



# The River Round Up

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## Georgie Robertson Honoured



*Councillor Steve MacNeil, Cpl. Pat Murphy, Georgie Robertson and partner Rena Burke. Photo by Marilyn Proctor*

The Municipality of the County of Richmond declared September 11<sup>th</sup> as “George Robertson Day” for his many years of community work. Hundreds of people were there to honor Georgie. They were entertained all afternoon by local musicians - friends of Georgie’s. The new recreation center in St. Peter’s which has a soccer/baseball field, walking paths and a fully equipped park for the younger children was officially opened and named “*George Robertson Recreation Complex*”. On the same day Georgie participated in the “Rick Hansen 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Relay” and was given a medal for his efforts in making a difference in his community.

Georgie, a native of River Bourgeois, (the son of the late Mary Ann (Bona) & Charlie Robertson of the Church Point graduated from St. FX in 1969 with a business degree. He worked for a time alongside his Dad who was an electrician before going to Latimer Construction where he worked with his Uncle Charles Burke. In 1971 he was employed by Ken Boucher at the Cask & Anchor in St. Peter’s which

was later changed to MacBouch Bar & Grill in 1974. It is now officially named MacBouch Restaurant & Lounge (“The Tavern” as it is best known in these parts). In 1976 he purchased “The Tavern” from Ken and began his career as a very successful businessman.

Georgie played baseball for many years with the River Bourgeois Schooners and later coached several teams from midget to novice and coached the Schooners along with his friend, Bucky Sampson. In 1996 he was awarded a plaque for his dedication to minor baseball, a sport that was his passion. He also is an avid supporter of many causes including safe grad for the high school, minor sports, promoting local musical talent, allowing organizations and individuals to hold countless fund raisers in his establishment. He holds 45 card games twice weekly at the tavern and donates his portion of the ½ and ½ proceeds (which has numbered into thousands of dollars over the years) to local families in need, the Strait Area Hospital, Kingston Memorial and many other charitable organizations. He also supports every festival in Richmond County. He never turns down anyone who asked for his assistance and never questions their legitimacy. He is an avid sponsor of minor hockey a sport in which his son Charlie participated. Georgie never wants to be in the spotlight but works tirelessly behind the scenes.

Georgie has taken a leave from his work to battle illness and is enjoying a much needed rest. As I write this he is on route to Toronto with his family to attend some Blue Jay games. He is their biggest fan! Georgie is accompanied to Toronto by his true love Rena, his son Charlie and Charlie’s wife Sarah (who also needed a rest from children Nevaeh & Braxton) and also his brother Gerald who made his first trip to see a game. Georgie also has four step-children: Russ, Shannon, Marc and Logan and four-step-grandchildren Kendra, Kaitlen, Brooke & Nahanni.

Georgie for all of us that know you, it was no surprise that you have been bestowed such an honour as having the Lion’s Club name the park after you

and having September 11<sup>th</sup> be official called “The Georgie Robertson Day”. Georgie you are such a role model for our younger generation & adults alike. May you and Rena enjoy your much deserved rest. Everyone misses your contagious smile each time we enter the tavern. All the people of River Bourgeois, St. Peter’s and surrounding areas wish all the best to both of you with better health and much happiness.

*Sharon Chilvers*

## River Bourgeois 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival



*One of the many fishermen seen around RB during the festival (Obviously with a drinking issue). He was created by Sheldon & Doreen Boudreau. Photo by Anne Louise Touesnard*

Once again we have had another successful festival and this year’s theme was “Festival by the Sea”. Many of the families of RB decorated their yards and parks with a variety of creativity. A Loch Ness monster created by Patrick Fougere was seen at the upper end of the river. These are some of the events that occurred.

### Grand Opening



*Hailey Martens under the spell of Dr. Myles Boudreau. Photo by Dana MacPhail.*

“Myles the dentist’s skit was a real hit with the audience. As Dr. Myles reads the instructions on how to give novacaine to his patient he accidentally stabs his own hand and freezes it. In his attempts to give the shot with his very shaky left hand, he drops the needle hitting his leg. Now with a frozen leg and arm

he is in deep distress as he gives it a third attempt, the impatient patient hits his arm and the needle flies in the air hitting the dentist in the forehead at which point he collapses on the floor. The patient goes home in disgust. Thanks Myles & Hailey.



*“At The Movies” casts are pictured above: Hailey Martens, Leanne Boudreau, Nathan Boudreau, Myles Boudreau, Emily Macleod & Stewart Boudreau. Photo by Dana MacPhail*

The group pictured above put on a very hilarious skit called “At the Movies’ about a teenage couple who arrive at the theatre only to find out that they are forced to sit at each end of the row. Their only way of communicating is by passing their hugs and kisses all the way down the line which grosses out most of the teenagers sitting between them. The very dramatic scenes provided lots of laughs. Five of the six actors (grandchildren of Lucille & Buddy Boudreau) along with Hailey put this skit together in less than one hour when the original actors were unable to attend. We can always count on our youth. Thanks for a great job.



*Edna Casey sang her heart out and moon danced to the song Billy Jean as she played Michael Jackson. Photo by Dana MacPhail*

Thanks also to Nathan Boudreau who gave us a rendition of the “Man Song” and also to Leanne Boudreau and Bob & Betty Parks for providing the musical portion of the evening.

**45 Card Game;** Winners 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ken & Lorraine Pottie of L’Ardoise; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place tie: Donnie Pottie and Mike Fougere of RB and Beatrice Morrison of St. Peter’s and Alice Sampson of L’Ardoise; 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie

was Peter and Kenneth LeBlanc of RB and Blair & Etienne Boudreau of Petit De Grat.

**Poker Walk:** 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of a night at Oakwood Manor in Sunrise Valley was Meghan Merrick and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of a pedicure was Joseph Baccardax.

**Lob Ball Tournament:** 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the "A" division were Dragon Slayers and 2<sup>nd</sup> place were Charlie Martell's team; 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the "B" division was Beaverbank and 2<sup>nd</sup> place were the Thrill Billies; and 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the "Family Division" was Michelle Cotie's team and 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the Jeff Munroe Family of RB. Thanks to Marvin MacLean and Pamela & Gerard Sampson for organizing the tournaments.

**Disney Tea Party:**



Gracie Martin (Joey & Donna) is getting her nails done in preparation for the Disney Tea Party. Over fifty children came to enjoy tea with Sleeping Beauty, Dora, Shrek and Spiderman

**Children's Day:**



Mila Zinck (Laurie & Paul) makes her imprint for the wall mural which was displayed during the festival.

**Variety Concert:** The audience was treated to a spectacular evening of music that featured Joey Jones as Master of Ceremonies. Some of the entertainers were, Haley, Pamela & Gerard Sampson, Brandon LaFantaise, Ciffie Carter, Al Martin, Russell Webb, Ken Pettipas & friends, Alexandria Sampson, Celena Sampson and Devin & Justyne Martell. Thanks to Wayne Bona, the sound man, and Meghan Merrick & Christine Pottie for organizing it.

**Square Dance:** Participants danced the evening away to the music of Donna Marie Dewolfe and Al &

George Martin. Wayne Bona took care of the sound while Collette Sampson-MacLean called the sets.

**Tickets:** Club 500 winners were: \$1000 winners were #249 Annie Sampson of RB and #202 Trudy MacMillan of St. Peter's, \$500 winners were: #195 Carolyn Boudreau-MacNeil of Soldier's Cove, #51 Maxine Fraser of St. Peter's, #355 Neil Burke of RB & #129 Theresa Linden of Louisdale; \$250.00 winners were: #166 Noland & Julia MacPhee of RB, #1 George Grinell of RB, #196 Jason & Stephanie MacNeil of Soldier's Cove and #458 Theresa Owens of Riverton. Fifty/Fifty winner was Jeannette Mombourquette of Rockdale. Winner of the oil painting which was painted and donated by Thea Rensen and the Spa Day by "Sisters by the Sea" was won by Audrey MacNeil of RB.

**Art Show:**



One of the many paintings that were depicted in the Art Show held at Boyd's Warehouse during the festival. This painting was done by Donna Mackie.

**Festival Financial Report:** Some of the "profits" were as follows: Club 500 Tickets \$4893.50, Pot Luck Supper \$2622.62, Merchandise Bingo \$1480.51, Men's Breakfast \$1134.76, ECBC Grant \$1000.00, Ballfield canteen \$828.11, Event Sponsorship \$817.43, Festival Advertising \$751.83, Lob Ball Tournament \$682.28, Festival 50/50 draw \$460.00, Spaghetti Supper \$428.32, Variety Concert \$400.50, Painting & Spa Tickets \$282.00, Adult Dance \$278.55, 45 Card game \$277.81, Poker Walk \$255.60, Square Dance \$230.00, Merchandise Sales \$225.00, Festival donations \$222.00, Grand Opening \$178.25, Darts \$140.00, and Beer Tent \$101.60. Misc. expenses such as advertising, mailing, liquor licenses, printing, children's activities etc. total \$899.07. To date total revenue is \$31,113.10 and expenses \$14,471.66 for a net profit of \$16,641.44. We still have some expenses and revenue not in yet. Final results will be in the November 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the River Round Up. We would like to say "Thanks" to everyone who organized events, volunteered, cooked, cleaned & participated in the events. It was much appreciated. All the funding will go towards the hall and other infrastructures under the umbrella of RBCSS. Thanks again! *Co-chairs Rose Merrick & Sharon Chilvers.*

## Mariners 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Poker Run



*Harold Landry contemplating life at the end of the poker run.  
Photo by Karin Digout.*

The third annual Boat Poker Run took place on September 10<sup>th</sup> from the Mariner's Dock on the Lower Rd. Due to the windy conditions several of the smaller boats did not participate. Many boats from Isle Madame, L'Ardoise, St. Peter's and River Bourgeois took part. Many folks from the area and visitors who did not have their own boat were given a ride by one of the boaters. The big winner was Clifford Landry of RB who held a full house of three aces and a pair of jacks. To purchase any of the remaining size large T-shirts (\$15 each), call 535-3182. Thanks to organizer Peter Baccardax.

## Congratulations \$100,000 Winner



*Ann & Leo Burke posing with their winning ticket.*

Congratulations to Ann & Leo (formerly of RB) Burke of Whiteside on their lotto win. Ann & Leo were featured in the Dec. 2010 RRU. Leo & Ann are still suffering from the shock of winning and have no immediate plans.

## Births

**Touesnard:** Amelia Marie, 7lbs 2oz, was born on August 31<sup>st</sup> to Scott & Brandy. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents: Ervin & Janice Touesnard and Priscilla & Bradley Matheson, great grandmothers Olga Burke and Viola Touesnard.

## Deaths

**Babin:** Delta, 100, passed away on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her children: Joan, Anne Louise & Billy, sisters Angela Burke and their families.

**Ranson:** Bert Joseph, 81, passed away on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our condolences to his daughter Sharon Stone and her family

## Bits and Bites:

- ... **Happy 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary** to Victor & Evelyn Burke on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ... **Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday** to Buddy Boudreau.
- ... **We wish** to send our sincere thanks to all who sent cards & gifts for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Special thanks to Stan & Marj and all their helpers for the beautiful dinner. Sharon & George Digout.
- ... **Tara Lynne Concert**, Sunday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. Enjoy local talent. Silver collection at door.
- ... **Celtic Colors Kitchen Party** at the Tara Lynne Center Friday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a great musical afternoon and enjoy a corn chowder/chicken soup supper which includes rolls, dessert, tea/coffee "all" for a total price of \$10 per person, children under age eight is \$5.00. Starts at 2:30 with supper following from 4:30 to 6:00.
- ... **Halloween Haunted House** at the Tara Lynne Center on October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$3.00 ea.
- ... **Merchandise Bingo** Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1:45 sponsored by the St. John the Baptist CWL.
- ... **Seniors 45 Card** game every Sun. 7:30pm.
- ... **Cribbage:** every Monday 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Exercise Program** at Seniors Bldg Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11am-12pm.
- ... **Seniors meeting:** Tues., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm.
- ... **CWL meeting:** Thurs., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm.
- ... **RBCSS meeting** Wed., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm.
- ... **CAP Site Meeting.** Wed., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- ... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm.
- ... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 1-3 & 6-8, Fri. 1-3. The RB CAP Site web address is [http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup\\_archives.htm](http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm) Our email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com). Phone # is 535-3251 & fax 535-3638.
- ... 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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