



The River Round Up

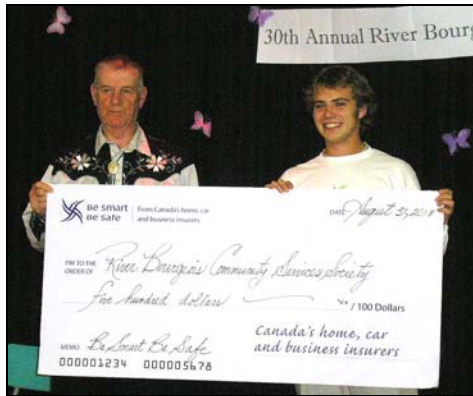
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A note from RBCSS Chair



Eddie Pottie receives a donation from Mitch Cuzner towards the 30th annual festival. Earlier in the day Michel Samson presented a cheque for \$200. ECBC also donated \$2500.

Our festival was a very successful one due to the hard work of the festival committee and the many volunteers. As you are aware this annual event helps to keep your community center going throughout the remainder of the year and without all your support this would not be possible. I would like to thank all members of the community for their continued support. I would also wish to pass on my many thanks to the NuStar volunteers who came down from Port Hawkesbury to give us a hand in various tasks assigned to them. A financial statement will be posted at the CAP site. Again thanks to everyone who participated in this our 30th Anniversary Festival and we hope that you will continue to support this vital part of our beautiful community. *Eddie Pottie*

The Princess Pageant

This year's princess pageant was a big success! We were fortunate to have eight very talented participants. The 2008 River Bourgeois Festival Queen-Julia Burke, 1st Runner Up-Haley Sampson, 2nd Runner Up-Leanne Boudreau & Miss Friendship-Meghan Merrick.



The girls from left to right are: Meghan Martens, Shania Boucher, Julia Burke, Meghan Merrick, Chelsey Young, Leanne Boudreau, Haley Sampson & Olivia Burke.

I would like to thank all the participants for their hard work. You all did a wonderful job! Sally Burke

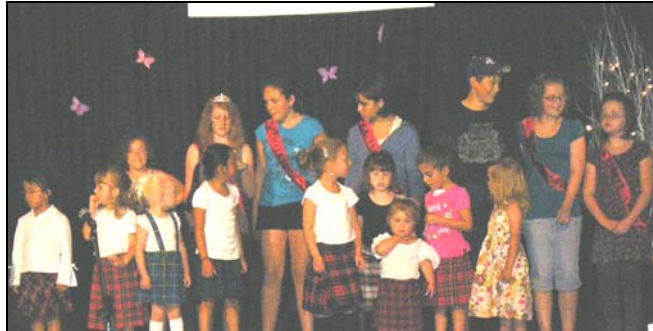
Grand Opening



Winner of this year's Fashion show was the beautiful Geraldine shown here with Elvis & Sam Boudreau. Picture courtesy of Ann Louise Touesnard.

The Opening Night's main feature was a fashion show where we saw former residents of River Bourgeois and beyond reappear in a different gender. The top three chosen by the judges were Geraldine à Walter, whose beard looked very much like Gerry Fougere's. Sam Boudreau from Oban with his bucksaw, resembling Rose Merrick and a surprise visit by Elvis (Annette à Freddie) Presley who gave a

lively performance to the delight of Elvis fans. Also on the runway were Charlie à Eli (Monica Stone), Margaret à Dickie (Blair Burke) who was on her way to Hawaii, Fred à Fidel (Sharon Chilvers) with his bucket & shovel, gorgeous Alma à Georgie (George J Landry) visiting from Louisdale. We also saw Joe P Burke from the Southside (AKA Linda à Basil). Tom Thibeau came to visit from Thibeauville looking very much like Edna Casey and Joe Jimmie sent his wife Anne dressed in his work clothes, right out of the woods.



The night opened with the singing of O Canada by the children who were piped on the stage by Edna Casey. Jennifer Mombouquette's dance class of wee ones showed us how to do the Highland fling and also demonstrated a step dance.

Our house musicians were Chelsey Dakai who accompanied the fashionists on the piano and Donna DeWolfe delighted the crowd with some violin tunes. The Children returned on stage to close the show with Old MacDonald and the hostesses Mary Barb (AKA Ann Clow) and Mary Emma (AKA Elaine Burke) were happy to get out of the spotlight because of the heat and bright lights. However a good time was had by all. Special thank you to Edna the piper, the children who provided great entertainment, Fr. MacDow (Fr. Robitaille) and our top ten models (volunteers) who put on quite a show to the delight of the audience. Thank you to our judges and our sponsors East Coast Credit Union & the Royal Bank.

Elaine Burke

Trivia Contest

The Festival Trivia Contest was a battle of 20 of the brightest minds in Richmond County. There were 10 questions in each of the following categories: Geography, Sports, River Bourgeois, History & Politics, Entertainment, Science & Nature and Drugs & Health. There were 4 members on each team. The winning team (comprised of April Sampson, Sherri Grimes, Sandra Burke & Hughena Carroll) answered 38 out of 70 questions correctly. A few questions were funny and many answers were hilarious. A good time was had by all and we hope to have more entries

in next year's event. The animal with the highest blood pressure was verified to be a giraffe (not Maynard Boyd). *Paul (Alex Trebeck) Zinck*

Ball Tournament



Annie's Athletics. Photo courtesy of Joan Burke

Well, we just finished the 30th Annual River Bourgeois Slo-Pitch Tournament in memory of my father Edwin Bona with 24 teams booked in on the Sunday before the long weekend and by Friday night I had 4 teams drop out so that left me with 20 teams. We had 8 teams in the Family division, 6 in the A division and 6 in the B division. The weather gave us grief all week but by Saturday it was ideal ball conditions with the exception of very wet ball fields. I was very pleased with the number of teams that joined up for the family division this year and they all had a great time playing ball & having fun. After all that was the main reason Edwin started slo-pitch in the area so everyone regardless of their talent had a chance to play ball.

This year's winner of the Clarissa Bona Memorial Award which is donated by MacBouch Tavern in St Peters went to the *Screaming Squirrels* over *Nevat*. I don't remember what the score was and who cares, they all had fun. The MVP was awarded to Garrett Leroux from the Squirrels and the most sportsmanship was awarded to Tiffany Stone of *Nevat*. A couple of highlights from the family division was the return of the regular teams such as *Mom's Brats*, *The Drippers*, *Nanny's Angels* (in their own minds) & the Committee and by the way I hear that Mark Merrick still can't move, it was only 10 years since he last played ball. One of the new additions this year was *Nevat*, the team was run by Tiffany Stone & Tracey Baker and in case you were wondering where the name came from, it is named after Tracey's son Taven spelled backwards. Another addition was *The Screaming Squirrels* run by Heidi Stone and I am not sure I want to know where that name came from ?? But my favorite new addition this year was *Annie's Athletics* they showed up for every game ready to party and party they did; it was great to see the spirit in their team and in all the

family teams and I hope there will be more families out there in the area putting teams in this tournament in the future. The family division would not be complete if I did not mention a very special player who by far is the most experienced player out there ..She is somewhere between the age of 60+ and 70. and that would be my big sister Joan Owens so hats off to her and I hope she keeps on playing.

Moving on to the B division, the final game was won by *Ed's Shed* a team from Sackville that made their home for the weekend at Ed & Susan Pottie's place. They defeated the *Mieken Maniacs* from Port Hawkesbury. The A division was won by the defending champs from Arichat, the *Isle Madame Dere Devils*. They defeated *Sydney* a team made up of local players (Kin Excel) and players from Sydney. The MVP was won by Michael Diggdon from Arichat & the Edwin Bona Award for most Sportsmanship was won by Billy Boucher.

There was a special event held in the field by George Stone's on Saturday night and that was a boat burning (yes they had a burning permit). It started off with about 15 minutes of fireworks and then George lit the flame and up she went. It was great. It will be tough to top that one next year.

The best part of this whole tournament has nothing to do with playing ball-it has everything to do with gathering of family & friends and just having a great time in our beautiful community of River Bourgeois. The festival is a means for the community to bond together for a weekend with old friends & new and at the same time raise some funds for the Tara Lynne Center and the other facilities. After all who has more fun than people. In closing this was my last year for running the tournament. I have been doing it for 10 years and now it is time for new blood to take over. Of coarse I will be there to help who ever takes the reins next year and for years to come. This Tournament is too special to too many people to let it slip and I will make sure that whoever takes it over follows the same foot steps that my dad started 30 years ago. **Well Dis is what I say.** Yours truly & always a River Rat. *Brian Bona.*

Brian-We will miss your organizational skills & your yearly recaps. Thanks.

Card Play

The first festival progressive 45 card play was a great success. Many thanks to all from our community & especially those from our neighboring communities who supported this event either by playing and /or contributing to the great lunch. We would also like to thank our beautiful bar maids for tending to our luncheon needs. The decision was made by top scorers to split the prizes so winners of

1st were: Aurel David, Paul Boudreau, Mary Cosman & Lucille Boudreau; 2nd Arthur Sampson, John Farrow, Judy Farrow, Margaret White, Beatrice Kehoe & Viola Samson and 3rd was won by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Martell and Christie MacKenzie & partner. Cletus Wedge won the half & half draw of \$241. We look forward to being better & bigger next year. *Mike Fougere & Donnie Pottie*

Festival Prize Winners & Financials

Despite the fact some of the events had to be cancelled due to the weather, we still had a very successful year as far as the number of volunteers working & the overall monies received. The complete financial statement has been posted in the Tara Lynne Center and CAP site where copies will be available for anyone who wishes to have one. The following totals are from events with profit of greater than \$400: Merchandize Bingo \$1094, .Men's Breakfast \$738, Pot Luck Supper \$1942, Ball Tournament \$547, Steak & Stein \$468; Dance \$401; Variety Concert \$431, Card Game \$443, Heritage Walk Booklets \$418, and Canteen \$627. The overall revenue was \$34,701, expenses were \$18,008 with a total profit of \$16,694. All figures are to the closest dollar amount.

The winners of the RB Club 500 for \$1000 each were: Susan MacDonnell of St. Peters; Ronald Landry of Sampsonville; and Alice Sampson, Linda Burke & Leona Gilbert all of River Bourgeois (proceeds \$4,883.50).

The "South Side" Picture was won by Joe Boucher of River Bourgeois (proceeds \$952). The winner of the Festival 1/2 & 1/2 (\$540.) was Kevin Touesnard of Antigonish. The Cape Breton Tartan Afghan went to Brent Sampson of Lower L'Ardoise (proceeds \$372). Thanks to all who purchased tickets & congratulations to all the winners.

Joe MacPhee



Joe MacPhee has decided to step down from municipal politics after 17 years of service. Over the past two years he has had increasing complications from his diabetes so is going to sit back and "smell

the roses". We thank him for his community support over the years and wish him a speedy recovery.

Births

Sampson: Kaitlyn Emily, 8lbs 12oz, was born August 15th to Leon & Wendy of Ottawa. Congratulations to the parents and to the grandparents Lenova & Bernard Sampson and Cathy & Brian Aitken.

Weddings

Bouchard/Bowman: Congratulations to Christine Margaret daughter of Linda & Arthur Bouchard and Andrew John son of Syd & the late Jennifer Bowman of Dartmouth who were married on August 30th at St. John the Baptist Church. Christine & Andrew will reside in Dartmouth.

Bits & Bites:

- Gilbert Boucher, Sharon Chilvers & George J Landry from RB are all competing in this fall's election for District # 7 which includes our area, West Bay, Dundee & the Points. Francine Boudreau also from RB has been appointed by acclamation as our member for the School Board. *Exercise your right to vote.*
- The Men's breakfast was a huge success due to the many volunteers who took part. A great big thank you to all volunteers and the many people who supported the event. George J Landry (Chair), George Digout & Donnie Pottie.
- **Congratulations to Graham Bona**, son of Ruth & Melvin and grandson of Mary Bona. Graham has been named Captain of the Halifax Mooseheads. To quote the Halifax Herald "Graham Bona has been a leader on and off the ice since joining the Mooseheads *Way to go Graham!*"
- The program called "You Make The Difference" is a parent education program which will run for 8 weeks each Wednesday morning from 10-11:30 beginning October 1 at the Tara Lynne Center. It is a program for parents and their children ages birth-5 years and it gives parents the tools to enrich the parent-child relationship and sets the child up for future success. Please contact Debbie Poirier at Cape Breton's Family Place Resource Centre (625-1496)
- The winner of the Quilt from the CAP site was **Mary Pettigrew**. We raised \$297. for supplies. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.
- Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with the RB Pot Luck supper. To all the volunteers, the people and businesses who

donated food, thank you very much for your generosity. Without all of you this could not be done. *Alice Sampson*

- The "HELP CHAD COMMITTEE" are having a benefit at The Bras 'Dor Lakes Inn on October 11th for Chad Landry who has Aplastic anemia. An auction will be held from 2- 5 with refreshments and beverages. From 9-1 we will be having local entertainment, with a licensed bar. Anyone wishing to make any form of donation, may do so at the home of Margaret Bourque at 308 Church Point Rd and if you are willing to help please contact Kathleen @535-3178 or 631-1601 or email bourque_kathleen@yahoo.ca.
- The Club 200 tickets to raise funds for the Cenotaph will be on sale soon. Tickets are \$30. and there will be six \$500 prizes. Draws start Nov. 14th.
- **45 Card game** Seniors Bldg. Sunday 7:pm.
- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **Bingo every Friday night - 7:45 at TLC** with early bird games. Fourteen \$100. games with specials & rising jackpot (\$1000) to go.
- **Seniors meeting** Oct. 7th at 1:30.
- **CWL meeting** Oct. 9th at 7pm.
- **CAP site meeting** on Oct. 15th at 7 pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo** on Oct 8th at 1:30 pm.
- **RBCSS meeting** Oct. 22nd at 7 pm.
- **CAP site public fall hours are from 2-4 and 6-8 pm Monday to Thursday and 2-4pm on Fridays.** We have wireless & high speed internet services plus a scanner, fax and photocopier. We also have a good selection of used books. Saturdays you can call Sharon 535-3516 or Sherry @ 535-3182 for appointment. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. Festival mugs & hats have been reduced in price. Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Visit our website at www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap.
- **Anyone wishing to book the TLC** should call Mike Fougere at 535-3308. People requiring use of the Funeral Home - call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms etc.
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