



The River Round Up

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RB 27th Annual Festival Recap A Salute To our Veterans



Photo by Raymond Doary

In keeping with the *Year of the Veteran*, local veterans were honoured on opening night in recognition of their service in wartime and as peacekeepers. Veterans present included: (Back Row)-Fabian Richard, Maurice Landry, Arthur Bouchard, Eddie Pottie, Danny Sampson; (Front Row)-Gerard Touesnard, Raymond Burke, Anselm Sampson, Gervase Landry, Bob Pettigrew & Vince DeWolfe. Each one was presented with a corsage and certificate on behalf of the RB Community Services Society. Local veterans that were unable to attend included: Peter Sampson, Victor Burke, Lawrence Burke, Alex Burke, Clarence MacIntosh, Charles Digout, Leo Landry, Abraham Burke, Murdick Richard, Raymond Robertson, Farley Mowat & Lloyd Campbell. Donnie Pottie served as guest speaker for the event and members of the L'Ardoise Army Cadets acted as an Honour Guard under the direction of Raymond Doary and Terry Clements. A candle was lit by Paula LaFantaisie in memory of all living veterans and peacekeepers while Therese Pottie lit a candle in honour of those who died in wartime service as well as deceased veterans and peacekeepers. After the presentation, some of our children sang a tribute to them before

refreshments and a slide show were enjoyed by all.
Joe MacPhee

The Princess Pageant: This year's Princess Pageant was a wonderful show thanks to RB's very own beautiful and talented girls that participated. The 2005 princesses were: Julia Burke (Linda & Basil), Meghan Merrick (Rose & Mark), Bethany King (Bonita & Kevin), Donna Marie DeWolfe (Maria & Wayne), Shania Boucher (Tammy), Haley Sampson (Pamela & Gerard), & Melanie Poaps (Ida & Robert).



Photo by April Sampson

The talent portion of the show was especially entertaining. There were a variety of impressive presentations including: singing, step-dancing, piano playing, fiddle playing, balloon art and also a pastel painting display. The judges had a tough decision to make as all the girls did a wonderful job but in the end the winners were as follows: Miss Friendship-Haley Sampson; 2nd Runner Up-Shania Boucher; 1st Runner Up-Bethany King and 2005 Queen was Haley Sampson. Congratulations girls! *Sally Burke*

27th Annual Slow-Pitch Tournament-Report *In memory of Edwin Bona*

WELL (like Edwin would say) It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. This years ball tournament was once again a great success - even the weather was on our side. We were down on our number of teams by 7 mainly due to the Stones concert in Moncton but I feel we will pick this back up next year.

We had 4 teams in the family division and 20 teams in the open division. The Family Division was won by a new team this year called the Snappers. They defeated the Jr. Schooners in the final. The Snappers were 3-0 in the round robin while the Jr. Schooners, Mom's Brats and the Drippers were tied for second place. The Jr. Schooners advanced to the final with a better +/- record.

There were 5 divisions of 4 teams each in the open division. The division winners were as follows: Arichat, Shooters, Kin-Excel, Apple Auto Glass & the Lug Nuts. The 1st cross over saw the Shooters down the RCMP; Kin-Excel down Springfield; Rocky Bay down the Bona Schooners; Arichat down Labatts Blue; Apple Auto Glass down the Crows & Lug Nuts down Antigonish.

The 2nd cross over saw Rocky Bay down Arichat; Apple Auto Glass down Kin-Excel & the Lug Nuts down the Shooters. Kin-Excel advanced to the next round as the wild card (this was determined by the best record of the three losing teams in the 2nd cross over games).

The 3rd cross over saw Kin-Excel down Apple Auto Glass & the Lug Nuts down Rocky Bay. This put Kin-Excel and the Lug Nuts in the final. It would lead to one of the best final games in the history of the tournament. Kin-Excel won home game advantage by the toss of the coin. The Lug Nuts had the lead early in the game and Kin-Excel would tie it up midway through and then went ahead by 3 runs. The top of the 7th Lug Nuts were down by 3 runs, then scored one run to bring them within two of the lead. With the bases loaded and 2 out Hank *The Aaron* Morris took the plate (one of the best power hitters in the Port Hawkesbury League). He hit a long shot to center field, it looks like it is going to be out of here and this would put the Lug Nuts up by 2 runs.

Then out of nowhere center fielder Vince Pottie from Kin-Excel has his radar on the soon to be grand slam home run and as if he had wings or frog legs he leaps & makes a diving catch, reaching over the fence and then rolled on the ground. He held his glove up with the ball in the web to take away a sure grand slam to win the game and the tournament. Vince was named the MVP for the tournament.

This years Edwin Bona Award for the most Sportsmanship Player was awarded to Adam Williams from the Lug Nuts for his leadership that also included a head first slide into 3rd base with 2 out to try and keep the 5th inning alive but he was called out on a very close play.

I would like to say a special thanks to Darren Stone for his time and all his efforts put into making this tournament a success. Also thanks to Gerard Sampson for helping Darren with the teams & ump's.

And last but not least thanks to Darren Bona and Matthew Landry for dragging, putting down the bases and lining the fields.

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WHAT I SAY *Brian Bona*

The 50's & 60's Dance and the Adult Dance were well organized however with three weddings in the area and the Stone's Concert, participation was much less than anticipated. We took a loss but do not be despaired, as we will rebound next year.

Merchandise Bingo: As a result of Anne Sampson & Mary Ellen Pentecost's thrifty shopping and a little nudging of local supplier's pockets it was again another successful festival bingo.

Children's Day: More than one hundred children participated in a fun filled day. Rose Merrick and Tanya & Mary Burke spent the day entertaining the children with games, trampoline, bounce-a-rama and a bicycle parade. The children were all fed lunch and all went home happy. Great job ladies.

Teddy Bear Picnic: Some seventy children showed up with their teddy bears for a medical check-up. While Dr. Tan checked the children, health nurse Janet LeBlanc took their blood pressure and temperature's. Dental hygienist Doreen Boudreau checked their teeth, Millie Hatt from Richmond County Literacy did Story Time, Doreen Sampson from Public Health supplied toothbrushes, pencils & stickers while Mary Landry from Family Resources Centre held a Craft Show. Our thanks go to all these professionals who donated their time.

Parade: Grand Marshall Bob Pettigrew led the "candy" parade. There were many people lined up on the route from Boyd's Lane to the Tara Lynne Centre. Winners were: 1st - Audio Tech, 2nd - Army Cadets & 3rd - Emera Fuels.

Booklets for the Heritage Walk sparked lots of interest. Because the weather was so warm, we almost ran out of T-shirts. We do have some **sweatshirts** left and they can be purchased at the CAP site.

Men's Breakfast & Pot Luck Supper: We always do well on our breakfast & supper and this year was no exception. The men cooked up a storm on Saturday morning and many thanks to Joe, his many cooks, waiters & Monica McPhee who woke up "real" early to collect the money. On Sunday evening the community joined forces and cooked & baked their hearts out. Many ladies volunteered to help serve and clean up. Thanks to all who participated.

Variety Concert: Eddie Pottie and friends continue year after year to play to a very large crowd on closing night. Winners of the Festival Prizes were 1st-Martena England of St. Peter's, 2nd-was Don Stone of St. Peters and 3rd-Judy Mombourquette of L'Ardoise.

Net to date was \$4,595.53 plus approx. \$1,200.00 in alcohol left. That is down from other years but the entertainment and quality of event was up. Thanks to Joe & Paula for all their work.

Primary 2005



Cameron, Brandon, Megan, Dylan & Jaydan

Only five children from River Bourgeois entered grade primary this year. They were: Cameron (son of Lisette & Kenzie MacDonald), Brandon (son of Lisa MacDonald & Billie Boucher), Megan (daughter of Gibby & Lisa Martens), Dylan (son of Melanie Burke) and Jayden (son of Diane Mercer & Wayne Bona). Stay tune to the River Round Up for graduation photo in 2017.

The Parzel Family

Our mother Doris Parzel, her sisters Shirley & Marie and their dad Murdock Martell came to RB from New Jersey in 1933 to stay with their grandparents Dominick & Philomen Burke. Her dad had not received proper documents in entering the US and had to return to Canada in order to re-enter legally. Due to the depression and shortage of money the girls remained in RB.

Initially, they could not go to school since they did not speak French. They learned in about 4 months from their great aunt Frazine Burke, who only spoke to them in French. Mom who had been in the 2nd grade was placed in the 1st grade since the teacher thought she didn't know French well enough. All three became good friends with Alvina Landry's girls who were about the same age.

While the girls stayed with grandma Philomen in Canada, Murdock & their mom Elizabeth, her sisters Minnie & Lena and brother Mickey lived together in Jersey City, NJ and saved enough money to send some to grandma for their care. Their mom also sent hand made clothes to them whenever she could. Mom celebrated two of her birthdays (Dec. 8) with milk and cookies at Charlotte's LeBlanc's grandmothers as her birthday was the same day.

Aunt Frazine gave Mom a blue china cup and saucer as she was the oldest grandchild on Philomen's side of the family. She has kept it to this day and displays it in a teacup rack in the living room. Mom and her sisters returned to the US with wonderful memories of their time in RB in 1935. She married Alphonse in 1949 and had eight children and four grand children. Her two oldest, both boys

passed away at ages 31 & 35 of Juvenile Diabetes. She visited RB many times until 1968 and then returned in 1997 and several times since. In August she stayed with her uncle, Lawrence Burke while also visiting with her uncle Victor and her many friends of seventy years ago.

Mom has received the River Round Up the past three years and upon receipt each month she requests total silence until she has read every line. RB will always have a special place in our mom's heart. Thanks to Francis, Mike, Joseph, Barb, Joan & Margaret for sharing their mom's story. We would love to hear from other River Bourgeois residents who are living away. Email us at rbcap@stpeterscable.com

Minor League Baseball



Rear-Bobby Gordon, Eddie Fougere, Gerald Robertson, & Maynard Boyd. Front-Kenneth Boucher, Donnie Richard, Bobby Smith, Peter Robertson & Gilbert Boucher.

Pictured above are the River Bourgeois "Little Leaguers" of 1951. Seven of the nine players shown: Ken and Gilbert Boucher, Maynard Boyd, Eddie Fougere, Gerald and Peter Robertson, and Bobby Smith, eventually moved up to play with the R.B. Tigers and were very instrumental in the success of that team during the 50's and 60's. The team was "managed" by Mimi Fougere, who also served at times as umpire, scorekeeper, etc.

Little League Baseball was gaining popularity throughout Nova Scotia at that time and the above group formed the first River team in the 12 and under classification. They played against local teams from other villages in the County of the same age group and enjoyed considerable success. Gerald Robertson was the star pitcher of the team and in one 6 inning game he struck out the first 17 batters he faced and got the last out on a "one bouncer" to the pitcher for a perfect game.

In the late 40's it was common during the summer months for teams from the "north side", which included such stars as Pat, Peter and Gilbert Bourque, George and Stan Digout, Peter MacPhee, and George Boyd, to cross the harbour in rowboats to challenge the powerhouse team from the "south side" to ball games at the Boyd field (next door to Mimi's).

Players from the south side included; Bernard MacPhee, Wilfred MacPhee, Peter Pottie, Rennie Fougere, Joe and Charlie Boyd, Russell Fougere, Richard and Roderick Burke, along with summer visitors Billy and Doug Tanner. The umpire for these games was John Boyd. John always had the rulebook in his hind pocket in order to handle all the controversial situations.

From time to time a combined team from the "upper end" would visit the "lower end" for a game with the 'Graveyard Dodgers'. The latter's home field was located on the land which is now a completed portion of the Parish graveyard, below the church. The Dodgers were led by pitcher Wilfred "Hoot" Burke, and included Alfred Touesnard, Garvie Samson, Ennis and Maurice Landry, John Beranger, Theophil Boucher, Gerald Robertson, Rudolph Sampson, Gregory Sampson and Malcolm Gamble.

One of the above noted players related a humorous incident, which occurred during a Dodger practice when a wayward foul ball landed on the top of Joan Sampson's (now Viscount) head as she walked on the road adjacent the ball field. Joan completely ignored the glancing blow, probably correctly thinking that one of the players was just trying to get her attention. It couldn't have caused too much damage since Joan and her husband Bernie recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations Joan & Bernie!!! *Russell Fougere*

Births:

Dorey/MacDonald: A boy, Rory Joseph MacDonald, was born on May 30th in Halifax, weighing 7lbs 3oz. Mom Gina Dorey, Dad Joey MacDonald from Port Hawkesbury, and big brother Nick all reside in Halifax. Proud great-grandparents are Victor & Evelyn Burke.

MacDonald: Twins, Jordan Alyssa (5lbs 3oz) and Logan Daniel (5lbs 1oz) were born to Yolanda & Dave of Hammonds Plains on Sept. 14th. Congratulations to grandparents Danny & Linda Cote.

Winsey: Jazlyn Mary Catherine, 8 lbs, was born to Brenda & Daniel of Halifax on August 31st. Sister for Daniel & Zackery. Congratulations to grandparents Alice & Hughie MacDonald and great grand mom Susan Stone.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples: **Victor & Evelyn Burke who celebrated their 65th** wedding anniversary on Sept. 11th. Victor & Evelyn have two daughters Linda & Debbie, seven grandchildren and three great grand children; **Jane & Gervase Landry**

who celebrated their 59th on Sept. 10th. Jane & Gervase have two children Lola & Melvin and two grandsons; **Leo & Theresa Landry celebrated their 55th** on Sept. 4th. Leo & Theresa have five children: Danny, Vincent, Leonard, Anne & Rose, twelve grandchildren and four great grand children; **Deirdre & Blaise Boyd celebrated their 40th anniversary** on Sept. 17th. They have three daughters Joanne, Jennifer & Allison and four grandchildren.

Deaths

Burke-Peter Anthony: Anthony passed away on Sept. 24th at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, children: Michael, Alvin, Ian, Roger, Justin, Rodney, Doreen, Beverly, Barbara, & Emmeline. Also sisters; Theresa, Margaret, Irene, Emily, Anna & Mary and brothers; Vitus, Alex, Raymond, John, Ernest, Richard & Roderick. We extend our sincere sympathy to all and the extended family.

Bits and Bites:

- **CWL Merchandise Bingo** Oct. 2nd TLC 2pm.
 - **Seniors Meeting** Oct 4th at 1:30.
 - **Seniors Mini Bingo** Oct 12th at 1:30.
 - **CWL meeting** Oct. 11th at 7pm.
 - **RBCSS meeting** Oct 26th at 7pm.
 - **45 Card game Seniors** Bldg Sundays at 7:30.
 - **Cribbage Seniors** Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
 - Anyone wishing to join **Recreational Darts & Exercise Program** on Tues. & Thurs call Anne at 2803 or Lucille at 2756.
 - **Happy Birthdays** greetings to: Joe Bouchard, Gerard Touesnard, Georgie Bourque, Emily Arsenault, Beverley Sampson & Sylvia Allan.
 - The CAP site will be open to the public from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm from Monday to Thursday and 2-4 pm on Fridays. On weekends, an appointment may be made by calling Ann (2376) or Sharon (3516). CAP phone # is 535-3251.
 - A reminder that anyone wishing to book the Tara Lynne Center should call Ann Clow at 535-2726. People requiring use of the Funeral Home should call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions such as weddings, baptisms or funerals.
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