



# ORC NEWS

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## New Board of Directors for 2003

“Bittersweet” is perhaps the best word to describe the mood at the club’s boat house clean up and Annual General Meeting.

On one hand, it was clear that another rowing season had come to an end: the boat house was cleaned out, rowing shells were given a final wash, equipment was packed away and taken to various storage locations.

And yet, despite all the energy being expended by a host of helpful volunteers to put an end to the rowing season, one couldn’t help but have the rather ironic sense that a new beginning had also taken place.

Just moments earlier, at the club’s Annual General Meeting, the ORC membership elected twelve members to the newly restructured board of directors, adding a sense of excitement and anticipation to the day. Members present also gave unanimous support to a series of constitutional amendments that were designed to help streamline the way in which the board of directors will conduct business in the future.

New members joining the board of directors for the upcoming season are **Alex Young, Kathy Hunt, Sally Ritcey, Lawrence Boyer** and **Doug Herd**. They join seven directors returning for another season of service, namely **Dave Barr, Rhonda Lauer, Jeff Cole, Kristi Cole, Laurie Herd, Diane Carter** and **Brad Ingleton**.



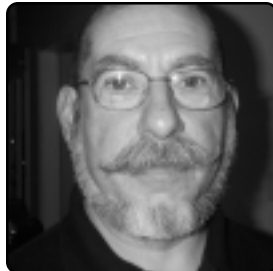
**Rhonda Lauer**  
President



**Dave Barr**  
Treasurer



**Jeff Cole**  
Secretary



**Lawrence Boyer**  
Safety & Maintenance



**Doug Herd**  
Safety & Maintenance



**Laurie Herd**  
Special Events & Publicity



**Diane Carter**  
Competitive Program



**Alex Young**  
Recreational Program



**Kristi Cole**  
Learn to Row Programs



**Brad Ingleton**  
Competitive Program



**Kathy Hunt**  
Recreational Program



**Sally Ritcey**  
Learn to Row Programs



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# Revamped Web Site Unveiled

Members will find plenty of information at [WWW.ORILLIAROWINGCLUB.CJB.NET](http://WWW.ORILLIAROWINGCLUB.CJB.NET)

Looking for somewhere to 'surf' during the off-season? If Hawaii, Australia and Southern California happen to be a wee bit outside of your budget, try 'surfing' Internet style. Point your browser to the club's web site, which has recently received a substantial renovation.

In an effort to improve communication with club members, information now available on the site has been both updated and expanded. In addition, a simpler interface will make the site easier to navigate and information more accessible for the site's growing number of visitors.

"The site has been getting an average of three to four visitors per day," said **Jeff Cole**, club secretary and director in charge of maintaining the web site, reporting statistics received from the web site's service provider, Yahoo! GeoCities.

According to Yahoo!, there have been over 1800 visitors to the site since it came online in early 2001. The highest reported traffic occurred in April 2002, when the site saw 121 unique visitors for an average of just over four 'hits' per day.

"Traffic to the web site has increased gradually since it came online," said Cole, "and I expect



**DUKE OF URL:** Newly redesigned web site features an interesting way of incorporating recent photos on the home page, plus an increased number of links to pages of information.

that it will get heavy again during next spring's registration period."

So just who are these people viewing the web site?

"I suspect that the majority of visitors to the site are club members who already know the web site's address," said Cole, "but others are also able to link to the site from RowOntario and

some search engines."

What began as a classroom project for a group of grade eleven students at Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School, where Cole teaches computer science and communications technology, has now evolved into a year-round individual time commitment.

"I have no idea how many hours I've spent working on the site," said Cole, indicating that a lot of the routine maintenance occurs in small quantities. "But I do know that sometimes I don't update it as frequently as I should!"

The web site can be viewed at [www.orilliarowingclub.cjb.net](http://www.orilliarowingclub.cjb.net).

## Start planning for 2003 touring events

### Report from Alex Young

Recreational Coordinators Alex Young, Kathy Hunt and President Rhonda Lauer recently attended the annual RowOntario Touring group meeting at Trent University in Peterborough. The purpose of the meeting was to plan events for the upcoming year, and to determine where the rented touring boats will be hosted for the 2003 season.

Orillia has obtained the T-11

'Peter Burstyn' for another season, a decision that was made based on Orillia's past history of making our boats available for tours and on the club's intent to stay involved in touring, and to host our own tour in 2004.

This season, there will be an emphasis placed on promoting tours within the club, doing reconnaissance for the 2004 tour and raising funds to purchase our own equipment.

### 2003 DATES

January 25, 26  
May 4  
June 7, 8  
July 5, 6  
July 26 - Aug. 2  
Aug. 28  
Aug. 30 - Sept. 7  
Sept. 4 - 7  
Sept. 28  
October 18

### EVENT

Cross Country Ski Day  
Scugog Icebreaker  
French River\*  
Algonquin Park  
Saguenay, Quebec  
Rec 'n' Row Regatta\*  
FISA World Tour  
Rideau Canal  
Scugog  
Quinte Marathon

### LOCATION/CLUB

Midland  
Durham  
Sudbury  
Peterborough  
London  
Barrie  
London, England  
ONEC (Ottawa)  
Durham  
Quinte

\*NOTES: French River Tour replaces the Port Severn Tour in 2003. Barrie regatta to include a 3 point, 2km sprint touring boat relay.

# Henrickson inaugural award recipient at banquet

By Rhonda Lauer

It is with great pleasure that friends and family of Judith Gaudaur-Savage and the Orillia Rowing Club make the inaugural presentation of the Judith Gaudaur-Savage Memorial trophy.

The trophy is to be awarded to an Orillia rowing Club member for volunteerism and rowing enthusiasm. The task of the executive was to identify a rower who best exhibited these qualities. It was an exciting challenge to make our selection from a number of worthy, dedicated, sports-minded and youthful individuals.

It indeed speaks well of the club that we were challenged in making this selection.

The recipient is a young rower who has belonged to the Orillia Rowing Club for 3 years. She has represented our club at competitive and recreational regattas, the Ontario Summer Games and the Royal Canadian Henley. Her enthusiasm for rowing absolutely shone while volunteering with our club sponsored youth summer rowing camp for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Not only does this young rower



Photo by Jeff Cole

Lynsi Henrickson receives the inaugural Judith Gaudaur Savage Memorial Award from Rhonda Lauer at the club's awards banquet on November 9.

show dedication to the sport of rowing in order to pursue her own personal goals, she is also generous with her talent. She often coxed for adult crews, filled out boats numerous times with our Bantam rowers and assisted with many of our Learn to Row lessons. She is considered an excellent role model for young aspiring athletes.

I'd like to share with you the response from our boat house

manager, Britany Gordon, when she was notified of the award winner:

"This is great news. She is probably the first person who came to mind when I read you had decided to make your selection from our youth rowers. She has contributed so much to the club this past season. At times she made my job a lot easier. Her energy, when it came to doing anything involving volunteering,

was amazing.

She understands rowing and what it takes to become a dedicated and successful rower. With the exception of a few days I would say she was at the boat house every day. I can't ever remember seeing her in a bad mood - tired sometimes, yes, but 6:00 am practices can do that to you!

I could always count on her to keep the spirits of her crew mates up when they may have been discouraged, tired or down.

You could not have picked a more deserving person in our club! She has and will continue to be a very important part of our club and our club's success. It is volunteers like her that made my job what it was... and allowed me to enjoy my work."

We are very pleased to announce that the first recipient of the Judith Gaudaur-Savage Memorial award is Lynsi Henrickson.

The board of directors and entire membership of the Orillia Rowing Club congratulate Lynsi on being awarded this trophy and also extend our thanks for her outstanding contribution to the club this past season.

# Founding member Kaija honoured by RowOntario

By Diane Carter

Last year, RowOntario initiated a recognition certificate of appreciation for volunteers in Ontario rowing. 44 dedicated, hard working volunteers from clubs across Ontario were recognized for their outstanding contributions to rowing. Two of the individuals recognized were from the Orillia Rowing Club: Dave Barr, our treasurer and co-organizer of our first ever Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction and Barb Pidgen, who served as our club president.

This year Tony Kaija is the Orillia Rowing Club's

recipient. The club exists today because of an idea that Tony had more than a decade ago. In the early 1990's, Tony, along with Heather Kerslake, started the Twin Lakes Secondary School Rowing Club. Together, they encouraged other community members to think about starting a city rowing club. Tony, along with a small committee (Heather Kerslake, Diane Carter, Kerri Pellarin), organized two public

meetings to gauge the interest in rowing in Orillia. The response was very encouraging.



Tony Kaija

In 1997, through a liaison with the City of Orillia Parks and Recreation Department, a building at Tudhope Park became available. Tony helped co-ordinate the renovation of this building.

In 1998, Tony and a small core group of people (Heather, Diane, Marci Csumrik) organized a "formal club," by beginning the

incorporation process, devising a constitution and establishing a board of directors, on which Tony served as the inaugural President.

Between 1999 and 2002 Tony has continued to be involved at the executive level, helping with fundraising events, drafting a safety plan, assisting with the Learn to Row programs and continuing with the high school recreational program. In short, Tony's initial idea, over ten years ago, allows us to enjoy the sport of rowing in Orillia today.

Tony received his certificate of appreciation from RowOntario at a ceremony on November 9th.

# FINANCIAL WRAP-UP

Fiscal year in review shows club firmly in the black

**By Dave Barr, Treasurer**

Another successful financial year has been experienced through the dedicated efforts and enthusiasm of our members and friends who have supported us through their memberships and off-water volunteer hours.

We have also benefited financially from other sources. To clarify:

- net profit from our major raffle - \$2600 [Co-ordinator Wendy Lou Paquette]
  - Tag Days - \$1275 [Co-ordinator Michele Dwyer]
  - Couchiching dinner draw - net \$150 [Co-ordinator Laurie Herd]
  - Nevada lottery - net proceeds \$5747 [Supervisor Chrisandra Firth]
  - Kinsmen Club donation - \$1000
  - HRDC Human Resources Development grant [Federal Gov't] - \$3024 [Co-ordinator Brad Ingleton]
  - City of Orillia grant - \$750
- Sincere thanks must go to these project leaders for their excellent leadership.

The foregoing revenues helped to pay for our major expenses which included staff wages, cost of trailer materials, fees to parent rowing bodies [Rowing Canada Aviron and RowOntario] and maintenance of boats.

It must be mentioned that a tremendous saving in labour costs in building the trailer was enjoyed as a result of the many volunteer hours spent, notably by Don Clune, ably assisted by Ron Pidgeon. It is an outstanding piece of work.

We would also like to commend Barb Davidson for her excellent work as payroll accountant. [The club, staff and government are all very happy.]

If you would like a copy of the December 31, 2001 annual report, please let me know through the club address or call me at 327-1479. The December 31, 2002 report will be available mid January 2003.

And a final sincere "thank you" to all those who helped put some "fun into finances" as a result of your co-operation and understanding.

# CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

## WANTED, NEEDED, LOST & FOUND

### SANTAS NEEDED

The Orillia Rowing Club will be assisting the Salvation Army by manning their Christmas Kettles at Zehr's on Saturday, December 21st from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Kim Moore (329-1967) will be coordinating our members to cover this time span. Why not team up with a rowing buddy from the summer and volunteer to take a shift? Just think... volunteer hours in December!

### OFFICIAL BUSINESS

The North Central rowing district, of which Orillia is a member, is planning to hold a Junior Officials Clinic, to be held the second Saturday and Sunday of March, in Barrie or Orillia. The club is seeking three individuals to begin the junior official's certification process. No prior rowing experience is required - minimum age is 21. Registration expenses will be paid by the club.

### REPAIR CLINICS

Kaschper Racing Shells is offering a Winter Repair Clinic to its customers on January 25, 2003 on location at its factory in Lucan, Ontario (just north of London).

The clinic is a hands-on session, conducted by Kaschper staff, covering topics such as rigging, wood shell repair, composite shell repair, painting, fin replacement and component repair.

A typical clinic schedule includes:

**9:00:** Continental breakfast and check-in at factory

**9:30:** Factory tour

**10:00:** Sessions begin

**1:00:** Lunch

**1:30:** Q&A followup

**3:00:** Coffee break and chat

In the event of a winter storm, a weather date will be set in February. If you might be interested in attending this session, or would like more information, please phone 326-3519 and leave a message prior to January 1st.

## FUN RUN WINTER TRAINING

Sunday, Dec 29, 2002 and Sunday January 5, 2003  
9:00 - 10:00 am

An invitation for any ORC members interested in getting together for winter training, with an immediate short term goal of participating in the 5 km Orillia Snowflake Series run on January 12th. Future get-together dates will be discussed at these training runs. The group will meet in the parking lot across from the train station at Couchiching Park, located at the corner of Jarvis St. and Bay St.

The benefits and importance of off-season training will be seen on the water in 2003! Members should be trying to stay fit throughout the winter with workouts that involve continuous or steady state aerobic activities. Workout duration should be between 30 - 90 minutes in length. Suggested activities include running, cross-country skiing, and, of course, erging. This can be supplemented with free weight training circuits. For more information, please call Brad Ingleton (325-0148) or Diane Carter (325-9964).

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