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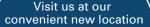


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

By the time you are reading this, fall will have arrived and another Ballantrae Summer Games will be history. It has been a busy and fun time over the last couple of months and I hope you were able to enjoy many of the festivities, including all the celebrations around Canada's 150th birthday.

This issue is mainly about the summer games. It is the most extensive coverage ever with more than 20 pages devoted to all aspects of the Games. We hope the front cover makes you smile thanks to the great photo concept of Brian Freedman. Brian and his team of shooters volunteered countless hours to capture the fun and games of this past August. Did you know that more than 700 Ballantrae residents participated and/or volunteered in our Games? If a picture is worth a thousand words, then we have zillions worth of words in this issue. As the photos show, our community clearly loves the socializing, the entertainment, the food...and perhaps even the competition!

You will also read about the Games organizing committee headed by Wayne Burgess, our "energizer bunny." Don't forget to go online to view even more photos (go to "The Games" tab at the top left of the main menu on ourbgcc.com).

With this issue of *Home on the Green*, you will have received a bonus supplement covering our community's involvement in all the fabulous 150th celebrations. Between the Summer Games and the 150th activities, there was so much going on and not enough pages in our regular magazine to do justice to both. We are thrilled that Doreen Cunneen suggested a separate one-time supplement for Canada's 150th birthday. As many of you know, Doreen was instrumental in developing and leading the community's "Proudly Canadian" program in support of Canada's sesquicentennial. She and her team have done an outstanding job, and as a past editor of *Home on the Green*, there is no one

more qualified to produce a companion magazine as Special Editor. I also want to thank many of her team as they did double duty on both magazines—specifically, Terry Coulson, Ken Miyauchi, Mary Hallam and Pat Whittingham. And a big thanks to Al Moldon, Bruce Hyland and all of our street captains who kindly delivered both magazines to your homes.

Big thanks to our Sales team, led by Elaine Saksons, who have once again sold all available advertising space for the upcoming year. We sadly lost a few advertisers, including a couple that are no longer in business. Happily we were able to replace them and so have 11 new advertisers whom we would like to welcome to the *Home on the Green* family. As you know, advertising is crucial to our success. It is what allows us to finance this wonderful high-quality magazine. Your continued support of all our advertisers is much appreciated.

Finally, a friendly reminder to complete the Recreation Centre survey sent to you via email in early September. Up to two adults per household can complete it by following the link in the email. Your opinions are very important in determining the future of the Recreation Centre. If, for any reason, you did not receive an email with a link to the survey, you can either contact the Recreation Centre or request the link by following the instructions on the What's New page on ourbgcc.com.

Have a wonderful fall and a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

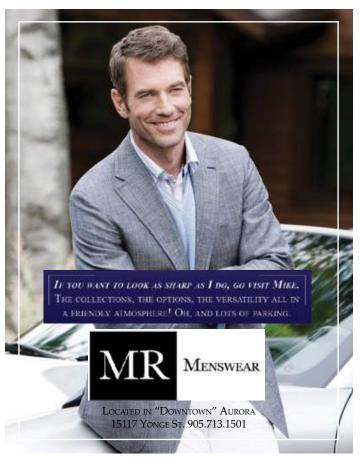
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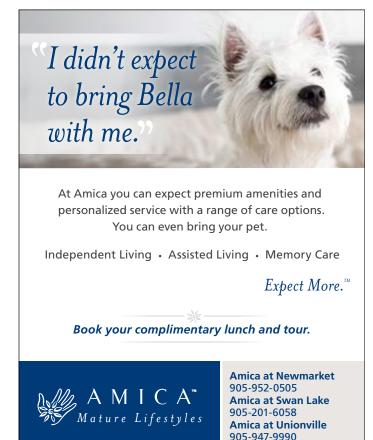
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How to contribute to HOTG? Send your stories, general suggestions or let us know if you are interested in volunteering to homeonthegreen@rogers.com

Send your specific comments on any of our stories to hotgfeedback@gmail.com As mentioned in the last issue, we will publish Reader Feedback on www.ourbqcc.com









A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCILLOR MORE FROM MAURICE



I attempt to address your questions via this column and through my website.

TOWN CAO HIRED

You have probably seen in the media that during the summer the town was able to hire a permanent CAO. Mr. Roman Martiuk comes to us from his role as head of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre. Roman has had extensive experience working at many levels of municipal government and has served in this CAO capacity in Orillia and Burlington, Ontario. I believe he will bring a calming hand to the stewardship of Whitchurch-Stouffville and I look forward to working with him in this role.

HIGHWAY 48 HOUSING PROJECT

Ballymore is still moving this project forward. It appears now that construction will not start until at least late 2018. During recent discussions with their management, I inquired about the possibility of removing the abandoned woodworking building from the site. All the input from residents, both inside and outside our gates, will ensure this project is a real enhancement to the community of Ballantrae.

COULTICE PARK

Early this summer I hosted the official opening of Coultice Park at Musselman's Lake. What a plus for this part of Ward 2! If you have not had a chance to take your grandchildren there to use the splash-pad and other playground facilities, I encourage you to do so before the weather turns cool. The park however is not only for children as adults can use the extensive walking trails and work-out stations.

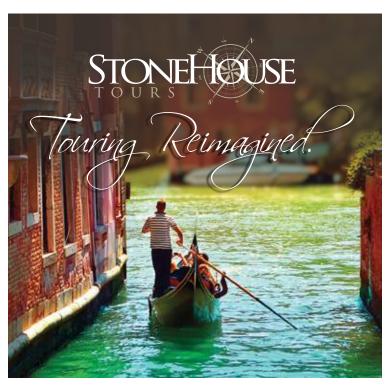
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For a number of years there has been talk of a retail plaza being built close to the north east corner of Aurora Road and Highway 48. A number of factors have held up the progress of this project. The most significant was the review to be completed by the Ministry of Transport (MTO) that controls all the entries onto Highway 48. I have attended a number of meetings with the owners of this land and various department heads. While not all obstacles have been overcome, at least the landowners are finally in a position to apply for a building permit. This step was undertaken in July. Hopefully there will be more positive information on the matter before year end.

BGCC 2017 EVENTS

Elsewhere in this edition of *Home On The Green* are many tributes to all the organizers and approximately 700 participants in the 2017 Ballantrae Summer Games. I would like to take this opportunity to add my personal congratulations and thanks to all those people. Great job Wayne Burgess to you and your team for organizing this event.

Also this year, of course, were the 150th birthday celebrations for the wonderful nation of Canada. Congratulations to the Canada 150 Lead Team for a four-month long celebration of Canada's 150th year of confederation. I would encourage you all to take the time to read the special commemorative publication accompanying this issue and enjoy the memories!



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The Thrill of Victory and the Agony of What?

BY PAT WOOD



The sixth Ballantrae Summer Games are now over, and at this point, we are both delighted with, and maybe a little sick of, our neighbours. It has been a partying summer with Canada's 150th and then the Games shortly thereafter. We owe the cast of volunteers a huge vote of thanks for all their efforts in making each event so much fun.

We've had talks, laughs, music and good eats all summer, topped off with the thrill of competition. Don't worry, I'm not going to talk about the competitive spirit again. I've kind of exhausted the subject for the previous five games. Yup, all the rah-rahs are past.

Although!! As I write this, I am deep in preparation for the events. For the ladder golf, I've been swinging my right arm back and forth as if I have a shoulder with bursitis, imagining the bolo flying with pinpoint accuracy onto the rungs. For the bean bag toss, this arm practice should suffice, hopefully with the bean bag weighing the same as the bolo.

For trivia, I'm watching Jeopardy, which I do most days anyway, filing away info to bring forth on competition day. This storage cupboard of my mind gets dustier each year, with facts lost or mixed up. I only watch Jeopardy for the occasional pleasure of retrieving some dusty gem from the archives.

For the cards games, various tactics apply. For bridge, I am trying to pay closer attention and become a more disciplined player. Good luck with that. Just ask my partners. Euchre, I can play in my sleep, and sometimes do. Just ask Hubby. Cribbage will require a few games with him on the deck as I think I've forgotten the game.

By now, you've realized my Games participation is mostly sedentary, but I am an excellent support person at the more strenuous events. I expect I will have cheered Hubby on at a myriad of events. My lungs are in good shape with little or no prep from hollering at the grandkids.

So now I come to the "sick of your neighbours" part. I guarantee someone ticked you off at one or more of your events by taking the whole thing too seriously. I've done it. Ticked somebody off, I mean. (Of course, I expect I do that at other times as well.) Especially in the early Games, competition was a little too fierce, but I've long since forgiven those Condo 2 people! I've mellowed now. (As I'm writing this in July, my mellowness better not have failed me at the ballpark in August.)

As seniors, life can be trying enough. Do we really need competition? Apparently we do, as these Games have had the greatest number of participants ever. Could it be the partying or the eating out for a week for 35 bucks?

I don't need practice for the partying. Canada's 150th was a terrific tune-up. On the prep side though, I do plan to drink Canadian white wine 'til the Games begin so I can handle the Pelee Island stuff. Please God, I hope they buy something French! Other than that, I'll be ready.

As you read this, we will have had the thrill of victory for some, or at least of participation for most. Our only agony is that next summer, other than living here, we will have nothing to celebrate. Have to think of something!





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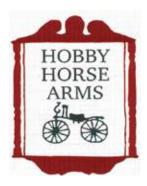
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HOBBY HORSE ARMS BY ALISON SCOWCROFT



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Their son, BJ, runs the front of the house, while their other two children, Regan and Matthew, are the executive chefs. Although Nancy no longer works in the kitchen, they continue to use her original recipes.

All the food is made from scratch. Their chicken and beef are organically raised, fruits and vegetables are sourced locally and their desserts are homemade, with sticky toffee pudding being a favourite. I can tell you from experience, their French onion soup is divine full of onion, a savoury broth and topped with cheddar, mozzarella, Parmesan and a garlic crouton. The fish is lightly battered and served with home-cut fries.

My family and I have tried almost everything on the menu and we all have our favourites. They make jumbo onion rings, enough for sharing, but you might want to devour them by yourself. The burgers are half pounders, each hand formed and can be dressed up with bacon strips, cheese, mushrooms, caramelized onions or even jalapenos. There are salads with fresh dressings, chicken wings, fish tacos and different specials every night of the week. Nachos, not from a bag, are also made in house, and you can top them with beef, chicken or bacon. If you like liver and onions, this is the place to enjoy it.

The Hobby House Arms also offers scotch "nosings," and wine and beer pairings where they match the beverage to the food being served. Robbie Burns Day is celebrated on his actual birthday, January 25, and yes, haggis is served. A jazz player entertains every second Saturday at 6:00 p.m., September through June. Hobby Horse Arms has one of the largest single malt scotch collections in all of Ontario and all their beers on tap are craft brews.

With a beckoning fireplace and Uxbridge memorabilia on the walls, the Hobbyhorse Arms is a warm and welcoming place to visit on a chilly afternoon or evening. The main restaurant seats 55 people and there is also a 30-seat outdoor patio and a 25-seat function room that can be booked for private parties.

It really is worth a trip to Uxbridge to enjoy the warmth, good food and friendly service always on offer at Hobby Horse Arms.











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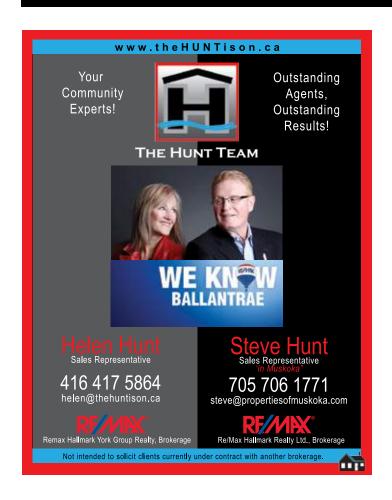
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BGCC TENNIS canada day social

BY VICKI CARTER

When you mix tennis, food and people you get a winning social event, and that is what our Tennis Club enjoyed on Saturday, July 8. It's a club tradition to celebrate Canada Day on July 1, but this year the event was postponed because of weather and the many other Ballantrae activities to celebrate our special 150th. Although it was a week later, there was no lack of enthusiasm from the participants dressed in red and white. We are proud to be Canadian!

The weather cooperated and we started the morning off with coffee and bagels, followed by

fun round robin tennis. At noon, members enjoyed a BBQ of burgers, salads and desserts. Another tradition for our club is the singing of O Canada led by Frank Weis.

A 50/50 draw raised \$160 with \$80 donated to the Canadian Cancer Society and \$80 won by Susan LaRosa. As well, several members won a variety of draw prizes. A great time was had by all.

Thanks to all the many volunteers for decorating, grilling and providing delicious salads and desserts.

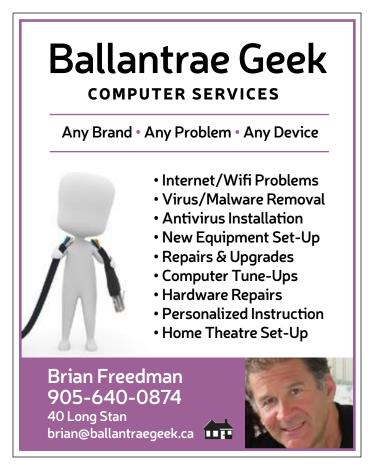






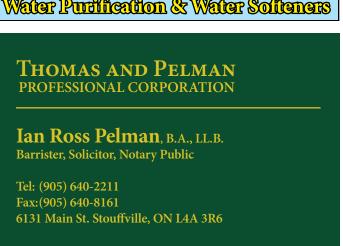












A Day at the Races

BY PAT WOOD

Last June, a full bus of "Ballantrites" and friends went off to Woodbine to donate some cash. We checked in at the slots, got some free start-up money and whiled away a couple of hours on the one-armed bandits that are now armless but just as greedy.

Then it was up to the dining room for a great lunch buffet, with more opportunities to lose money on the ponies. Fortunately for us, our own computer doctor, Al Moldon, had a trifecta pick for us on each race. Feeding the computer info from the track touts, past outings etc., Al had the computer pick three horses in each race which we could box for a six-dollar bet. Two out of five came in, paying enough money to cover our day and then some. Way to go Al!

Win or lose, it was a great outing! Thanks to Anne and Ron Brewing for organizing the event.

Casino Niagara

BY ENID SANDERS

On Thursday, May 25, a bus full of Ballantrae residents left the Recreation Centre at 9:45 a.m. We arrived at the casino about noon after a ride that went very quickly due to the treats and the great game run by Al Moldon. There were no really big winners at the casino this time, but we all had fun and it was a great day in spite of the terrible weather.

Thank you to Gisela Weger for organizing a wonderful outing.





BGCC Recreation Centre News

NOTICES

Meet your current year Directors appointed to represent each Condo:

Condo 1, Phil Bannon; Condo 2, Fergus Gamble; Condo 3, Trevor Kimpton; Condo 4, Vic Mangal, President; Condo 5, Susan La Rosa, Secretary.

Thanks to former Directors, Bill Balfour, Ken Miyauchi, Teri Hay and Wayne Burgess for their hard work. Also thanks to the Marketing, Facilities and Revenue Committees for their ongoing work in developing recommendations to the Board aimed at maintaining the Recreation Centre as a vibrant hub for residents.

Our goal is to maintain the Recreation Centre as the hub of social, recreational and fitness activities and programs that best meet the current and ongoing needs of our Ballantrae Golf & Country Club residents. The recently launched All-Residents Survey will help us learn our residents' priorities. Thank you for your full participation. Stay tuned for results at a residents' information session later this fall.

Recreation Centre Happenings & New Installations

- A new ladies' locker room floor, safety bars in ladies' and men's showers, and new sauna heaters were installed.
- New window coverings were purchased for the party rooms to help with acoustics.
- Bocce ball courts were levelled and rolled for enjoyable play. They will be serviced each year.
- The contract for a new roof is in place after a robust bid selection process to select a reputable contractor with the best price, product and service. Work is planned for a 10 day period next May. We will have full safe parking and Recreation Centre access during this work.
- Tennis players can look forward to a new tennis court surface in 2018.

Have a happy fall. See you at the Recreation Centre.

Vic, Sue, Fergus, Phil and Trevor

OLYMPIC MEMORIES

BY LYNNE BALFOUR

Our BGCC Summer Games bring out the friendship as well as the competitive spirit lurking in our community. Many residents have had both successful athletic and business careers. The pride and excitement of past goals achieved are part of our lives. Often, we have unique pieces of personal history hiding in an attic or crawlspace.

Siblings and BGCC residents, Denise Casey and Charlie Delahey own a huge Olympic flag from 1928. Saved for years in their mother's dresser drawer. Denise had it framed when her new Ballantrae home had a wall large enough to display it. Measuring about 10' x 12', the flag was "rescued" by their father, Charles Delahey, and his teammates who played on a gold medal Canadian Olympic hockey team. Charles was a forward on the Varsity (U of T) Grads team which in the previous year had won the Canadian amateur hockey trophy, the Allen Cup. The Olympic Games that year were held in St. Moritz, Switzerland on outdoor ice, threatened by a thaw in the midst of competition. (This was only the second Winter Olympics for ice hockey. The 1920 Olympics included it as part of the Summer Games!) Defeating Sweden, Switzerland and Great Britain, the Varsity Grads won Canada's third consecutive Olympic hockey gold medal.

Travelling to the Olympics in 1928 meant a long train trip through eastern Canadian snowstorms, a sixday ocean voyage (and sea sickness) and a week in Belgium to recover and practice before arriving in St. Moritz. Before they left for the Olympics, Conn Smythe had been their coach but he objected to changes in the team and did not accompany them to St. Moritz. Foster Hewitt's father, William, was their manager. The team had only 14 players. No helmets were worn at that time. Their tube skates came only to below their ankles. Many players used rolled-up Time magazines inside their socks as shin guards.

Following the Olympics, the Varsity Grads toured Europe, playing in Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London, being feted all the way. In Europe, the Canadians were renowned for their speed and fancy skating.

On arrival back in Toronto, they were given a tickertape parade from Union Station to City Hall up Bay Street. The entire team was approached by the NHL to become the New York Americans in New York City. However, because it was an offer for the whole team or nothing, and because several players were new doctors and lawyers, they decided to pursue the careers for which they had studied!

Charles Delahey continued to be an outstanding athlete. He played on a Grey Cup winning football team, the Montreal Wheelers in 1932. He won medals for diving, was a scratch golfer and an enthusiastic curler.

On a proud place near Delahey's huge Olympic flag, a frame encloses his Olympic gold medal and his Allen Cup medal among others. There is a tiny mysterious ivory elephant framed with the medals. A similar one was found in Conn Smythe's memorabilia after his death. No one knows its significance but theoretically all the team was given one—perhaps for good luck!

Lately in the news, the NHL has stated that it will not allow players to be released from their teams to play for their countries in the 2018 Winter Olympics. Will the players rebel? Will they put their careers on hold as the 1928 team did? Perhaps Canada will have to return to an amateur team as its representative!



University of Toronto Varsity Grads Ice Hockey Champions 1928 Olympic Games



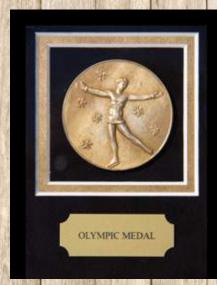
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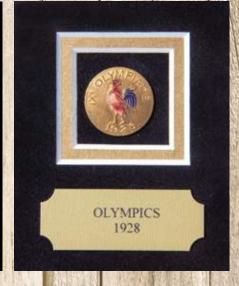
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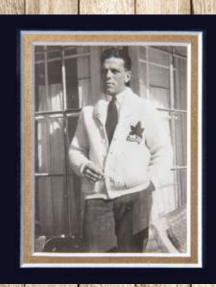
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This was my fourth Summer Games since moving into this little slice of heaven.

The Summer Games is about our community coming together in myriad sporting events, participating, having fun, re-establishing friendships, making new acquaintances, being involved, volunteering in so many different capacities and just being part of an active adult lifestyle community.

The Summer Games is also about caring for and looking after each other. Four years back, I was involved in the tenperson mixed 3K pursuit. In the final leg, I was hurting, met a fellow lying on the ground out of breath. He was hurting too. We chatted a bit, I helped him up and we finished the walk together. Neither of us won a medal, but I have the privilege of still being friends with him today.

This year we added five new events to the Summer Games as well as a 90+ 1k walk. How fabulous is that!

We also increased the number of sponsors. These businesses recognize our value as a community and are willing to give back to us and say thank you for our patronage.

We're maturing as an established community, recognizing our strengths and weaknesses, taking advantage of our age, wisdom, life experiences, and sharing this AMAZING event every two years.

In this year of Canada's 150th celebrations, we are continuing to promote and foster a community spirit that makes living here so very special to us all.



TERRY CHAPMAN

Treasurer and Entertainment Director

This was my third BGCC Summer Games as Treasurer and also as Entertainment Director. The Summer Games continue to grow. They have become a \$50,000 event. Revenue from registrations, commercial sponsorships, and a little bar profit allowed us to "WOW" the residents of BGCC, from August 19 to 27. For the \$35 participation fee you received a T-shirt plus free food and entertainment for nine days. There is no better "bang for your buck" than the Summer Games.

As a result of the outstanding work of our Chairman, Wayne Burgess, in increasing the number of commercial sponsorships, we had the capability of increasing the quantity and quality of our food and entertainment. This year we had "live" entertainment for each of the nine days. I searched out and signed up "top notch" local bands to entertain us—from a 40-piece "concert" band to a three-member "country" band. Lesson learned: don't get between a senior and free food!





RON BREWING & ANNE BREWING Registration

We got involved as the Registration Chairpersons when our friend and neighbour, who was Chair of the 2015 Summer Games, approached us to fill the vacant position. Since no prior experience was required for this role and having been involved in the prior five Games in various functions, we gladly accepted. Many people devote their time and talents to make this such a great event and we were pleased to play a small part.

The Summer Games is a great way to promote community building. It provides friendly competition between the Condos as well as a great opportunity to meet neighbours by participating in the many sports/activities or assisting in the many important volunteer roles.

The funniest recollection we have was during a Bean Bag Toss competition when even the garbage collectors were curious about what was going on. They stopped, got out of the truck, watched the event to the end, then after tossing a few beanbags proceeded on their way collecting the trash.



PETER SIMS
Communications Chair
(a committee of one)

As the local Webmaster I inherited this Communications role. This was my fourth Games.

I have entered Walking, Swimming and Bocce and have had some success, especially in the first. The Games provide an incentive to stay active and be fit.

Some of us need a little extra prod to work out and stay healthy. For me, the more active sports are the heart of the Games.

The Games do encourage you to meet people you would never otherwise encounter – some in other Condos, others on your very own street!



PAM TULINO Sports Chair

We moved here in May 2011 just in time for that year's Summer Games. It was a great way to get involved in our new community and meet many new friends, both within Condo 3 and the other Condos. Condo 3 is the smallest and as our flag says, "We're small but mighty."

I told Wayne that I would be willing to help out on the planning committee if he was recruiting. With Wayne at the helm, my position as Sports Chair was an easy task. I was also the Bid Euchre and Euchre Captain for our Condo.

The Games get people out and you see people that you would never see otherwise. The camaraderie and friendly competition definitely bring out a sense of community!



BRIAN COXCondo 2, Registration Information

I've been involved in the Games since we moved here in 2005.

Help was needed in getting everyone registered and providing reports to captains for their sports. I was able to assist based on experience in data processing throughout my career.

The Summer Games are an excellent experience with great examples of volunteers contributing time, skill and effort for their community.



LOWELL DENNISChairperson for Food and Liquor

Phil Bannon roped me into organizing the food and beverage for the 2013 Summer Games. This year was my third time doing so. Having worked in the restaurant business for 44 years I have a lot of experience serving large groups.

With attendance up 20% over 2015, we expected it to be far more chaotic. The lack of kitchen facilities coupled with so many more people to feed created a real logistical challenge.

The Games have evolved from a small event to a really big deal, but it is rewarding working with all the volunteers. Of course, I also had my Executive "Sexytary", Bonnie, working alongside.

Here's my advice: accept that it will be chaotic, smile and have another drink!



BRUCE HYLAND Chairperson for the Parade and Medal Count

My experience producing shows got me the job of Parade chair. This was my sixth Games.

My wife, Margaret and I are both Canadian Figure Skating Champions in Pairs and Ice Dancing. We went on to teach, coach, train and produce ice shows around the world.

This was also my sixth Games keeping track of the medal count. Al Molden has always been my backup man to ensure the count is done correctly. I don't use a computer, but keep the records the old-fashioned way...by hand on a chart.

Each evening, all the sports/events captains report their results after 10 p.m. Al and I record the medal count and summarize the Condo totals to be announced at the closing ceremony.

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(Note: Bruce and Al also oversee the distribution of the HOTG mags!)



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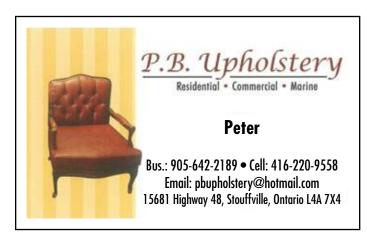














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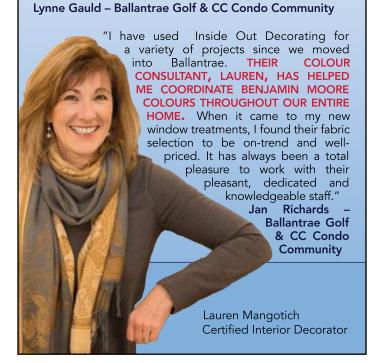


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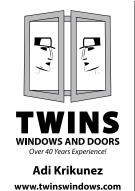












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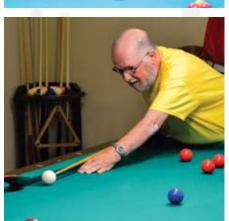
















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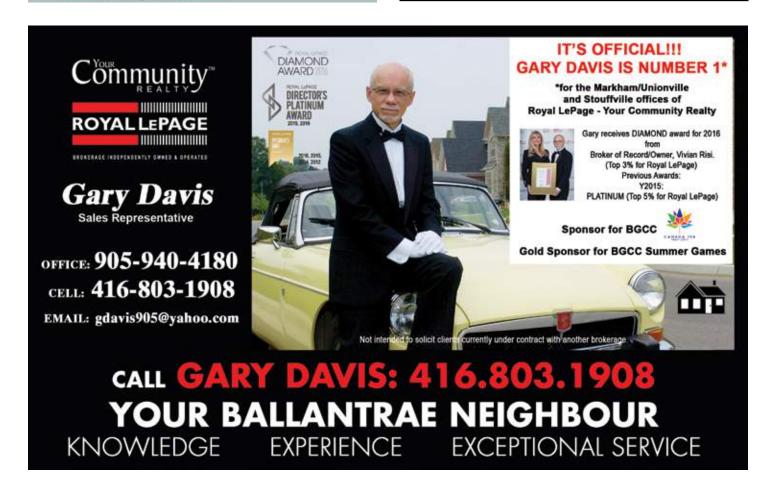
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I asked seven different book clubs to name their top picks. Perhaps some of these titles will be helpful to you when choosing your next good read.

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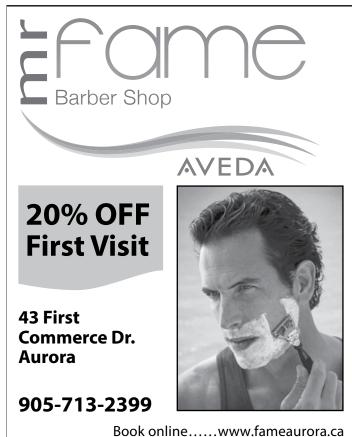
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I am very proud to tell you about my "claim to fame." My step-daughter, Irene Carl Sankoff, and her husband, David Hein, are the co-writers of the hit musical *Come From Away*. They met at York University in the Faculty of Fine Arts and after graduation, Irene moved to New York to continue her education and David worked in the music industry there. They were married shortly after 9/11 in New York and again in Toronto the following year.

After working apart too often, they decided to collaborate on a musical based on a song David wrote for his mother's birthday. The musical, *My Mother's Lesbian Jewish Wiccan Wedding*, was chosen "Best of the Toronto Fringe Festival" in 2009 and David Mirvish produced it at the Panasonic Theatre to rave reviews. It has since played in many cities. The couple were feted in 2011 by York University where they won a Bryden Award as "Ones to Watch."

In 2011, Michael Rubinoff of Sheridan College suggested they write a musical based on events from September 11 to 16, 2001 in Gander, Newfoundland. Many years and performances in Canada and the U.S. have resulted in the sensational Broadway hit which has received many awards including best musical, best director, best featured female singer, best book and score among others. A second cast has been chosen for productions in Winnipeg and Toronto in January and February 2018 and a third cast will be chosen for a North American tour.

The following is from Irene and David:

It's been an incredible journey bringing $Come\ From\ Away$ to Broadway — and it's an honour and a joy every day to share the story of our friends in Newfoundland with the world. When we travelled out to Newfoundland on the tenth anniversary of 9/11, we never imagined this could go so far. But we returned with so many amazing stories, all of which we couldn't wait to tell.

It's been a challenge, fitting hundreds of stories and characters into a 100-minute musical played by 12 actors, but it's been such a joy seeing the show become a movement of kindness and generosity. And speaking with people who lost someone on 9/11 has been life changing. They tell us that what the people of Newfoundland did was a tribute to the family and friends that they lost. We specifically didn't want to write a show about 9/11. We were living in New York on 9/11 and David's cousin was in the towers, but fortunately got out, so we call it a 9/12 story. It's about how a small community responded to a larger disaster. And we've been surprised at how universal the story has become. Everyone was going through the same moment at that time and everyone wanted to help. It overcame all of the things that divide us. We saw that living in New York and out in Newfoundland. We've heard the same story again and again from audience members.





















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