



V.C./U.S.C. just after winning Gold Medal at Vadder Canal, 1954. Left to right: Ken McDonald (2), Doug McDonald (5), Tom Toynbee (6), Mike Harris (7), Frank Read, Lennie West (8), Glen Smith (str), Herman Zlobakovitz (3), Phil Keeber (spare), Bob Wilson (bow), Kneeling: J. Slompina, cox. Photo: V.A.C. Collection

Frank Read's "Boys" Reminisce at VRC

Rowers from the highly successful 1952 to 1960 VRC/UBC rowing crews took part in their first reunion in 50 years on September 25th 2004. On hand were crew members from the 1954 British Empire Games (gold medal), the 1955 Royal Henley (second place) and the 1956 Melbourne Olympics (gold in the 4's, silver in the 8's). The tough coaching style of Frank Read is widely credited for the international success these crews had. Thanks to Brad at International Stage Lines for helping out with transportation for the group.



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Winter Schedule in Effect

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Busters Towing will be enforcing these parking regulations from **Friday** through Sunday.

If you are unsure of the Parking rules and regulations, please read the regulations posted throughout the clubhouse or contact the club office.

Stanley Park Pay Parking also reverts to their winter schedule and rates on October 1 (\$1 for 2 hours; \$3/day maximum 7:00am-6:00pm)

Calling ALL Elves

Anyone who is interested in assisting with the Children's Christmas Party celebrations, please call the club office and let us know.

In particular, we could use assistance with:

- face painting volunteers
- a piano player
- a choir master & singers
- helpers at the arts & crafts table

Roar by Email?

Members have the option of receiving the *Roar* by email, regular mail, or both. Monthly an emailed link is sent out which takes you to an online PDF document (requires Acrobat Reader).

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IN MEMORIAM

Ron Woollams 1930-2004

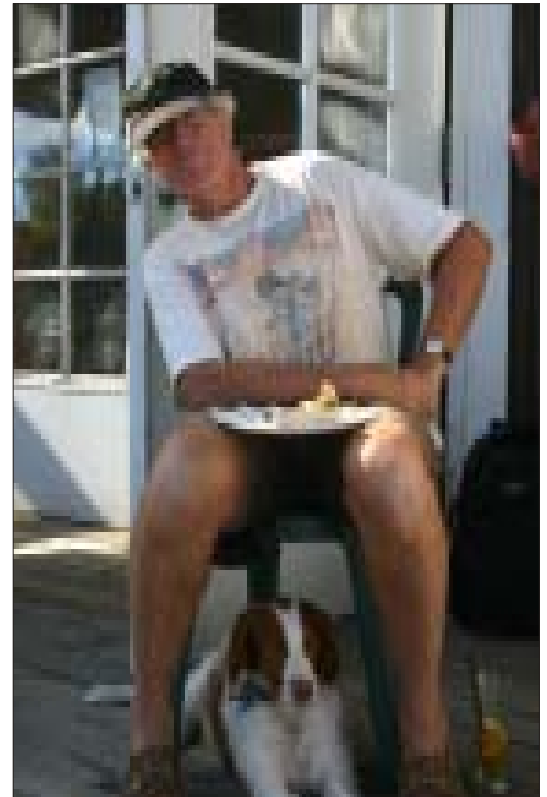
It is with great regret we inform of the passing of long-time Club member, Ron Woollams. Ronald "Woolie" Woollams, born January 23, 1930 in Perth Australia passed away September 21, 2004 in Vancouver, BC Retired CNR Engineer/Fireman and Jazz "afficionado" extraordinaire. Ron is survived by his daughters Debra and Lorie and five grandchildren as well as many, many friends.

A Celebration of Life for Woolie was held at the Billy Bishop Legion on October 16, 2004.

Jim Henniger 1954 - 2004

Sadly, one of the great oarsmen of our era died on September 29 at his home in Vancouver. Jim will always be remembered as a crew member whose heart was a big as his puddle. Jim was an asset to any boat he stepped into, and a welcome addition to any crew as a friend.

The obituary below, from the October 5th Province, mentions the Memorial Gathering at VRC on October 25th.
HENNIGER _ James Robertson July 8, 1954 - September 29, 2004. Jim died suddenly and unexpectedly in his bed at home in Vancouver. Born at St. Paul's Hospital, he grew up in Vancouver, Grand Forks, Penticton and Brentwood Bay. Best remembered for his rowing achievements, he competed in the Canadian Nationals, the World's Rowing Championship, the Henley Regatta, the Pan American Games, and ultimately, the 1976 Olympics as a member of the Canadian team. As a pilot, he flew bush planes in Canada's north and was a floatplane pilot with over 10 years of service with Richmond-based Harbour Air Ltd. Predeceased by his brother Richard Norman, he is mourned by his longtime partner Ken Mazer, parents James and Marian Henniger, siblings Barbara, Kathleen and Danny, sister-in-law Sylvia, nephew Daniel and niece Patricia. He is also remembered by his larger family of relatives, by his rowing comrades, work associates and many friends for life. A viewing for immediate family was held on October 4th. There will be no funeral service. A memorial gathering and celebration of his life will be held Monday, October 25, from 3:00 p.m. at the Vancouver Rowing Club in Stanley Park. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to the Vancouver Friends for Life Society.



Caption Contest #2 Entries & Winners

"Where's the garbage bags!" – T. Newmark & S. Snow

"Good Grief! I don't know what kind of beer he's been drinking, but another one of those and I'm out'a here, scraps or no scraps." - N. Faragher

"Life's a bitch, so's my dog!" – B. Clark

"Hey Briar, Dan's gone upstairs, we can go in now" – T. Newmark & S. Snow

"No, I'm not pretending to be Sharon Stone" – D. Bailey

And the winner is . . . **"Dog's breakfast!"** Congratulations to George Szasz! Some lovely Club merchandise is on its way!

The Caption Contest Winner for Contest #3 will be named next month along with all entries – so keep your entries coming in!



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ROWING NEWS

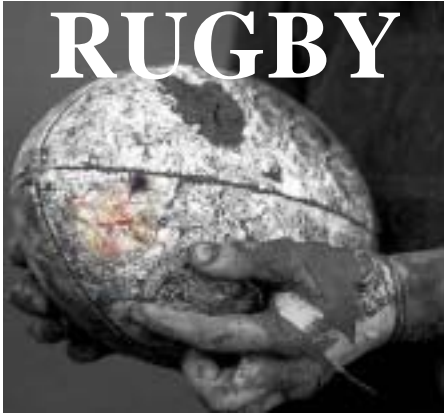
Upcoming races include:

Green Lake Regatta, Seattle Nov. 13

Head of the Lake, Lake Union, Nov 14.

Sign up sheets will be posted, as always, in the shell bay. Thanks to everyone for being so prompt with fee payment for the recent regattas, it makes our job so much easier!!

Group Email Lists: Want to subscribe to a group email lists (i.e. rowers@ for general rowing news or novicerowers@ for all the latest novice rowing updates)? Simply point your mouse towards <http://lists.vancouverrowingclub.ca/mailman/listinfo> and subscribe yourself!



RUGBY

Although we haven't seen a great deal of success on the pitch, this only applies to the win/loss column, as we have simply gotten some bad breaks in all divisions. According to VRC Rugby Intelligence, Osama and his gang has mistaken our 1st and 2nd div backs with infidels from other countries, and has spiked their water bottles with **Weapons of Backs Destruction**. The recent rash of hamstring pulls (five at last count) can only be blamed on bad luck, lack of stretching, bad genes, or more likely... terrorists! Other than our slightly disappointing records, there is a great vibe amongst all divisions, and there remains a high level of optimism amongst the players.

Due to injury and some very bad fortune, the 1st Division lads had amassed a meagre 0 and 4 record going into the October 16th UBC weekend, although had managed to hold the Meralomas (who many consider the league's top squad) to within four points at the half, and lost to the UBC Old Boys Ravens (**last year's Premier finalists!!!**) by only six points. Despite the very close losses, the 1st have shown a great deal of perseverance and ability when running with some of the better clubs in the province. Despite our positive attitude, Coach **Ian Humphries** was quick to let the boys know that "just being in the Premier (now 1st Div.) is simply not good enough... we need to f***ing win!"

With that in mind, the 1st set out to tear into one of our closest rivals, UBC. Looking great in the new Samurai kit (soon to be covered in our generous sponsors' logos- Amacon, Linn Hi-Fi and AutoOne), the boys took to Wolfson field hungry for their first win. The combination of a sunny day, fast

pitch and a back line featuring (nearly) healthy **Travis Edmunds, Brian Anderson, Matt James, Dave Hall, Ben Walker, Nick Hoogie** and some other guys (they're backs - we can't make their heads swell any more than they already have, or they could explode leaving behind a vacuum of cataclysmic proportion) meant that the forwards could begin a multi-phased attack of picks and rucks. Sucking in opposition forwards like a 1953 Hoover Fury, allowed the Rowers' backs necessary space to exploit the weak UBC backline. The forwards took control of the game, both driving and defending off the base of rucks, leading to a great deal of UBC frustration. Their aggravation led the students to resort to some extremely chippy and dirty play, making for some dangerous situations - especially for themselves when they began taking a beating a'la Rowers style. The pinnacle of UBC's cheapness came when number eight **Ben Moore** was clearly raked over the head, which amazingly went unseen by the ref. This event did not go unnoticed by players or spectators and served as the 'TSN Turning' point. The VRC's resolve and focus was never questioned, and the gruesome event only pushed the boys to run up the score on UBC, who consequently folded like **Jason Martell's** \$5.99 patio chair. Despite the attempted lobotomy, Mr. Moore cranked up his intensity and stayed on the field, having a barnstorming finish to the game.

With the 1sts weathering a storm of injuries, the Super Twos had many holes to fill as players 'got the call' up a division. After the Abby demolition, the 2^{nds} have been slightly less than super, facing solid Meraloma, UBC Old Boys and UBC squads. The Super Twos' fortunes looked to change as they were leading UBC, but squandered their lead late in the second half. **Roman Mercier** was clearly the game's hero as he ran a slashing try in from about 40 meters out, followed minutes later with a brilliant pass... straight into the hands of a UBC centre who proceeded to go untouched for a try. The game was a rough affair, with liberal application of boots applied by both sides. One of the violence highlights came when flanker **Jamie Overgaard** smashed heads

with the UBC hooker, causing duelling sprinklers of blood. Both players returned to pitch, only to return to the sidelines, with Overgaard having his bleeding cranium re-patched and sent out again by our brilliant trainers **Allison and Lisa**. Overgaard has been reported as recovered, although his dazzling locks may have been permanently stained from the incident, which tragically may cause him to lose his 'Sweetpea' moniker.

The 3^{rds} have shown progress, with **Bob Flood** (and others) roaming the sidelines. The club is looking to purchase a golf cart, IV bags and megaphone for him soon (in the style of the great Mike Ditka). The combination of exuberant youth and seasoned veterans (aka old farts) seems to be working for the threes, and they are making steady improvement.

Socially **Ben Walker** and **Roman Mercier** put together a fantastic evening at Smiley O'Neal's. Everybody looked great with their beachwear, and it was fantastic warm-up to October 23rd's **School Disco**. Riding the success of last year's event (and incessant hounding of **Jeremy Sabell**), all members have been encouraged to don private school uniforms and join in the debauchery - we'll check the truancy list next month . . .

If you aren't on the current email list, please send **Dave Hall** a message at david@brothersinart.ca

Until next month, have fun and keep fit.
Kelly Egilsson

RUGBY SCHEDULE 2004/2005

FIRST HALF of the SEASON

November 6/04

Bye in all Divisions

November 13/04

Makeup Games

November 20/04 Home

First Division vs Capilanos

Second Division vs Capilanos

Third Division vs Capilanos

November 27/04

Make up Games

Kick Off Times

First Division – 2:30

Second Division – 1:00

Third Division – 11:30



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on
SUNDAY,
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1:00PM - 4:00PM**

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PHONE at 687-3400

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Sorry, no children over 12 please.

Registration Form

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____ **SEX** _____

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CHILD'S NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____ **SEX** _____

NUMBER AND NAMES OF ADULTS: _____

WILL YOU BRING A PLATE OF COOKIES: YES _____ NO _____

WILL YOU BRING FINGER FOOD: YES _____ NO _____

TELEPHONE: _____ (H) _____ (W)

CHILDREN: \$11.00 ADULTS: \$6.00



NO REGISTRATION CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2004.

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Register by FAX: 604-687-6812; Email: office@vancouverrowingclub.ca; or phone 604-687-3400.



The Jokers

ROOKIE NIGHT

Once again the rowing club saw the passing of another successful rookie night. Masta-bbque'r Roydhouse kept us fed with his flipping skills of 59 burgers, and wit (well some people call it that)!! And your executive's culinary skills were laid on the table with a host of fine vegetarian cuisine.

The evening's events were attended by 15 garland-wearing Joker rookies and approximately 100 drop-ins from the field hockey community...

The women were proven victorious in the boat races against the men, who were given a lesson in the fine art of glass tipping. Meredith's self-training paid off and continues to reign victorious along with Mrs. Mckee who even managed to give the visiting rugby guys a lesson or two! Although, I was impressed with the ease in which Irish Peter downed the yard!! More pictures of this evening can be found in the Field Hockey Gallery (Annual Events Album) on the rowing club's website www.vancouverrowingclub.ca



LEAGUE IN FULL SWING

The league is now underway with the Jokers showing their colours in true fashion...Although I have noticed other clubs wearing the orange!!! Mmmmmm . . .

The men have a roster of 60 players while the women keep growing with 140 (I see a trend happening here)! The schedule and results can be viewed in the hockey net.... www.fieldhockey.org If you have not yet paid up, remember 'no pay no play'!

NAME THIS JOKER

(BIO FROM A TOUR BOOKLET)

Ever Youthful, this Joker can still turn his magic in the Vancouver league, so at his half-century, please remind him it's time to get up and go before everything else does. Member of Canada's team which defeated reigning world champions India, at 1978 World Cup in Buenos Aires. Promises to slow down in Vancouver to let his team-mates catch up. Should be easy to spot going backwards.

JOKING AROUND

Congratulations to Joker Equipment Manager, Victoria Bryan who has officially graduated from the Police Academy, and is now Police Officer Bryan!! Victoria, along with fellow Joker Kristina Paech, will be making sure the streets are safe for fellow Jokers (or maybe, making the streets safe from fellow Jokers!!)

Keep December 4th free on your calendars for the annual Christmas dinner dance and cheesy skits.

Welcome to the visiting two English and one Irish guy to the club. (I do know their names but it sounds better like this.) They enjoyed themselves so much at the VIT they decided to return (no one told them about playing at 6:00 on a Saturday night!!) They can be seen around the pool table at the club and crashing at various people's places.

QUAD DIX

This outstanding event has come and gone, a great evening, stay tuned for details and pictures. And while we are waiting for a rundown of the evening, here is a brief history of the mighty Jokers, just so you know what you are getting yourself into!!!

TRAINING

Training continues at Livingston pitch where the roped off areas act as the opposition and pylons. Refer to the web or captains for times or changes.

Those of you looking for cross training ... Thursday evening pub nights and running continue at the Carver Room. This is a long-standing tradition amongst Jokers that dates back to the late 70's.

Many a husband/wife/boyfriend/girlfriend, were discovered (and lost) on these evenings, along with sick calls to work to next day!!!

Running is any speed from 5:00 on, and those that are more energetic can just run to the bar...food supplied by the Rugby guys!!

Saturdays at the club continues to be a refuge for the post-game debriefings. Or just an excuse to tip a glass.



A SHORT JOKER HISTORY

The Joker Hockey Club was started in 1964 by a group of Vancouver hockey players who were dedicated to enjoying life, on and off the field. This group wanted, then and now, to play a good brand of competitive hockey, but also to emphasise hockey friendship and sociability. We like to think we have largely succeeded in this.

Jokers are fully emancipated, presently fielding women and men's teams. They have won their fair share of league championships, tournaments and trophies, and several players have been selected to represent BC and Canada. Many members have contributed time and energy to the bodies that administer the sport provincially, nationally and at the international level.

Jokers continue to do a lot of travelling under the touring names, Jokers International (golden oldies) and the Jokers, as well as under one or two other guises – Hesquit Hockey and Bloody Colonials included.

There have been over 20 overseas tours or festivals, with many other visits closer to home and between. Our reputation and fame as hosts for clubs visiting is without parallel.

In 1974 the Jokers joined the Vancouver Rowing Club, to become this well-known and historic sports club's hockey section. VRC'S excellent clubhouse and facilities, centrally located in Vancouver's world-renowned Stanley Park, have greatly enhanced our hockey and social programs.

The Jokers International Golden Oldies have participated in Campbelltown in 1987, Bournemouth as the Bloody Colonials in 1999, Fiji in 1991, Hong Kong in 1993, Dublin in 1997, Brisbane in 1999 and have also played in the World Cup Veterans Tournament in London 1986...with next year being in Holland.

GOLDEN OLDIES

Coming soon to Holland in 2005! All interested parties call: Elly Fontein - if you are older and female; or Stewart Wilson - if you are even older and male. Jokers are looking to keep with tradition and take two men's/one women's team.



DEC 3rd 7pm

JOKER TOURING HISTORY

- 1966 Mexico
- 1969 Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Trinidad
- 1973 Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia
- 1975 Cuba, Jamaica, Columbia, Curacao
- 1974 Barbados, Trinidad, Tobago
- 1977 Bermuda, Hesquit
- 1979 Ireland
- 1981 Bermuda, Hesquit
- 1982 Hong Kong, Singapore, Bermuda
- 1985 Bermuda
- 1986 Holland, Belgium, France, England, London
- 1987 Barbados
- 1987 New Zealand, Campbelltown,
- 1989 Bournemouth
- 1991 Fiji
- 1993 Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong
- 1997 Dublin
- 1999 Fiji
- 1999 Brisbane

In addition to these tours the club has made regular visits to the California Cup and Berkley in San Francisco.

Significant Achievements include: World Tidal Championship, California Cup, Bacardi Cup (Bermuda 1977), and the first overseas team to play in Cuba, Columbia, Tobago, and Taiwan.

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TOP 10 THINGS GUARANTEED to Upset the Proper Boater!

Anyone who has taken the time to study the Collision Regulations, if only for self preservation, will know that the following list can be added to in many, many ways. But this is just my personal list of things people do in boats when they don't think, don't care, or are just plain bloody minded!

10. Not altering course when it's your job to do so. How many times have you been steaming along, under power, and another boat is coming at you from your port side on a collision course. Then they leave it until the last possible minute to alter course, no doubt thinking that if they stand on, the other vessel will give way. Well, this is a huge recipe for as disaster. You should give way to any vessel approaching from your starboard side, IN GOOD TIME. If you do that you will save time and heartache in the end too. Think about it.

9. Idiots using VHF radios. If you have no license then you probably would not know the proper etiquette for VHF radio use. It is NOT a CB radio in a truck, good buddy. If you are just chatting, use a cell phone. And find out the proper channels to switch to for working. I heard one conversation switching to channel 12 the other day! That's Vancouver Traffic and not a working channel for the average boater! You can't just chat on any old channel because the others are busy. Wait a while. If we all did it right life would be so much less stressful.

8. Power boats with big wakes passing way too close, way too fast! Is this really necessary? This is just plain bad manners. Some of these little (and not so little, as I can attest) sailboats roll like crazy when you do this so perhaps you get some sort of perverse thrill out of seeing everyone fall about. I have even seen these vessels go within a few yards of other boats in the middle of the Georgia Strait! And under Lions Gate Bridge, you should just SLOW DOWN!

7. Flying the wrong flags. I know that this may be being pedantic, but if any vessel is not showing an ensign, she should be engaged in a race. Flying your country's ensign from the masthead and your club burgee from the stern is completely wrong. It is actually the law that every vessel should fly the

flag of its country of origin from the stern flag staff (or other similar position if you have no staff).

Flying flags has certain etiquette too. If your boat is not registered in South Africa, you cannot fly their flag from the stern. It can be flown from the port yardarm as a fun flag if you like.

6. Showing the wrong lights at night. I don't know why, but some people seem to think that the more lights they show, the more likely they are to be right. WRONG! A sailboat with masthead tri-light showing is a vessel UNDER SAIL. The steaming light below should NOT be shown at the same time. To anyone who knows what they are doing out there, this set of lights makes no sense whatsoever. And then to turn on the regular navigation lights on the bow as well, simply complicates matters further. If you don't know what lights to have on at any particular time, LEARN. And please do it now! Lighting up like a Christmas tree is the wrong thing to do.

5. Crab pots! Almost my favourite bugbear. How come some people seem to think that they can place as many pots as they like wherever they like. I have woken up to be surrounded by 4 pots from the same small powerboat while I have been peacefully at anchor. At what stage does this become a commercial operation? How come you cannot leave some for the rest of us. Which brings me to.....

4. Why do people insist on cluttering up half an anchorage with your floating lines and buoys that will surely restrict the movement of any vessel wishing to anchor overnight? Please keep your pots out of the anchorage. You might already have anchored, but others will surely follow. Think a bit.

3. Crab pots in fairways. Have you ever tried to enter Ganges Harbour at night? And then had to deal with the minefield of crab pot buoys on your way in. This is lethal. Why there have not been more accidents defeats me. And why the authorities allow it in the first place I find beyond belief.

2. Going too fast in an anchorage. Some people just blow me away with their total ignorance. This last weekend I anchored in Genoa Bay on Vancouver Island at the entrance to Cowichan Bay for those who may not know it. It is not a large bay and is generally pretty full of anchored boats. Its

very pretty, and quiet usually. But this weekend, a raft of 4 RVYC boats anchored at the head of the bay decided that they would run 2 boats and ski off the back swim grids of their smelly vessels and roar around our bit of paradise. This was a disgraceful display of inconsiderate arrogance that will not go unreported to those who may be able to instil some sort of decent behaviour into these people. To have so little consideration for others in the pursuit of your own fun is totally unacceptable. In spite of much waving and shouting at the offending miscreants, they continued to pollute the air with the sound of their horrible little engines howling away. Why? When there is the whole of Cowichan Bay out there, flat calm and with nobody in it to disturb. We go to these places for a little peace and quiet and not to listen to your outboard engines and your whooping and hollering.

1. And finally: my biggest beef of all..... Our good friends from down south who frequent our waterways as if they own them. To those who don't know, the 49th parallel separates your country from ours and, with the exception of the jink between the Southern Gulf Islands and the San Juan Islands, that straight line separates the two countries. And when you come up here, the courteous thing to do is fly a COURTESY FLAG. Or do you think you own this bit of paradise as well as your Hawaii? Well, you do not - yet! When you cross the border into Canada, you should not only fly your own country's flag from the stern (so many of you don't even bother to do that. Is this so that you think we will not know where you come from??) but the Canadian flag should be flown forward of your ensign and HIGHER. If you do not have a mast, then fly our flag from your radio antenna or something, but on the starboard side. Please don't treat us as if you own us. It gives us the impression that you are an arrogant people, which is the impression you are busy giving the rest of the world. Manners cost nothing at all, and a little respect goes a long way in any friendship. If you cannot fly our flag as a courtesy, you should stay at home, because you obviously cannot navigate.
*Evan Seys, Proud Canadian and Welshman
And avid sailor.*



October 19, 2004

Life-jacket Cove, Fiji

The advantages of *sevu sevu* were brought home to us after a recent incident.

Sevu sevu is a Fijian custom which visitors are asked to perform. When anchoring off a village the seabed, water, fish as well as all the land belong to that village. A visitor presents *sevu sevu* to the chief or chief's representative. Once accepted the chief is responsible for your safety and well being and you are free to explore his 'territory'.

The gift of *sevu sevu* is *yaqona* which is the root of a variety of pepper tree. When ground up and mixed with water it is called *kava*. It looks and tastes like dirty washing-up water and has a slightly numbing effect on one's lips and brain.

One sits cross legged on the ground and places the *yaqona* on the ground. The chief then picks it up (thereby accepting his responsibilities) and gives a welcoming speech in Fijian. We clap at what we hope is the appropriate moment. If the chief speaks English we are then able to chat with him.

At Naulawaki village, Waya island in the Yasawas, we arrived back at our dinghy to find that a life-jacket had been stolen. Brian returned to the chief to tell him of our loss. "We came in trust and friendship"; it was agreed that the chief would make enquiries and that Brian should return in the morning. The next morning the chief was nowhere to be seen. Brian sought out Moses, a village elder whom he had met the previous day; he was directed to the graveyard, where the village men were gathered, to drink *kava* and make the cement top for a grave. "We came in trust and friendship" got a wider audience here. Still no sign of the life-jacket though.

From the boat a dispirited Brian could be seen making his way along the beach. Pausing to do his "trust and friendship" speech with all he met. At the last moment a man ambled along the beach and handed the life-jacket back!

We have had items stolen on this trip in France, Venezuela, the Marquesas (twice) and now Fiji and this is the only occasion we have had anything returned. *Sevu sevu* works!

Brian and Clare Symes, *Lantana Camara*

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No, we are not talking the latest in technology carbon fibre and unobtainium. We are talking about racing your cruising boat, in cruising trim. To make this a fair, fun series of events the rules are a little more forgiving and your handicap WILL be adjusted to level the playing field for everyone via a golf-handicap system.. In other words if you have a Catalina 30 with polished bottom and crack crew you will stand the same chance of winning as the

guy next to you in his Catalina 30 sailing with his buddies and bagged out sails. You both have to sail to the best of your ability or someone else will win, HOPEFULLY ME !

VRC cruising division is designed for just that, cruisers and their boats. The golf handicap system is not perfect, but it gives everyone a chance to show what they can do, in a fun, but competitive environment.

If you want to see just how fast you are and don't want to be surrounded by hotshot racers, join us in Division 2. If I can win, in a 24,000 pound full keel cutter, can't you? Polar Bear races start 11:00am second Sundays somewhere in English bay. *Steve Creagh, Fleet Captain*

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| Wednesday | 5-10 pm | Trophy Lounge |
| Thursday | 5-10 pm | Carver Room |
| Friday | 5-10 pm | Carver Room or Trophy Lounge |
| Saturday | Noon-10 pm | Carver Room |
| Sunday | 2-9 pm | Trophy Lounge |

COMING EVENTS

CLUB

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| Nov. 2 | Just Singing Around |
| Nov. 29 | Bluebird North |
| Dec. 7 | Just Singing Around |
| Dec. 12 | Childrens Christmas Party |
| Dec. 31 | New Year's Party |
| Jan. 1 | Polar Bear Party |
| Jan. 22 | VRC Burns Supper |

FIELD HOCKEY

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| Nov. 21 | Social |
| Dec. 4 | Christmas Party |

YACHTING

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| Nov. 7 | Polar Bear Race |
| Nov. 20 | Commodore's Dinner |
| Nov. 21 | Polar Bear Race |
| Dec. 3 | Christmas Dinner |
| Dec. 5 | Polar Bear Race |
| Jan. 9 | Polar Bear Race |
| Jan. 15 | Awards Night |

RUGBY

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| Nov. 20 | Home Games |
| Dec. 11 | Christmas Dinner |

ROWING

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| Nov. 24 | Rowing AGM |
| Nov. 27 | Rowing Captain's Dinner |

November

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 Just Singin Round | 3 Rowing Executive Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Yachting Polar Bear Race | 8 VRC Board Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 Remembrance Day - Office Closed | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Yachting Executive Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 Field Hockey Executive Meeting | 19 | 20 Commodore's Dinner/Rugby Home Games |
| 21 Field Hockey Social/Yachting Polar Bear Race | 22 | 23 | 24 Rowing AGM | 25 | 26 | 27 Rowing Captain's Dinner |
| 28 | 29 Bluebird North | 30 | | | | |

December

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Rowing Exec. Meeting | 2 | 3 Yachting Christmas Party | 4 Field Hockey Christmas Party |
| 5 Yachting Polar Bear Race | 6 | 7 Just Singin Around | 8 Rowing Executive Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 Rugby Christmas Party |
| 12 Children's Christmas Party | 13 VRC Board of Directors Meeting | 14 | 15 | 16 Field Hockey Executive Meeting | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Yachting Executive Meeting | 21 Hershey Harrier's Christmas Party | 22 | 23 | 24 Club Closed | 25 Christmas - Club Closed |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve - Carver Room Open | |