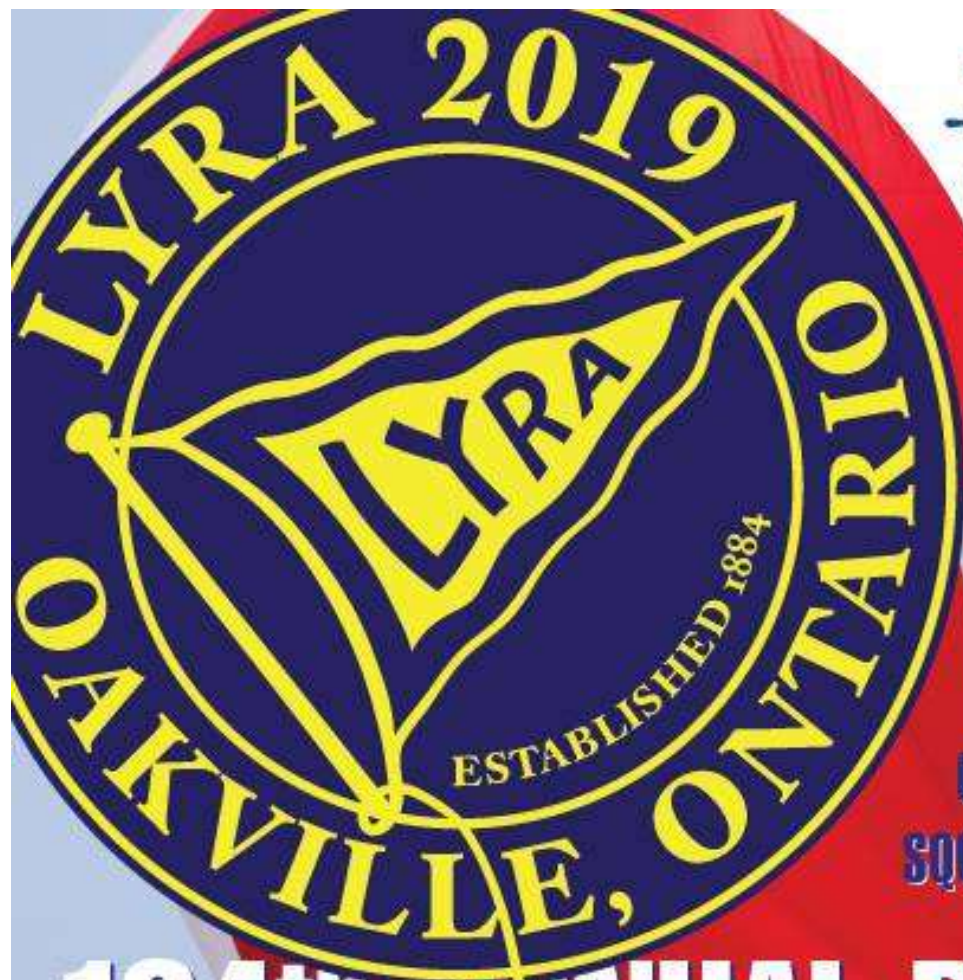


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Learn to Sail open house

Friday, 29th March from 6 until 8 pm

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Learn To Sail this Summer at BHYC

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Contact Us

Website: www.bhyc.on.ca
EM: registration@bhyc.on.ca

BHYC RACE TEAM



PETER WELLS RC Training

I am pleased to report that hiring of coaching staff is now complete and that the club will be holding a **Learn to Sail open house on Friday the 29th March from 6 until 8 pm** and will also have information available for any sailors who may be interested in the racing program. I would ask all members to mention this event to friends and neighbours who have children who might be interested in learning to sail.

I am also pleased to report that Registration for both Lean to Sail and Racing programs is progressing well. We are offering the same discount of 15% for club members who are paying for family members (children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces) as last year in both the Learn to Sail and Racing Programs.

PETER

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DAN LAFERRIÈRE Social Director

Hello everyone, the social committee had another busy month.

Valentine dinner and dance was a success and those in attendance had a great meal and danced to our DJ music.

Apps night has started so please come out and support the hosts. Also, there are still many open dates so please sign up. The signup sheet is on the board in the front lobby.

We are busy planning the next few events: St Pat's dinner and games (March 16), Kids movie night (March 23) and April dinner night (mid-April, date TBD).

As usual if you have any ideas for events or want to help please see me or email me.

Dan

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PHIL GELSHEIMER

House Director

Some of you may have thought the club was haunted, as our fireplace would turn itself on and off at times. Ghostbusters (a.k.a. Appleby Systems) was called and they rushed to the scene. It turned out to be just a corroded wire connector. This was repaired quickly and fortunately there was no need to clean the carpets of ectoplasm slime.

Thanks to those who came to the club and took some books home. Much clutter has been removed, particularly in the lower level. This is a small part of the improvements for the club, and in that regard, we received a quote on repairing and upgrading flooring in the club. We also have estimation of what it would cost to replace the deck furniture. These improvements are not cheap so the Board wants to see a multi-year plan which can be presented to members at a general meeting.

Members raised that they could detect a certain 'eau de toilette' scent in the lower level of the club, and not one from Chanel or Versace. Many thanks to Mike Mills who identified the source and the solution. It seems the shower drain water traps had dried out from non-use and simply needed some water poured into them. This has worked wonders, and the traps will be topped up periodically going forward.

Finally, the beer cooler was repaired by member Don Locke and was at a chilly 7C... for a few days. Alas, one of the refrigerant lines became blocked and the temperature returned to balmy warm. Don will graciously return and fix this shortly.

Looking forward to Spring starting this month!

Phil

Phil

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IAN CONEY

Membership

A common problem these days for all clubs, regardless of their interest is a decline in membership. We are looking for ways not only to attract new members but retain existing members and encourage past members to reconsider and come back to BHYC.

As part of this initiative, as I mentioned in the February Signal, we are hosting a BHYC reunion on Friday March 22nd from 17:00 to 21:00 and inviting past members to come back for some reacquainting and fellowship. I urge you to come out for this important evening and give our old friends a warm welcome home. (Did I mention champagne and hors d'oeuvres)?

Again, as part of our campaign to attract new members, we have planned a "Welcome Neighbours" open house for June 1, inviting Outer Harbour boater to meet their Inner Harbour neighbours. Other clubs will be invited as well.

Stay warm,

Ian

Membership@bhyc.on.ca



BHYC REUNION

Please join us for an evening of laughter, friendship and nostalgia at BHYC.

Champagne & Appetisers

Date: Friday, March 22, 2019

Time: 5:00 - 9:00pm

Where: BHYC Clubhouse



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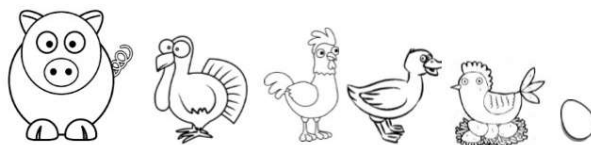
- ◆ **your games/cards of choice**
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Chicken is Here!

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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Save the date

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***More details will follow at
www.bronterocks.com.***

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SAILORS NIGHT

Peter McDougall

From BHYC to World Racing

Jodi Munden VIP Sailor

Mark the Sailors Night dates in your calendars :

March 7th

Julie Harkness will be giving a presentation on her crossing in September 2018 Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai to Oahu OC6

March 21st

Adrian Hanley will give a presentation on racing strategies and tactics with some emphasis on starting techniques. His expertise will be of great interest and help to all.

April 4th

Peter McDougall will present a film on the Bluenose, Canada's fastest fishing schooner, along with a model and details of races against the American schooners following the fishing seasons in the early 1900's.

April 18th

Mark Hellmann will be presenting pictures of the BHYC racing season during a social evening for Skippers and Crew Members, with beer and burgers.

For the last 7 years, since being recruited by Ron Parker, Jodi Munden has been a VIP sailor in our VIP program every year. This experience kindled a love for sailing in Jodi. In 2017 she participated in international VIP racing in Wisconsin on the Canadian boat. Last summer she participated in international VIP racing in Scotland on an Australian boat. Recently she recounted these experiences with us at BHYC and her enthusiasm was most apparent. She is a wonderful example of our VIP friends' positive outlooks, fine sailing abilities, independence and enthusiasm for our sport of sailing. She, and they have been an inspiration to us all at BHYC.

Peter McDougall



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BARRY JASPER

Rear Commodore Sail

First of all, many thanks to Peter McDougall for organising the sailor's nights (see Peter's article listed in the Signal.)

The GHYRA 2019 kick dates, programme and route are all on the Team App website, which can also be accessed from the GHYRA Facebook page. They are trying to limit to 40 boats this year, so if you are game for a week on the water, don't delay...registration is open now.

The LYRA 2019 Committee has issued the Notice of Race. Registration is open, this can be accessed from the Lyrawaters.org website, or directly from Yachtscoring.com. I encourage all our racers and cruisers to consider entering at least a couple of the events. There are both distance and course races and the Easter Seals regatta, something for everyone. Separate awards will be given for all the individual races, which are spread over a full week.

We are actively searching for a dock master team to look after directing, welcoming, and docking all the visiting boats. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

Bronte Rocks preparations are underway, at present most of the emphasis is on securing sponsors and Barbara Keeley-Watt has been heading up this initiative.

In preparation for our club racing season, the sail Committee will be reviewing NOR and Sailing instructions for issuing in March. Registration will open in April.

Meanwhile the race Committee under John Estey's leadership are preparing for another season, and we are hosting a combined Assistant and Race Officer training refresher course in the evening of Friday April 12th and during the day April 13th. We hope to have all our ARO's and CRO's fully certified and encourage all racing skippers and crews who volunteer for committee duty to consider attending the Friday night session. Registration is on the ontariosailing.ca website under the course registration tab.

Barry

rcsail@bhyc.on.ca

DON HARKNESS

Treasurer

Spring is just around the corner and it is that time of year when Membership Fees for 2019 are due. The payment due date was changed to February 28th at our last annual meeting. If you have not done so already, please make your payment as soon as possible. Membership fees are an important source of cash flow for the club over the winter months. I would also appreciate members reviewing their house accounts to ensure they are up to date as well.

You may make payments on your account through your online banking portal via an Interac e-Transfer. Simply add payments@bhyc.on.ca as the recipient and indicate your membership number and details of what you are paying (i.e. house, membership) in the comments section. Your payment will be automatically deposited into BHYC's account and a notification sent to our bookkeeper. There is no need to create and send a password to the recipient. Alternatively, you can still pay by cash, credit or debit at the club bar. Cheques are always welcome as well.

If you have reasonable excel skills and are looking for ways to earn volunteer hours, we require a member to assist Peter Howard with a monthly inventory count of the bar's stock of wine, liquor, beer and other supplies. The count occurs the last day of each month and will be conducted during the day. To be clear you will be counting inventory and not sampling it! If interested, please email me at treasurer@bhyc.on.ca.

DON

treasurer@bhyc.on.ca

In memory

Stu Lyle, a past Commodore at BHYC in the mid '80's has died. Stu had Parkinson's disease for some years. A private funeral was held with family only, and unfortunately, we have few details to share with the BHYC community. He was Commodore for about three years around 1985 and as Past Commodore in 1986. Our sincere condolences to Stu's family from the BHYC membership.

Time 6:00pm—dinner at 7:00pm



Cost: \$15:00pp

Steak & Stilton Pub Pie, (Veggie Option)



Sweet Potato Fries, Veggie, & Dessert

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*Saint
Patrick's
Day*

March 16

