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# LOVE MY SAUCE

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# LET'S PLAY BINGO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
COCKTAILS AT 6:00PM; DINNER AT 6:30PM
BINGO FOLLOWING DINNER

PASTA, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, AND DESSERT, \$10 PLUS TAX.

BEST SAUCE COMPETITION

(SEE BHYC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DETAILS OF COMPETITION)
BINGO CARDS \$2

(WINNERS SPLIT THE TAKE WITH A LOCAL CHARITY)

# PETER KIRKWOOD-COMMODORE

# REINIER VAN DER WAGEN-VICE COMMODORE

It has been an eventful couple of months at the club with lots of activities and events. I hope everyone was able to visit the club and enjoy fellowship with the membership.

I went to the boat show this past week and had a good walk around. Lots of boats to see and many people still looking for ways to enjoy the water. For me the Boat Show is always a mid point in the winter mostly because that is what my dad told me. Its time to look forward to spring and high water again.

I watch a US Army Corp of Engineers site to see what is happening on the waterfront. You won't be able to click on this in the print edition, but online you can find the site here: <a href="http://lre-wm.usace.army.mil/ForecastData/">http://lre-wm.usace.army.mil/ForecastData/</a> to be very current and reliable and it is looking like the highwater mark this year may not be as bad as last year. Time will tell.

The Town of Oakville – at last – issued their Request for Interest where they are looking to see if there are interested groups to manage the waterfront docking facilities in Oakville. I understand there are organizations interested in this process so stay tuned.

Your new board is hard at work getting stuff done. Thank you to all those who have stepped up to serve the member- Applications and payments for the Club moorings, dryship. Please welcome our new Social Director, Susan Fekete. Thank you to directors who have just completed their term - Don Harkness as Treasurer, Peter Wells as RC Training, Phil Gelsheimer as House Director and Dan Laferriere as Social Director. Great work done by all.

See you at the club

Peter

Is it just me who is wondering where the first month of this year went? Launch will be here before we even know it.

Speaking of Launch, we are having a change to many years of tradition. Instead of launching on a weekend we are going to be launching on a Monday. To be exact, Monday, May 4, 2020. The reasons for this are:

The Town will still be laying down the tires and anchors, which make up the Mediterranean moorings, on the weekend of May 2 and May 3 - the weekend that we traditionally use for Launch. The anchors were removed because of the dredging that is taking place in the inner harbour.

We don't want to launch our boats on the following weekend because the chances are good that we may have another year of flooding. During the last two floods (2017 and 2019), the water levels rose fast in the week following MBOGLWL-combined bulletin and backpage.pdf I find it Launch. This resulted in many boat owners being unable to use the crane to step their masts because there was nothing to tie their boats off to during the mast stepping opera-

> Thank you to those who have already volunteered to work on the Monday. I will post the signup sheet on the lower notice board, the one closest to the bottom of the steps leading from the lower level to the front lobby in the coming week. Please add your names to empty positions as soon as vou can.

sailing, storage of kayaks, canoes, etc. will be posted online by the end of the first week of February.

We also aim to have the two sections of our roof that have failed repaired this month.

As always, please send any suggestions, questions and queries to me at vicecom@bhyc.on.ca.

Reinier



# Games Night

Games Night returns for the New Year Thursdays February 13th and 27th

Please bring your favourite game and a munchie to share and join the camaradarie

Come on out and share in the fun From 7 to 9 for everyone

See you there!

For enjoyment only—no gambling please.



# SIP 'N STITCH

# **BUSY BEES FOR AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE**

Canada and Australia are often considered to be "sister nations" of the British Commonwealth; we have so much in common. Like so many others around the world, Canadians have watched as bushfires have swept across parts of Australia, destroying acres of habitat and killing millions of animals.

In early January, Denise (our daughter, who lives with her family in Australia) sent information about assisting Australia Wildlife Rescue with animals who had been injured or orphaned in the fires. Immediately, I sent out an email to members of the Tuesday night "Sip 'n Stitch" group saying that I had received information on how to knit or sew nests, pouches and sleeping pads. I barely had sent out the email when they had started.

Within hours, Alex Treiber had researched more information and found more patterns... and sewn her first pouch! Beth Stewart was not far behind her; Beth began a marathon of sewing sleeping pads, all sizes, for displaced and/or injured animals. And it didn't stop there! Pat Dewar, Marion Howard (wife to Peter Howard, our bar manager), Diana Bissonnette, and Mary Ellen Bockler came on board shortly thereafter.

In the space of four days, we'd met up as a group three times to crochet, knit, snip, trim, pin, sew, and iron a variety of creations. From small nests for injured birds and sleeping pads for recovering animals to pouches for various marsupials (kangaroos, koalas, wallabies, etc.), it was a flurry of activity.

Almost all of us continued to work on our projects at home; I am not sure if Alex or Beth even took time to have their meals! On the fourth evening (which was our regular Tuesday night for getting together), we finished up projects (well, most of us did... I think Alex and Beth went home and continued to sew!) and began to put everything together to be taken to a drop off hub.

It's due to Alex and her amazing research skills that we quickly had a contact for a drop off location. To our surprise and excitement, we soon learned that Air Canada had also come on board and that mass shipments would be sent from major Canadian cities to the Australian states badly needing bedding, pads, pouches and nests for the thousands of injured and orphaned animals.

In the end, our hard work paid off! On Wednesday, January 15th, Alex, Beth and I boxed up the 85 pieces that had been sewn, knit, or crocheted; we then delivered these to an address in Burlington. These were then added to a large shipment sent out on January 22nd.

A big thank you to everyone who came out and helped or donated time, fabric, and/or equipment. We are grateful to have been able to play a small role in helping a country that is dealing with so much tragedy.

# Joan Spares

# SUSAN FEKETE-Social Committee

# Hold the date for upcoming social events:

Saturday February 15 (Love My Pasta & Let's Play Bingo) see poster in this newsletter. Tickets are on sale at the clubhouse.

Saturday March 14 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration (dinner)

Saturday April 25 - Fish & Chips (dinner & TBA)

Warm regards,

# Susan

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# Learn To Sail this Summer at BHYC

Our Sailing School offers CANSAIL programming with an emphasis on learning practical skills on the water. Our youth program offers a safe, fun and active learning environment. Sailors learn the skills and enter into fun and challenging experiences suited to their age and stage of development. Our programming is designed to get-and keep-sailors excited about sailing for life!

### Contact Us

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





# 2019 CHAPMAN SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

If you have a PHRF-LO certificate and compete in a PHRF fleet as part of an interclub event in PHRF-LO waters, you are entered in the Chapman Season Championship.

Brian Chapman was a long-time member of the Technical Committee of PHRF-LO. When he passed away in 2018, PHRF-LO introduced two awards in his name – The Season Championship and the New Racer Award. Awards are given within each PHRF District and an overall award is presented at the PHRF-LO AGM.

You may have seen a list of events on our bulletin board or on the PHRF-LO Website. There are 43 designated events on five bodies of water and this year there were 599 competitors. (If you competed in Bronte Rocks, GHYRA or the OC Regatta for example, you were one of these competitors.) The scoring uses the Chipstead formula, which takes into account your finishing position and the number of boats in your fleet. You can compete in as many events as you want. Your best four event scores are counted for the Championship.

For 2019, the Golden Horseshoe District winners were:

1st place - It's a Conspiracy, Adrian Hanley (BHYC)

2nd place - Pandora, Brian Garrett (BSBC)

3rd place - Snowbird, Mark Quinn (BSBC)

It's a Conspiracy was also the overall PHRF-LO Season Champion. This award was presented at the PHRF-LO Annual General Meeting on February 18. The trophy will be displayed at the Club for a year. Congratulations to Adrian and crew.

### Sue Sproule



# BARRY JASPER RC SAIL

The sailing calendar for 2020 has been populated and is live on the website, this month additional events were added including three TGIF nights.

The series of Sailors nights continue bi-weekly, many thanks to all the members and all the guests, who take the time to prepare and present their stories and their expertise.

Feb 6th, Cruising the north channel, big cruising in a small boat, presented by Cam Watt.

Feb 20th, The Whitbread round the world race, plus a look at the BHYC training programme, presented by Mark Hellmann.

Chris Burcher's group have plans in place for GHYRA 2020.

This is a fun week for both racers and cruisers.

If you are up the challenge of a week on the water, with a different host club every night, come along on February 8th to the 2019 Regatta 8th night party, to be held at BHYC meet last year's participants, ask questions and be in on the reveal for this year's route and schedule and the ceiling for total numbers.....

Registration will open the following day.

# Barry rcsail@bhyc.on.ca

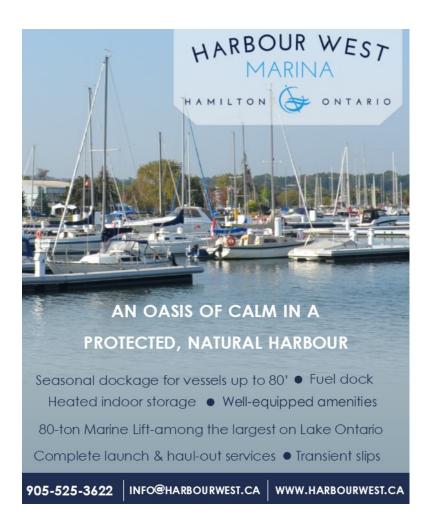


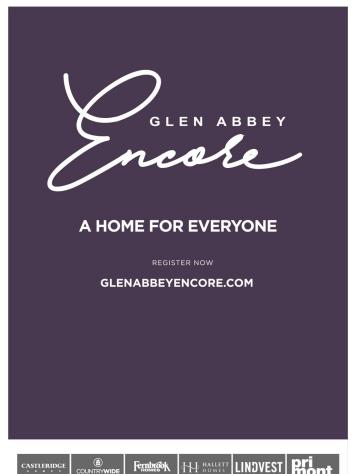
# Turkey Roll 2019 was a great Success!

# With sincere thanks to our many donors

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Designed 4 Boat	Mike & Marg Paulson	The Firehall
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# SAILING SCHOOL NEWS

Aspiring Olympian, James Juhasz was our guest speaker at the Sailing School open house held on January 26th. The clubhouse was packed with sailors young and old who came out to hear James present his plans; meet our new coaches; and register for summer sailing lessons.

James started sailing at our BHYC Sailing School at the age of 7. He is now a Laser Class sailor with the goal of competing in 2024 Paris Olympics. The next step is for James to join the World Cup Circuit full time. The events take place all over the world from Spain to Miami, France to Australia and the far East. Our open house/fundraiser helped raise \$6200 to help James reach his Olympic dream.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the event, Susan Fekete, Pete Fuller and especially James' Mom for the amazing food at the event!

It's not too late to donate to Jame's campaign at <a href="https://www.windathletes.ca/athletes/james-juhasz">www.windathletes.ca/athletes/james-juhasz</a>

Sailing School Registration is now open! Take advantage of the member discounts. Senior, Associate, and Intermediate members get a 25% discount on Adult and Junior Sailing school fees, a bargain if you have 6-17 year olds who want to sail in our day camps. To register follow the links on the BHYC website at <a href="https://bhyc.on.ca/learn-to-sail/">https://bhyc.on.ca/learn-to-sail/</a>





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# SAILORS' NIGHT

Here's the list of the upcoming 2020 Sailors Night events. Come out an enjoy an evening at the club listening to the adventures of your fellow sailors. Ideas for 2021 Sailors Night are already in the planning, if you have an adventure you'd like to share let me know.

### February 6th.

Cam Watt, "Big Cruising on a Small boat in the North Channel"

# February 20th.

Mark Hellmann, RC Training, Presentation on Whitbread round the World race sailor

# March 5th.

Phil Williamson / North Sails

### March 19th.

Dennis Toews. A racing sailor's voyage that started on Bronte Creek. Went to both coasts of North America then Europe, Scandinavia, South America and Korea. Ending at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in London England.

### April 2nd.

Presentation on the historical story of Bronte Harbour (Tom Appleton, from the historical society)

### April 25th.

Race registration, Crew members' evening.

Please contact me at <u>p.mcdougall@lobmail.ca</u>

# **Peter McDougall**



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# BARBARA KEELEY-WATT-PUBLICITY

# BHYC GAMES NIGHT

Thursday Games Night is a great opportunity to share a few laughs, some friendly competition and a pleasant moment with fellow BHYC members. Bring your favourite games and a snack to share - Sequence, Scrabble, Cribbage and Euchre. Join this entertaining evening on February 13th and 27th. Hope to see you there!

# Marge Furness

# IAN CONEY-MEMBERSHIP

We have made some changes for 2020 and they are as follows:

Senior Membership dues have been increased to \$800.00 per year.

Associate Membership dues have been increased to \$400.00 per year.

All other membership categories are unchanged.

The biggest change is in the volunteer work party requirement. The yearly volunteer commitment is being reduced from 25 hours to 10 hours. Owners with boats stored at the club will be expected to participate extra hours at launch and haul out. We think this is a reasonable and equitable requirement.

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As promised we've compiled a list of 2020 workparty opportunities which you'll find in the February Signal. Take a look at the list and pick the workparty project you'd like to help out with. You'll note the board member is listed for each project, email the board member and confirm you are able to help. This is a great way to meet your fellow members while helping with the work that needs to be done around the club.

Have a great February everyone! **BARBARA**publicity@bhyc.on.ca



Big or small we can handle them all, from major refit to small gelcoat repairs.



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Contact Peter Southall

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Volunteer Opportunities 2020 - Description of Work	Frequency	Volun- teer As- signed	Board Contact
Race night meals	Race Nights	No	house@bhyc.on.ca
Race committee volunteers Tuesday Race Nights	As needed	No	jestey@stonebridge.ca
Race committee volunteers Thursday Race Nights	As needed	No	jestey@stonebridge.ca
Race committee volunteers Weekend Ragattas	As needed	No	jestey@stonebridge.ca
Membership committee volunteers to help with research and membership 2020 campaign.	Monthly	No	member- ship@bhyc.on.ca
Bronte Rocks volunteers task to be assigned.	Bronte Rocks	No	publicity@bhyc.on.ca
Muskoka Chair 2020	May/June	No	publicity@bhyc.on.ca
Spring prep and launch of committee boats and coach boats. 8 hrs	Spring	No	rcpower@bhyc.on.ca
Fall haul out and winter prep of committee boats and coach boats	Fall	No	rcpower@bhyc.on.ca
Junior Shed doors need to be fixed so they close and lock.	April	No	Rctraining@bhyc.on.ca
Sailing School Dollies / trailers - tires inflated , lights checked - carpet attached/ replaced.	May after launch	No	Rctraining@bhyc.on.ca
Sailing School Boats unloaded off trailers / masts in	End of May	No	Rctraining@bhyc.on.ca
Tenders- Batteries charged	End of May	No	Rctraining@bhyc.on.ca
Dolly maintenance- tires inflated	Summer	No	Rctraining@bhyc.on.ca
Social Events volunteers to help with Clean up - dish washing	As needed	No	social@bhyc.on.ca
Social Committee volunteers to help with events	As needed	No	social@bhyc.on.ca
Lunch for members on weekends leading up to launch	As needed	No	social@bhyc.on.ca
Launch lunch volunteers	launch days	No	social@bhyc.on.ca
Bar inventory count - assist Peter Howard	Monthly	No	treasurer@bhyc.on.ca

Volunteer Opportunities 2020 - Description of Work	Frequency	Volun- teer As- signed	Board Contact
Regalia inventory count - frequency determined by Treasurer.	Annual	No	treasurer@bhyc.on.ca
House reconciliation and deposit of cash, cheques, credit cards	weekly	No	treasurer@bhyc.on.ca
Volunteer to enter paper chits. These need to be entered online.	As needed	No	treasurer@bhyc.on.ca
Volunteer with strong excel skills to help with work party spreadsheet.	As needed	No	treasurer@bhyc.on.ca
Garbage duty - routinely empty containers, have available around the yard for Regattas.	Weekly	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Yard clean up for 2020	Weekly	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Gardening - tend garden beds for the 2020 season.	As needed	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Planters - plant planters, tend over the summer. Upper deck, lower gardens and back door area	As needed	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Lower Patio upkeep - maintain the lower deck, keeping chairs, tables windows clean	As needed	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Margaritaville bar area keep clean & tidy and ready when members use the downstairs area.	As needed	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Upper Deck - maintain deck, tables, chairs, windows, flower containers	As needed	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Yard work to include lawn mowing, edging, sweeping of external hardscaped surfaces.	As needed	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Tidy up outside storeroom.	once	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Replace waterline along fence	once	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Tidy up dumpster enclosure	once	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Replace wheels on one mast dollie (dolly).	once	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Straighten up mast rack.	once	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Replace 2 picture windows.	once	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca
Repair beer delivery hatch.	once	No	vicecom@bhyc.on.ca

# PETER FULLER HOUSE DIRECTOR

Where to start, Sam Spares our grill master did a fine job supporting his energetic spouse and the social team hosting and serving a Friday night burger night. Cleaned the freezer and made people happy. There should be more of that. As such we are open to offers for any group or individual that would like to step up and host a Friday night appetiser evening. It's not hard, it's not a meal it's a treat and its a very social experience.

We have had many discussions with the bar staff, patrons and guests about product choice, too many, not enough. (Trust me the correct answer is too many) and some don't seem to appeal. One of our beverage partners, Camerons Brewery would like us to switch up their product and try new things. They wish to work with us, they are local and its essentially a no risk proposition for us. Look forward to a new selection.

We are also looking into a barista center (that's a coffee bar folks), a self serve machine making quality product at a fair price for those that would favour a hot beverage. Yet another way to enjoy the facility and be social with your peers. It can even include tea, it won't be the tea steeped in your Gran's ceramic pot only washed in tears of anguish, but I'm told it's quite acceptable. A thankyou to Susan our new Social director for her encouragement and guidance going forward with this.

We have also received some advice on traffic flow and furnishings to help eliminate the log jam next to our beverage counter, Grad has long studied the traffic flow in the clubhouse and has brought forward a couple ideas that hold merit. Some involves fabrication so it could take a spell.

It's your clubhouse, open discussion on what it should mean to you is encouraged.

Peter Fuller house@bhyc.on.ca

# 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.

Call Jamie at 905-580-5699, Sara at 289-242-3462, visit at Flash or Escape Pod or email lighthouse.stables@gmail.com





