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BOC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Brattleboro Outing Club is to promote community participation in outdoor activities by developing, operating, and sponsoring affordable recreation programs, events, and facilities in Brattleboro and the surrounding towns.

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SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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President's Report

We are in the midst of celebrating BOC's 100th Anniversary as the club was founded 100 years ago February 24, 1922 by Fred Harris. The BOC's history was promoted with a slide show at the Brattleboro Rotary Club in January followed by a couple of big articles in the Brattleboro Reformer and The Commons and lastly at a BCTV Open Mike Studio. I would like to thank and acknowledge David Neumeister (Past BOC President), Joe Meyer and myself. Tim Johnson did a nice job in moderating the event. A special thanks goes to Zufan Hagos for helping put together some vintage BOC pictures which were turned into a slide show for the noontime Rotary Club which was presented by David Neumeister and myself was well received. I would also like to thank the Harris Hill Ski Jump (HHSJ) organizers Liz Richards, Pat Howell and Sally Seymour for their invitation to include the BOC at the Harris Hill Ski Jump. Unfortunately, the BOC/HHSJ's 100th joint celebration for Friday night prior to the Jump on Saturday had to be cancelled due to lousy weather 2 days earlier and snow was made all day Friday. It was a miracle that the jump took place on Saturday. It did and was a great 2-day event of ski jumping. There were thousands of people who attended both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you, Liz Richards, for the beautiful cake, made for the occasion, which was shared by many on Saturday and was delicious.

Stay tuned as we are in the process of planning a 100th Birthday Bash later this year possibly late spring/early summer. Stay tuned.



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President's Report continued

The XC and Snowshoe Program season was a successful one considering the below average snowfall this past winter. The ski hut was finally opened up since it was closed due to the pandemic in March 2020. The conditions were amazing. BOC t-shirts were handed out to all of those who volunteered and will be available for those who volunteer for our spring programs as well. See the XC report for further details.

A new deck was built for the Tennis facility this past winter. Major rotting issues were uncovered while replacing the old deck and the new looks great, blending right in with the clubhouse and courts. The tennis committee has a lot of events planned for the upcoming season and preparations are under way to open up the courts as soon as possible. See Joe's Tennis report for further details.

Linda Puzan and the RowBOC committee is getting ready to set the dock in the water as they get ready to launch the boats for another rowing season on the river.

Larry as chair of the Paddling Program has done a lot of planning for another fun-filled paddling season. The Annual BOC Consignment & Boat Sale is back. Mark your calendars for Saturday May 14th for details. See Larry's attached report for the paddling schedule as well.

I would like to thank my fellow board members: **Joe Meyer**, our Vice President and Tennis Chair, for his leadership and stewardship of our tennis program, **Jay Jacobowitz**, our treasurer, who has done an excellent job managing our finances, **Zufan Hagos** a recent member to both the Board and XC committee, who is in charge of Social Media, **Linda Puzan**, our RowBOC Chair, who has done a wonderful job of overseeing our RowBOC Program, **Larry McIntosh**, who single handedly plans and leads our amazing kayak trips, and our at large members Wendy Harrison and Jake Dixon who last year resigned as Secretary after holding that position for over 20 years.

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Respectfully submitted, Dave Twombly - BOC President



Kudos go out to the XC committee for their volunteer effort making the BOC XC & Snowshoe program's 2022 season a successful season. Although mother nature was not very cooperative in providing the desired snowfall, there were many successful events which were enjoyed by many of our members. Isaac Wagner was our grooming coordinator supported by a number of people. I would like to personally acknowledge them: Kara Piergentili, Bill Jahn, Victor Morrison, Joe Cook, Hank Lange, Dwight Holmes, Peter Gibbons, Joe P, David, Tom and Eben. Unfortunately, the trails were not open as long as we had hoped due to a lack of snow and lousy weather, but when they were open, the conditions were fantastic. Our hats are off to all the groomers. There were events scheduled for winter break, a few were postponed to a later date and a few were cancelled. The ones that took place were a Clothespin Scavenger Hunt, a Family Snow shoe in the Woods, XC Ski Bingo organized by Bill Jahn and Family Ski Days which had to be canceled due to lack of snow. However, there was a big dance event called Jerusalem Dance Challenge conducted by Bill Jahn where 30 people showed up. It was like the popular dance, called Macarena in the '70s. Everyone who was there had a blast. Linda Bailey was our XC ski instructor who did a phenomenal job hosting schools from both the Academy and Green Street schools. Per Linda, "the kids were quite enthusiastic". We also welcomed Afghan families who enjoyed our trails for free as they are becoming acclimated to Vermont and the Brattleboro area. Peter and Kate Dellner have done a fabulous job in improving BOC's snowshoe trails and creatively marking them for people to follow. They hosted many outings which were enjoyed by many. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to successfully run the XC program. First is Laura Robertson, our membership coordinator. She successfully helped to register our 293 members while having to deal with some unexpected website issues which will be resolved before our next season. Many thanks go to Zufan Hagos, our social media coordinator, for sending our important information on a timely basis and keeping our members notified about pertinent information for trail conditions and events. Shannon Herrick helped to make important edits to our website regarding the XC program and BOC's 100th Anniversary. I would also like to acknowledge Isaac Wagner, not only for his job as Head Grooming Coordinator, but also for his input for recommendations to XC's Capital Campaign planning for future purchases of future snowmobile and equipment needs in the future. Peter Gould and Mollie Burke were joined by Ian Fenn to oversee the Ski Hut Operations. Ian was a tremendous asset in managing the Hut on weekends and during Winter Carnival. He helped with Ski Buff sales along with Zufan Hagos for 2 days at the Harris Hill Ski Jump. Victor Morrison was our liaison with Ski Vermont, a reciprocal program which offers season pass holders from participating cross country ski areas a one-time, complimentary trail pass for a single day of cross-country skiing or snowshoeing at participating Vermont ski areas. He is working to have a few bugs ironed out as it was discovered that a couple of areas were not aware of the benefit when a few people attempted to use it. He is hopeful to have this issue resolved for next season. Joe Cook did an amazing job in preparing our trails last fall and he has taken the initiative to look into solar options for the ski hut. There were 2 other XC members, Bill Jahn and Bob Tortolani who I thank for their input who at our monthly meetings in volunteering their time at work bees. Bill thank you for your waxing expertise so the XC skis would be properly prepared for the off season, leading a Bingo event and organizing the Jerusalem Dance Event. Also, thanks to you, our unsung volunteer members, who helped throughout the season. I'm pleased to report that a new snowmobile has been ordered to arrive in November as we prepare for our upcoming season in December. We are also looking for an equipment manager to help expand our XC skis, boots and snowshoes inventory for our members. If you are interested to get involved with the XC program, please let me know, Dave at skiboc802@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Twombly XC & Snowshoe Chair



We just had our first volunteer work day yesterday – and it was snowing. It’s never snowed on a work day before! Undaunted, a bunch of us got out there with rakes and wheelbarrows and got a lot of work done. Anyway, I’m taking the snow as a sign from above that tennis weather is on the way, and we’re counting the days for the return of red clay tennis on Cedar St. Kyle Oliver, our facilities manager, has already put in a lot of time. Our terrific line crew laid out the lines last week, and last weekend’s volunteer effort put on the finishing touches. WE’RE OPEN.

I can’t wait! The tennis committee (Gwynn Yandow, Susan Madrigan, Ed Powers, John Zeber, Matt Gultinan, Joan Weslowski, Amit Sharma and myself) have been busy planning, and we’re really excited about the coming year. As always, feel free to contact any committee member with questions or concerns, or to find a way to pitch in and help out around the club. It’s a club that has always prided itself and thrived on being a community of friends and neighbors.

Jacob Miller returns as our instructor/program director and is ready help everyone raise the level of their game . Check your equipment and let him know if you need new strings, racquets or shoes.

Kyle Oliver is back for another year as our facilities manager which is great news. Kyle did a terrific job last year.

We'll be opening all six courts right from the get-go this spring, and are hopeful that we'll be able to open to the same extent as in pre-pandemic years. We'll be monitoring the state and local covid restrictions and protocols, but right now we anticipate no restrictions. For now we are going with the common courtesy health rules that folks will stay home if not feeling well, and will notify the club if they test positive and have been to the club recently.

With this guideline in place we are poised to offer clinics, competitive league play, mixers, etc. We will also be offering junior camps and programs again this summer. Go to our website for more info.

REGISTER EARLY. To register online, go to brattleborooutingclub.org and pay using PayPal. (You don't need a PayPal profile!) We strongly encourage online registration. It saves administrative costs and activates your membership more quickly.

I'm really excited about the upcoming season, and seeing you all on the courts! Joe Meyer—Tennis Chair



Yes, it’s that time of year when people are watching for any and all signs of spring. In preparation, we New Englanders get rid of the hats, heavy coats, and boots. Major house cleaning efforts begin and one can see many of our neighbors raking up winter detritus from their yards.

Like these hardy souls, we at RowBOC (RowBrattleboroOutingClub) spring into action to begin our rowing season. Many moving parts come into play as we inspect our rowing fleet and our dock, carry out needed repairs to both . . . and make our spring plans to:

- Set a “docks-in” date.
- Set a date for the free “Try It Out Day.”
- Set dates for the learn-to-row clinics.
- Remind our RowBOC members to register for the season.
- And, well, attend to the many little things that may need attention: cleaning supplies, tools and parts to order, etc.

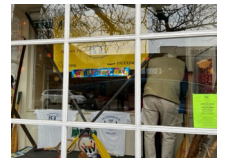
We at RowBOC hope you will consider joining our rowing program. Check out our website for information about this wonderful recreational sport! You’ll see how returning members can sign up and how beginners can register for learn-to-row clinics.

We plan to get our docks in sometime in May, and our clinics will begin in June. All this info will be on the website at: brattleborooutingclub.org. If you have any questions about our rowing program, please e-mail us at: rowboc@gmail.com.

See you on the river!

Linda Puzan - RowBOC Steering Committee

Check out the Chamber window on Main Street now!



BOC

~::~~ PADDLING ~::~~

BOC will host 14 paddle trips, from April 30th to September 17th. All BOC trips are **FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. The weekend of August 27th & 28th is an overnight camping adventure in Wilgus State Park, for those interested, and registered. The SUNRISE paddle & potluck breakfast trip to an island in Harriman Reservoir will be early, on Sat, June 25th. All BOC trips are FULL-DAY outings (think PICNIC-BYO), except the Sunrise trip. Detailed descriptions of each destination can be found, as follows:

...for lakes, ponds & marsh: AMC book: 'Quiet Water', NH & VT, 3rd Ed.
 ...for the CT River: CT River Watershed Council book: 'The CT River Boating Guide, Source to Sea', 3rd Ed. Also, CT River Paddlers' Trail Map, VT/NH, 2nd Ed.

THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS (with meeting times & locations):

- SAT, Apr 30th - CT River/Hinsdale Setbacks, NH, 9am, Hinsdale Walmart
- WED, May 4th - McDaniels Marsh, Springfield, NH, 8:30am, Hannaford, Brattleboro
- SUN, May 15th - Gale Meadows Pond, Winhall, VT, 9am, Jamaica (VT Rte30)
- WED, June 15th - Grafton Pond, Grafton, NH, 8:30am, Hannaford, Brattleboro
- SAT, June 25th - Sunrise Paddle & Potluck Breakfast, Harriman Res, 5:30am, Royal Diner, West Brattleboro
- SUN, June 26th - Somerset Reservoir, Somerset, VT, 8:30am, Coffee House, Wilmington, (Jct VT Rtes 9West & 100South)

- WED, July 6th - Spoonwood Pond, Hancock & Nelson, NH, 8:30am, Hannaford, Bratt
- SUN, Aug 21st - CT River, Bellows Falls to Walpole, NH, 9am, Hannaford, Brattleboro
- SAT, Aug 27th - CT River, Sumner Falls/Hartland Rapids to Wilgus State Park, VT,... ...9am, Wilgus State Park entrance, VT Rte 5, Weathersfield
- SUN, Aug 28th - North Hartland Lake, Hartland & Hartford, VT, 9am, Wilgus S P,... ...entrance, VT Rte 5, Weathersfield
- WED, Aug 31st - Lowell Lake, Londonderry, VT, 8:30am, Jamaica (VT Rte 30)
- SUN, Sep 11th - Sadawga Pond, Whitingham, VT, 9am, Coffee House, Wilmington, (Jct ...VT Rtes 9West & 100 South)
- WED, Sep 14th - Sunset Lake & South Pond, Brattleboro area, 9am, Royal Diner... ...West Brattleboro
- SAT, Sep 17th - Somerset Reservoir, Somerset, VT, 8:30am, Coffee House, Wilmington

Details about where & when to meet for each trip will also be posted on BOC website, local media, and the hard-copy handout. There is also a list of recommended things to bring on all outings, on the website.

THE ANNUAL BOC CONSIGNMENT SALE & SWAP OF HUMAN & WINDPOWERED WATERCRAFT IS SCHEDULED FOR NOON, SATURDAY, MAY 14TH. LOCATION TBA. More information will be posted on our website, as well as local media. I'm always looking for new places to paddle. If you have a suggestion, please let me know. BOC PADDLING; where we always look FORWARD, on the water. Larry McIntosh - BOC/Paddling - Lmacyak@gmail.com

