



The River Round Up

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River Bourgeois 31st Annual

The festival was held from Aug. 29th to Sept. 6th and once again, thanks to the many organizers and volunteers, it was a successful event. The following are some of the events that took place.

Re-dedication of the Cenotaph



Some three years after the vision of our revitalized cenotaph site unfolded, the community celebrated the rededication of its cenotaph and dedication of the new Veteran's Memorial Wall on August 29th, 2009 with an awesome sunset ceremony. The dedication ceremonies followed the Rites and Rituals of the Royal Canadian Legion and were complemented by bagpipers Edna Casey & Brian Duguid, drummer Gordon Gillis, bugler Danny Cormier and the RC Artillery Gun Detachment under the direction of Master Warrant Officer Robert Lelievre. Dignitaries from all walks joined with us to express our gratitude to our veterans and hopefully remind them that we will always remember them. Veterans from as far away as Prince Edward Island and the Annapolis Valley came to celebrate this occasion. In the late afternoon a meet and greet of veterans from River Bourgeois and our neighbouring communities was held at the Tara Lynne Centre with many community members turning out for the event. A very informal and relaxed atmosphere enabled everyone to connect with our veterans. Thanks to the efforts of Raymond

Doary, a magnificent display of drawings and pictures demonstrated the unfolding of the new cenotaph plan. Booklets representing the sixteen war dead on our cenotaph were also made available for viewing, thanks to Therese Pottie. Each contained military information, personal letters, and places of burial. To help celebrate 65th anniversaries related to WWII, Veterans Affairs Canada very kindly supplied us with a basket of handouts including an assortment of poppy pins, poppy seeds and Canadian flags. Dignitaries who were in attendance were given the opportunity to address the gathering. With the help of our CAP site staff & equipment, a slideshow of veterans' pictures accompanied by military anthems was able to be shown. These CD'S along with T-Shirts displaying the Cenotaph logo, highlighting the theme of this year's festival, were sold at the meet & greet. A special thank you to Debbie Landry for preparing refreshments for the many participants and visitors.

At 7:47 pm as the sun was setting Sergeant-at-Arms Charlie Williamson marched on the colors at the cenotaph site. Following the singing of O' Canada and a hymn by Lynn McKinnon, Rev. Wayne Yorke provided a scripture reading befitting the ceremony. Royal Canadian Legion President Maurice Landry addressed the gathering, followed by the unveiling of the Cenotaph by Honourable Mayann E. Francis ONS, DHuml, Lt. Governor of NS and Jean Marie Deveaux, 1st Vice NS Nunavut Command. Cadets then proceeded to unveil six pillows on the Veterans Memorial Wall. RBCSS Chairman Ed Pottie presented Her Honour with a gift from our veterans and the community. The Prayer of Dedication and Blessing were performed by Fr. Everett MacDow. The ritual continued with the playing of The Last Post, an Artillery Salute, Two Minutes Silence, a second Artillery Salute, The Lament, Reveille and The Act of Remembrance. The ceremony concluded with the laying of wreaths by: Her Honour on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II; MP Rodger Cuzner - for all Canadians; Jim Boudreau,

MLA - for all Nova Scotians; John Boudreau, Warden - for the County of Richmond; Jennifer McNenley, VAC rep. - for our veterans; Const. Kevin MacDougall - for RCMP Forces abroad; and Fabian Richard - for the Legion. Following the wreath laying, poppies and roses were placed in memory of our war dead. The singing of the Royal Anthem and the Marching off the Colors concluded the ceremony.

I want to most sincerely thank all who helped with this project over the past two years especially Burke Bros., Raymond Doary, Glyn Chilvers, Therese Pottie & Sherry Baccardax for their dedication and for always being ready when called upon. Your generosity will never be forgotten. *Don Pottie, Committee Chair*

PS: Cenotaph Slideshow CDs \$5.00 & DVDs \$8.00 on sale. Contact Donnie at 535-2740 to order.

River Bourgeois 'Got Talent'



1st Place winners were Patsy Kline & Susan Boyle

Once again the residences of RB were treated to a very entertaining evening of comedy. The Master of Ceremonies, Ben Mulroney (Wayne Bona), introduced the judges for the evening: Paula Abdul (Therese Pottie), Simon Cowell (Marc Touesnard), Sharon Osborne (Margie Burke) and the mystery judge later identified as Marlaire Burke. The first contestants were Sonny & Cher (Rose Merrick & Gerry Fougere) who sang "I've got you Babe." Judge Osborne thought Cher's (Gerry) dress was too revealing and he was a bit off-key. Delore Burke (Betty Parks) did a medley of self-written songs, accompanied by brother, Wayne on the guitar. Celine Dion (Edna Casey) sang her award winning song from the movie Titanic and spoke about her love for Rene, son Rene Charles and the pending birth of her test tube baby. Sunshine (Kelsey Sampson) sang "Parking Lot" and wooed the audience with her talents - all judges thought she did a good job. British singer Susan Boyle (Anne Sampson) sang "I Dream a Dream" leaving the judges awestruck and as Paula put it: "That was inconceivable talent." The Barnyard Trio (Tina Coleman, Theresa & Kelsey Sampson) shook their buttocks to the Hamster song and almost suffered from exhaustion before it was over (Theresa

promised to put Tina to extra work in exercise class). Simon thought they needed more dancing lessons. Patsy Cline (Sharon Chilvers) did a rendition of "She's got you" while removing the mementos stacked inside of her dress. Paula, Simon & the mystery judge thought it was well done but Osborne said it was off-key. At evening's end, Patsy Cline & Susan Boyle tied for first place, Sunshine took second and Sonny & Cher placed third. The audience were treated to special guest appearances during the evening by our talented youth: singer Haley Sampson, Donna Marie Dewolfe on fiddle and comedian Brandon LaFantaise.



Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell, Mystery judge & Sharon Osborne

P.S. Abdul you have a year to control your drinking and to find a few more descriptive words; Cowell, need to control your sarcasm; Osborne, you need to get a sense of humour; and mystery judge, you are just too kind.

River Bourgeois 1st Annual Art Show



On Sept. 3, 4 & 5 the first annual art show was held at the warehouse on Boyd's wharf in conjunction with the RB Festival. Ten artists participated in the show and exhibitions included duck carving, watercolours, oil paintings, photos, photo restoration and a stained glass demonstration. All the artist liked the atmosphere of the waterfront warehouses' rustic setting. They were also pleased with their sales and look forward to the second annual show. The reaction from the hundreds of

people who attended was that the show added another touch of culture to the festival events. *Arthur Doary*

Lob Ball Tournament



Holly Stone & Tanielle Collier show off their team trophy (The Screaming Squirrels) after winning the family division of the tournament. Winners of the B Division were The Young Guns from Lower River and winners of the A Division were the Dare Devils of Petit de Grat. Thanks to Marvin MacLean for organizing the tournament and for Marvin's wife, Jill, for waiting to have her baby daughter Maya the day afterwards. Congratulations Marvin & Jill!

Other events were: the largest potluck supper ever held, which took place under the direction of Debbie Landry, Sharon Stone and their many friends. Children's activities organized by Shawna Burke were held on Saturday. Rose Merrick arranged a family night at the movies, the merchandise bingo and the 1st annual Poker Walk which was won by Delores Roberts, who was awarded a night at a B&B in Dingwall along with two ski passes. Paul Zinck quizzed the trivia teams with an array of difficult questions before declaring that the winning team was the Cranium Quartet (April Sampson, Shari Grimes, Glen Sampson & Rita Fougere). George Digout, George J Landry and their many friends once again served the men's breakfast to more than two-hundred twenty-five people. Donnie Pottie organized yet another successful forty-five card game while Mike Fougere and friends served spirits at the beer garden for two days. Ed Pottie and friends entertained the crowds with their music on the TLC deck while Tina Coleman and friends cooked up a storm at the ball field canteen under sunny skies. The festival was closed once again by an array of local talent at the variety concert organized by Ed Pottie.

Winners of the 500 Club ticket prizes of \$1000 each were: Wilfred Martell & Tina MacDonald both from L'ardoise, Dianne Bourque & Bert Ranson (winner of two tickets) from RB. Winner of the handmade quilt created & donated by Edna Casey was Emily LeBlanc and winner of the ½ and ½ ticket was Marie Bouchie of Havre Boucher. The Festival Financial Report is: Total Revenue was \$32,969.53

with expenses of \$16,948.65 for a net profit of \$16,020.88. The following are from events with a profit higher than \$400: merchandise bingo \$1554.49, men's breakfast \$1299.02, lob ball tournament \$ 400.38, adult dance \$409.65, canteen \$974.84, pot luck \$2533.00, variety concert \$414.00, 50/50 draw \$543.00, quilt tickets \$630.00, club 500 tickets \$4893.50, ECBC grant \$2500.00. A detail copy of the financial report will be posted at the Cap Site.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped during our 31st Annual River Bourgeois Festival. Again, the success of the festival depends on the kind donations of time and effort that help to make this event a success. As you are aware, the monies collected during the festival is used to maintain facilities such as the Tara Lynne Center and the Funeral Home during the lean winter months when there is little revenue coming in. On behalf of all the River Bourgeois Community Services Society Board of Directors, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of the volunteers and to the people of River Bourgeois for supporting such a valuable cause. Ed Pottie Festival Chairperson

RB's 1st Annual Boat Poker Run



Twenty seven boats and one hundred forty-one registered poker hands participated in the RB Mariner's Society 1st Annual Boat Poker Run. Under perfect summer conditions, people queued up in their boats at the docks located on the North Side Lr Rd. Crowds of people lined up both at the dock and the shoreline to watch and take pictures of the spectacular event. Our hats go off to organizer Peter Baccardax and all those who assisted in giving RB a day to remember. The only unfortunate mishap was Carl Grimes going for an unscheduled swim. If anyone catches a mackerel wearing glasses please return them to Carl. Winner of the best poker hand was Robert Sutherland of Soldier's Cove and the winner of the ½ and ½ was Dianne Bourque. The Board of Directors of the Mariner Society would like to acknowledge their sponsors: N.S. Power Good

Neighbours Program, Burke Bros, Ian MacLeod Trucking and the many donors who made it possible.

Cemetery Mass Celebrated



More than sixty people attended the third annual outdoor Mass officiated by Father MacDow. The mass was held in the cemetery on Sept. 13th paying homage to our deceased relatives & friends.

Five Generations



Colton Burke (5), Mindy Burke (4), Martina Landry (1), Reid Burke (5), Aubrey Landry (3), Cletus Landry (2). Mindy is married to Mitchell, son of Mark & Marie Burke of RB. Martina (who passed away last month), her son Cletus and his son Aubrey all live in Sampsonville, while Mindy and sons Reid & Colton reside in RB.

Births

Wilson: Zachary Hugh 4lbs 6oz & Jenna Marie 3lbs 14oz. were born on Sept 18th to Lisa & Chris of Edmonton. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Janice & John Mari and Pat & Russell MacPherson and to the great grandparents Anselm & Vera Sampson.

Deaths

Bourque: Vitas Joseph, 92, of Halifax passed away on Sept. 19th. Our condolences to his wife Irene and son Dennis, brothers Raymond, John, Ernest, Roderick & Richard, sisters Mary, Margaret, Theresa, Irene & Emily and their families.

Hathaway: Karl, 62, of Bath, New Brunswick passed away on Sept. 8th. Our condolences to his sister Sue Pottie & her family.

Bits & Bites:

- ... **The River Round Up** team would like to welcome April Sampson as a proof reader.
 - ... **The annual Tara Lynne Concert** will take place on Oct. 11th 7pm featuring Robert Bouchard, Dennis Boudreau & local talent.
 - ... **Happy 40th wedding** anniversary to David & Lorraine Gates and Linda & Frederick Richard.
 - ... **Happy 60th birthday** to Bernadette (Thibeau) Landry, Linda Bouchard, Sylvia Allan, Emily LeBlanc & Gregory Buckley.
 - ... **45 card** play Sunday nights 7:30 pm Seniors Bldg.
 - ... **Cribbage** every Monday night 7pm Seniors Bldg.
 - ... **Seniors Exercise** Mon/Wed/Fri 10-11 Seniors Bldg. Personal trainer available.
 - ... **Bingo** every Friday 7:45pm. Rising jackpot with \$1000 consolation to go.
 - ... **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed., Oct. 21st 1:30pm.
 - ... **Merchandise Bingo** Sunday, Oct 4th 2pm @ TLC sponsored by the RB Seniors Club.
 - ... **Merchandise Bingo** Sunday, Nov. 1st 2pm @ TLC sponsored by St. John the Baptist CWL.
 - ... **Seniors meeting** Tuesday, Oct. 6th 1:30pm.
 - ... **CWL meeting** Saturday, Oct 3rd, following 9am breakfast at MacDonald Country Inn, St. Peters.
 - ... **CAP Site meeting** Wednesday, Oct 14th 7pm.
 - ... **RBCSS meeting** Wednesday, Oct 28th 7pm.
 - ... **Fall/winter hours C@P site** Mon. to Thurs. 2-4 & 6-8 and Friday 2-4pm. Cenotaph T-Shirts on sale at site. CAP phone # is 535-3251. Fax 535-3638. Email rbcap@stpeterscable.com and website is 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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