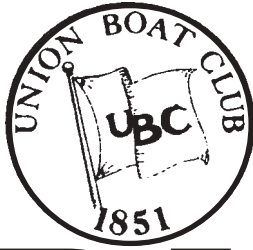


THE PUDDLE



Newsletter of the Union Boat Club of Boston

Fall 1999

Union Rowing Back in National Limelight

Major Victories Abound

Under coach John Riley's tutelage Union oarsmen and women had their strongest competitive season in recent memory. The results speak for themselves and it's safe to say that coach Riley and his pre-elite rowers have brought Union's rowing back into the national limelight.

Where to begin? Starting with the Pan American games, lightweight sculler Bill Belden won the gold medal for the U.S. and for U.B.C. He went on to compete at the World Championships where he finished a very respectable 5th place in the *B* finals. Fellow member and lightweight sculler Aleks Zosuls had major victories at the U.S. Rowing Club championships and Canadian Henley. In addition to his single scull gold medal, Aleks teamed with Jeff Marois for a win in the senior lightweight double.

History was made for the club when the Women's duo of Cindy Bishop and Catherine Numblet had gold medal performances in

the Women's senior double at both competitions. They teamed with Cathy Salomone and Karen Chenausky to take silver medals in the Quadruple sculls as well. Likewise Marois and Zosuls paired with John Bass and Jeff Anchukaitis for victory in the lightweight quad in Canada after silver at the U.S.R.C.'s. Union had set the stage for the impressive result by strong showings at local regattas in the late spring and early summer.

At the Riverside Sprints Salomone and the double of Lloyd Dahmen and Neils Petite Blair won their respective races. At Narragansett Sweeps and Sculls, the familiar names of Marois, Zosuls and Salomone produced four U.B.C. victories. Union Scullers increased their trips to the winners stand to seven, with Sonia Witte's come from behind win the highlight of the day.

Finally, the Cromwell Cup at Riverside saw coach Riley's crews dominate the medals take with 21, including eight first place gold. Several finals were all Union rowers, leading the announcer to exclaim that yet again it is Union

Boat club in first!

Plenty of racing remains with the approach of the fall Head races. Union has 41 competitors in the Head of the Charles so coach Riley can hopefully look forward to more strong showings throughout the fall. Well done John and Union!

The 148th Annual Dinner

More than 130 members and guests enjoyed an evening of good fellowship, food and entertainment at UBC's 148th Annual Dinner, held at the Harvard Club in May.

As always, the recognition of the finalists and winners of this year's squash tournaments preceded the main event of eating, drinking, and singing with good friends. Helping us with the club anthem were the *Din & Tonics* from Harvard College, whose harmonic renditions of a wide range of popular songs from the last four decades ended the evening on an up beat. Thanks to vice president Archie McIntyre for a most enjoyable event. (Photos on page 3)

President's Message

September is here, the club is awakening from its summer doldrums and the membership is winding down its collective vacation mode. Much has happened around the club during the summer months, most especially on the rowing side of the river. To be accurate, the action for our oarsmen and women has been on many rivers and lakes in this country and beyond. The considerable successes of coach John Riley and his crews are covered in more detail in the rowing article in this edition of the Puddle. Squash correspondent Tim Nash says that summer is the quiet season for activity on the courts but it should be noted that Mark Lewis had the best victory of his career over 1997 world champion Rodney Eyles at the Hyder Cup in New York City in May.

At 144 Chestnut we hope to soon be implementing some oft requested changes and additions to the equipment in the gymnasium. Look for the new Universal machines to arrive in October. Coaches Lewis and Riley gave considerable thought as to what weight lifting regimens would best suit the fitness needs of the membership and the new equipment should reflect their recommendations.

We had a very active and successful social season following the annual dinner. The new members cocktail party was a sellout affair that probably tested the limits of our boathouse balcony. Victoria Reeders and Terry Maher hosted two well-attended casual cookouts in May and July after a day of racing at Riverside Boat club. In early August we had the world renowned Chicken Dinner with a

record setting 130 people enjoying the good food and delightful weather. And speaking of good parties, it is never too early to plan for a proper celebration, which is what we hope to have for the club's 150th anniversary in May of 2001. The executive committee will need some additional help pulling together an event worthy of the occasion and solicits input, advice and assistance from all of the membership.

As you'll glean from this edition of The Puddle, the club had a great summer. I hope you did as well.

Cap Kane,
President

Letters to the Editor

The following letter was written to David Crosby by Rob Wettach. It is included here as another fond remembrance of Tom Crosby.

David,

It was cold and blustery when I made it into Union before six in the morning earlier this winter. As I walked up the steps in the pitch dark, there was something that drew me to the bulletin board. I dreaded this day, and after talking with you at the rowing dinner, I realized that it may be coming soon.

I had also hoped Willard Scott would have Tom's picture on the Today show celebrating his 100th birthday. Unfortunately, that will not be the case.

Union Boat Club will miss Tom. He was part of the tradition that draws us all together. I will always remember his Executive Dinner jokes. Remember the one about

his dog named 'Sex' and then the one where Johnny asks his Grandpa to make a sound like a frog, so Johnny can go to Disneyland when his Grandfather 'croaks'. We will never forget that Tom liked his rowing, since he was able to get his exercise while sitting down.

Tom's old beat up leather bottomed rowing shorts have long since disintegrated. The old wooden boats are now made of fiberglass, but we all enjoy the river as much as Tom did when he joined, 71 years ago, in 1928.

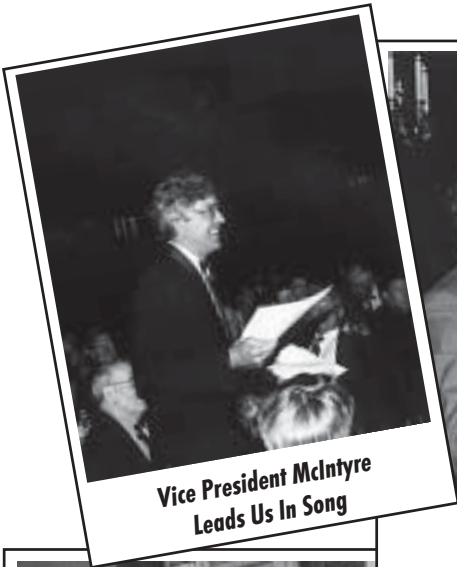
The tradition of the Union Boat Club is what keeps us all coming back. At my first UBC-UBC, almost twenty years ago, I could not understand what the big deal was about the old Octopedes and the Albatross. I quickly understood as the day unfolded.

I remember how excited you were, when your dad and son rowed by the dock, in the old double. I expect it was from the memories you have, from the times you sculled with your dad. There was even more glee in your eyes at the last UBC-UBC, when you took your ninety-six year-old father for his last row in the Albatross. I was honored to continue in the tradition that day and proud to take my six year old son in that same marvelous boat. I could only hope that my son Josh be half as interested in rowing as your son is today.

We will miss Tom, but rest assured his legacy at Union will never die.

**"Power 10
Let it fly, and down."**

The 148th Annual Dinner



Vice President McIntyre Leads Us In Song



The Old Guard Sings The Club Anthem
L-R: Peter Baptiste, Joe Freeman, Max Turner



Still Singing On Key
50 Year Member Bob Niles



The Victors In The Club Tournaments
L-R: Gordon Cromwell **B**, Russ Mucklow **A**, Matt Iler **D**, Jon Kelly **C**



The Runners-Up
L-R: Steve Akers, Dave Campbell, Phin White, Tyler Hindermann



The Din & Tonics Entertain



50 Year Members Enjoy The Show
Tom Townsend (center) Bob Niles (on right)

Pre-elite Oarsmen and Women

The following letter was sent to all of the pre-elites in recognition of their many accomplishments this summer.

Thank you for all of your letters regarding the summer pre-elite rowing program. It is gratifying, though not surprising, to hear that it was a uniformly positive experience for all of you.

When John Riley first proposed the idea of a pre-elite program at Union, the response of the club was very positive but with three very distinct goals in mind. We hoped and expected that the athletes John selected would mix well with the club and our membership. We hoped and expected that each of you would be respectful of the equipment, facilities, and traditions of the club. And finally, we hoped and expected that each of you would train and compete to the best of your abilities and that you would reflect well upon Union at regattas regardless of the results.

Everything I have seen and heard this summer tells me that you have exceeded our goals in every instance. Not all of you were able to go to the medals stand at the U.S. Rowing Club Championships or Royal Canadian Henley but your collective support of each other helped your program and Coach Riley win a record Number of gold, bronze, and silver medals at both competitions. It is an accomplishment that both you and the club can be proud of. Thank you for your hard work and success.

Hopefully, all of you will continue to train and compete at a higher level with the skills and experience that you learned from John this summer. Please accept my best wishes on behalf of the club for your future successes, on and off the race-course.

*Sincerely,
Charles F. Kane Jr.,
President*

Results Summary

Riverside Sprints:

2 first place finishes in Women's Ltw 1x

Narragansett Sweeps and Sculls:

4 first place finishes in Men's intermediate 1x, Men's Ltw 1x, Men's 2x, Mixed 2x

Derby Sweeps and Sculls:

7 first place finishes including Men's Master 1x (John Moss), Mixed 2x, Open 1x (Keith Alber) Open 4x, Women's Open 1x (Cindy Bishop), Women's Master 1x, (Sonia Witte), Open 2x

Cromwell Cup:

8 First place finishes including Men's Novice 1x (Tom Schumaker), Women's Open 2x, Men's Ltw 1x (Jeff Anchukaitis), Women's Open 1x (Cindy Bishop), Men's 'A' Master 1x (John Moss), Mixed 2x, Men's Veteran 1x (Tony Philippi), Men's Intermediate 1x (Sam Batchelor)

U.S. Rowing Club Championships:

4 Gold Medals including Men's Ltw 1x (Aleks Zosuls) Women's Intermediate 2x, Men's Ltw 2x, Women's Intermediate 1x (Catherine Humblet). Also 6 silver and 3 bronzes

Royal Canadian Henley:

3 gold Medals including Men's Intermediate Ltw 1x (Aleks Zosuls), Women's Senior 2x, Men's Intermediate 4x (These are the first gold medals to be won at Canadian Henley by Union since the early 1970's.

NOTE:

UBC will be hosting a CPR course on a Saturday morning during the early part of November. The course will include training in the Heimlich Maneuver. There is a sign-up sheet posted at the club if you are at all interested.



1999 Royal Canadian Henley W SEN 2X
UBC GOLD L-R: Cindy Bishop, Catherine Humblet



1999 Pan American Games
UBC GOLD—Bill Belden

photo by D. Rosenblatt, IRN



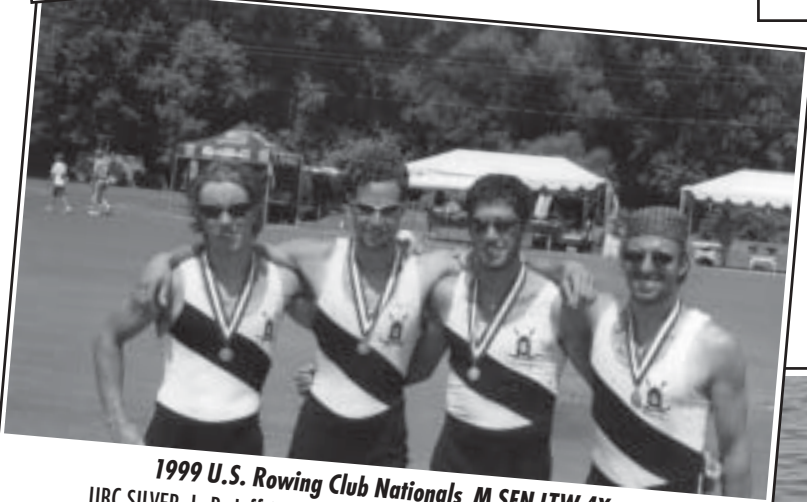
1999 Royal Canadian Henley M INT LTW 4X
UBC GOLD L-R: Aleks Zosuls, Jeff Marois,
Coach John Riley, John Bass, Jeff Anchukaitis



1999 UBC Pre-Elites



1999 U.S. Rowing Club Nationals M SEN LTW 1X
UBC Gold—Aleks Zosuls



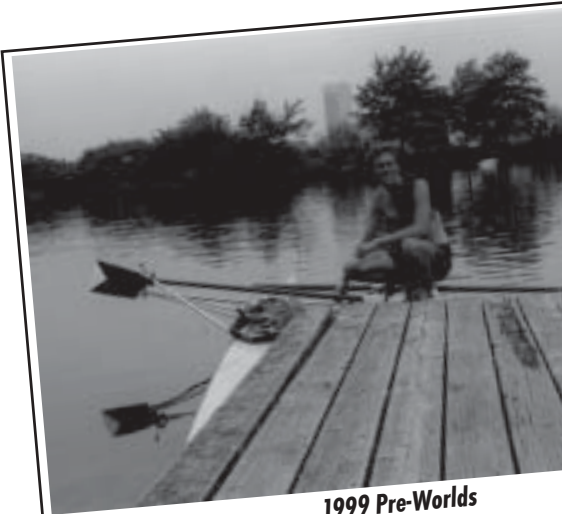
1999 U.S. Rowing Club Nationals M SEN LTW 4X
UBC SILVER L-R: Jeff Anchukaitis, John Bass, Jeff Marois, Aleks Zosuls,



1999 Royal Canadian Henley M INT LT 1X
UBC GOLD—Aleks Zosuls



1999 U.S. Rowing Club Nationals W INT 2X
UBC GOLD L-R: Cindy Bishop, Catherine Humblet



1999 Pre-Worlds
UBC's Bill Belden



1999 U.S. Rowing Club Nationals W SEN 4X
UBC SILVER L-R: Catherine Salomone, Cindy Bishop, Catherine Humblet, Karen Chenausky

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Squash at UBC

Even though the amount of squash played drops off in the summer, there were still a number of enthusiasts who continued to play and work on their games. On the last weekend of August The Club hosted the second annual Summer Doldrums Squash Tournament. It is open to members and non-members and this year we had six members competing in a field of 46 entrants. Individuals travelled from as far away as England, Washington, DC and Burlington, VT to play in the event. The UBC squashers held up well to the outside competition. Todd Vandam won the **D** draw. Other notable UBC performances included Tyler Hindermann, a semi-finalist in the **A** draw, Tim Nash, a **C** draw semi-finalist and Barry Hinckley, also a **C** draw

semi-finalist.

To continue the enthusiasm left after the Summer Doldrums and kick off the season, there will be an exhibition between UBC pro Mark Lewis and Harvard Club pro and former world top 20 Angus Kirkland on Thursday October 21 at 7:30 P.M. This event is a members only event. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening. State League play will start November 1st. Open ladder challenges will begin the week of September 20th. See squash information board about challenge ladder rules.

A few weeks after the State League season begins Boston and the Harvard Club will be host to the 1999 S.G. Cowan U.S. Open Squash Tournament. Some of the world's best players will be here for a week of world class squash. For tickets, contact

Angus Kirkland at 617-536-1260.

After an inspirational week of world class squash The UBC will be host to the 25th Annual Summers Cup squash tournament. Like the Summer Doldrums, outside players are invited to compete. This year instead of offering competition for **B** players only, the tournament will also have an event for players 50+ years old.

As always squash professional Mark Lewis offers a free clinic to new members and beginners every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

If you have any questions about squash at The Union Boat Club, contact squash professional Mark Lewis at 617-720-2252 or e-mail at lewmark1@mindspring.com

Sincerely,
Mark Lewis