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(photo as LCDR. Piers, Commanding Officer HMCS Restigouche 1941)

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Message From the President's Bridge

The President is away, Down Under visiting the kangaroos once again.

Entertainment Chairman

BBO - Saturday July 15th, 2006

The MARC Center in Dayspring has been booked from 1000 to 2000. This center provides a good venue regardless of the weather - inside or out. No excuse not to attend. The building is wheelchair accessible.

Dinner - Pot Luck & Sweets to be provided by members and guests.
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pop & Munchies will be supplied by the Association.

Games - Cribbage Tournament (2 of 3), Washers (sudden death) and a Euchre Tournament (sudden Death) will be held. So please join in and have some fun. - There will be prizes.

Picnic tables are supplied for the outside.

Grant Smith will be playing solo on his keyboard. - Some of his group may attend.
Any member or guest having a musical instrument and wishing to play, please bring it along and join in.

Come one - Come all - Guests are most welcome - Bring the whole family, you do not have to stay all day, choose your times or come and go as you please.

Come and have a good time.

See you there - Ivan Foote

Notes from the Editor

In the last issue I asked for some help in the form of articles, ideas or anything you might have to offer. Nothing was received, so it looks like this Newsletter will be a short one as nobody has anything to pass on.

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Last Post

Condolences and sympathy go out to the families of Shipmates who have Crost the Bar recently.

Since the last edition we have lost two Shipmates:

James "Jim" Tobias; and

Clyde Whalen, one of our members from Newfoundland.

"We Will Remember Them"

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Membership:

Membership stands at 133. There are still five members out there who have not paid their 2006 dues. Because I have not listed names, give me a call if you are not sure. 2006 cards were given out to paid members.

A warm welcome goes out to these new Shipmates who have joined since March 2006:

Merlin Baker, Bridgewater - Long time RCN;

Graham McBride - Long time RCN - Graham is President of the ACPOA; and

Capt(N) Bruce Belliveau (Honourary Member)

WEBSITE - <http://adpna.com> Have you checked our web site lately? We're sure you will have a pleasant surprise. Pictures are changed from time to time. Such things as events, newsletter, obituaries, application forms, etc. etc. will be available. There is also a website for the RCNA - rcnahq.com, both have links to a bundle of information and have been receiving many hits. The website contains full information and registration forms for the 2007 reunion. Many thanks to our Webmaster Robert "Zulu" Currie who puts in many hours to keep these sites up to date and full of information.

Address: The club now has its very own mailbox address which is on the front page. In case you missed it, in future please address all mail to:

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Kit Shop - Our Supply Officer Shipmate David Heming has a large inventory in the kit shop A complete listing with prices is on the web site www.adpna.com. He can be reached at 902-543-7054. I'm sure Dave will be nice to you. Even though he was a stoker, he is a very congenial fellow.

Meetings: The next meeting will be held September 21st, 2006 at the Bridgewater Legion and every third Thursday thereafter except July, August and December.

Bursary

The Admiral Desmond Piers Naval Association has started a bursary to be awarded to a deserving Sea Cadet who will be furthering his or her education.

An Ad Hoc committee was formed consisting of:

Chairman	Shipmate Gordon Crouse
Members	Shipmate Jerry Sigrist
	Shipmate Maurice Legault
	Shipmate Bob Whiteside
	Shipmate Martin Field.

We were somewhat adrift getting the news out for this year, however some applications were received. It was passed unanimously that this year's bursary of \$500.00 be awarded to Cadet PO William T. Randall Belliveau, PO Box 72, Lower Woods Harbour B0W 2E0. Cadet Belliveau is a member of RCSCC Unicorn #327, Barrington. Congratulations from ADPNA Shipmates.

Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner

Once again a huge success. Due to repairs being carried out at the Legion, a shift of venues was required. The Hebbville Fire Hall was the place of choice. They did a great job. An excellent meal was enjoyed by over 100 Shipmates and Partners. For the second time Capt.(N) Bruce Belliveau gave an inspiring and enjoyable talk. We have made Bruce an Honourary Member and hope to see more of him and his lovely wife, Anne. I believe they also enjoyed the evening. The \$200.00 Sobey's gift certificate was won by Shipmate Doug Chalmers, the \$300.00 gift certificate by Jill Hiltz, and the 50/50 draw was won by Shipmate Gordon Crouse. Half of the 50/50 went to the Sackville Memorial Trust and proceeds from the Gift Certificates will help with our new Bursary Fund. Thank you one and all who bought raffle tickets and/or participated in these fund-raising efforts.

Annual RCNA Reunion - Woodstock Ontario

A number of our members were in attendance at this reunion. We all had a great time. It is nice to see old friends and make new ones. These reunions are still very well attended. Interest in the 53rd, which we are hosting in Digby, was tremendous. I talked myself out of a voice and couldn't speak for a couple weeks or more. (editor)

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53rd Annual RCNA Reunion - Sailor's Homecoming - May 18-21, 2007

As you are all aware, arrangements for next year are progressing very well. Our registration forms were ready and distribution began at this year's reunion in Woodstock Ontario. The interest shown was overwhelming. For all persons requiring Registration Forms, they may be obtained by calling our Registration Chairman at 902-624-9556 or, for those on line, you may download from our website, www.adpna.com.

We welcome guests, please bring friends or relatives. There is plenty of accommodation, but a lot has already been booked. The quicker you book, the closer you get to the reunion site.

Any Shipmates wishing to serve on a committee, please contact me, Doc at 902-685-2342 or a Committee Chairman of your choice:

Jerry Sigrist	902-624-9556	Registration & Accommodation
Gordon Crouse	902-634-8350 (Evenings)	Treasurer
Frank Wells	902-627-2748	Souvenir Program & Wreath
Leo Sampson	902-354-5027	Security
Martin Field	902-527-2660	Bar
Sam Emmons	902-543-4093	Arena
Maurice Legault	902-634-3285	Lottery & Raffles
Dave Heming	902-543-7054	Transportation
Ivan Foote	902-644-3629	Ceremonial
Milton Williams	902-543-4997	Ships Logs

Thank You, See you there, Doc.

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