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Take Note

- ERG Series continues on January 17 with a 6000m test

Where Are They Now? Mark Simpson

For most current members of the Saskatoon Rowing Club the name Mark Simpson may be unfamiliar, but throughout the 80's and early 90's Mark made many important contributions to our rowing club.

He was raised in Port Colburn, Ontario near a hotbed of Canadian rowing, St. Catherine's, but he didn't take up the sport until he began attending the University of Western Ontario in 1972. During his

university days he rowed with the likes of Andy van Ruven and Phil Moncton, both Canadian Olympians. In those days university crews were in sweep boats and Mark was the two seat in the heavy men's 8+. The

crew had good success on the varsity circuit.

After graduating as a geologist Mark's

work took him to many points across Canada, eventually accepting a job with the Saskatchewan Research Council *continued page 2*



Looking for a Masters Sport Experience of a Lifetime?

The Edmonton 2005 World Masters Games are just eighteen months away. There is already plenty of talk around the Training Centre in anticipation of these games. The last time these games were hosted in North America was in Spokane, Washington in 1997. That year, a strong contingent of Saskatoon

Rowing Club Masters competed in the games.

If you've never heard of the World Masters Games before, you are in for a treat. These games are the largest multi-sport games in the world and they are coming to life in Edmonton. *Continued page 2.*

World Masters Games continued

What's great is the World Masters Games has something for everyone.

The Games welcomes competitors of all skill levels. If you meet the minimum age requirement, you qualify. The Games offers competition in 27 sports and a total of 41 disciplines. In these games you can compete in more than one sport, providing the schedules do not conflict.

The official web site for the games indicates the rowing events are scheduled from Friday, July 22 – Tuesday, July 26, 2005. All races are 1,000m and include men's and women's 1X, 2X, 2-, 4X, 4+, 4-, 8+. There will be mixed events in 2X,4X, 8+.

The rowing venue is at Telford Lake. Age

categories include A: 27-35; B: 36-42; C: 43-49; D:50-54; E:55-59; F:60-64; G:65-69; H:70+

Telford Lake is located near Leduc, Alberta and is part of William F. Lede Regional Park, a popular year-round recreation area. The lake is 2200 m long x 240 m wide with a depth of 1.5 to 2 m.

Telford Lake is 40 km from Edmonton city centre.

For more information visit www.2005worldmasters.com.

Registration begins January 27, 2004.

It's time to start planning for the World Masters Games

Bruce Acton

Where Are They Now? Continued

in 1979. He began to look around for rowing opportunities and guess who he finds, Bob Haver.

In those days the club stored their boats in a leased building owned by the City of Saskatoon Waterworks department. Mark was introduced to smaller sweep boats and sculling. He and Bob and Bill Haver, Paul Marcotte, Tim Cooke, Bruce Holliday, and many other members were training and competing in regional regattas.

Mark soon became more involved in the administration side of the club. He served as the club president and vice-president for a time and sat as an SRA vice-president. The club needed a boat-house, so Mark along with representatives from the canoe, kayak, cross-country and water skiing, boardsailing and cycling organizations were actively lobbying the city to build a multi-use facility. In the mid-80's Saskatoon was preparing to host the 1989 Jeux Canada Summer Games and rowing was one of the sports. As Jeux Canada Games

Where Are They Now? Conclusion

sport liaison chair for rowing and regatta chair, Mark was instrumental in convincing Games committee leaders like Tony Dagnone and Peter Zakreski to build the boathouse and host the rowing and canoeing regattas on the South Saskatchewan River. The Games committed one million dollars to build the boathouse and a regulation 2000m rowing course. On a cold afternoon in October 1987 Mark Simpson had the honor of greeting Queen Elizabeth at the boathouse official opening. Today Saskatoon owns the finest boathouse facility in the province.

Following the very successful Games regatta Mark needed to step back from the sport and spend more time with his young family. During the early 90's he continued to help with regatta officiating and represented Saskatchewan on the RCA

officials committee. Even now, you just might meet him during a hometown regatta helping out in one way or another.

Today, Mark stays fit by spending time on the Concept II machine at the Field House. He even submits his test results to the Concept II ranking web site. During the summer you will find him in-line skating along the Meewasin Trail near the University. Mark and wife Mary Lee, also a former rower, have three boys, Alex 17, Rob 15 and Connor 11.

Mark is a fine example of the contribution so many former members have made to the advancement for rowing in our city.

Bingo Report

Well, bingos for the 2003/2004 season are already wrapping up - thanks to everyone who honoured their commitments, and a very special thanks to those who helped out in emergencies! The final two bingos will be in February, one is already filled, so check the boathouse if you want to work the last one. Also, I will soon be posting an updated list of bingos worked/owed, and PLEASE let me know if there are any errors. Nobody wants to work a bingo for nothing! Happy erging, everyone!

Sunday, February 8 11-6 (Full)
Sunday, February 29 11-6

Remember, if you sign up for a bingo, IT IS UP TO YOU to fill that spot. If you cannot work, then call other rowers, bug your family and your friends, or find someone who will work for cash (\$50). It has been decided by your humble rowing executive, that those who do not show up or find a replacement will be assigned an EXTRA bingo, as well as the one missed. Two time offenders do not row. If you actually want to work extra bingos and get paid for it, contact Charlotte (343-5650) or Diane (373-4749). Have fun!!

Charlotte Stang and Diane Caswell



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

Be a Row Model

2004 Rowing Schedule

January 17	ERG Series 6000m (Jan 18 - 24 window)
February 14	ERG Series 2000m (Feb 15 - 21 window)
March 13	ERG Series 6000m (March 14 - 20 window)
April 3	Final ERG Series 2000m (April 4 - 11 window)
May 1	New Membership Year Begins
June 4	Western Canada Sprints (Regina)
July 3	Alberta Open (Calgary)
July 10	Prairie Rowing Championships (Sturgeon Lake)
July 30-August 1	Tops and Bottoms (Canora, Ontario)
August 5-8	Royal Canadian Henley (St. Catherines)
August 14-15	Canada Cup (Montreal)
August 20-22	Northwest International Rowing Association
August 27-29	Canadian Open Masters Championships

All dates subject to change.

2003-2004 Club Executive

President— Bruce Murray Vice President— vacant
Secretary— Grant Marshak Treasurer— Kristen Jewitt

Non-Voting Club Positions

Membership— Anne-Marie Graham (until May 1, 2004)
Bingo— Diane Caswell and Charlotte Stang
Newsletter - Bruce Acton Public Relations - Terry Craig
Safety— vacant
Equipment— John Haver
Home Regatta— Rhonda McKinney and Ann Haver
Away Regattas— Ann Haver
Social— Janice Marcotte
City Liaison and Past President— Daryl Start
Club Coach— Todd Keesey
SRA Reps— Bob Haver

The Catch Newsletter 2004 Schedule

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

Summer Issue
Submission due date June 15
Mailing date July 1

Fall AGM Issue
Submission due date September 15
Mailing date October 1

**SASKATOON ROWING CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 19, 2003**

The Saskatoon Rowing Club (the "SRC") Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, October 19, 2003 at the Boat House Training Centre - Victoria Park, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Dr. Bruce Murray.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda circulated was adopted without amendment.

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting

Moved by Bob Haver

Seconded by Rhonda McKinney

"To waive a reading of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held November 2, 2002"

Carried

President's Report: Dr. Bruce Murray

Dr. Bruce Murray reported that the SRC had a successful year. He extended a special thanks to the executive and coaches for all of their efforts. He indicated that the goals of the executive for the next year would be to build on the successes of the past year.

Bingo Report: Charlotte Stang

Charlotte Stang reported that revenues generated from bingos are down slightly as compared to last year.

Membership Report: Anne-Marie Graham

Anne-Marie Graham reported that there were approximately 93 people enrolled in the learn to row program this year, compared to approximately 115 people last year. The reason for this difference can be attributed in large part to the fact that no learn to row classes were held during the month of August. It was suggested that perhaps a boat house manager be retained to administer the learn to row program, rather than requiring the coaches to be responsible for administering this program.

Dynamic Opportunities for Youth (DOFY) Program Report: Doug Martin

Doug Martin advised that Dynamic is pressing for clubs, such as the SRC, to look to obtain their own funding for the DOFY program so that the program can be expanded in other centres across Canada. He advised that to that end, the City of Saskatoon was approached and has committed certain funding which is anticipated to cover the DOFY program that was held this past fall as well as a program to be held in spring of 2004.

City Liaison's Report: Daryl Start

Daryl Start advised that the intent is to separately renew the leases for the boat bay and the training centre, each for a five-year renewal term.

Social Co-ordinator's Report: Janice Marcotte

Janice Marcotte invited members to contact her with suggestions on social events that would be of interest.

Treasurer's Report: Kirsten Jewitt

Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, as well as a Proposed Budget for the 2003/2004 fiscal year, in the form attached to these minutes, were circulated.

Kirsten Jewitt provided an overview of the financial statements, focusing on a comparison of the current year (2002/2003) financial picture to the prior year (2001/2002) financial picture.

Moved by Dr. Bruce Murray
Seconded by Grant Marshak

"That the Financial Statements for the last completed fiscal year of the SRC be hereby approved and adopted."

Carried

Moved by Dr. Bruce Murray
Seconded by Grant Marshak

"That the SRC hereby dispense with the appointment of an auditor, but that an annual review of the SRC be conducted in the 2003/2004 fiscal year."

Carried

Election of the Executive

A call was made for nominations and after further discussion, the following persons were elected by acclamation to hold the following positions:

President	-	Dr. Bruce Murray
Vice-President	-	Vacant (no nominations)
Secretary	-	Grant Marshak
Treasurer	-	Kirsten Jewitt
Director at Large	-	Vacant (no nominations)
Past President and City Liaison	-	Daryl Start

The following persons allowed their names to stand for the following non-elected positions:

SRA Representative	-	Bob Haver
Bingo	-	Charlotte Stang and Diane Caswell
Membership	-	Anne-Marie Graham (until the new membership year)
Equipment	-	John Haver
Regattas	-	Ann Haver and Rhonda McKinney
Social Co-ordinator	-	Janice Marcotte
Safety	-	Vacant
Newsletter	-	Bruce Acton
Public Relations	-	Terry Craig

Acknowledgements

Dr. Bruce Murray extended a special thanks to Rhonda McKinney for her efforts in organizing the Prairie Rowing Championships and the Saskatoon Head Race. Dr. Bruce Murray also acknowledged the contributions of Holly Mitzel who operated concessions and organized clothing orders.

SRC Representation on the Board of the Saskatchewan Rowing Association (SRA)

Bob Haver advised that over the course of the past five years the SRC hasn't had much involvement or representation on the SRC Board and that the time has now come for the SRC to increase its participation.

He advised that the SRC should put forth two interested people to fill positions on the SRA Board. He indicated that the following positions are vacant.

- Vice-President - Programs
- Vice-President - Administration
- Vice-President - Marketing

New Business

Boat Launch

Dr. Bruce Murray advised that he was invited to and attended a stakeholders meeting to discuss the moving of the City of Saskatoon boat launch from its current location (between Idylwyld Bridge and Victoria Bridge). The plan that has been presented by the City of Saskatoon landscape architects would see placement of the boat launch south of the Idylwyld Bridge (west bank). Dr. Bruce Murray indicated that the City's current proposal is to construct a boat launch - that is, no marina or docks are planned at the new location. He also indicated that moving the boat launch to the proposed new location could infringe on the comfort zone that divides the no-wake/wake zone on the river. Currently the no-wake zone starts approximately 200m south of the Idylwyld Bridge. Moving the boat launch to the proposed new location could see an increase in boat traffic at the start of the no-wake zone. In effect, the comfort zone that divides the rowers from motor boat users would be decreased. Increased traffic in that comfort zone could present a safety concern. Dr. Bruce Murray advised that he suggested to the stakeholders at the meeting that Rotary Park be considered as an alternate location.

Increased Traffic in Victoria Park

Anne-Marie Graham stated that with the adjacent skateboard park now operational, members should exercise extra caution, for most recently the increased traffic in Victoria Park has seen a rise in vandalism and theft.

Fundraising Activities

Bob Haver suggested that since the SRC is one of several Victoria Park user groups, perhaps the SRC should consider, as a fundraising opportunity, setting up a sales booth (ie. ice cream, etc) during one or more of the events that are held in the park such as the dragon boat races or the Victoria Park Festival.

Adjournment

Moved by Doug Martin

Seconded by Daryl Start

“To adjourn the meeting.”

Carried

“Grant Marshak”

Grant Marshak, Secretary