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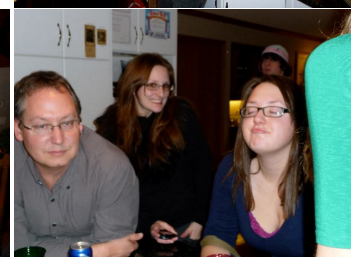
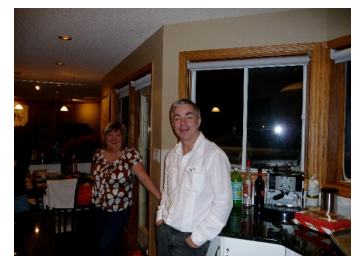
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Happy New Year to All !

Welcome back to the indoor erging season after our brief break for Christmas. We hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Years.

The annual SRC Christmas party was held on Dec 13th and was hosted this year by Wendy Gore-Hickman. A big thank you to Wendy and her family for welcoming us into their home. There was much warmth and merriment on one of the coldest nights of the year. Activities included the annual gift exchange, as well as a rousing session of Christmas carols around Wendy's piano and much food, drink and laughter....



Membership Year Change

The Saskatoon Rowing Club's membership year is changing slightly.

The current 2008-2009 year will now expire on March 31st with the new 2009-2010 year beginning on April 1st.

All SRC members are automatically members of Sask Rowing Association and Rowing Canada Association, and it has become a requirement to align our membership year with these other associations. One of the main reasons has to do with insurance purposes.

Watch for reminders closer to April about renewing your membership.

Fundraising News

Thank you to everyone who supported our winter fundraising initiatives!

Our cookie dough, poinsettia, and calendar sales raised almost nine hundred dollars and members worked off over four hundred dollars in development cheques.

STEAK NIGHT
Thursday Feb 26
Mulberry's Bakery Café
3rd Ave & 23rd St.

Mark the date on your calendar - more information to follow



Website

Saskatoon Rowing Club

Did you know that our club has a **website**?

Did you know the **practice schedule** is on there?

Also that **Fundraising info** can be found there?

Watch for new updates happening soon...

www.rowingclub.org

If you have ideas for the website, email wichs@sasktel.net attn: Dave

NWIRA Requires a Treasurer - could it be you?



At the NWIRA Annual General Meeting held on Nov 9, 2008 all executive positions were acclaimed with the incumbents retaining their positions, except for the Treasurer's position. The treasurer has moved to B.C. and is no longer associated with a member club. The current treasurer is willing to hold the position until spring, but a replacement needs to be found by then.

NWIRA stands for the **Northwest International Rowing Association**, and has a rich 106 year history. It is comprised of the following clubs: Duluth Rowing Club, Kenora Rowing Club, Minneapolis Rowing Club, Minnesota Boat Club, Regina Rowing Club, Rochester Rowing Club, Saskatoon Rowing Club, Thunder Bay Rowing Club and the Winnipeg Rowing Club.

The NWIRA holds one regatta annually for member clubs and other clubs by invitation. This year's regatta will be held on Aug 21-22, 2009 at a Minneapolis-St. Paul location; the site yet to be announced.

The treasurer's position handles all the monies related to the annual regatta. It was suggested that the treasurer should be someone from Canada, as the bank accounts have been set up in a Canadian bank.

If anyone is interested in the position, or would like to find out more about what the position entails, you can contact Dave at wichs@sasktel.net or Karen at karentaylor@shaw.ca.

Have you thought about becoming a Rowing Umpire?

by Dave Woytowich

Have you been rowing for a few years and found yourself thinking that you too would like to wear the **cool uniform** of an umpire? Would you like to be out on the water in a motorized craft for a change of pace? Or are you a **parent** of one of the junior members of our club, and would like to get more involved and have a **terrific "up front" view** of racing?

As you may know, we had to postpone our July regatta in 2008 because we were unable to acquire the required minimum of 4 licensed umpires. We have 6 certified umpires in Saskatchewan (4 in Regina, 2 in Saskatoon), but not all are currently active. We were unsuccessful in our attempt to bring in umpires from either Alberta or Manitoba for that regatta. Also, when we import umpires from other locations, it is at the expense of the regatta's Local Organizing Committee - in this case the SRC.



What's involved? The prime duty of an umpire is to ensure safety and fairness to all competitors. First you attend a clinic held in either Saskatoon or Regina in which you become familiarized with the rules of racing. Once that is completed, you assist as an associate umpire at approximately 5 regattas becoming familiar with the various positions and duties. To become a licensed umpire, you then write a written exam and perform a small practical exam.

Once you are a licensed umpire you have the choice of working at local regattas, or perhaps you would like to travel to some of the national regattas. An umpire is a volunteer position, but expenses are covered for travel whether it is to Regina or Toronto or Victoria. I had the fortunate experience of working at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in August 2008, held annually in St. Catharines, and was able to watch my daughter row there. As well, I attended the NWIRA regatta in Kenora in July, where I also watched my daughter compete. You can even become certified by FISA – the International Rowing Federation if you aspire to umpiring at world competition events.

If you are interested in learning more about being a rowing umpire, feel free to contact myself at wichs@sasktel.net or Wes Champ at wchamp@sasktel.net or John Grainger at grain6@go.com.



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www.rowingclub.org for the latest
information on club happenings

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2008-2009 Club Executive

President	Karen Taylor
Vice President	Wes Champ
Secretary	Lis Baldo
Treasurer	Lindy Antonini
Past President	Grant Marshak
Director-At-Large	Wendy Gore-Hickman

Non-Voting Club Positions

Membership	Cathy Jeffery
Newsletter	Dave Woytowich
Public Relations	Terry Craig
Safety	vacant—please apply
Equipment	John Haver
Regatta	vacant — please apply
City Liaison	Daryl Start
SRA Rep	Wes Champ
Club Coach	Savannah Taylor
Fundraising	Erin Smith-Windsor Carolyn Paterson

2009 Rowing Schedule

Jan 31	Prairie Indoor Rowing Championship (Saskatoon, SK)
June 6	Western Canada Sprints (Regina, SK)
June 27	Alberta Open (Calgary, AB)
July 18	Prairie Rowing Championship (Saskatoon, SK)
Aug 17-21	Jeux Canada Games (Summerside, PEI)
Aug 21-22	NWIRA (St. Paul, MN)
Aug 21-23	Canadian Masters (Elk Lake, Victoria)
Sep 25-27	National Rowing Championships (Montreal, PQ)
Oct 10-14	World Masters Games (Sydney, Australia)

Regatta dates and locations subject to change

Upcoming Clothing Order

There will be a clothing order coming up in February.

If anyone has any ideas for different clothing items they would like to see available, please let Savannah know at savannaht@shaw.ca.

The Catch Newsletter 2009 Schedule

The Catch is a quarterly publication of the Saskatoon Rowing Club.

Spring Membership Issue
Submission due date March 15
Mailing date April 1

Summer Issue
Submission due date June 15
Mailing date July 1

Sask Rowing Awards Night

The 2008 Sask Rowing Association Awards night was held on Nov 22nd at the Delta Hotel in Regina.

Several **members** of the **Saskatoon Rowing Club** received awards that night and they are shown on this page.

Congratulations to all of the **winners from our club!**

(picture credit: SRA website)



Rower of the Year Hannah Champ presented by JP Farago



Female Rower Katy Haver her father Bob Haver accepting award presented by Jenn Stewart-Mitchell



Youth Male Rower Lucas Baldo presented by Ted Cook



Volunteer of the Year Ann Haver presented by Bob Haver



Female Youth Elyse Weir presented by Brie Jedlic