



The St. Louis Rowing Club Newsletter

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Head Coach Report

Well the fall preparation phase is well underway and head racing is beginning. The junior program is looking very strong this year and should be bringing home a fair amount of hardware back to the club. Masters as well are looking excellent (not just reasonable). More masters are learning how to scull which will pay off in the future.

Equipment is reasonable but must be maintained by all. Remember to wipe down the boat after each practice and report any damage immediately when it occurs. The underwater hazard that damaged our boats when they got too close to shore has been removed by parks.

Don't forget to thank them if you ever see them.

We got 50% of our entries into the Charles regatta this year and I look forward to getting more boats in next year. We will be rowing out of the MIT boathouse thanks to their kind generosity in letting us borrow shells to race.

Our big goal is the Hooch as well as winning all other Head races that we participate in this year.

Remember to always fill in those nasty log books when you row and be safe on the water at all times.

Yours in rowing,
Gene

Calender

October 12, 2002
Quad City Classic

October 13, 2002
Head of the Rock

October 19 and 20, 2002
Head of the Charles

October 27, 2002
Head of the Iowa

November 2, 2002
Head of the Hooch

December 7, 2002
SLRC Annual Meeting

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Rawnucks 2002

The RawNucks Regatta was held Saturday September 7th. The regatta was a complete success. The weather was perfect and the water was flat. We all know if you don't set the boat by keeping our hands level and recovering together the boat will rock and we may bump our knuckles against the gunwale. After bumping them against the gunwale a few times they may be rubbed raw. Thus, RawNucks.

We had hoped to have six boats entered in the regatta, however, three could not make it. We look forward to their entry next year. The three that did compete rowed awesome. These are people that had only 1 1/2 to 3 hours of instruction and practice. Because we did not have many boats entered it was necessary for some to row their races back to back. AWESOME. All crews looked good and enjoyed the competition. All had FUN. Our congratulations to all.

Taking first place (took four races) was the Monsanto crew "Perspicacious Unireme":

- 1 Bob Guss
- 2 Connie Yarian
- 3 Dikran Toroser
- 4 Brad Kurtz
- 5 Chris Greensfelder
- 6 Jeff Ahrens
- 7 Bob Roewe
- 8 Liz Roewe
- C Bob Eilers

Second place went to the Ford Hotel Supply Company and third place to the Maritz group. Both of these

crews looked and rowed like first place people. Again, AWESOME.

Our thanks to those master rowers to helped by rowing, coxing and driving a launch. Thanks to coach Gene for a clean start and to Scott for an accurate finish.

Ron Suermann

SLRC Announces "Year of the Boat"

Our club is rapidly growing as the love of rowing is widely spreading across the greater St. Louis community. This is a good thing.

Outfitting our crews with the proper equipment, however, is a challenge.

We need more race-worthy boats to enable us to compete at the some of the highest levels of the sport. In 2001/2002, our crews competed in numerous Fall and Spring events. We also had crews in the Master's National Championship, as well as Junior crews in the Midwest, National and Canadian Championship.

Our objectives are quality, on the water time, performance and excellence for all of our rowers. To help fulfill these objectives we are planning to purchase two fully equipped racing shells this year. One way you help us achieve this is by signing up for and using the SLRC MasterCard CardScrip.

The SLRC boat fund will receive a minimum rebate of

1% on all of purchases made on your SLRC MasterCard CardScrip. Some retailers will even give us rebates up to 11%. We believe this is a relatively painless way to raise money for the boat fund.

For more information on the SLRC MasterCard CardScrip program please contact the following board members:

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Additional information about CardScrip is also available at www.nationalscripcenter.com. The SLRC code is FB5K.

The SLRC fundraising committee for the "Year of the Boat" believes this goal is within reach because the SLRC Rowing Family is all in the same Boat.

posted on the website: www.desmoinesrowing.org. Congratulations to all the SLRC and SLU crews. And a thanks to the boosters for their support.

Raffle Item—Personal Watercraft!

The initial fund raising event to support the 2004 Regatta is a raffle for a Jet Ski. We obtained a Sea Doo 2001 GTS/RX and Triton Trailer at a 20% discount from Muddy Waters Marine. The retail value is \$6,749.

We are selling raffle tickets for \$50 and have set a minimum of 250 tickets that must be sold before the drawing and a maximum of 500 to decrease the odds.

You can help us sell tickets via the internet.

Simply download the information sheet from our web site and send it by e-mail to friends or family who may be interested in taking a chance.

You can also help out by posting the Sea Doo flyer included in this newsletter. If each SLRC member posts one flyer with one or two respondents, we'll meet the goal of 250 tickets sold.

SLRC History in Brief

June 1 1875 the club began rowing as an organization.

June 7, 1877 filed petition with the Circuit Court of the City of St Louis [file docket #519] "to have themselves, their associates and successors incorporated as an educational association, under the name and style of the 'St Louis Rowing Club' together with their articles of association and a list

of members of the proposed corporation,." The court issued a certificate of conformity concerning 'private corporations'. The founders were: Leo Mueller, Louis Mueller, William Carroll, Nicholas C. Koch, George W. Wittmann, John Schultze, John Fritz, Lucas Edel and Louis Baumann.

March 6, 1879 - Constitution and By-Laws were issued.

March 29, 1899 - incorporated in the State of Missouri. According to the 1895 Constitution and Bylaws [Scott has the September 1, 1925 original I have a copy] Article 1, "this association shall be known by and bear the name of St. Louis Rowing Club and Life Saving Corps. Swimming and life saving rescue was practiced by the younger rowing members regularly on the Mississippi River. And for good reason.

So let us settle on June 1, 1875 as the date the club began.

Look for a revised History of Rowing in St Louis scrapbook [3 of them] by end of November.

Look on the wall of the Erg Cellar for the revised "9 rowing clubs of StLouis" I page recap.

Karl Heilman

Recent Race Results

Saturday, September 28, 2002 St. Louis Rowing Club (SLRC) and St. Louis University visited Iowa to race in the Head of the Des Moines Regatta. Many outstanding races distinguished the club. SLRC placed second overall with 90 points total. All race results are

President's Report

Occoquan, VA August 2002
Memories of Masters Nationals:

We all went to Masters Nationals outside of Washington DC in August. It was hot. In fact, it was so hot...it was like Washington DC in August, which is pretty much like St. Louis in August. So we really shouldn't complain, except that if we had been at home, we wouldn't have been dumb enough to sit outside in the heat all day.

Thanks to all who went and made the trip worthwhile. Special kudos to Gene Jeffords. He did an outstanding job of making sure that every-

one was where they were supposed to be, making sure equipment was ready, and generally "greasing the skids" as it were with the locals. In fact, his supportive efforts got to be so ubiquitous they were expected. One of the starting line officials (this is the truth) yelled at me when we are at the starting line in an 8, "Hey St. Louis, ask Gene Jeffords why I didn't get my coffee today." Kelly asked me if it broke my concentration. I didn't know I had one.

Special thanks also to Bob Roewe. Bob was my roommate. For an entire week. Enough said. Except, that I

learned you can spray down dirty clothes piles with Febreze and cut down on, but not eliminate room odor.

The ladies taught me you can dry uni suits and other wear by hanging them the stuff off the ironing board in front of the air conditioner. I think they washed theirs first. Perhaps that explains why the Febreze was not completely effective. Did I mention that I snore? Other high points:

The waitress at the Italian restaurant pointing at us and saying, "Oh my God, they're back AGAIN."

Chicken Out.

Stuffing Becca Hoyer behind the back seat of the PT Cruiser, jamming four in the back seat and driving to Timbuctoo for pancakes.

Check out this picture:
<http://www.rowersworld.com/Photo/2002-MN002-662.jpg>

We even rowed some races and won some medals.

Steve Giddings

Treasurer's Report

The club's checking account balance at the end of September was approximately \$9,000. We more-or-less held our own (expenses = income) since my last report. Our cash balance is still low relative to expected monthly expenses. We have just enough to cover the next month's anticipated outflows. In October, we expect to receive dues payments from the Juniors which will strengthen our cash position considerably.

A separate account has been established to receive income from the new SLRC credit card program. We hope to see the dollars pouring into the account as you begin to use your new credit card. If you haven't signed up to receive a card please contact Linda Greensfelder or Greg Goodman soon.

Scott Allison

The Board

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Elections are coming up soon. Be ready to cast your vote at the SLRC Annual Meeting, December 7, 2002.

About the Newsletter

Thank you to those who contributed to the SLRC newsletter. Articles are published as submitted. To submit an article for the December/January SLRC newsletter, attach a file to an email message. Send to

VogelKelly@msn.com on or before November 17. Please be certain submissions are in final form. It would also be helpful if submissions were received before deadline.

Allow me to extend a special thanks to Dale Vogel who donated the software, Microsoft Publisher Deluxe. Thank you, Dale.

Master Nationals Championships

August 15-18, 2002, SLRC Masters competed at the 2002 USRowing Masters National Championships. The club did very well. You can look up the race results: www.racetrak.com/usrowing/masters/2002.

Congratulations crews!