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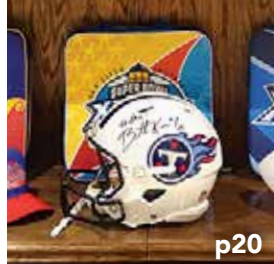
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



It's a quiet Monday morning after yesterday's Ballantrae Summer Games grand finale. I miss seeing my neighbours flaunting their condo-coloured T-shirts. The Recreation Centre seems to be eerily quiet. I'll definitely miss prancing around the tennis courts to the tunes of the Pacemakers.

Karen Clark, my ever-enthusiastic and cheery assistant editor and I are getting ready to start organizing the hundreds of photos taken by photography coordinator Brian Freedman and his team for this issue of *HOTG*. It's a daunting task.

Brian Freedman, our very own Ballantrae Geek, will be passing on his role as photo coordinator to Joe Zinner effective with the next issue. I've had the pleasure of working with Brian for several years now and I am going to miss his valuable contributions. Not only did Brian take and assign the thousands of photos in this magazine, but he also provided lots of creative input about covers and story concepts. He is the "energizer bunny." Thankfully, our Ballantrae Geek assures me that he'll still contribute. Brian, sincere thanks; Joe welcome to your new job. It comes with nice people but no salary.

Once again the Ballantrae Summer Games were a huge success. Wayne Burgess and Phil Bannon orchestrated a brilliant week of fun, games and merriment. Even the weather cooperated. I think everyone who lives in Ballantrae should be proud of the community spirit we can muster. I doubt there's another place in Canada (or beyond) that can boast about pulling off this kind of event.


So congratulations to all the Condo captains, medal winners, participants, volunteers and sponsors. As that African proverb goes, "it takes a village to raise a child." Speaking of which...this year's Opening Day was for the grandkids—a rip-roaring success.

As you flip through the pages of this issue, you will notice that it is missing some of the regular columns and features so that we could devote more space to coverage of the Games. Feedback indicates that our readers like to see lots of pictures of themselves and friends. On that note, I will sign off and start sorting through your hundreds of smiling faces.

Congratulations to everyone in Ballantrae. You are all WINNERS!

Anita Draycott





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PROPERTY CHANGES IN AND AROUND BGCC

The following information was shared with the homeowners who attended their Condo's AGM earlier this year. I am featuring the information in this article because many residents were unable to attend those meetings.

Last year I was advised by Schickedanz Brothers that they had completed the final build-out of the Ballantrae Golf Club project. Yes, they will still own the golf course. No, it has not been sold. No, it is not for sale. No, they are not going to build any more homes within BGCC. The project has simply come to an end after 20 years of building.

There are, however, a few issues they asked the town staff and me to address. Most of these can be classified as minor changes made to the original by-law enacted to officially allow the building of our BGCC project. These changes have now been signed into law.

However, one important outstanding matter deals with the bush lot or parcel of land between the eighth fairway of the golf course and the Ninth Line. Note the attached outline of this parcel of land.



As is most of the land in our area, this parcel of 11.67 hectares or approximately 29 acres is strictly controlled and governed by the province's Oak Ridges Moraine legislation (ORMA).

With this parcel of land Schickedanz had two viable options. One, they could hold or sell to a developer who would then wait out any change that may happen

to the ORMA and then perhaps build a development. Their second option was to invoke a section under the ORMA that allows for the severance of lands to facilitate conveyance to a public body for natural heritage conservation. Note: in the legislation the severance of any parcel of land must be made to a public body; it could not be made to a private holding such as our condo associations. Discussions between Schickedanz, myself and town staff over the last many months have led to their decision to sever the outlined acreage and donate it as heritage lands. Basically the property title for these 29 acres would be transferred to the Stouffville Park Trust. The best part of this transfer is that the land would then never be developed. It would forever remain as parkland.

In order to continue through this process, I brought before a June council meeting a motion providing staff the authority to finalize this matter with Schickedanz Bros. In effect, it is now before staff with the objective of having this property designated as heritage parkland by the end of 2019. As part of the council motion, funds were allocated so that town staff would have the resources to clean and remark the trails in this great piece of property.

CORNER PLAZA

In an article on this page last year I indicated the Tim Horton's in the new Ballantrae Gates plaza could possibly be opened before the snow-birds returned home in the spring. Unfortunately, many issues have bogged down this project. Don't listen to all the rumours, Tim's IS coming. The "Opening Soon" sign has been posted!

EMERGENCY SERVICES IN BALLANTRAE AREA

I have always been a proponent of providing increased full-services from the EMS station immediately outside our front gates. To this end I supported adding funds to cover the cost of a permanent full-time crew (24/7) in the current budget. Effective early this year, 24/7 service became a reality. With the addition of full-time crews a significant capital expenditure will ultimately be required. I also support this expenditure and act as one of the council representatives on the committee reviewing this matter. More information on this process should be available by year end.

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Donate your Summer Games T-shirts!

BY LYNNE BALFOUR



After the games, what will you do with those condo-coloured T-shirts? Unless yours fits better than most, you might consider washing and delivering it to our Recreation Centre. For the past several games, Ray and Pat Stadnick have arranged to donate the T-shirts to many small charities throughout the world.

In 2017, 200 T-shirts were delivered to a charity for the homeless at Dundas and Parliament Streets in Toronto. The Stadnick's church, Cedarview Community Church in Newmarket, takes food and clothing monthly to that area. Another 75 T-shirts went to Guatemala, 75 to Mishkeegoganang First Nation in northern Ontario (a friend had been a pastor there), and 60 to the Ukraine. In total, 410 T-shirts were taken to those places by personal contacts who packed them in their own luggage. Shipping these articles would otherwise be expensive. In the past they have received photos of the recipients.

This year contacts through the church have said they can use as many as collected. Two friends, missionaries for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, go to Liberia two to three times a year and would take some. Others would go through personal contacts to Heart for Africa in Swaziland, a charity for which Ray served on the Board.

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Ballantrae Cheerleaders

BY ENID SANDERS



I got all dressed up for the 4:00 party and then she went without me. Being a service dog is sometimes a thankless job. I REALLY WANTED TO HEAR THE PACEMAKERS SING.



I just sat back and let the people do all the hard work



Really, all this fuss over a few medals. The least they could have done is find me a red tartan.



I am a party animal. I have a tie for everyday, but in honour of the Ballantrae Summer Games I wore my purple tie.



The days were so hot and still they dressed me in this WARM BLUE SCARF just because I live in Condo 3.



Bronze, silver or gold? We are good friends but watch out when we compete against each other!



I would win for sure if they only would add a CUTEST DOG competition to the Summer Games.



Just resting after a long day of competition.



Golden Girls



Go RED Go - We won it all - we are very proud of living in Condo 2



Silver & bronze are better than nothing. Wonder why we didn't win gold - after all, we dressed in green to go green and save the planet.



Typical Cat. I allowed her to put on the yellow bow tie, but I still do not care if they win or not.



Next Games just let me race with the fastest of your runners and then let's see who gets the GOLD



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Feeding the Athletes

BY ALISON SCOWCROFT



While many of us snowbirds were packing up to return to the great white north, Lowell and Bonnie Dennis were already planning the food for the Summer Games.

Can you imagine planning, shopping, prepping, cooking and serving 3,500 plus meals over the course of nine days? It makes my head spin just thinking about it, but that's precisely what they do. While I was experiencing the vapours listening to what went into feeding such a large hungry crowd, Lowell was as cool as a cucumber.

"Planning is key," says Lowell. Their goal is to serve quality food without line-ups and to never run out of food. The challenge is that they never know the exact number of diners until it's time to feed everyone. Each meal is planned in advance and the quantities are staggering. For the opening day there are 20 pizzas, 300 hot dogs, 300 burgers, 50 veggie burgers, a few hundred sandwiches and hundreds of ice cream treats. For chicken night, there are over 300 pieces of chicken—that's 150 pounds. On steak night there are 300 steaks and an equal amount of baked potatoes, all cooked on two large barbecues. Ninety pizzas will round out pizza

night and 360 pounds of ribs for rib fest. Plus, there are 35 lasagna trays, 100 pounds of chicken to be made into a pasta dish, 350 burgers for burger night along with 90 pounds of chicken wings and 50 pounds of meatballs. Then, to close off this amazing event, copious amounts of roast beef and pulled pork are served. There is a different salad with every meal, made fresh daily.

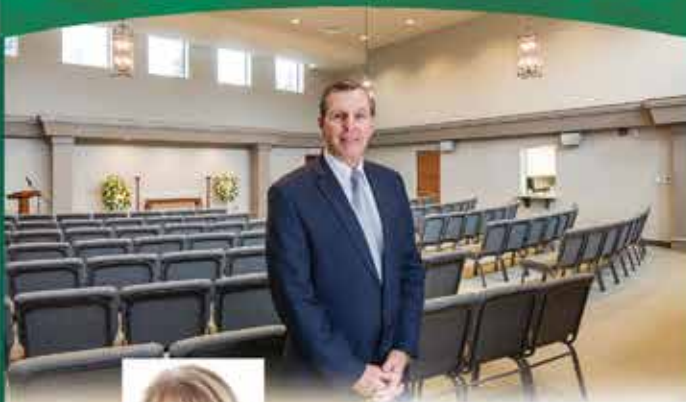
Lowell and Bonnie do all the price negotiating, shopping and most of the prep themselves, although they are assisted by volunteer ticket sellers, bartenders, food pick-up, servers, kitchen help and clean-up help.

There is also the bar that needs to be stocked and replenished for all the thirsty athletes after their strenuous workouts.

You might think all of this is being done in a massive, professional kitchen, but most of it is done in the Recreation Centre in the tiny kitchen. I asked Lowell and Bonnie how they manage to keep their cool with this much pressure. Both just smiled; they seem to delight in the pleasure their food brings to everyone who participates.



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The Pursuit of Trivia

BY JAN RICHARDS



What is a Canadian classic success story and a great trivia question? Which Canadian game has been the biggest phenomenon in board game history and was named to the Games Hall of Fame in 1993? The correct answer: Trivial Pursuit!

Trivial Pursuit was created by Chris Haney, a high school dropout photo editor

for *The Montreal Gazette* and Scott Abbott, the sports editor for *The Canadian Press* who met covering the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. The story goes that on December 15, 1979, after a few beers, Chris and Scott realized that many letters were missing from their Scrabble game, so they decided to create their own game. Its foundation was grounded on general knowledge questions encompassing a wide variety of subjects. The original Trivial Pursuit game had 6,000 questions based on a universe of facts.

Chris and Scott formed the Horn Abbot Company but soon recognized that they needed help from Chris' big brother, John and lawyer friend, Ed Werner. It took another two years to find investors to move the project forward. Financing Trivial Pursuit involved convincing and acquiring 32 shareholders to invest \$1,000 each. Chris and Scott would each receive 22% of the company, Ed and John would each receive 18%. Eighteen year-old Michael Wurstlin agreed to create the final artwork for Trivial Pursuit in exchange for five shares in the company. Chieftain Products Ltd. became the Canadian distributor of the game. And the rest is history!

Trivial Pursuit was shown at the American Toy Fair in NYC in February, 1982 and to their disappointment only a few hundred games were ordered. A year later, 2.3 million games were sold in Canada and a million in the United States.

Despite the slow start to the game's popularity, sales peaked in 1984 when 20 million games had been sold. An estimated one in five households had a Trivial Pursuit board game with sales reaching \$800 million. The game was a huge hit particularly with nostalgic baby boomers.

Several legal actions were taken against the propriety and originality of the game. The first was by the author

of a trivia encyclopedia, who filed a \$300 million lawsuit, claiming that questions in his book were copied. The court ruled that trivia facts were not protected by copyright. The decision was appealed and the court declined again. The second lawsuit was from a friend of Chris Haney who claimed he and a colleague picked up Chris while hitch hiking and told him about the idea. Proof of these claims was never verified and the courts eventually ruled against the challenge.

By December 1993, Trivial Pursuit was sold in 33 countries with versions in 19 languages.

Hasbro bought the intellectual rights to Trivial Pursuit for \$80 million in 2008. Over the years, numerous editions of Trivial Pursuit have been produced specializing in a variety of topics: Sports Edition, Silver Screen Edition, Walt Disney Family Edition and even a Star Wars Edition.

Chris Haney invested his profits into two outstanding golf courses - Devil's Pulpit and Devil's Paintbrush. Both have spectacular scenery on the Niagara Escarpment and are rated in the Top 100 Golf Courses in Canada. Chris "lived hard" and died in 2010 at the age of 59.

Scott Abbott, who was known as the "games aficionado," now owns the North Bay Battalion hockey team of the Ontario Hockey League and was inducted into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame for his work in building the North Bay hockey club. Scott also owns a horse racing stable with one of his horses once placing in the Queen's Plate.

Ed Werner presently lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake on his vineyard and enjoys sailboat racing and winemaking with his sons.

John Haney, Chris' brother, wrote most of the questions on science and nature. His favourite game was the Baby Boomers edition and the Original edition, of which only 1200 games were made.

John and Ed had been hockey teammates at Colgate University, a private liberal arts college in Upstate, New York.

Winning Trivial Pursuit is determined by a player's ability to answer general knowledge and even quirky questions. For example, "What's the largest diamond in the world?" The correct answer - a baseball diamond!

Trivial Pursuit started, revolved and ended in the pursuit of happiness. Obviously, Chris, Scott, Ed and John were entrepreneurs who pursued a whimsical dream and realized major trivialities!



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Rose of Sharon

Benefits from the Royal Baby Shower

BY SUSAN LAROSA

It was a pleasant Sunday afternoon in June when residents gathered at the Recreation Centre to support Rose of Sharon, a service for young mothers. The active BGCC Social Committee hosted the event with British flair.

Delicious strawberry shortcake was served with tea in one of the many delicate teacups from Mary Anne Carr's large collection. Rudy Lippett shared her culinary skills and generously provided each person with uniquely shaped cookies in the form of baby items.

The organizers led the group in some creative word games around the name of the royal baby "Archie."

Proceeds from the shower, in the form of baby items and clothes, were gratefully received by the Rose of Sharon as "Rosie's closet" needed some new inventory. The staff was thankful for the generosity, which was nothing compared to the appreciation of the young mothers.





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BY SUSAN LAROSA

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The rather noisy group enjoyed live entertainment by local favourite, Grant Fullerton who even managed to get some of us up dancing!

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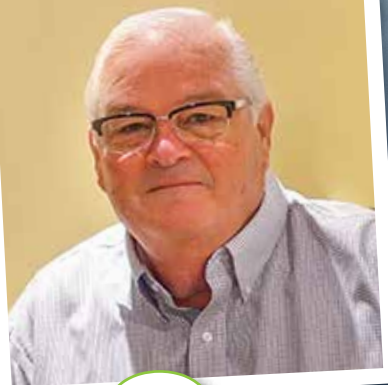
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Gil in the arms of Billy Graham

profile BY KAREN CLARK

I am sure the professional scouts were out to the Ballantrae Summer Games and you are ready to sign that big contract, but you need a Sports Agent. Look no further ... we have one of the best, living here in our community!

Surrounded by an impressive display of signed memorabilia, awards and photos, I interviewed Gil Scott, president of Gil Scott Sports Management.

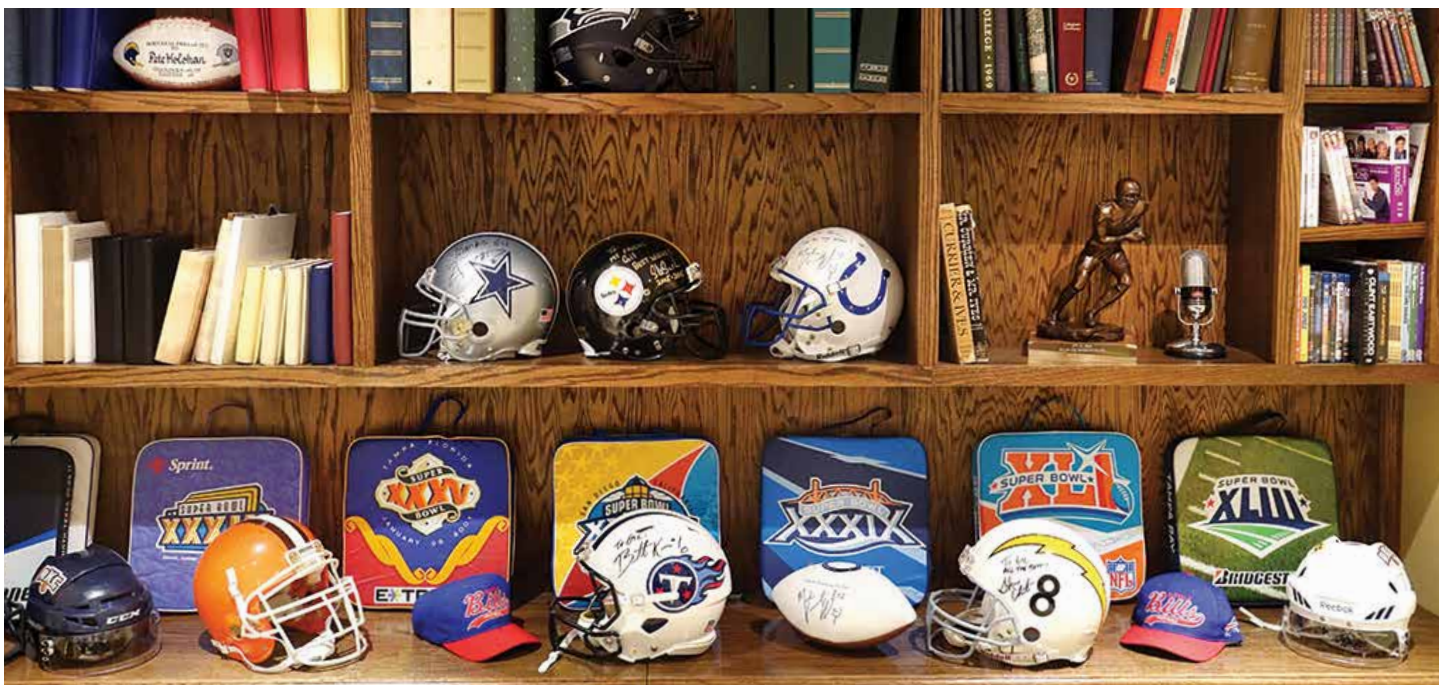
GROWING UP IN TORONTO, DID YOU EVER IMAGINE BECOMING A SPORTS AGENT MAKING MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR DEALS?

No, but I did have a dream to be a sportscaster. As a youngster, my life was influenced by my father, Dr. Jack Scott, and his involvement with the Baptist church. He had one of the largest ministries in the 50s and 60s and was

President of Youth for Christ in Canada started by Charles Templeton. My dad had his own radio program and church service on Hamilton TV. He was a good friend of Billy Graham who came to speak at his church. There is a picture of me with Dr. Graham when I was five years old. A church in Detroit recruited Dad and we moved there when I was 12.

AS A YOUNG BOY, THIS WOULD BE A BIG CHANGE FROM LIFE IN TORONTO. WHERE DID THIS PATH LEAD?

I graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelors degree in Radio and Television Arts. I returned to Toronto and met with Bill Stephenson, sports director for CFRB radio station with hopes of landing a sportscaster job. I was advised that I should start in a small town and work my way up. Not wanting to leave Toronto, I began a career selling life insurance.



HOW DID SELLING LIFE INSURANCE TRANSITION INTO A CAREER AS A HIGH-PROFILE SPORTS AGENT?

It was my involvement with Athletes in Action, a faith-based organization, that introduced me to the field of sports agency. In 1976, AIA had a Pro Week in the Toronto area where I volunteered to drive NFL and CFL athletes around to different schools to talk to high school kids. It was there I met Chuck Ealey* and he introduced me to a few other players. I started giving seminars on financial planning and one day Nick Bastaja asked if I would negotiate his new contract with the Argos. I said sure. I got him a good deal and it all built from there. My big break came when I met Dieter Brock through Nick. Dieter asked me to explain tax shelters and such. When he was in Toronto to accept his first Schenley award in 1980, he phoned me and asked if I'd represent him. I did, and the rest is history.

HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE IN INSURANCE SALES PREPARE YOU FOR THESE HIGH-POWERED NEGOTIATIONS?

Salesmanship is a big part of the job. You have to sell the player to get him, you've got to sell the club on signing him and then you've got to sell the right deal to the club.

A SPORTS AGENT'S JOB HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS PART BABYSITTER, MARRIAGE COUNSELLOR AND SPOKESMAN, BUT ABOVE ALL SALESMAN. HOW DO YOU BALANCE ALL THESE RESPONSIBILITIES?

It is like solving a big puzzle. I find it very exciting. But in the end, the great relationships are what you remember the most.

YOU HAVE NEGOTIATED OVER 300 CONTRACTS. WHAT CHANGES IN THE PROFESSION HAVE YOU SEEN OVER THE YEARS?

It wasn't until 1984 that agents had to be certified. Now, in the NFL, you have to have a Masters degree to apply. As of June 2018 you must complete an annual exam and if you fail, you are de-certified. There is an annual fee to pay and

liability insurance is a must. Today there are over 869 agents to represent 1500 players in the NFL. A young hockey player will be approached by many agents before he will sign. The loyalty was great in the early days. Now, not so much.

THERE MUST BE A CONFLICT WHEN THERE IS A GAME FEATURING TWO OR MORE OF YOUR CLIENTS ON OPPOSING TEAMS. IS IT DIFFICULT TO STAY IMPARTIAL?

I'm often conflicted before a game but I always want both players to play well. I root for my players, not the team. I know at the end of the night I'll have to visit the victory party and the not-so victory party. I can make a case for wanting both sides to win, but in the end, I don't want either side to lose.

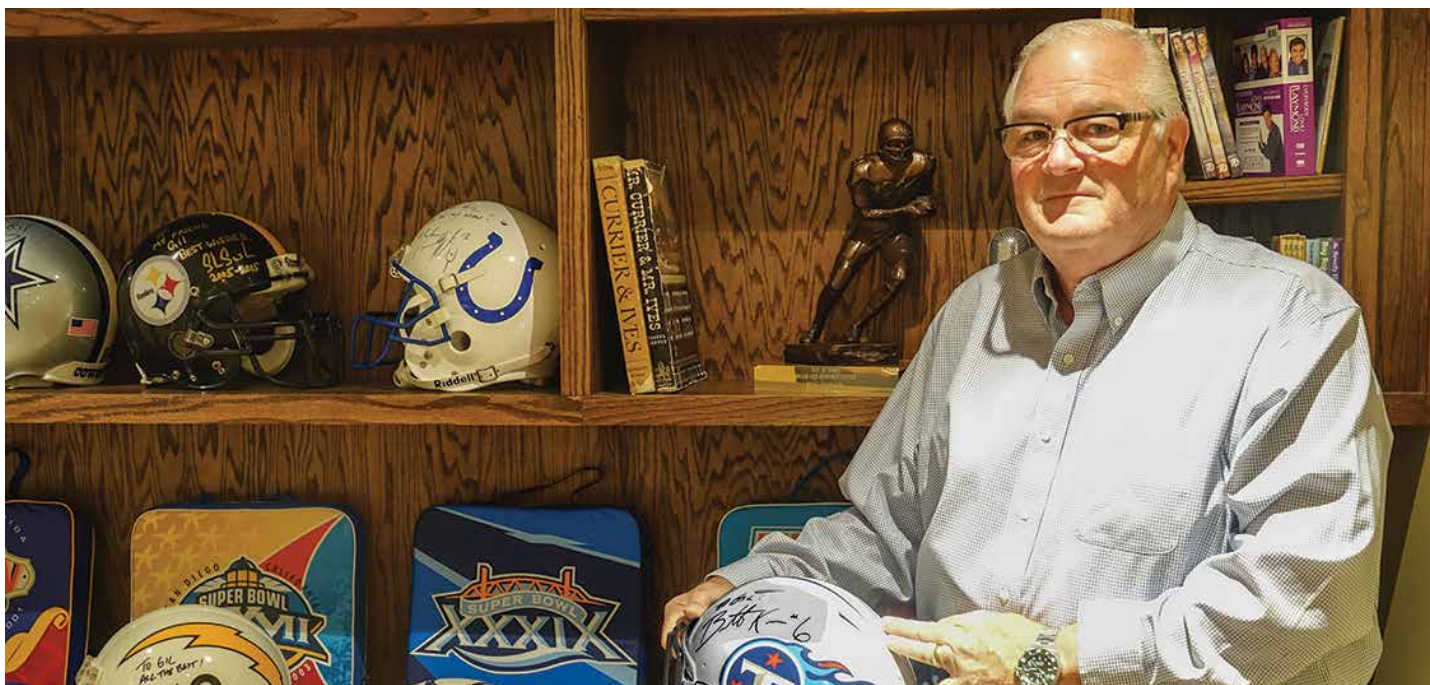
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Yes, there have been many highlights in my clients' careers. But most recently there are some standouts I am proud to represent:

Barry Trotz, the New York Islanders coach, was honoured as the NHL Coach of the Year for the 2018-2019 season and last year was the Stanley Cup winning coach with the Washington Capitals.

Gil with Barry Trotz (left) NHL Coach of the Year 2019





Bruce Boudreau, Coach of the Minnesota Wild.

Tennessee Titans punter Brett Kern has made the NFL Pro Bowl both in 2017 and 2018.

Rookie kicker, Jason Sanders of the Miami Dolphins was named to the NFL All Rookie Team in 2019.

This past August I attended the induction ceremony of Toronto Argonaut great Terry Greer into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

HAS YOUR CAREER WITH PROFESSIONAL SPORTS RUBBED OFF ON YOUR CHILDREN?

Our son Bill is an executive with the Edmonton Oilers. As Director of Salary Cap Management and Assistant to the General Manager and President of Hockey Operations Ken Holland, he is immersed in the NHL world.

Below is a picture from the 2019 NHL draft floor with my son Bill and Carter Crossen, a young upcoming goalie from Stouffville who was the Oilers "runner" for the draft this year.



Our daughter Becky is a stay-at-home mom and cheers from the sidelines.

LIFE IN BALLANTRAE MUST SEEM TAME COMPARED TO THE HIGH POWERED WORLD OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS. WHAT OCCUPIES YOUR TIME WHEN YOU ARE NOT WHEELING AND DEALING?

My wife Linda and I like to spend time at our cottage in the summer and we head south to Naples, Florida for the month of March.

I DID HEAR FROM YOUR GRADE FIVE MATH TEACHER, RAY STADNICK (OF THE PACEMAKERS), THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD SINGING VOICE. ANY FUTURE PLANS TO BECOME ONE OF THEIR REGULARS?

(Chuckle)...that would be up to them!



Gil as guest soloist with the Pacemakers

To read about Charles Ealey, Nick Bastaja and Dieter Brock, go to www.hotg.ca, **HOTG...MORE** page.

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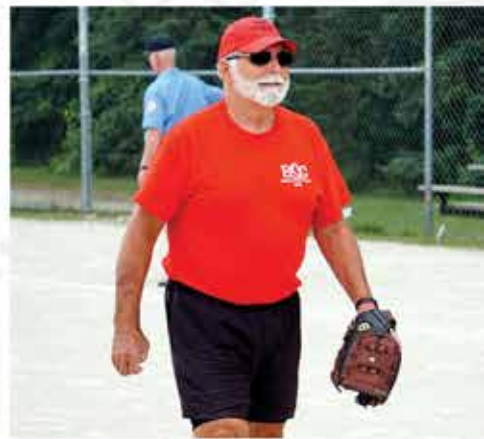


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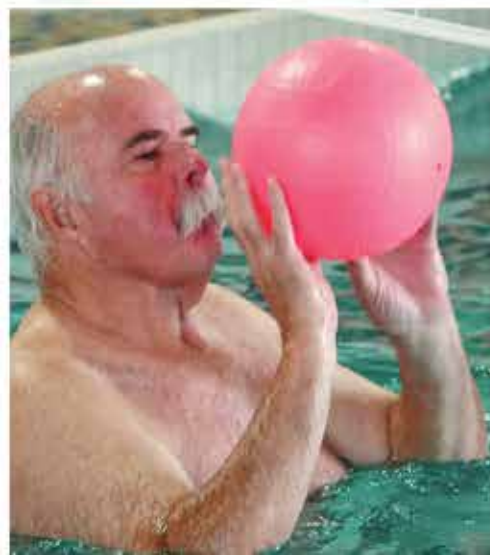
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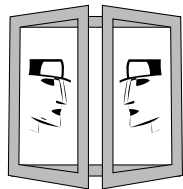
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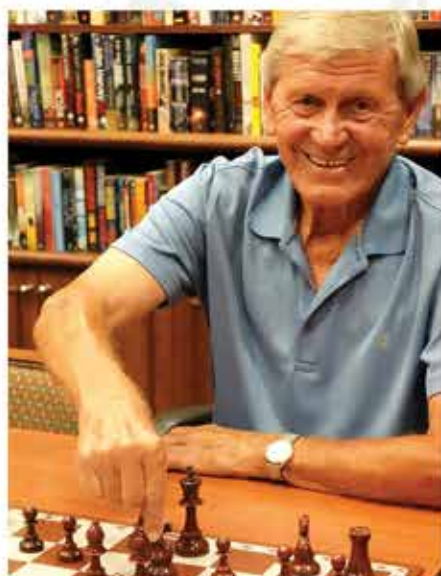
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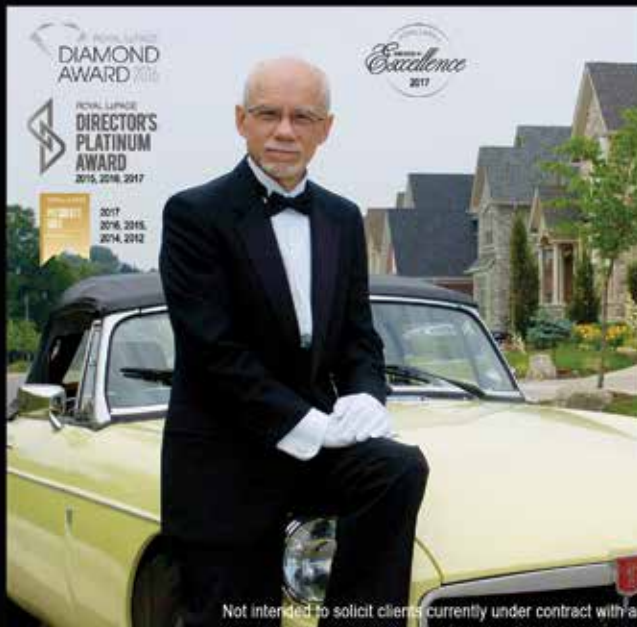
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NOTE: as this issue goes to press, Peter Sims our webmaster is recovering from surgery. In the meantime, Paul Mak will take over as temporary webmaster for hotg.ca. Because we cannot access Peter's files, Paul has created a new email: homeotgreen@gmail.com please use this if there are any website enquiries or requests to post new information, including condo updates, classifieds, etc.

For all events, inside or outside the gates, Mary Bresser will be responsible and will update our master event calendar accordingly. The email address is: whatsoninthearea@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

We are very grateful for all the positive feedback we have received since the launch of the new website. It hasn't all been easy going, so a pat on the back is appreciated.

Many readers have had suggestions and some of these have already been implemented. Please keep them coming.

Note that our email address has changed to hotg2@outlook.com.

MENU

Just a reminder: If you are viewing hotg.ca on a small device, the regular menu across the top of the page will be replaced by the standard mobile menu symbol of three horizontal bars. Tap on this to display the full menu. Tap again and it will disappear.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

The long running What's On in the Area section has now been divided in two. Major one-time and occasional events are posted to the Events Calendar, as of course are events happening within BGCC. The new Outside the Gates page contains a directory of sources for local happenings. These are grouped by topics such as Music, Theatre and Festivals. Each category displays a list of websites linking you to the home page of each organization. These links are live, so just click/tap to visit the site.

Don't see a sure winner? Please send us an email with a brief description and link.

A link doesn't work? There are a lot of links on this page. We try to keep them up-to-date but there will occasionally be broken ones. Please let us know.

SUMMER GAMES

Did you like the Games feature in this issue? There's even more on our Summer Games page. Click/tap on BSG Photos to see literally hundreds of extra photos which will stay available until the end of January. For results, just visit the individual sport pages.

WELCOME ABOARD

We welcome two new members to the team. Mary Bresser will track down interesting events in the larger community, as well as maintaining the Outside the Gates directory. Karen MacKay is the new photos editor responsible for selecting and posting to our Photos page.

A huge Thank You to Jane Keast who did such an outstanding job with What's On in the Area for so many years!





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TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: at the Recreation Centre

COST: \$5.00 per person

Featuring:

Jackie Kozak of Scaraoke Entertainment

Cash bar and snacks

For tickets please contact:

Claudette Killoran, 705-305-1220,
ckilloran2017@gmail.com

Join the Pacemakers

Two sing-alongs

**DATES: Wednesday, October 16
and Wednesday, December 18**

(their annual Christmas sing-along)

WHERE: At the Recreation Centre

TIME: 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 per person which includes a snack

For tickets please contact:

Mariette Blouin-Johnson, 905-591-2032
(for October 16)

Gail Knaggs, 905-591-2951
(for December 18)

Note: No tickets will be available at the door.

Ladies' Christmas Luncheon

DATE: Tuesday, November 26, 2019

TIME: 11:30 a.m. Meet and Mingle
Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Meadowbrook Golf Course,
11939 Warden Ave (just south of
Stouffville Side-road)

PRICE: \$55 per person

Tickets available mid-October

Please contact:

Lynne Gauld, 905-591-4144
or Jenny Gould, 647-448-4022

The Ballantrae Community Choir presents its 15th Annual Christmas Concert

DATE: Tuesday, December 3, 2019

2 SHOWS: 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. at Recreation Centre

PRICE: \$20.00 per person

For tickets please contact:

Alma Boyd	905-642-4482	almaboyd@rogers.com
Kay Corlett	905-591-0239	kaycorlett@gmail.com
Lorraine Farro	905-642-9938	lmadiganfarro@gmail.com
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Mary Bresser	416-779-9542	marybresser@rogers.com
Maureen Downes	905-591-1769	mdownes44@gmail.com

Ballantrae Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance

DATE: Saturday, December 7, 2019

TIME: 5:30 pm Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
6:30 pm Dinner at Recreation Centre

PRICE: \$70.00 per person

Live music with The 45's / Cash bar

For tickets please contact: Geri Flotron at 905-591-1941

Ballantrae Craft Sale

DATE: Saturday, October 19, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Recreation Centre

For information, please contact:

Elaine Gorman 905-642-0861

Come and have a coffee with us! See you all there!

Fall Concert Tribute to Cole Porter

DATE: Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ballantrae Recreation Centre

TICKETS: \$15.00

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BY LINDA WILSON

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