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Take Note

- The next ERG test is Jan. 18. It's time to prepare
- Want to know more visit www.rowingclub.org for club information

Where Are They Now? Wobeser Brothers Bruce & Keith

Brothers, Keith and Bruce Wobeser were introduced to rowing in the mid-1980s at different times but for similar reasons. Both have fond memories of rowing with the Saskatoon Rowing Club and developing some lasting friendships. Today, Keith is a physiotherapist in Philadelphia, but back in 1984 while in high school he received an invitation from SRC coach Tim Cooke to try rowing. The provincial rowing association was putting together a junior rowing program for the 1985 Jeux Canada Games in St. John's. Keith remembers being dropped in the bow of an eight for the first time and hanging on for dear life.

From those humble beginnings Keith went on to a long and successful lightweight rowing career. He was the 1991 Canadian lightweight single national champion. He

competed successfully in countless national, provincial and local regatta for both Saskatoon and Calgary rowing clubs.

He remembers being required by his game's coach to arrive at the boathouse at 4:30am for training. They were preparing themselves for the three hour time difference in St. John. Only they could not row for lack of daylight and had to sit and wait for the sun to come up. However, the reward each morning was a trip to the 7-11 for a Slurpie.

Keith graduated from the University of Saskatchewan as a Physiotherapist in 1993. He has since lived and worked in Calgary, Victoria, St. Catherine's, Houston Texas and most recently Philadelphia. *Cont. on page 2*



INTRODUCING THE NEW SRC LOGO

Saskatoon Edition of 2002 Dynamic Opportunities for Youth A Great Success

We had a total of 25 kids through the Dynamic Opportunities for Youth (DOYP) program this year, a significant increase from last year. Participants in the program came from White Buffalo Youth Lodge coached by Kyle Hamilton and Shannon Wiebe; Mount Royal Collegiate

coached by John Haver and Colin Dyck; and returning again this year were Bedford Road Collegiate coached by Erin Hylnsky and Liz Bauer. Congratulations to Cory Niefer and his

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fine group of coaches for making this program a reality. Reports coming back from the kids were positive. The teachers tell us that the rowing program provides an excellent exercise for team building that they can apply to class activities throughout the year.

The DOFY program is in the second year across Canada and was expanded by 5 cities this year. A profit, for the use of our equipment, after paying the coaches and all expenses was in the neighborhood of \$1,900.00.

For more information check out the News and Events page of your web site at "[http://www.rowingclub.org/news and events.html](http://www.rowingclub.org/news_and_events.html)".

By Doug Martin

Colleen Millar, Dynamic Opportunities National Coordinator sent these words of thanks.

I want to thank all of you for your support of Dynamic Opportunities for Youth 2002. The program was a great success with the addition of 5 new rowing clubs and 302 youth graduates. This is a substantial increase from 175 graduates in last year's program. I have reviewed the youth and counselor feedback and spoke with the coordinators regarding this year's program. Again the stories are moving and many youth are keen to continue into junior rowing in the spring of 2003. There was also noticeable feedback on the role of coaching this year from many youth, teachers and counselors. The positive impact many of you made by being a role model and mentor was recognized above and beyond your coaching duty. All of you have answered the call with your own personal contribution. Your skills and desire to make a difference in our youth across the country has surely made an impact.

I sincerely thank all of you for making our Dynamic Opportunities team complete. We made it to the finish line again a winner!

Bob Haver Receives Sask Sport Volunteer Award

Congratulations to our own Bob Haver for being placed on the 2002 Honour Roll by Sask Sport Inc. at the Volunteer Awards

banquet held in Prince Albert on October 18, 2002. Bob has been a driving force for rowing since he helped found the Saskatoon Rowing Club in 1976. He has worked tirelessly on the executive and

served on countless committees. Bob also serves as a provincial rowing coach and helped lead the team to three medals in

Next time you see Bob Haver shake his hand and say congratulations!

the Canada Summer Games. He also helped the Prince Albert Drifters Rowing Club develop a rowing site at the Sturgeon Lake First Nation for the 1999 Western Canada Summer Games.

From every member of the Saskatoon Rowing Club – your recognition is well

deserved.

By Bruce Acton

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Today he works for the Crozer Chester Medical Centre as a physiotherapist specializing the treatment of motor vehicle accident victims, sports and work related injuries. He continues his contact with rowing by providing therapy to rowing patients in the Philadelphia area.

Keith decided to end his rowing career at the age of 30. Today, Keith keeps in shape by training for and competing in triathlons. He has participated in

three Iron Man triathlon events in Lake Placid, New York and Madison, Wisconsin. Although he may have retired from the sport, Keith still has rowing photos on his apartment wall of him and rowing partner Allen Bruce.

Younger brother, Bruce, entered the sport in 1985 at the age of 14, a year after Keith. Bruce, a cross country skier was looking for a summer cross training sport and rowing fit the bill. Coincidentally, the SRA was still building a provincial crew. Bruce was

Jim McClements Inducted to Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as Builder

This past November one of our past members, Jim McClements, was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in the “Builder” category. Jims’ activities around speed skating began in his youth as a competitor and continued past his competitive activities at a club, provincial, national and international level culminated in his participation in the Salt Lake Olympics as a referee for speed skating. In his status as an international referee for the ISO he is one of only twelve recognized by that organization to work speed skating meets at this level.

This amount of activity alone would qualify Jim as a builder in most eyes but this is not his only area of activity. Jim has also been heavily involved in integrating special population athletes into many areas in sport including speed skating and track and field. In our club Jim was always one who could be counted on to fill in needed roles in club activities, often behind the scene. Jim spent many hours in off season working to maintain and repair our boats and loved to work with the wooden craft. You can still see an example of his work on the rack of singles; the “Tanya Dawn” is Jim’s boat and one that required many hours to restore.



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As well as these activities, and a full life as a Kinesiology prof at the University of Saskatchewan, Jim and his wife Vickie have volunteered thousands of hours working with Cosmo Industries Elmwood and other special needs community associations, Vickie has been in the past a Chair of the Board at Cosmo and Jim is currently the chair of Elmwood.

The backbone of any group is its member’s willingness to participate in all the ways necessary. Jim is one example of an individual who exemplifies this principle and it is very fitting that he has been recognized for this.

By Tim Ouellette

Introducing Our New Bingo Queen

Welcome Shauna Underwood the club’s new bingo chairperson. Do not be deceived by her pleasant demeanor, when it comes to enforcing your bingo responsibilities, Shauna will be unforgiving. You can reach her at 382-3321 with questions.

Jan 27	11am-6pm	Feb 7	5pm-12am
Feb 17	11am-6pm	March 2	11am-6pm
March 29	5pm -12am	April 2	5pm-12am

Sign up sheets for bingos are the training centre. You also have the option of buy out or finding someone to work on your behalf. See a list of willing members ready to work for cash also at the training centre.

Here are the latest bingos date. You have just 4 months to complete your bingo commitment. You are reminded to always arrive in time to count the bingo paper.

Bingo Schedule for the next few months.

Jan 7 5pm - 12am Jan 19 11am-6pm



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

Be a Row Model

2003 Rowing Event Schedule

January 18	SRA ERG Series #3	6000m
February 15	SRA ERG Series #4	2000m
March 15	SRA ERG Series #5	6000m
Apr 19	SRA ERG Series Final	2000m
May 1	2003/04 Membership Year Begins	
May 24	Prince Albert Icebreaker Regatta, Prince Albert	
June 7	Western Canada Sprints Regatta, Regina, SK	
June 28-29	Alberta Open, Calgary, AB	
July 12	Prairie Championships, Sturgeon Lake, SK	
August 6-10	Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, St. Catherine's	
August 16-17	Canada Cup - Montreal, QC	
August 22-24	NWIRA Championships, Kenora, ON	
August 29-31	Canadian Masters Championship, Montreal, QC	

(Please note regatta dates are not confirmed and subject to change)

2002-2003 Club Executive

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

Non-Voting Club Positions

Membership— Anne-Marie Graham Bingo— Shauna Underwood
Newsletter- Bruce Acton Safety— vacant
Equipment— vacant Home Regatta— vacant
Away Regattas— Cory Niefer Social— vacant
City Liaison and Past President— Daryl Start
Club Coach—Cory Niefer

Where Are They Now? Conclusion

a member of the 1989 Jeux Canada Games silver medal Men's 8+.

What he remembers best are the great summer's down at the boathouse and the lifelong friendships he developed with people like James Myers, Ted Cooke and Paul Zanon.

Bruce graduated from the Western Canada College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995. He moved to Calgary shortly after graduation to begin his veterinary practice and marry Brigitte Shannon, a fellow rower. They lived in Calgary for six years until an opportunity came up back here in Saskatoon. Today, Bruce and Brigitte along with two and a half year old son, Allan are happy to be back home in Saskatoon. Bruce has a small animal practice at the Lakeview Veterinary Clinic. Neither Bruce or Brigitte row today, but they do like to run and have competed in several half marathons.

If you want to contact either Keith or Bruce they would welcome your call or email.

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