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Anne & Dave Clow



Margaret (Ann) was born on August 26, 1946 the first child of May (Burns) & Leo McPhee of Hawker. Her brother Norman arrived in 1951. Dad operated the Hawker store and Post Office. She attended the Cannes School for two and a half years before going to the Stella Maris School. The Cannes School was a long walk so on cold days her dad would take his little Ann and her friends by horse and sleigh. She attended St. Peters High, followed by Cape Breton Business College in Sydney where she graduated in 1965. She then moved to Halifax and for four years worked at the Royal Bank. It was at this time, while out with her friend Veronica Richard of RB, that she met her true love David Clow.

David Everett was born on October 10th, 1942 the fourth of five children to Warrant Officer Everett & Madeline (White) Clow in Emerald Jct, Prince Edward Island. Dave's dad was killed serving in World War II in 1944. His mom was a widow for eleven years before remarrying (her first boyfriend) and moving the family to Halifax. She would later have two more children. Dave went to school in Halifax but he had left his heart in the countryside of PEI. In 1961 he graduated from Barber School and

began his own business. In 1966, his friend Gary Teed (Veronica's boyfriend and later husband) introduced him to Ann MacPhee. According to Dave he fell in love at first sight (Ann said he should have taken a second look) with the beautiful "Annie". It was a bonus that she was a country girl and her dad owned a farm. He obviously had turned into a city boy when he considered one cow, a horse, a couple of chickens and pigs to be a farm.

They dated for a brief time before Dave proposed on Valentine's Day in 1967, and three months later on May 20th, 1967 they were wed at St. John the Baptist Church. They had four children: Peter who lives in Port Hawkesbury, Mary and Lori in Stillwater Lake and Charles in Enfield. Over an eight year span, Dave & Ann welcomed their children's spouses Maureen, Kelvin, Perry and Sherrie to the family as well as eleven grandchildren; Sam, Avery, Zachary, Ailyn, Nicholas, Ben, Katelyn, Sophie, Josie, Oliver and Ethan.

In 1970 Ann & Dave moved to RB. He opened a barber shop in his house and charged \$1.25 per cut (father-in-law Leo feared they would starve as George Pate who lived on one side of them and Sam McPhee who lived on the other side were both barbers who charged .25 for a haircut). Dave opened a second shop in Louisdale and also drove the special needs children to school in his own vehicle. In 1985 he closed his shop in Louisdale and most of his customers followed him to his home shop. He still does barbering in the home and twice a month works at Richmond Villa in St. Peters. In 1975 when baby Charles started school, Ann went to work part time at the Royal Bank in St. Peters and after a time she convinced Mimi Fougere that the bank couldn't do without her. She retired in 2001 after twenty-six years at the bank to tend to her ailing mom.

Ann has been a member of the Catholic Woman's League for over thirty-seven years and served nine years as President and is also Chairperson of the Parish Council. She does hospital lunches and both

she & Dave deliver “meals on wheels”. She is Past President of the East Richmond Hospital Auxiliary and the Richmond Highland Dancing Assoc. as well as past executive member of the Richmond Figure Skating, Richmond Minor Hockey and past secretary & treasurer of the Legion Ladies Aux. She is also a member of the RB CAP Committee. They are both founding members of the RB Seniors Club where Dave served as the first treasurer and were members of the Legion for many years. Ann and her friend Elaine Burke have performed many skits over the years at the festival comedy night playing their grandmothers, Mary Emma and Mary Barb. They also have played the False Bay Gossipers and many other characters. Stay tune for more skits this September as we will be entertained once again. Dave has suffered some health issues with his heart and recently scared half of the community by blacking out in church. Not a bad place to get sick but we are all grateful that all ended well and it wasn't the old ticker after all. These days while Dave keeps busy cutting hair, Ann runs between working at the glebe house in St. Peters and providing respite care for her uncle in Louisdale and their spare time is spent with their children and grand children and just celebrating life in general. Dave & Ann you have served your community well and we all wish you many more years of life to enjoy to the fullest. *Sharon Chilvers*

Where are they now?



Marguerite & Hubert Fougere

Born and raised in RB, Hubert is the son of the late Sam & Evelyn Fougere and I am the daughter of the late Theresa & James Sampson. Hubert & I met when we were five years old. He tells me he was sitting on the back of his father's truck and I was singing him a song called “beautiful dreamer”. (Hubert also remembers before he was born.) From there we met again when the schools amalgamated (Cannes & the East End) into Stella Maris. We quickly became best friends. I used to get him to tutor me in math (well I thought it was a good ploy). When I was twelve I visited Hubert's grandfather where he

lived on church point (he had a bakery) and he told me “I know who you are going to marry, it's Bobear” (Hubert's nickname). We graduated from St Peter's High School and then went our separate ways. He went off to St. F.X. and I to St. Rita's hospital to get my RN. Following St. F.X. he went on to Nova Scotia Tech (now TUNS) to complete his civil engineering degree and I went to work at the NSH. On my weekends home his mom would send me back with care packages of food for him and would encourage me to stay for a visit with him. (Now he didn't stand a chance). He graduated on May 10th 1967 and we were married on May 13th. We lived in Dartmouth until we moved to Port Hawkesbury from 1970 to 1975 but have lived in Dartmouth ever since.

Our first born was *Michael* in 1968. He graduated from St Mary's and is known to many for his band “Clam Chowder” (his two band members have RB roots being the sons of Emile Touesnard and Billy & Bev Sampson). He is employed with ENCANA and he & wife Kerri have two children James and Marlee. In 1969 we welcomed *Bruce*. He graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine and his career has taken him to the USA. He is employed as a VP with Martin Agencies (they do the Caveman and Geico ads). He & wife Lisa have two children Leyna and Luke and live in Richmond, Virginia.

I should inject at this point that the arrival of our children changed things drastically for all the cousins in RB. Every year for many, many years, on Christmas day we would pack up the kids and their toys and head to a nice quiet day with our 90 relatives!! We found out years later that the families were terrified of what we would bring and what our boys would do (Darren & Perry were terrified).

Collette our first daughter was born in 1971. Following her graduation from Dalhousie, she has gone on to enjoy a successful career with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals as a Cardiology specialist, she lives in Victoria. In 1973 *Denise* was born, she is our adventurous one. Following university at UPEI she met Tom Baker, they were married in RB and from there have traveled extensively following Tommy's career as an army ranger then his university stint in the USA (he's American) then off to China where he furthered his studies. Currently they live in Arizona where he is a police instructor and Denise is employed as a manager for a recruiting company. They have two children Molly and Sam. *Andrea Jane* was born in 1979. Following her graduation from St F.X. she went to China to teach for a year. Currently she is completing her B.Ed. at UBC and is engaged to Jay Chou. Their future will take them wherever he pursues further studies. One thing is sure we will have to learn Chinese soon since we now have 6 speaking Chinese in the family!! In 1981 our son

Andrew David was born. Currently he is pursuing a math degree at CBU, his siblings say he's spoiled! Hubert has retired after 28 years with the Dept. of Housing. My retirement hasn't been posted yet! We have enjoyed extensive travels visiting with our children but no country is as beautiful as Cape Breton and it will always be our home. *Marguerite Fougere*

RB Seniors Annual Meeting



Joe Sampson, Mary Ellen Pentecost, Monica McPhee, Anne Sampson, Sharon Chilvers & Lucille Boudreau, Missing is Carl Grimes. Photo by Greg Sampson.

The seniors annual meeting was held on March 4th, following a delicious potluck lunch enjoyed by forty-five of its one hundred members. Newly appointed Richmond County Physical Activity Coordinator, Collette Sampson, spoke to the group about starting up new programs at the club.

The Executive for March 2008 to March 2009 are: *President Anne Sampson; Treasurer Mary Ellen Pentecost; Secretary Sharon Chilvers; 1st Vice Carl Grimes; 2nd Vice Lucille Boudreau; Property Manager Joe Sampson; and Membership Monica McPhee.* Mary Ellen Pentecost & Sharon Chilvers were made honorary members of the club for their ten and eight years respectively of service on the executive. A moment of silence was held for members who passed away in 2007: Rita Landry, Ken Cosman, Bob Pettigrew & Yvonne McNamara.

Presidents Message: We had a busy year with our card games, bingo, flea markets & bake sale. We did the Canada Day Celebrations and had a mini one day Expo that went very well. We now have received a grant from the government to hold the Seniors Expo in River Bourgeois again for a full two days. We are all looking forward to that. The year was not without problems as a water leak created havoc with the furnace room that had to be completely redone. Thanks to Joe, John and Michael Sampson who laboured for days to get it fixed. I would also like to thank the following people: Carl Grimes for his fund raising, Madeline Cook (we will miss you) for her membership drive, Emily LeBlanc for sending cards to the sick and to members who lose family, Mary Ellen, our treasurer who can pinch a penny more than anyone I know, to our ever devoted secretary Sharon

who is always organizing something but most of all, to all of you because "you are the club" and without you we would not exist. *Anne Sampson*

CAP Annual Meeting

The River Bourgeois Technology & Training Centre Annual meeting was held March 19, 2008. The Board members for the coming year are as follows: Joe MacPhee, Chairperson & Richmond CAP Rep; Sharon Digout – Vice-chair; Ann MacNeil – Treasurer; Wanda Burke – Secretary; Ann Clow, Tim Cunningham, George A. Landry, Marguerite MacDonald, Therese Pottie, Heidi Stone, Holly Stone and Tanya Stone. We have applied for grants both from Provincial & Federal governments in order to hire a student to work on the Heritage Walk and other ongoing projects, namely old roundups being prepared to digitalize and post cards we hope to have ready for sale before Christmas, to name a few. RB CAP can no longer be a division of RBCSS as we cannot apply for funding under the umbrella of another organization, therefore we must totally separate and will be a partner rather than a division of RBCSS and have requested that one of our board members, Sharon Digout, be nominated for election to the RBCSS Board. *Therese Pottie*

Price Increase to River Round Up

At the regular meeting of the CAP committee on March 19, 2008 a motion was passed to increase the price of the River Round Up to \$2.00 per issue effective May 1, 2008. This price increase from the original \$1.00, our first in our nine year history, is because our cost for outside printing (professionally done) of each issue has now gone over one dollar with tax. This increase was deliberated extensively and it was felt that the RRU needed to keep the color printing as too much was lost when we went to black & white printing on one side only during the February 2008 issue. The CAP committee send a sincere apology to Gilbert & Colleen Boucher as their wedding picture was black & white in February. This picture is available online in color.

Although we have increased our prices once to compensate for postage, it is felt that we also need to update these costs at the same time to alleviate increasing prices again in the near future. As a result of a motion at our Annual Meeting mail out prices in Canada will be \$30.00 and US \$40.00 with RB home deliveries increasing to \$20.00 effective May 1, 2008. This increase will also help cover the cost of mailing labels, envelopes and postage which are in excess of \$7.00 Canadian & \$13.00 US per subscriber. Many thanks for your continued support of the River Round Up.

Spring is coming



Peter LeBlanc proudly shows off two tiny trout caught in the pond located on the property of Grandma's House Bed & Breakfast. Brother-in-law Glyn Chilvers estimates that the trout was in the pond for about three years.

Births

Bardenz/Richardson: Tristan James 5lbs 10 oz. was born Feb 20th to Daniela and Chris of Richards Pond. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Sigrid & Peter Bardenz and Linda Smith.

Weddings

Burke/MacNeil: Congratulations to Tracy Lynn daughter of Warren and Debbie Burke and Edward son of Elaine and the late Martin MacNeil of St. Peters who were wed on Feb 16th. Tracy is the granddaughter of Sarah Burke.

LeBlanc/Anderson: Congratulations to Lisa Nadine daughter of Gerald and Janet to Santana son of Marta and Bob Anderson of Canso who were wed on March 27th. Lisa is the granddaughter of Charlotte LeBlanc.

Deaths

Claypool: Peggy 90 yrs passed away on Mar. 20th in Sturgis, Sask. Our condolences to daughter, Joy Gibson and her family.

Gillis: Trevor, 31yrs, of Riverview NB passed away March 20th. Our condolences to his wife Tannis, his parents, sisters, in-laws Lucille & Paul Martell of St. Peters and his extended family.

Sampson: Whiley, 81, of Sampsonville passed away March 1st. Our condolences to his daughter Faye Gibson & her family.

Tanner: William, 74yrs of Halifax passed away Mar. 19th, Our condolences to sons, Gordon and Norbert.

Bits & Bites:

- **This year, the Heritage Walk Booklet** will cover River Tillard, Grand Gully & Brickery areas. Anyone who may have pictures of old homes/properties & stories of the people in these areas is asked to contact Anne Louise Touesnard

535-3089 or Donnie Pottie 535-2740. Your cooperation is key to an early completion to give us time to compile our findings into the booklet. Please look deep into your albums and make this issue, a complete and memorable one.

- **The RB Cenotaph Restoration Committee** is planning to sell another series of Club 200 tickets. You will be contacted very shortly and draw dates are slated from May 2 to June 6. We look forward to your usual cooperation as we continue our hard work raising funds for this very worthwhile community project.
- **The RB Seniors Club** is holding the "Richmond County Seniors Expo" again this year. The two day event on May 24th and 25th will include plenty of card games, darts, horseshoe, softball, golf pitching competitions, lots of music, an information center, exercise walk around the ball field and lots of good eating. The \$20 fee per person will include everything including prizes for each event and four meals. Tickets are now available until May 15th from Anne Sampson 535-2803 or Sharon Chilvers at 535-2512.
- **Cribbage Seniors Bldg Mondays** at 7pm.
- **CAP site meeting** Wed., Apr 9th at 7 pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, April 9th at 1:30 pm.
- **Seniors meeting** April 8th 1:30 pm.
- **CWL meeting** will be held on April 10th at 7 pm.
- **CWL Merchandise Bingo** April 13th at 2pm.
- **RBCSS meeting** at 7pm on April 23rd.
- High school students or other community members willing to **volunteer at CAP** site please call Sherry (3182) or Ann at (2944). Must have basic computer skills.
- **CAP site winter hours** are 2-4 & 6-8 Monday to Thursday and 2-4 on Friday. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. 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.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$15.00 delivered in RB, \$20.00 within Canada and \$25.00 internationally per year.

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