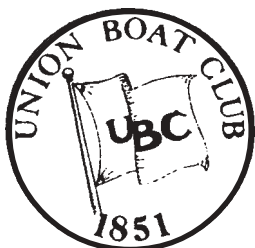


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UBC in King Arthur's Court— Henley 2002

Experience of a lifetime for UBC Crews

John Macuga

This past July, Union sent a coxed four and quadruple sculls to compete at Henley. With the Club's support, untiring coaching by Tom Bohrer, and a Herculean effort at organization, fund-raising, and logistics from Cap Kane, the crews had the experience of a lifetime.

In challenging for the Britannia Cup and the Quadruple Sculls Cup, the crews became ninth Club argosy since 1914 to attempt to wrest some hardware and glory from our brethren across the pond. The first race for the coxed four was at Reading Town regatta, where the UBC contingent of Amy Dash, Welles Henderson, Steve McKiernan, Peter Schnorr, and Tim Timmermann brought home the coveted silver goblets. This victory was followed by the Four successfully competing in a qualifying race for their Henley event, besting the better part of some fifty crews for one of 20 slots. Alas, despite an all out effort in the first round, they fell to the eventual semi finalists, London Rowing Club.

In the Men's Quadruple Sculls race, two-time Olympic Silver medalist Tom Bohrer took on the dual role of coach and competitor when John Macuga separated his shoulder before the



In Front: Amy Dash, coxswain—L to R: Tim Timmermann, Sam Batchelor, Cap Kane, Peter Schnoor, Steve McKiernan, John McCuga, Derek Silveira, Jim Hughes, Wells Henderson, Tom Bohrer

leaving for England. The quad met a young Marlow crew in the first round. The Brits took off to an early lead but could not sustain their pace. A pounding rhythm set by stroke Sam Batchelor brought Union through to a 2 length victory. It was the first time a Union crew had made it through an opening round since 1988! In the quarterfinals, Union faced the Tideway Scullers School. Batchelor, Derek Silveira, Bohrer, and Jim Hughes went out hard, striking 50 strokes per minute off the line but over the 2,112m distance were no match for Tideway's well-honed sculling skills. The 5 length loss was a great effort by UBC considering

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President's Letter

As we head into the fall season of rowing regattas and squash league, there comes to mind two events that Union has sponsored that opened our doors to the squash and rowing communities at large. The Summer Doldrums was played in early September with over 30 participants from various Boston based clubs as well as numerous "out-of-towners". Mark Lewis put together a great tournament that was graciously hosted and opened our doors to a very appreciative group of athletes. As in past years' they found the quality and character of our club to be unsurpassed—and even more so the welcome that we extended. Likewise the Commissioner's Cup was raced on the weekend of September 14th. An old fashioned "stake race" around a triangular course puts a premium on buoy turns, gives the same starting and finishing lines in front of the club and was open to all of our neighboring clubs on the banks of the Charles River. Over 50 rowers raced and breakfast was served at the club afterwards for all attendees. While it will never be the scene that the Head of the Charles has become, it has become a wonderful way for us to have the people we see on the river and at other regattas be the recipient of our hospitality. In fact, it is one of the few times that they come to our corner of the basin rather than the daily trip we all take up stream to calmer waters. Both of these events and their results are reported on in detail, but the fact that we are sponsoring such great and suitable events should not pass without notice.

I have often stated that this Club is very near and dear to its member's hearts. Many of us have found solace during tough times participating with good friends, old and new, in sports that im-

prove our lives in many different ways. Just how meaningful this club is to some was recently exemplified by one of our older members who died recently—John H. Frye. He not only saw the value of the club in his life but also took the time to make our endowment the beneficiary of an insurance policy, the proceeds of which will pay directly into the endowment of the Club. This generosity is something that is in many ways unique to our Club and something that truly is appreciated by all members. While each individual member chooses to contribute to our Club in the manner in which they find most comfortable, I wanted to be sure to let the entire membership know of this individual's largesse in remembering the Club for all that it did for him during his lifetime. ■

Rowing News

Nick O'Connor

Following UBC's trip to Henley, the competitive spirit at Union has continued unabated. Here are some results from recent races.

The Textile River Regatta: on the Merrimack on October 6th, Although the official regatta website lists Jeb Besser as rowing in and winning four races, here are the real results. In the open 4+, Pete Sharis' boat came in first. The other two Union boats in the event came in 6th and 7th. Jeb Besser and Pete Sharis won the open 2- handily. In the open single Tom Bohrer rowed by everyone and won easily.

The Green Mountain Head: this loveliest of all head races was held on the Connecticut on September 29th under perfect conditions. Twenty-seven Union rowers showed up and acquitted themselves extremely well. Tom Bohrer in the men's masters 1x won with open water in a time of 20.01;

Doug Burden was third. In the women's open 1x, Catherine Humblet came in first with Catherine Salomone at third. In the open 2x Catherine Humblet and her partner came in first, and Christine Schmidt and Jennifer Sackeck came in third. Of note, Ollie Scholle returning to the water after a twenty-five year reprieve entered his first sculling race and came in 20th out of a field of fifty.

The MDC Commissioners Cup: this is a stakes race over a triangular 2500m course hosted by Union, and run by Dan Dill and his band of merry men in tights on September 14th. In the women's 1x Linda Muri of CBC won and Catherine Salomone came in second. Actually Catherine had the fastest time, but with Dan's ingenious Fibonacci ratio handicapping system, Linda came out ahead. In the men's 1x in a hard fought race Dave Gabel of Riverside was first by 2 seconds over Rich Montgomery. The women's 2x was taken by Laura Donohue and Jutta Schausten a member of the German national team who has been a delightful guest of Union for the past two months. The men's 2x trophy was taken in technically flawless fashion by Nick O'Connor and Greg Gallico.

The Club Championships: thirty members showed up to race over a 4000m course on September 21st. The current club Champions are, for the women, in the open category, Catherine Salomone and in the masters, Victoria Holliday. For the men, in the open, Rich Montgomery, for the masters, Charlie Clapp and for the veteran's Jonathan Warburg. There were no women who wanted to admit they were veterans.

Finally, Steve Tucker at the World Championships in September in Seville won a bronze medal in the lightweight single for the United States, for himself and for

Union.

On Saturday October 19th and Sunday October 20th some 53 UBC members rowed in the Head of the Charles. This is a record number, and reflects the tremendous effort and dedication of our coach Tom Bohrer. There was a post-head party in the boathouse Sunday from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. and all members were encouraged to come and celebrate the great year Union has had on the water.

Head of the Charles—Saturday

Saturday was a wild and woolly day with winds of 25 mph gusting to 30. It made for a wet trip up the basin to the starting line through white caps and sail boats out of control. On the course there was a fantastic tail wind over the middle of the course, but once around Belmont Hill dock there was a wall of headwind which cut boat speeds by one third. Nevertheless, Pete Sharis' boat in the Club Fours set a course record and the UBC entry came in fifth. Brad Smith and Mike Cataldo, having spent the past five years in non-athletic pursuits, found their way to the boathouse, trained vigorously twice a week for three weeks, and came in fifth in an extremely competitive masters doubles race. In the Champ singles Steve Tucker, coming off his bronze medal performance at the Worlds, came in second, sandwiched between Duncan Free and Mike Perry, both of whom are easily 7 or 8 inches taller, and 75lbs heavier. All in all Saturday was a stellar day for Union.

Club 4+

1 st	16:33	Pete Sharis UBC
5 th	17:10	Silveira, Besser, O'Brien, Justicz

Club 1x

4 th	19:46	Jeff Marois
15 th	20:31	Jim Hughes
17 th	23:30	Joy Stark
20 th	23:49	Cath. Garamita

Masters 2x

5th 18:34 Smith/Cataldo

50+

8th 20:02 OConnor/Gallico
13th 20:38 Coolidge/Dahmen

Champ 1x

2nd 18:15 Steve Tucker
3rd 18:21 Mike Perry
14th 19:05 Aleks Zosuls
7th 20:31 Cath. Humblett

Head of the Charles—Sunday

Sunday was a beautiful day, but still windy, and for much of the course there was a head wind which made the times a little slower. In the veterans single, Jonathan Warburg had his usual fine race; whereas Tony Philippi who was seeded 25th was passing boats at a great rate along the long Cambridge turn until he ran into a gaggle of 6 or 7 boats at Elliot bridge where he got called for obstruction and received a one minute penalty. Tony has spent the days since inundating the Globe, the Times, the Post and the Head with letters of protest. Mike Corr drove all the way from Atlanta for his race, and next year he'll have to drive from San Diego; all this driving hasn't slowed him down as he stood ninth in the Grand Masters. Tom Bohrer as usual, humbled the field with another display of awesome power. Rich Montgomery in a stellar lightweight field had the fastest time of UBC scullers, and came in second. We had several club members who were ringers in other boats enabling those boats to finish way above their potential, notably Jack Probolus for U. Mass. and John Hughes for Wesleyan. We also fielded offspring of club members in several boats. Gardner Loring was in the Hobart boat that won the first running of the collegiate eights at the Head and set the time standard for subsequent years. Carl Dietz who was a summer member this year was in the Yale varsity boat, and Catherine Reppert a freshman at the Academy was in the Navy varsity boat.

This was a very fine Head of the Charles for Union Boat Club and reflects the resources the Executive committee have devoted to the program, and the wonderful coaching from Tom Bohrer. ■

Veteran's 1x

12th 21:09 Jonathan Warburg
29th 23:14 Tony Philippi

Grand masters 1x

9th 21:06 Mike Corr
22nd 22:18 Dan Dill
25th 22:24 Sib Reppert

Masters 1x

1st 19:13 Tom Bohrer
9th 20:27 Steve Glick
21st 21:46 Niels Petiet-Blair

Lightweight 1x

2nd 19:11 Rich Montgomery
23rd 20:23 Josh Crosby

women

10th 21:53 Cath. Salomone
15th 22:08 Elizabeth Ault

Champ 2x women

15th 21:45 Schmidt/Sachek
18th 22:17 Chenausky/partner

Masters 4+

37th 20:08 U. Mass Alumni
J.Probolus

Champ 4x

23rd 18:22 UBC, Hughes,
McKiernan,
Wagner, Dash,
Needham

women

3rd 19:02 Frankfurter,
L.Donohue/
J.Schausten

Collegiate 8

1st 15:18 Hobart Coll
G.Loring

Masters 8

4th 16:18 Occoquan
B.Hallstrom
5th 16:27 1980 Rowing Club
C.Clapp
12th 17:44 Rude & Smooth
O.Scholle
32nd 18:17 Alter Achte
G.Clapp
43rd 20:08 Wesleyan
J.Hughes

Champ 8

14th 15:29 Yale C.Dietz
women
32nd 18:17 Navy C.Reppert

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Squash News

Mark Lewis

This summer saw plenty of action from the UBC die hard squashers. The usual suspects of Hindermann, Fiscoeder, Forbes, Griggs, Reinhart, Ladd, and McCray, to name a few, played often. Some of the loyal few even competed in the rejuvenated state summer league. The UBC fielded a team captained by Kimo Griggs and finished in a respectable 4th place.

The summer wound down with the 4th annual Summer Doldrums tournament which saw 35 competitors vie for top honors in 4 divisions. The UBC was well represented in all four draws: Michael Pierce won the **Ds**; John Hemenway won the **C** consolations; Jonathan Kelly was runner-up in the **B** draw; and Tyler Hindermann won the **A** consolations.

As always, the UBC will be

hosting the Summers Cup the first weekend in December. The event will run in conjunction with a tournament at the University Club. The University Club will host the **A**, **C**, **D** and Women's draws.

Next up for UBC squash players is the weekly clinic on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:00 P.M. and state league play which began in October. State league captains are: **A** team—Patrick Fiscoeder and Tyler Hindermann; **B** team—David Driscoll and Nate Reinhart; **C** team—John Jennings and Spencer Macalaster; **D** team—Tim O'Brien.

If you have any questions or want to book a lesson contact Squash Professional Mark Lewis at 617-720-2252 or via email at lewmark1@mindspring.com. ■

Important Date:

• **Annual Meeting—**

Thursday, December 5th, 144 Chestnut St.,
5:30 PM.

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Tideway crushed all of the competition they met including perennial power Leander in the event's final.

The Union members had a fine time in England enjoying not only the company of their fellow English oarsmen but also some familiar UBCers who crossed the Pond for the occasion—Cap Kane, Spike Lingel, and Bob Loring. The Henley group extends their sincerest thanks to all those whose hard work and generosity made the trip possible. Special thanks to Dr. Ed Wood for arranging tickets to a memorable High Tea at Leander and Henley Steward and Union member Angus Robertson for his counsel and efforts on our behalf. Union has an outstanding tradition at Henley Royal Regatta and we hope other young oarsmen and women will continue to hold a trip to “The Regatta” as a goal. ■