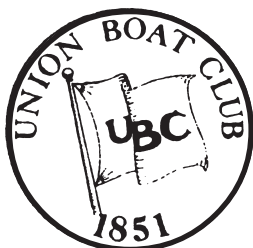


THE PUDDLE



Newsletter of the Union Boat Club of Boston

Summer 2007

Members' Generosity



Collective Contributions of Over \$80,000

The dock at Commissioner's Landing West in front of Union Boat Club's boathouse was demolished in mid-June. A new dock will be constructed later this year. Union rowers are launching and landing from Governor's Landing during construction.

Many thanks to more than one hundred UBC members who have collectively contributed over \$80,000 to The Esplanade Association in support of the boat haven dock

project. These gifts are in response to a matching grant of \$200,000 by The Solomon Fund. While the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is paying for most of the docks and landings restoration project, the Department of Conservation and Recreation has requested private support of \$400,000 through The Esplanade Association www.esplanadeassociation.org

If you would like to join your fellow members in support of the dock restoration project, please send your tax-deductible contribution payable to The Esplanade Association to

Jane Hester at Union Boat Club, 144 Chestnut Street Boston, MA 02108. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Gene Clapp at 617-227-3111 or geneclapp@pimboston.com ■



PUDDLE EDITOR AND WRITERS NEEDED

Your erstwhile editor of the past few years is trading in a pen for an oar and is looking for contributors to keep this fine publication going. It was VERY clear from our survey how much The Puddle is enjoyed and how important it is to the club.

Please let Charlie Clapp know if you are interested in helping out: 617-357-9110 or cec@howlandcapital.com ■

President's Letter

The executive committee has been very busy this past quarter with progress and improvements being a priority. I am happy to announce that the club hours have been expanded. Monday through Friday the club will open at 5:30 a.m. Court play is extended until 9:00 p.m. and members should exit the club no later than 9:30 p.m. Weekend hours 5:30 a.m. but closes at the original hour of 8:30 p.m. We ask each member to be respectful to Colin Leitch's efforts to keep the clubhouse tidy and to properly discard any towels and not stay beyond the new hours.

Some of you may not be aware that through Preston Quick's efforts, we have created an online court sign up. No matter what level of play, you are now able to visit the club's website at www.unionboatclub.org and find a game.

Our new social chair Jamie McIntyre continues to keep the club's agenda buzzing. Our first annual Christmas party, the thirsty paddle ping pong tournament were great successes. The new member's cocktail party was June 14th and the Chicken Dinner is August 2nd. We hope to see you there.

The club's finances remain sound. A key component of our financial health is membership. I ask each of you to keep an eye out for new candidates. Additionally, we retired \$25,000 of our long term debt in April under

Brent Shay's steady guidance. The ground floor committee continues to evaluate the long term uses of this area. We are looking at several possibilities including a doubles court, exercise and social areas. We will continue to keep membership apprised of our progress and recommendations.

On another matter, I would like to remind all members that they and their guests are not permitted to use cell phones in the clubhouse other than the telephone closet on the second floor. We truly hope to avoid issuing fines like other clubs, and hope that each member will be courteous to others and comply with this important rule.

I was saddened to hear recently that there was a theft at the club. While this is so uncommon at UBC, and runs counter to what this club stands for, I must make you aware, and ask each of you to be careful with your belongings, and to keep an eye out for any unusual behavior.

Best wishes to you and your families, and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Sincerely,
Bill Motley, President ■

UBC at the Boat Race:

Adam Kosmicki, who sculled at Tom's summer camp several summers ago, raced for Oxford in the "Boat Race" this past Spring—Congrats Adam!

2007 CHERRYPHARM TOUR

The 2007 CHERRYPHARM TOUR (US National Team Trials) was hosted by the Union Boat Club & The Harvard Club of Boston.

Numerous events were played before great crowds including:

@ Union Boat Club

- Preston Quick vs. Julian Illingworth

@ Harvard Club

Battle of the Sexes

- Jamie Crombie vs. Latasha Khan
- Preston Quick vs. Damian Walker

Thank you to the many sponsors who made this possible- it was a great event for our club and its members to be able to be a visible member of the squash community in Boston:

<i>Giles McNamee</i>	<i>Vinny Esposito</i>
<i>Archie McIntyre</i>	<i>Jamie McIntyre</i>
<i>Mike McElroy</i>	<i>Kimo Griggs</i>
<i>Tom Gilbane</i>	<i>Philip Constable</i>
<i>Rob Gray</i>	<i>Patrick Fiscoeder</i>
<i>Mal Salter</i>	<i>Jerry Anderson</i>
<i>Steve Glick</i>	<i>Charlie Forbes</i>
<i>Robert Loring</i>	<i>Chris Fox</i>
<i>Philip Laird</i>	<i>Chip Elfner</i>
<i>John Hemenway</i>	<i>Mike Keating</i>
<i>Ralph Marto</i>	<i>Bob Littlehale</i>
<i>John Lannon</i>	<i>Jim Luchars</i>
<i>Bill Boardman</i>	<i>Tyler Hindermann</i>
<i>Jothie Karthigasan</i>	<i>Dean Bauer</i>
<i>Tom Quinn</i>	<i>Alex McFerran</i>
<i>Josh Greenhill</i>	<i>Gus Phelps</i>
<i>Jon Smith</i>	

IRAQ Rowing— 1st Annual Green Zone Indoor Rowing Regatta

John Macuga, UBC

Passing along the results of the 1st Annual Green Zone Indoor Rowing Regatta held in Baghdad. Due to serious security concerns, the regatta was moved indoors off the Tigris (locals tell us the outside lane on the Tigris is slower than the one on Quinsig). Bob Reichart of Trinity College fame organized the regatta for us here at the gym near the US Embassy. Had a pretty good showing considering the location with several former collegiate oarsmen and women participating. C2 helped us out by sending new toe-straps for the ergs and indoor rowing competition instructions.

Men Open/Masters

- **1st** Graham McGhie M
06:49.1 GBR Highlanders
- **2nd** JohnMacuga M29
06:50.8 Army USA
UMASS/Union BC
- **3rd** Brandt Sword M28
07:04.3 Navy USA
USNA Alum
- **4th** PhillipeAccilien M37
07:37.7 USA
- **5th** MatthewKerr M29
08:04.9 Army USA

Winter Rowing

It was an eventful winter on the erg for UBC, as we had a number of people compete at the CRASH-B indoor rowing championships, and some very solid times were posted.

One of the most impressive was Mike Cataldo's spectacular time of 6:19.3 in the Masters Hwy(40-49) division—posted the week before at the St. Valentine's Day massacre, an official satellite regatta of Crash-B's at NYAC. Incidentally, he posted the 2nd fastest time in the entire race, in addition to winning his category, officially starting UBC off on the right foot...

We also had great results from some of younger members who are still in school, highlighted by Garrett Kirk and Nick Baker, who finished 17th and 26th overall. Full results are below, and well rowed:

Open Men

- Garret Kirk—6:07.4
17th place
- Nick Baker—6:11.1
26th place

*ubc summer alum Patrick Sullivan placed 10th with a 6:03.8

Open Women

- Jen Wawrzonek—7:14.6
28th Place

Master's Hwy Men

- James Besser—6:26.8
12th Place

*UBC summer alum Sloan Duross placed 2nd with a 6:00.0

Senior Hwy Men

- Dan Delvecchio—6:43.1
19th Place

Veteran Hwy Men(55-59)

- Bill Baker—7:17.9
15th Place

Veteran Hwy Men(60-64)

- Jeff Dawson—7:56.1
20th Place

Veteran Lwt Men(60-64)

- Donald Besser—7:20.0
3rd Place

Veteran Hwt Men(65-69)

- David Crosby—8:01.7
7th Place



Strength Training

Now's your chance to improve your strength and overall performance by signing up for either group or individual strength training at the Boat Club. Tom Bohrer, two-time Olympic silver medalist, UBC rowing coach, and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist is scheduling sessions accommodating morning, lunch, and evening schedules.

Tom will assess your current condition, work with you to establish goals and create a strength training road map that will meet your needs and enable you to reach your goals.

If you are interested in scheduling an individual session with Tom, joining a group, or simply finding out more about the programs, please email Tom at tom@tbfit.com ■ .

Gov Keyes— Indoor Rowing championship

First, a special thanks to all of those who participated in and helped to organize the 2007 Gov Keyes ergometer race. This year, 30 people chose to brave the approaching weather and the approach of Valentine's Day to pull a 500 meter piece—a test of strength, skill, and a dash of stamina (but only a dash.) This represents a 15-fold increase from last year. Next year, we hope to do even better!

With the new format, age handicaps, and approximately double the number of people we were originally expecting, we have added some new rules on the fly to encourage participation. The most significant of note is that you can only win one individual category (i.e. the same person cannot win both the age handicapped and the open race for male rowers).

The following details everyone's finish, in both seconds and adjusted seconds for age:

Open Men's Rower

- J. Besser—1:21.6

Age Handicap Men's Rower

- Dan Debonis—1:22(adjstd)

Open Men's Non-Rower

- A.Hanser—1:36.0

Age Handicap Men's Non-Rower

J. Hemenway—1:34.35(adjstd)



*Jamie McIntyre winning a new category—
"courage in the face of never having been on an ergometer before."*

Open Women's Rower

- K. Brien—1:38.1

Age Handicap Women's Rower

- T. Dolan—1:41.8(adjstd)

Open Relay

- K. O'Brien, S. Mckiernan,
C. Hein—5:09.5

Handicap Relay

- M. Parker, R. Mannino,
P. Chang—5:34.4

We considered adding a "might not have rowed in 5 years" category which would have been won by Matt Emans. This is under consideration.

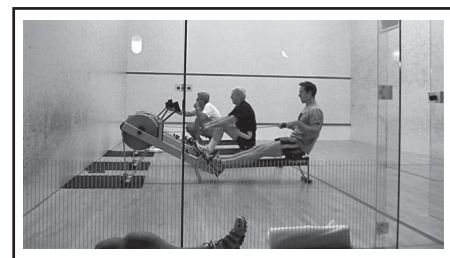
Another category might have been "courage in the face of never having been on an ergometer before." This will be an official category next year, and Jamie McIntyre will receive his honorable mention at that point.

The infamous yellow plastic handled wire brushes were presented to the winners, while everyone enjoyed beer, pretzels,

and popcorn after the row.

Thanks to all involved for making it a great event.

Glad to be back on the water! ■



Racers getting ready with a warm-up



*Race Co-coordinator Jeb Besser
explaining the rules*

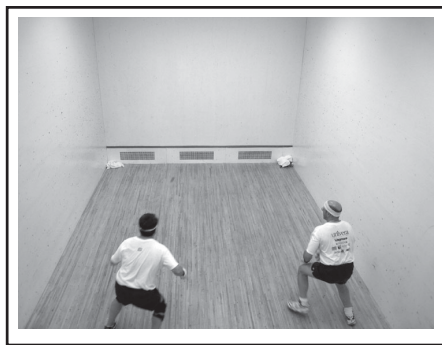
Fives Update and Notes

Rugby Fives at the UBC made a strong comeback in 2006-2007. The '06-'07 Fives season was a resounding success culminating in a twenty-strong Draw for the Club Championship in early May. Special thanks is extended to UBC Squash professional (and aspiring Fives player) Preston Quick for his help with organizing the Fives ladder and tournament and for finding a place for Fives on the UBC web site at www.unionboatclub.org. Fives players are actively using the web site for arranging friendly and challenge matches, posting game photos and researching the sport's rich history.

After a brief hiatus of 3-4 years, UBC Fives players have begun to generate more interest around the Club in the great sport of Rugby Fives, which has been played for several centuries at elite colleges across Great Britain and locally at the Groton and St. Mark's schools. Stalwart UBC Fives players Spike Lingel, Bill Motley and Chip Elfner have established Monday and Wednesday nights as "Fives Round Robin" nights, where experienced and beginning players alike are encouraged to put on the gloves. Spike Lingel is credited with teaching several players the subtleties of the game and also deserves credit for making frequent trips across the pond to secure new Fives equipment for prospective players.

With President Motley's endorsement the decision was made to hold the first UBC

Fives Club Championship since c. 2001 when Matt Iler was crowned Champion. In the top semifinal we saw two seeded players, #1 Charlie Devens III and #4 Nick Elfner play. Elfner pulled out a 21-15 victory in a hard-fought match for a spot in the finals. The bottom half saw #2 seed Bill Motley prevail 21-17 over #5 seed John Hartley in a grueling match. In the final Nick Elfner defeated Bill Motley by a score of 21-15. The finals match was a thriller with a full gallery in attendance. The first Gardiner-Norwood Trophy was presented to the Champion at the Fives dinner.



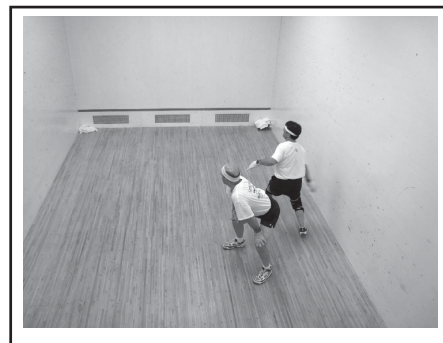
Nick Elfner vs. Bill Motley

Two weeks following the UBC Annual Dinner, the Fives dinner was held at the Tavern Club in Boston with sixteen UBC members in attendance. Special thanks to Maxwell Turner and Rick Cleveland for securing the location and the libations, respectively. After dinner, several long-time UBC Fives players entertained the attendants with stories of past players and annual Fives dinners that have been held throughout the years. Charlie Devens, Jr. spoke of how he was introduced to the game while attending Groton and

reminded us of Fives' rich history in New England and around the World. Attendants also learned that some form of Fives was played by the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Romans and in England medieval peasants played a form of fives against their local chapel walls.

The future for Fives at the UBC appears bright with 2006-2007 being a clear turning point for the sport at the club. With Preston's aid, John Hartley and his wife designed new UBC Fives jerseys (available at the Pro Shop) and we are in the planning process for a fall 2007 Cup tentatively named the Turner-Devens Cup.

We expect to field thirty members for the Club Championship in 2008 and to take a smaller group to the U.K. in Summer 2008 to compete in the World Rugby Fives Championships. Preston will be ordering more Fives gloves in the near future (get your order in!) and is working to ensure the UBC is a member in good standing of the Rugby Fives Association in order to attract occasional visitors from Great Britain for a competitive Fives match at our club. ■



Nick Elfner vs. Bill Motley

New Members Cocktail Party



Teak and Chuck Hewitt, new member Colby Hewitt and Jen Paulson, Steve and Vee Brooks, Bill Becklean

New Members Cocktail Party was held on Thursday, June 14th at the Boathouse from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The usual sultry weather was replaced by cool but pleasant weather as we played host to our new members of the last year all of whom are listed below. It is clear that our club is vibrant and thriving—please welcome these new members and continue to sponsor those whom you feel will add to Union Boat Club:

David P. Anderson

Richard D. Batchelder, Jr.

Taylor R. Bottomley

Charles A. Brizius, III

Matthew C. Burr

Joseph E. Casey

Tyler E. Chapman

Lawrence H. Curtis

Jeremiah M. Daly, II

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Kathleen M. Taradash

Charles P. Treacy

Alexander Whitemore, III

Bradway G. Widing

David S. Willis

Kinloch N. Yellott, IV



Jeb and Jenny Besser, Joy Stark-Vancs, Chris Ward and Jennifer Sacheck-Ward, John Besser



Jane Hester and Ken Pinola

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Important Dates:

- **Annual Chicken Dinner**
Thursday, August 2nd
- **Squash Season Kick-Off Party**
September (Exhibition Match) TBD
- **UBC Golf Outing, National**
Wednesday, October 10th
Thursday, October 11th
- **Head of the Charles Party**
Sunday, October 21st
- **Turkey Shoot—Timberdoodle Lodge**
November TBD

Details and exact times available on our website
www.unionboatclub.org

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