



# Dragon Bytes

*Race on the River News*

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## **A note from the Editor:**

- The second annual Gala Dinner for the Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Summer Street Industries. The Gala was a huge success and featured Don Harron as a special guest, along with his alter-ego Charlie Farquharson.

The Association's dragon boat team, The Reefknots, has been part of the *Race on the River* since the inaugural race in the summer of 2002. They have contributed vastly to the event with their enthusiasm, eagerness to help, and competitive, yet friendly spirit. In 2004 the Board of the New Glasgow Dragon Boat Society chose to include the PCPCSA as a benefactor of a portion of the funds raised by the participants in *Race on the River*. In this edition of Dragon Bytes we highlight the PCPCSA and report on how the funds received by this group are utilized.

- I was recently speaking with a friend from Winnipeg who has participated in the annual Winnipeg Dragon Boat Festival. He commented that he is unable to participate this year as he cannot commit to the six-week practice schedule preceding the event. Clearly, the Winnipeg event has become highly competitive. The *Race on the River*, in contrast, offers friendly competition, with an emphasis on participation and fun. That's not to say we don't get some challenges going between teams! If you would like to offer a challenge to other teams, let me know and we can get things going!
- Registration forms have been mailed out. If you think you have not received one, please let me know and I will send one out to you.

~ Susan

## *Look who's aboard!*

The following teams have already registered and are busy planning fundraising activities and paddling strategies. Be sure to get your registration in soon and join these teams on the River!

- Riverview Rebels
- Aliant Spitfires
- Best Curves in Town
- NSCC College Cruise
- Printer's Devils
- Sobey's Ready to Serve
- Tim Blitz
- First Nation Dream Catchers
- King Paddlers "Ready To Row"
- Reefknots
- Atlantic Vikings
- MacAttack
- Neenah Paper
- TD Bullets
- Cape Breastoners
- Cape Breastoners Support Team
- Milky Waves
- Staples Seadoggs
- Reefknots
- TrentonWorks WarWasps
- Convergys
- Belles & Buoys
- Michelin Dragon Flies
- Valley View Villa Vikings
- Summer Street Industries
- BMO Dragon Bankers
- CIBC Sand Dollars
- High Sea Highlanders

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**Sobey's**  
Ready to serve.



**Did you know?** The fifth day of the fifth month is the traditional day for awakening the Dragon in Chinese Dragon Boat history. With it comes hope for plentiful harvests and good luck. While the Chinese celebrate June as their fifth month, we do so in May. Today is 05-05-05! Auspicious indeed!

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### Team Captain's **TO DO LIST**

- Registration for *Race on the River 2005* has started. If you have not received registration information please let me know. Teams will be registered on a first paid-first in basis so don't forget to get your full registration fee in with your registration information as soon as possible!
- Choose a Pledge Captain for your team. Your team's pledge captain can organize the fundraising efforts of your teammates and ensure that your team contributes in a big way to the overall success of the Festival's fund raising goals.
- Let us know if you need a letter supporting your fundraising efforts. If you are having raffles or 50-50 draws you will need a lottery license and can apply for one with a supporting letter from our organization.
- Post Dragon Bytes where your teammates can see it!
- **Mark your calendars –**

#### **Team Captain's Meeting**

**June 15, 2005**

7:00 pm

Glasgow Square

Please plan for both your team captain and pledge captain to attend this meeting. Team sites will be selected at this meeting and valuable information regarding the pledge program and Race day will be available.

It will be preceded by a press conference at 6:00. Arrive early!

### ***Race on the River*2005**

#### **Executive**

Chair	Susan Hartley
Vice Chair	Joel Sellers
Past Chair	Roger Swarbrick
Secretary	Sandra Anderson
Treasurer	Crystal Smith

### *Highlighting our Benefactors*

The first four editions of Dragon Bytes will highlight one of our four benefactors. In this edition the Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association is our focus.

The Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association (PCPCSA) is our newest benefactor coming on board with the 2004 *Race on the River*. The PCPCSA promotes active lifestyles for men diagnosed and treated for Prostate Cancer. As well, the Association has awareness initiatives and offers financial assistance to prostate cancer patients who are in need to cover treatment related costs. The Association also supports community programs for cancer patients. As well as used to support these goals, some of the funds received from *Race on the River* go to support the group's dragon boat team, The Reefknots, and its participation in the *Race*.

We are pleased to include the PCPCSA as one of this year's benefactors and to support the efforts they make on behalf of prostate cancer patients in our County.

The Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association Executive:

Darrell Rushton, Chairman  
Ross Sewell, Co-Chairman  
Omer Gillis, Secretary  
Murray Gardner, Treasurer

### *Coming Soon!*

This year's pledge program will include incentive prizes for people raising over \$50 as well as incredible prize packages for the top pledge earners.

Pledge forms will be available in mid May, so start gathering pledges early and be a winner!

When approaching people for pledges be sure to tell them about our benefactors. All the information you need is on back of the pledge form.

Details of this year's pledge program will appear in the next issue of Dragon Bytes.

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