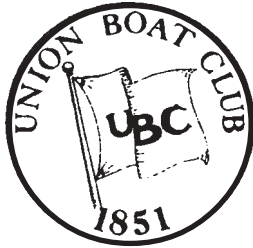


THE PUDDLE



Newsletter of the Union Boat Club of Boston

Spring 1999



Countdown to Sydney

UBC's Olympic Effort

If you have been in the club early in the mornings or mid-afternoons, you may have noticed three extraordinarily fit young men amongst the usual cadre of age "40 plussers" lifting weights or spinning the erg. Long after everyone else has headed for the shower, they are grunting through another set of leg presses or 2000 meters on the ergometer.

Week after week, month after month, these twice daily workouts have been the primary focus of UBC members Josh Crosby, Bill Belden and Marcus Dahloff. Crosby and Belden are vying for the chance to represent the U.S. in the lightweight double sculls and Dahloff is hoping to make the squad of his native Sweden. All three oarsmen are taking advantage of the experience and coaching expertise of John Riley, himself a three time Olympian.

Any bid to make an Olympic team is replete with a monumental amount of physical work and sacrifices in one's personal and

professional lives. The outcome of all that work is far from certain but all three oarsmen have a realistic chance to make their respective squads.

As their training intensifies and the trials draw near, they will need our encouragement and support. For more information about how you can help, please contact the club office. Keep up the good work Josh, Bill and Marcus! ■

Do You Love the Charles?

Kelly McClintock

President and Board Chairman,
Charles River Watershed Association

Doug Foy

President and CEO,
Conservation Law Foundation

Though we may occasionally curse the Charles for being crowded or rough, we don't often think about whether the river is cleaner this year than last. We are rowers, or runners, or bikers. We think about weather conditions,

and whether we can fit exercise into our day.

Let us give you a different perspective on the Charles. Water quality in the Lower Basin is now safe enough for boating 83% of the time—a dramatic improvement over 1995 when it was safe only 39% of the time. And it will get better: Over the next several years the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority is committed to dramatically reducing sewage discharges.

A restored Charles is very much within our grasp, and that is great news for those of us who value our time on or next to the river. The Club has given us this space in the Puddle because you may want to be part of the Charles' success story—not just a beneficiary. We are both long-time Boat Club members, and want to offer you the opportunity to support our two non-profit groups we think are making headway on the Charles.

Here's what's happening:

Two serious problems

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A Tribute to "Tim" Clark and Tom Crosby

This winter has seen the passing of four of our longest standing members. Forrester "Tim" Clark, Thomas Crosby, Henry Howes and William Shearer collectively had 279 years of continuous club membership between them. Clark and Crosby in particular were



"Tim" Clark

legends at Union and in Boston's athletic and business circles.

"Tim" Clark joined the club in 1925, after a distinguished athletic career at Harvard. He was an All-American in football and was elected to Harvard's athletic Hall of Fame. Post graduation, he represented the U.S. as an Olympic oarsman. His business career was no less accomplished as he started numerous successful enterprises in Boston, H.C. Wainwright and Clark and White among them. He was president of Union from 1936 to 1939 and back in the Depression he and some fellow members started the endowment fund with the sum of \$1000.00. He would be pleased to know that today the fund has a value of close to \$600,000.00.



Tom Crosby

Tom Crosby came to Union in 1928 and according to his son David, the club became a central pillar in Tom's life. He credited his hours spent at the club and on the river as the antidote for the pressures associated with a successful career. He pursued rowing with a passion and became one the sport's strongest advocates at the club and the environs of the Charles River.

Tom rowed in the first Head of the Charles regatta and every subsequent HOC until his 92nd birthday. At age 94 he had his knees replaced so he could get back to competitive rowing and for several years he held the world record on the ergometer in the 90+ age category.

Son David and grandson Josh have followed in his footsteps with successful rowing careers of their own. Tom always attributed his longevity to the fact that he always "took his exercise sitting down".

The Crosby family has established a memorial fund in Tom's name at the National Rowing Foundation to support rowing at the Union Boat Club. Tax deductible contributions can be made c/o The National Rowing Foundation—Union Boat Club, P.O.Box 10, Newington, VA 22122 ■

Letters to the Editor

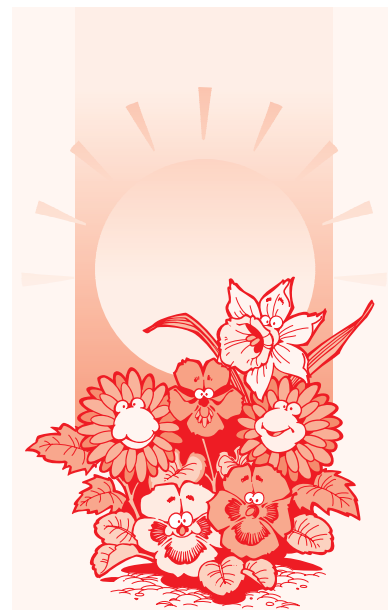
November 6, 1998

I just wanted to say I was pleased to see how well all the UBC rowers did at the Head of the Charles. I also wanted to update everyone about my goings on.

I am currently captain of Exeter College Boat Club (Oxford). Under my captaincy we went to Henley Royal Regatta this past summer and made it to the third round, losing to Imperial, the eventual winners. I am currently trialling for Univ. lightweights as well.

Please give my regards to all the morning rowers and please tell anyone visiting England over the next year to look me up and maybe come to Oxford for a "cheeky" row.

*All the best,
Peter Catalino*



President's Message (and random thoughts)

Early Spring is a relatively quiet time at the club. Squash is winding down and the rowers are just getting over to the boathouse. There really isn't much news around the clubhouse. We have two new "spinning" cycles that have been well utilized by the members and Ken Pinola, our new custodian, is keeping the place shipshape and "Bristol fashion".

Our membership ranks remain steady and Charlie Forbes and his membership committee stand ready to help proposers and their candidates with the membership process. If you have a good candidate, please give Charlie a call.

Speaking of members, if anyone knows the whereabouts of Jim Hackett or Ian King, could you please give Jane a call at the club office. So that we don't lose track of any other members, our 1999 directory should become available during the month of May.

On the Squash front, we are hosting the finals of the State Championships Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, from noon to 4:00 P.M. Please come by and watch some of the best squash in the state being played on our courts.

Union rowers seem to be appearing more frequently as models in national catalogs than as rowers on the Charles these days. First John Riley and now Josh Crosby have graced the pages of the J. Crew catalog. It must be the beneficial result of the "pursuit of manly sport" at Union Boat Club.

*Happy Spring,
Cap Kane*

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continue to afflict the Charles. Storm water runoff remains the primary source of river contamination. And threats to river flow levels increase as communities along the upper reaches of the river expand and draw more water from sources feeding the Charles.

Here's what needs to be done:

The final steps to ensuring that the Charles is fully recovered from decades of abuse require integrated, innovative approaches to storm water and water supply management. We need state and local policies that address complex interactions in the entire watershed before the river's long-term health can be guaranteed.

Here's who's working on it:

Our two local environmental organizations, the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) and the Conservation Law foundation (CLF), are pressing for sustainable solutions to water quality problems. In complementary roles, our groups utilize the complete tool kit for defending water resources and changing policies that inhibit holistic watershed management. CRWA and CLF mobilize grassroots activists, provide science-based analysis and technical assistance for decision makers, change approaches to regulation, and take legal action when all else fails.

Resources are needed to continue this work. CRWA and CLF are hoping those who love and use the river will help revitalize the Charles. Our two organizations are offering a joint membership for our mutual support. For more

information about both our organizations and the joint membership, please contact:

Kris Finn at CRWA
2391 Commonwealth Avenue
Auburndale, MA 02466
617-965-5975

or

Carol Dane at CLF
62 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02110
617-350-0990 ■

International Courts Paying Off All Teams Performing Well Overall

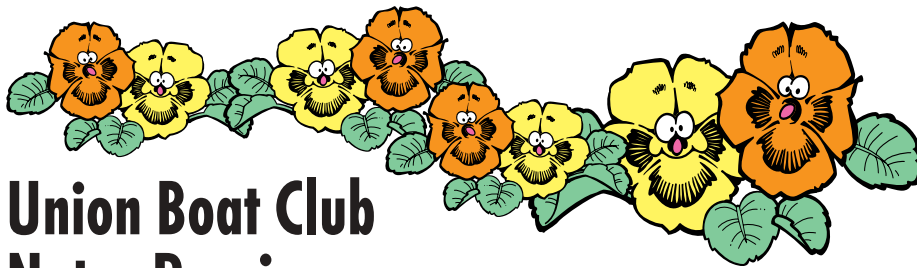
The A Team Gunning for the Lead:

The **A Team** is currently ranked #4 out of a field of 11 competitors in the League. At time of publication, the team had registered 46 individual match wins and 22 match losses. As a team, that translates into 10 wins and 7 losses, reinforcing the fact that there is a fairly competitive group of teams fighting for places 5 through 8. The league leaders the UBC must beat are currently The University Club, Concord-Acton, and the Boston Sports Club. Provided that injuries are kept at bay, the outlook is bright for the team led by Tyler Hindermann, Philip Constable, Patrick Fiscoeder and Chris Lutes. The team's bench strength consists of Russ Mucklow, Sandy Pegram, Chris Fox and Dave Winship.

B Team Competitive:

When armed with our strongest players on the court

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Union Boat Club Notes Receive Strong Support

As the final step in financing the extensive club house renovations, including the new squash courts, Union Boat Club has offered notes to its members who reside in Massachusetts. The Union Boat Club promissory notes have a five year term. The interest rate is 6.0% on amounts up to \$10,000 and 7.0% on amounts of \$10,000 or more.

The Union Boat Club notes offering has received strong support from the membership. Over thirty members have subscribed for \$409,500 of notes in denominations ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000. This will refinance the entire variable rate portion of the mortgage held by

Brookline Savings Bank.

Any questions or inquiries may be directed to:

Eugene Clapp, Treasurer
144 Chestnut Street
Boston, MA 02109 ■

Dates & Information:

■ From Squash Pro, Mark Lewis:

- Club Finals Night is May 6th 6:00 P.M.
- Mass. State Championships Sat. & Sun., May 1st and 2nd at UBC

- **John Riley, Rowing Coach...** would like to urge everyone to get out on the river! He will be available Tuesday through Saturday at 6:00 A.M. for coaching.
- **From Colin Leitch, Manager:** Thank you to Robert Diabo for all his help during the last three years as custodian. Ken Pinola, a Beacon Hill resident is our new custodian. Welcome Ken!
- **Social Calendar:**
 - Annual Dinner— May 20, 1999
 - New Members Cocktail Party— June 17, 1999
 - Esplanade Chicken Dinner— August 5, 1999
- UBC E-mail address: unionboat@aol.com

- If you have not updated your addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail for the Bluebook, please do so immediately! Call Jane Hester at **617-742-1520** or unionboat@aol.com



(#1 Luchars, #2 Forbes, #3 Wedge, #4 Cromwell, #5 Gallagher and #6 St. John) the **B Team** can beat any team in the league. Currently ranked 5th overall with 41 Wins and 24 losses, there are only a couple of matches remaining. However, due to the League's elimination format, a strong B lineup could yield a very strong chance of winning. Jim Luchars has been a standout this year losing only one of all the matches he has played. With the addition of Charlie Forbes and Bill Wedge part way into the season the team gained some experience and strength in the 2nd and 3rd ladder positions.

The C Team:

The C Team this year has also fared quite well. After playing 16 of the 19 scheduled matches the team has only lost 5, suggesting a likely showing in the playoffs. With a current ranking of 3rd place out the 14 league team, momentum looks strong before the playoffs.

Throughout this season, the **C Team's** players have included John Jennings, Phin White, Tim Nash, David Mattaliano and George Kimball with solid participation from Alex Iler and Jonathan Kelly. Although this year's squad has had it's share of injuries, we remain optimistic for a strong season finish as among the 14 teams, there appears to be no clear favorite in the playoffs.

D Team:

After leading the league for the first third of the season we are now in 5th of 10 teams with one match to go. Despite this slight shift in momentum we look to capture the state title which is in fact possible after a close loss to

the number 1 team last week.

Scudder Sinclair continues to lead the team from the number one position as our most consistent player. Charlie Devens, Steve Akers and Todd VanDam round out the other three spots. Due to the absence of Steve Akers, the Team has enlisted the coveted veteran Dave Rush, back from his tour of Asia, for the first round of the playoffs.

50+ Team:

The **50+ Team** is currently experiencing a real comeback year with a strong winning season. Led by Rob Gray, Mike Keating, Chip Elfner and John O'Brien, the team has beaten about two-thirds of its competitors. Although the **50+ Team** has missed Jonathan Smith who has been out with an injured rotator cuff, the team is optimistic for the remainder of the season.

Summers Cup a Success:

Once again, the 1998 Summers Cup was a smashing success. Rising above 28 other competitors, Gerry Kirschner beat John Gilhooly in four games to win the Summers Cup. As if this feat wasn't enough on its own, a few UBCers took a few shots at these two on their way through the tournament: Jim Luchars for example, gave Kirschner a great run for his money in the semi finals, taking 26 points from him before he was able to advance to the finals. Nick Godfrey and Dan Gallagher also put blue and white pressure on the finalists before they were able to advance further. In the consolations, Dan Gallagher had a better opportunity to show his skill only to lose to Gordon Cromwell in the third round. Andy Gale ultimately beat Gordon Cromwell in the consolations in

five games.

Congratulations to the victors and thanks to those who were able to participate.

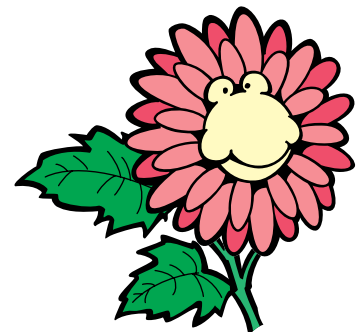
Cover Story of The January Issue of Squash Magazine: Mark Lewis Twice Shunned, Lewis Fights for Respect


In what Mark described as a very fair and thorough interview, the history behind Mark's surprise success was clearly laid out to the readership of the USSRA.

"He does not fit in most equations, and the USSRA selectors have crossed him off time and again" is a telling quotation from the article. Having come up through the ranks, Mark Lewis has excelled in this sport on his own time and in his own way, and although he was not selected for the world championships by the team election committee, he was named U.S. Olympic Committee Squash Athlete of the Year. This prestigious award typically goes to the individual who, through playing in the nationals, coaching, promoting the game, and generally serving as an advocate for the game, best exemplifies the true essence of squash.

Once again, as with Coach John Riley on the rowing side of the club, we are truly grateful for the professionalism and character that Mark has brought to the UBC.

Keep up the great work, Mark! ■



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