



# Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter

July 2006

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Avalon East District – Bell Island  
Executive Editor: Donna Kubik

## From the Corporal's Desk

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### A Very Special Olympics

Ladies and Gentleman, it was a sea of crimson this Canada day. No I am not talking about the sky or the sunset or the flags waving in the wind; I am talking about the uniforms of the Bell Island Special Olympians as they headed to the Provincial Special Olympics track and field events in Mount Pearl on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The stage was set for some record breaking and this crowd was prepared in their brand new uniforms matched with their age-old determination.

From the second the team departed from the Island under police escort, there was a smell in the air of raw power. Or maybe that could have been the smoke coming out of the bus? In any case these athletes, once passing the anti-drugging tests, were

ready to show the world who was boss. (Note: Some athletes had signs of high iron blood counts but hey they are from Bell Island....iron is everywhere!)

The clouds and sun fought for supremacy throughout the day, as did our representatives. I believe solidly that if it wasn't for Gerald "Swish" Fowler running so fast that he gave off a cooling breeze....we would have cooked! Fowler, in his 50's, was living proof that you can be seen even at the speed of sound.

Bonnie "Bon Bon" (Candy) Skanes gave her all in the running events. Even at high velocity her hair and make up was perfect. She looked good!. I believe she was the best looking athlete there this day! Bonny gave true spirit and a sense of excellence in her highly competitive category.

Kristen "Sky hop" Carbage was terrific on the standing long jump. On a few occasions the airport had to be put on alert while she jumped to avoid collisions. Her exuberance as she landed broke her fall from the tremendous height! As she raised her arms and looked at the crowd she gave off a feeling of accomplishment for all to cherish.

Justin "The Judge" Lahey was seen pacing the field the entire day. He doesn't say much but one could read the seriousness on his face just like one from the Supreme Court. He put on his game face and once in this trance he was noted as solid, ready and willing to win. There was only one thing that could take him from his concentrated pose.....food. When that boy gets hungry the rest can wait. But what a job he did for us all day.  
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**(From the Corporal's Desk continued...)**

Judy "Jingles" Mitchell had an excellent way of psyching out her opponents. She charmed them into believing she was quiet and reserved. But inside there was the roaring of a Lion ready to race at a second's notice. As she pranced gracefully down the track one could get a sense of the leopard or cheetah in pursuit of excellence. I believe the "Jingles" name came from the noise made by all the talent scouts rattling the money in their pockets as they thought of the millions this girl would earn if she turned Pro. We can only hope she stays as humble when she is famous.

Margie "Chuckles" Stanford could be noted in many races. Each one involved a number of runners appearing as if in pain but not "Chuckles". She was even smiling as she ran. Blazing by the others she maintained her cool, her composure and her sense of comedy. She raised the bar for others and raised the spirits of all. Margie was an old hand at competition and it showed. I often caught her assisting and encouraging the others on her team and on other teams to do their best. There was a rumor that she would tell jokes while running a race just to throw off the others so she could pass them. I would suggest Margie was our diplomat for these games. Good job!

Patricia (Trish) "Baby" Sweeney was one of my favorites. As others weakened under the hot sun, Trishie kept her cool and kept on her jacket and ball cap on backwards just to let others know she was a force to be reckoned with. The others in her competitive group rallied to be as tough but to no avail. Trish stayed her course and when the time was right...BAM...she struck like a cobra. Those around the shot put stood way back to watch her grace heave the shot towards Southlands Subdivision. I heard some homeowners were nervous of their windows. Trishie weakened the rest with her new style long jump, which included the now patented triple ready jump. What a girl!

Nicole "Sparks" Lahey had a contagious glow about her all day. So did her Dad but most of his was sunburn! One judge claimed it was the first time that they actually saw fire coming from the wheels of a competitor. The burn marks still rest on the track for those to see. Her coaches had to be careful to water down the wheels after each event so that one wouldn't get burned. Nicky, as some called her, took the hearts of all that watched her. Now I am not saying me and Reg King were crying as we watching Nicky get her medal but we do admit we may have been sweating from the corner of our eyes...that's it! We have reputations you know.

Jackie "Smiles" Ford was definitely my choice for Best Sport if one could be picked from the rest. If a judge told her she was last even if she was first, she would have kissed him and said thanks. She is her own person one that is so easy to love and appreciate. She is a poster person for these games in my opinion. Never an unkind word or thought. She was just happy to be there with her team and fellow Bell Islanders. Not to mention a medal winner too! What a tribute to our neck of the woods. Yes her and I were caught holding hands but it was just an effort to keep her hand from getting sunburned. I tried to explain that to everyone but they didn't listen.

Eileen "The Wave" Whalen set herself apart from the rest in the way she took to the field to show the world her talents. Living next to the ocean I never really understood the way a wave came to shore until I watched Eileen rise up when the starter gave the signal to go and then there was this tremendous surge of power and beauty heading for the finish line. There was a dead calm until the bang of the gun then we all saw the waters rise in fury and power and headed towards the shore. Each movement as fluid as the last. Each person she passed remarked at her surging prowess. Then seconds after striking home she was calm again. Just remnants on the track of a race well run!

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Ricky "The Hawk" Hawco was there too. Was he ever! Constantly pacing the field, he reminded me of a racecar getting ready by squealing his tires at the starting line. The motor raring to go. The crowd knew he was serious. Just as serious as working the security at the hockey games. The Hawk took to his duties as a well-trained sprinter would to the World games. Now I am not suggesting that Ricky was fast but one guy blinked and missed a whole race.

"Hawco...Hawco" could be heard from the spectators as they yelled his name. The Hawk was so hot after each race his glasses were steamed. I am just glad I didn't race beside him. The sun was hot enough as it was. I would have really gotten a burn if I did. The Hawk took to the pack of racers each time with a vengeance. He was ready and he knew it. We all got to see the real definition of motion this day.

And then there was "Rocky". Yes ladies and gentlemen Johnny "Rocky" Davis was there. Now I have been at many tractor pulls watching the meaning of power but I never saw anything like Rocky throwing the shot-put. At each throw Davis would kick up enough dust to have been mistaken for a dirt bike race. In fact ten men had to stand behind this finely developed athlete to catch him after each throw. His concentration at each throw ended in a violent outburst of power. The shot going through the air reminded me of a shot from a rifle. One landed in the Goulds but no one but me saw it. I don't know what everyone else was looking at. Rocky ran one race I could remember where he was the only one to be seen. Some say he was trying to beat his own time. I say he had all others scared to be on the track with him. Can't blame them really. The big 6 footer plus stood out in every way.

We were all proud.

Now I have only touched the surface of what happened this day. Every comment above being exactly as it happened with very little exaggeration if any. Those who watched will ever remember the pride and joy of being attached to these athletes. The camaraderie of the games and the sweating of the eyes that resembled tears but really weren't. If there were ever an event to mark off on your calendar this one would be it.

There are many things in life that get set to memory. These games are one. Our team made us proud. Thanks go out to all the supporters of these events and their coaches and organizers. Jose you deserve the world.

A very special thanks to all volunteers who trained with the athletes all year. Lorne Morgan, Leanne Bickford, Amanda Reid, Tracy Merrill and Nancy Tulk...great job! (Sorry if I spelled any names wrong)

There are plans in place already for next year. We need to let our Olympians cool down for a while and let their 17 medals yes, 17 medals adjoin the mantles of their homes.

I don't know about you but I would be thinking that the stretch of road from Clarke's Home Hardware/ Touch of Class to the Post Office should be named something that all can remember. **Olympic Ave** sounds good to me. If they can do it in town.....we can do it here...

Thanks for the memories.

**Corporal Boyd Merrill**  
**Bell Island RCMP**

*"The Hawk was so hot after each race his glasses were steamed. I am just glad I didn't race beside him."*

## **Community Action Group For People with Developmental Disabilities.**

A group of concerned citizens has joined together to improve the working conditions for the People with Developmental Disabilities of Bell Island. The old *Town Surveyor and Records Office* building on Town Square (also the former Town Council Office), houses three nonprofit micro businesses that employ both Job Coaches and members of the developmentally disabled community.

This building plays a very important role in the lives of the people with developmental disabilities in our town. For many it is the center piece of their lives. It provides a place to go and socialize with their peers, a sense of purpose and direction and a place to enjoy friendship and fellowship. In addition to providing a work atmosphere for a population who would otherwise be limited in their options, a

classroom has been established within the building. Here retired teachers generously donate their time to teach individuals to read and write.

However, this building is in desperate need of repairs. The roof is in deplorable condition and must be replaced. The exterior has not been fully painted in years and the interior requires new flooring and paint. The developmentally disabled of our community need our help in improving this existing structure and making it a safe, warm, and comfortable place to live and work

We, as a committee are calling upon the citizens of Bell Island to help us in our efforts to improve this historical establishment. We are looking for donations of money, building materials, and just as importantly, time and labor. We hope to harness volunteer labor from members of the

community to make the building a safe place for this very special group of people to meet. An old proverb says that it takes a community to raise a child. The people with developmental disabilities of Bell Island **NEED** the community: its workers, volunteers and concerned citizens to improve their lives.

***People with developmental disabilities within our community need our protection and support. They look to us, the able bodied within a community to provide for them, care for them and protect their best interests. Let's create an atmosphere we can all be proud of.***

***These people are a special gift to our community and are worth our efforts.***

Interested people can contact:  
Lori Hann 488-2707,  
Tracy and Boyd Merrill 488-3312,  
Father Wayne Dohey 488-2525,  
Gary Gosine 488-2025,  
and  
Ken Reid 488-3336.

***Thank you for your interest and support!***

*Submitted by  
Tracy Merrill*

## CROSS ON THE RIB

Kay Coxworthy

### Our tribute to our Submarine Miner “Lukey Roberts”

*There are stories that last, though the players move on  
So many are captured in music and song  
There are legends and lies, and so many will live  
Like the old miner’s custom – the cross on the rib.  
Deep in the earth, where the sun never shines  
Just the old miner’s headlamps way down in the mines  
Where they toiled all their lives, and prayed they would live  
And not end their days just a cross on the rib.*

#### **Our iron ore mines were the deepest they say**

*Stretching three miles and more way out under the Bay  
The ore was our future, but all that they’d give  
To never again put a cross on the Rib  
Two thousand and more made a life in the mines  
Where the winds never blew and the sun never shined  
With headlamps and pit boots, lunch tucked in their bibs  
They thanked God each day for no cross on the rib.*

*Our ore went worldwide, and when men went to war  
They used what we dug o make weapons and more  
And millions would die, so in peace we could live  
Their far away crosses like our own on the rib.  
In the dark of the mines where men toiled all their lives  
They thought of their children, their sweethearts and wives  
Who depended on them, and for them they would live  
Not become for all time, just a cross on the rib.*

#### **They were our salvation, our iron ore mines**

*Our present, our future, but gone are these times  
The future we lost, but there’s one prayer we give  
For those men who gave all, now a cross on the rib.  
And now they are silent, those dark brooding mines  
Where the ghosts of our miners still linger at times  
In the dark flooded tunnels, their light will still live  
Forever remembered in that Cross on the Rib.*

We’ll always remember you Lukey; you will forever be the symbol of the Submarine Miners who sang of their days in the mines, who dreamed of the comradeship they shared deep under the earth. Today Lukey, your cross shines the brightest of all on the rib and in our hearts.

**Lorraine and the “boys” of the Submarine Miners**

## Mean Moms

*(This is an email that I received from my neighbour Al. It made me smile because I cannot count the times that my children have accused me of being mean....)*

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, I will tell them, as my Mean Mom told me:

I loved you enough . . . to ask where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a creep.

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that should have taken 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, and tears in my eyes. Children must learn that their parents aren't perfect.

I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart.

But most of all, I loved you enough . . . to say "NO" when I knew you would hate me for it.

Those were the most difficult battles of all. I'm glad I won them, because in the end you won, too. And someday when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates parents, you will tell them.

Was your Mom mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, empty the trash and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at

night thinking of more things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds and had eyes in the back of her head. Then, life was really tough!

Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced.

None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault.

Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was.

I think that is what's wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean moms!

**Submitted by:  
Donna Kubik**

## Wabana Town Council News



### Assessment of Town Systems

Back in November, 2005, residents were advised that we had employed an engineering company to work on a Five Year Plan for our water and Sewer and infrastructure systems. We are pleased to now announce that the company is now actively working on this plan. Although it will not be finished this summer, we are confident that we will have a new Five Year plan ready in the fall. With this new plan, we hope to be able to deal with our infrastructure problems, especially the water supply.

### Water Supply

Recently our pumping stations at The Front have caused some problems. The pumps at Kavanagh's Lane, St. Michael's at Memorial Street, and Kelloway's at Memorial Street have experienced very low pressure resulting in slow or no water. Since the water supply at The Front is very low, any increased demand on the pumps results in loss of water.

We are asking residents at The Front to be patient and use water wisely. We suggest that any excessive use of water be done during nighttime or early morning. Council wishes to apologize for this inconvenience and assures residents of The Front that the solution to this problem is a main priority.

### Bicycle Helmets

We have noticed that a number of young people have been seen riding in the town without helmets. We certainly join with the RCMP and recommend that all bicycle riders should wear helmets.

Transport Canada statistics reveal that 60 cyclists were killed in 2001. Of these, 88 per cent were not wearing a helmet, including all of those under age 15. We ask parents to make sure that your children are protected and wearing a certified helmet. I guess we can go further and ask all adult riders to wear helmets. If the kids see adults wearing bicycle helmets, they will be more

easily convinced to wear them.

### Scotiabank says no

The Town Council recently asked Scotiabank to arrange for the Banking Machine to accept deposits. In response we were told "Scotiabank, like any other financial institution, is a business and has a responsibility to its shareholders and upon investigation, we have found that it is not economically viable to put in place such a facility".

### Fire Department

The Town Council has agreed with a request from the Fire Department to cost share the purchase of a Rescue Kit. This kit contains a complete range of self contained rescue tools, including cutter, spreader, pedal cutter and push ram. Members of the Fire Department were recently trained in the use of the kit.

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### **Human Resources and Management Plan**

The Town is currently seeking a consultant or joint venture consulting team to undertake an analysis of the Human Resources and Management of the Town. With the anticipated retirement of the Town Manager within the next year, we feel that we should put plans in place for the future management of the Town.

### **North East Avalon Joint Council**

On May 25, Mayor Gosine and Councillor Pat Craig attended a "Town Hall" meeting

which was hosted by the City of St. John's. Special guests at the meeting were Minister of Municipal Affairs, Jack Byrne and Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Loyola Hearn. Topics discussed at the meeting were:

- Federal Gas Tax
- EI Divisor Rule
- Ferry Issue/Bi-Pass Roads
- Waste Management
- Crown Lands

### **SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

FIREMEN'S STREET  
DANCE AT THE  
FIREHALL PARKING LOT  
– JULY 21

BELL ISLAND DAY AT THE  
SPORTS FIELD SUNDAY,  
JULY 23

WHEELS OF CHANCE,  
MANY ATTRACTIONS,  
FAMILY FUN DAY.

ARENA ACTIVITES:

DANCES: JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>,  
21<sup>ST</sup>. 23<sup>RD</sup>. 26<sup>TH</sup>. 28<sup>TH</sup>. AND  
30<sup>TH</sup>.

VISIT LANCE COVE  
BEACH – GREAT PLACE  
FOR A PICNIC OR A BBQ  
AND SWIMMING.

Submitted by  
Councillor Patrick Craig

## ***A Sincere Thank You***

*We, the family of the late Richard Crane would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to numerous family and friends who supported us in the passing of our son and brother Richard.*

*Thank you for the many cards, flowers, food, condolences and kindness shown in our time of need*

*A special thank-you to the ICU unit at the Health Sciences Centre and the Bell Island Hospital staff.*

*Also special thank to Reverend Canon, Shirley Gosse, and Pendergast Funeral Home. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.*

*Sincerely,  
The Crane Family*

## Bell Island Ferry Users Committee

July 2006 Report  
Prepared by Ed Kent



### 1. Meeting held with Transportation Minister Taylor on June 14.

Committee representatives met with Transportation Minister Taylor and MHA Minister Whalen to discuss ferry issues that have been on the Committee's radar screen and are of importance to Bell Island. Minister Taylor confirmed Government's commitments to address improvements needed in Provincial ferry services.

The meeting was viewed as quite favourable and the Minister supportive.

#### a. Building new ferries

Minister Taylor confirmed that construction would start in 2007 on new ferries. A long-term program (rumoured to be \$80,000,000) is under review with indications that the first 2 ferries would be smaller ferries for smaller community services.

The Committee has been seeking and will continue its efforts for a 28 car new ferry for the provincial fleet to serve as a back up and refit replacement ferry for larger services and to provide an alternate ferry to replace the Hamilton Sound and Nonia on the Bell Island run when the main ferries are out of service or on refit. A charter replacement ferry in our view is also necessary while we wait for several years for a new mid size swing ferry to be built

#### b. Stakeholder input into Ferry Fleet Study

The Minister has advised the 2005 commissioned ferry fleet study completed earlier in 2006 must go to Cabinet before it is released. The Minister advises that the Report will soon be presented to Cabinet and then released for public consideration.

As stakeholder input from users is a must it is hoped that Cabinet will not implement the recommendations until user groups can review and provide input and it appears that the Minister is of the same view.

#### c. Dock improvements committed

Minister Taylor has reconfirmed that the Government recognizes that the ferry docks need rehabilitation and that Governments commitment is evidenced by a contract for \$2,000,000 that has commenced in Portugal Cove. A further \$2,000,000 is committed for 2007 to complete the renovations of the second dock in the Cove.

Additionally department engineers have agreed to commence action for dock maintenance and safety to replace and repair dock fenders *(continued next page...)*

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d. **Strike free services: (Legislation change to be reviewed)**

Minister Taylor agreed to have his officials research measures and consider an action plan of measures to avoid a potential damaging strike in the next round of ferry workers talks. A binding arbitration process via an amendment to the Labour Relations Act just like BC Ferries and Marine Atlantic Workers has been suggested.

e. **Road related Improvements in Cove terminal a priority**

*It has been confirmed that some monies have been allocated in Budget 2006 to start a planned significant overhaul of line-up and parking areas in the Cove. A major concern has been the line-up lane endangering public safety as vehicles lined up for the ferry have to park on the main highway.*

*We have been advised engineering work is ongoing and the Committee will be presented with the plans in the near future on the scope of work planned. Widening the rock cut, install curb and gutter and sidewalk, realignment of ticket booths and improved parking have been presented as Committee priorities*

f. **Provincial ferry rate equity study nearing completion**

The Minister advised equity review of Provincial ferry rates is nearing completion. The Committee remains committed to the principle already announced (but not yet implemented by Government as a policy initiative) of having ferry rates based on the equivalent cost of road travel with commuter worker incentives retained.

Regular users rates based on highway equivalency with the retention of 50% worker incentive commuter/student rates has always been Committee policy. Our uniqueness as the only Provincial commuter service is entrenched and the 500 annual working commuters stand in testimony to the success story of establishing Bell Island with a vibrant \$30,000,000 employment earnings economy.

Existing Bell Island rates are very close to what the adoption of the highway equivalency would yield and the Committee's position is to hold Bell Island rates at or near current levels. The final 5% increase in the 4 year recent round of increases is still scheduled for April 1,2007

Those with views on ferry rates may contact a Committee member to present any input. Meanwhile the Committee is optimistic that affordable rates and rate stability will be maintained and the outcome of the internal departmental study will be responded to once released.

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g. Debit cards being considered for ticket purchase:

We have been advised the Department is studying the possibility of introducing debit cards as an additional means of paying fares. While such a system in principle would be welcomed it only works well when tickets are sold aboard the vessel.

Introduction of debit cards on our quick turnaround service given computer and other delays with debit cards would most certainly delay sailings at peak periods to unacceptable levels and the Committee would only support debit cards if ticket selling is made more efficient so as to not delay the ferries or force less trips.

2. Other ferry related news:

Advance ticket equals tax credit-Starts July 1

On July 1, tax credit kicks in for commuters who buy the advance ticket package. Single ticket purchases are not eligible for the tax credit

*Summer tourism-student program*

Committee member Donna Kubik is volunteering her time to coordinate the summer student tourism program. Six students have been hired and will be promoting Bell Island to prospective tourists.

Ferry maintenance issues

The Committee has requested the painting of terminal area road line painting and repairs/ painting to the terminal waiting rooms and await a start on these essential services needs.

Users Committee met on June 26 to review various issues needing attention

Recent ferry use statistics

Recent ferry use statistics continue to reflect upwards of 450,000 passengers and 225,000 vehicles per year use our service. We are expecting 40,000 non-resident round trip visitors from June to September.

For the past 2 months we have just received updated stats for Bell Islands ferry service use.

April 2006-	37,820 passengers/19,281 vehicles-	single trip
May 2006 -	39,486 passengers and 20,975 vehicles	-single trip

In the summer months the ferries will likely carry approximately 60,000 single trip passengers each month and 30,000 cars.

**Have an enjoyable summer**



## Wabana Boys & Girls Club

### “A Good Place To Be”



On Sunday May 28, we held our Annual Awards Day. We would like to thank the parents who took part in this very important day for our members. We would like to congratulate the many members who received awards.

There were over 300 awards presented to the members by various people from government and organizations from the island. We like to thank these people for taking time out of the busy schedule to be part of this special day, especially Minster Whalen.

**Special congratulations to our Boy and Girl of the Year, Mikey Lahey and Amanda Arnold.** Mikey and Amanda have volunteered countless hours to the club and to younger members. Without your dedication, programs would be very difficult to run.

The May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend marked the third year for the Annual Dart Tournament. This year we had six teams take part in the tournament, one that traveled from Cambridge for the fun filled week. We would like to thank the Cambridge team for collecting many donations for this event and also to the Curling Club, Herbs, West Mines Pub, and the Legion for allowing the tournament to be played at their clubs. The money raised from the

tournament was over \$1700.00 in which went to the Boys and Girls Club.

**Congratulations to the winning team “The Greeners”, Donnie Hibbs, Joe Somerton, Noel Fowler, Glen Parsons, Todd Tobin, Wayne Parsons, Jim Parsons, and Bobby Fleming.** This team donated their winnings (\$200.00) back to the club.

The Cambridge team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place and donated their winning of \$100.00 back to the club. We thank the player who took the time to play in this tournament. We hope that we can continue with this event.

The club has tickets on sale for the summer. The costs of these tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The prizes are 1<sup>st</sup>- \$1000.00 and 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$500.00. If you wish to sell some of these tickets or purchase some, don't hesitate to call or drop in. We appreciate all the help we can get. Fundraising projects such as this help the club offer such valuable programs to the members of the club.

We still have some shirts on sale, these shirts will be the last printed with our old logo. All shirts will be sold at a discounted price.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting

our Summer Programs. If your child has not registered for these programs, call or drop in to the club. If your child is already registered and maybe going on holidays, we ask that you call the club and let us know. We have 9 students hired to assist with the summer programs.

The Atlantic Lottery Corporation has decided to support the Boys & Girls Club by providing an opportunity for 15 members, along with 3 chaperones (5 members and 1 chaperone from each club) to attend the Rex Goudie Concert on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mile One Stadium.

The other club to take part in this event was the Buckmaster Circle and the Mundy Pond clubs.

The Atlantic Lottery Corporation also assisted us in developing an Age of Majority theme contest to select the attendees. The selection process was, members aged 5-12 had a Poster / Essay contest – draw a picture to show other kids why they should not gamble. The members were to write one paragraph ( or a line for younger kids ) about why it is important to be 19 (adult) to gamble.

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Members 13-17 had an Essay contest – In about 150 words write why it is important to be 19 to gamble. We had over 40 entries from our club forwarded to St. John's, the winners were chosen. **The lucky members from our club were;**  
**Kayla Littlejohn,**  
**Jessica Rees,**  
**Shane Drover,**  
**Keely Tobin, and**  
**Cassandra Dunn.**

The members were very excited to be chosen and they had a very memorable night with snacks and posters provided for them by the Lottery Corporation.

The members were swept off their feet when they had the opportunity to go behind stage to meet Rex and have pictures taken with him and received his autograph. It will be a night that will be forever remembered.

We will be starting our Bingos again on Friday nights. We have made changes to our Bingo, hoping to improve and maybe gain some interest back in the bingos.

We have cut our prizes but also cut the cost of our cards, making the night a little cheaper for people to attend.

**The price of the cards will be:**

**3 Cards - \$6.00,**  
**6 Cards - \$10.00,**  
**9 Cards - \$12.00,**  
**12 Cards - \$14.00,**  
**15 Cards - \$15.00, and**  
**18 Cards - \$17.00.**

We will still be having the same amount of games. So come on out and bring a friend. The bingo will be played in the GYM.

Anyone interested in volunteering at these nights can call the club, it is always good to have an extra set of hands.

**Submitted by**  
**Joe Sommerton**

### ***THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE:***

*Living on Earth is expensive, But it does include a free trip Around the sun every year.*

*How long a minute is Depends on what side of the Bathroom door you're on.*

*Birthdays are good for you; The more you have, The longer you live.*

*Happiness comes through doors you Didn't even know you left open.*

*Ever notice that the people who are late Are often much jollier Than the people who have to wait for them?*

*Most of us go to our grave With our music still inside of us.*

*If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, How come nothing is free yet?*

*You may be only one person in the world, But you may also be the world to one person.*

*Some mistakes are too much fun To only make once.*

*Don't cry because it's over; Smile because it happened.*

*We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, some are pretty, Some are dull, some have weird names, And all are different colors....but They all exist very nicely in the same box.*

*A truly happy person is one who Can enjoy the scenery on a detour.*

*Working for God on earth does not pay much, But His Retirement plan is out of this world. LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH and pass it on!*



**Canadian Blood Services**  
*it's in you to give*

Canadian Blood Services is asking Bell Island residents to share their health and vitality this summer by rolling up their sleeves to help hospital patients requiring blood and blood products. With just one donation of blood, you can save or improve up to three lives.

If you have ever thought about donating blood in the past, please consider acting on it now. Your blood donation is a gift that can be given every 56 days throughout the year to help hospital patients in need.

Call 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283) to book an appointment at the following blood donor clinic:

**Bell Island Thursday, July 11th, 2006**  
**St. Michael's Parish Hall, Main Hall 5 pm - 8 pm**

**NEW DONORS AND WALK-INS WELCOME**

Every minute of every day, a blood product is needed by someone in Canada. Over 50 % of Canadians say they or a family member have needed blood or blood products for surgery or for medical treatment.

Despite the number of people who have been touched by the need for blood, less than 4 % of the eligible population donated blood last year.

This is your opportunity to ensure that hospital patients in Newfoundland and Labrador receive the blood and blood products they require this summer! Please take a little of your time to give someone else a lifetime!

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It's in you to give. Call 1 888 2 DONATE or visit [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**WANTED.....****EIGHT GOOD WOMEN - AND EVEN A FEW GOOD MEN!**

Six months ago, I became involved with the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation when my best friend was appointed Provincial Community Development Coordinator for the Atlantic Chapter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF). Together we're working to come up with several great ideas for fundraising projects, which will support the research and treatment of this dread disease.

One of these was the idea of "Communities Walking for a Cure" where I'm hoping that a challenge from the women of Bell Island will motivate women in another 49 communities throughout Newfoundland & Labrador to get out and walk to raise money for breast cancer. Imagine 50 communities symbolically linked by the pink ribbon symbolizing breast cancer – paying tribute to women who've lost their battle with the disease, those still in that battle, and the survivors of this deadly disease.

***"There are few families that have not been touched by breast cancer in any community in this province, and the Foundation is delighted to support this unique fundraising idea that was born on Bell Island and that will join 50 communities throughout Newfoundland & Labrador. Through this pink ribbon linkage we will see strong women fighting back. I applaud the women of Bell Island and I'll be there supporting you when you walk for the cure on the Iron Isle this summer"***

***Brenda Beitenman***

***Provincial Community Development Coordinator***

***Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation – Atlantic Chapter***

Several communities have agreed to be part of our pink ribbon linkage, and I'm dreaming up ways to get the whole 49 of them involved! All ideas are welcome.

Right now, I hope to see this walk become a reality in early August and I'm looking for a committee of eight women to help me organize our walkathon here on the island. I'll work on our challenge to the rest of the province; I need **YOU** to help me put the Bell Island Walk together.

Hopefully some of these will be cancer survivors or women in our community still fighting their own battles with the disease, as well as those who have loved ones touched by this disease.

**I need **YOU** to help make this a memorable tribute to all who have ever been touched by breast cancer in our community.**

Across the length and breadth of this province, this nation and the world, in communities large and small, young or old, rich or poor, breast cancer strikes when we least expect it. It strikes our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our co-workers. This is our chance to be among 50 communities in Newfoundland and Labrador fighting back.

I envisage that the symbolic pink ribbon will start here on Bell Island and eventually encircle all 50 communities.

I've been a volunteer on Bell Island for 26 years – and now I'm asking **YOU** to join me in being part of something really special which will support research and treatment programs for breast cancer.

We already have the blessing of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation – Atlantic Chapter. Now all we need is eight good women and even a few good men to help us make this a reality!

**PLEASE CALL ME AT 488-2271 if you can be part of our committee to make this walkathon a memorable tribute to all who've been touched with breast cancer in our community.**

Let's start the pink ribbon rolling out from Bell Island to encircle communities throughout the province. **LET'S FIGHT BACK!!!**

**Kay Coxworthy**

## MESSAGE FROM THE BELL ISLAND SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Behalf of the Bell Island Special Olympics, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people and businesses of Bell Island for their contribution towards the Bell Island Special Olympics.

This past weekend, June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, a team from Bell Island traveled to Mount Pearl to participate in the 2006 Provincial Summer Games for Special Olympics. The team consisted of twelve athletes: **Kristen Carbage, Johnnie Davis, Jackie Ford, Gerald Fowler, Ricky Hawco, Justin Lahey, Nichole Lahey, Judy Mitchell, Bonnie Skanes, Margie Stanford, Patricia Sweeney, and Eileen Whalen**. Their coaches, Lorne Morgan and myself. Two student coaches, Leann Bickford and Amanda Reid. Three respite workers, Paula King, Tracy Merrill, and Nancy Tulk.

On Friday, we left on the 4:10 boat, each athlete wearing their team windsuit, which they were so proud to wear.

We stayed at Holy Spirit High in C.B.S. on Friday night. Following registration there was pizza and a dance in which the athletes had a wonderful time. They met

a lot of people and made new friends.

Saturday was the day of the events. **Nichole** participated in the 25m and 30m wheelchair race and Shot-put. She received three medals. Gold in Shotput and a Bronze in the 25m and 30m wheelchair races.

**Johnnie, Jackie, Ricky, Justin, Judy, Bonnie, Patricia, and Eileen** each participated in the 50m race, Standing Long Jump and Shotput. **Johnnie** received two Gold medals, one in the 50m race the other for Shotput. **Jackie** received Gold in the 50m race. **Ricky** received two medals. A Bronze in the 50m race and Silver for Standing Long Jump. **Justin** received two Gold. One for Standing Long Jump the other for Shotput. **Judy** received two medals. A Gold in Shotput and Silver in Standing Long Jump. **Patricia** received Gold in Shotput. **Eileen** received Gold in the 50m race.

**Kristen** and **Margie** both participated in the 100 and 200m races, Standing Long Jump and Shotput. **Kristen** received Bronze in the 200m race. **Margie** received Bronze in Shotput.

**Gerald** participated in 100, 200 and 400m race, Standing Long Jump and Shotput. He received Bronze in 400m race.

Congratulations to each and every athlete for their accomplishments. The athletes enjoyed participating in all events and especially pleased to receive their medals. The look on their faces when they received their



medals was more than can be expressed in words. Following the events on Saturday evening, the organizers held a Banquet for all athletes and coaches followed by a dance.

We returned home on the 11:10 ferry. All athletes walked off the boat so proudly wearing their medals. They were greeted at the boat by many family members and friends. Who showed up to congratulate the athletes for a job well done. The Bell Island Rescue Wagon and a Police car were also there. The athletes were so excited to see everyone and so proud to show off their medals. Then there was a motorcade, which I'm sure you will all agreed, was well deserved.

The Bell Island team greatly appreciates the tremendous support we have received from the community. The experience, the fun and the fellowship which took place during the weekend for these athletes and their families along with the enjoyment felt would not have been possible without your support.

Thank you so much and we look forward to your support in the upcoming year.

**Josephine Lewis**  
Bell Island Special Olympics

## Smile! IF THIS DOESN'T CREATE A SHORTAGE OF MARBLES.....

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement ham-shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it:

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet.

It's too bad you missed your daughter's "dance recital" he continued. "Let me tell you something that has helped me keep my own priorities. "And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years. "Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part.

It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays." "I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is a 75 year old Man, K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. And hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles ...

A friend sent this to me, so I to you, my friend.

**Submitted by Corporal Boyd Merrill**

## This Pastor Has guts!!

Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.



We have killed our unborn and called it choice.  
We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of \_expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God,  
and know our hearts  
today; cleanse us from

every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest.

In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively.

The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story," and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

**Submitted by :**  
**Boyd Merrill**

## R.C.M.P Community Concerns



This month's entry has to do with **emergency vehicles and checkpoints** and what to do when you encounter them.

When you approach any emergency vehicle with their emergency lights activated or a checkpoint, you should slow down, approach with caution, and be prepared to pull over and /or stop. You should have all your documentation ready to present to the officer upon request. If requested documentation is not available, the officer may issue a Summary Offence Ticket also known as a fine.

Under the *Highway Traffic Act*, you are required to carry proof of insurance, registration and your drivers licence at all times when operating a motor vehicle and present it to a Peace Officer upon request.

***You should also keep in mind that turning to avoid a checkpoint is not a smart option...***

### **Some relevant sections out of the Highway Traffic Act are as follows:**

#### **Driver to produce vehicle licence**

1. 29. A driver, owner or person having the care and

control of a vehicle shall produce the vehicle licence issued for the vehicle for inspection when a peace officer or inspector so requests.

1988 c33 s29

#### **Uninsured vehicle**

1. 75. (1) A person shall not operate, or, being the owner, allow another person to operate, a motor vehicle on a highway unless there is in force in respect of the motor vehicle a policy of insurance.

(2) *The owner of a motor vehicle or, where the owner is not the operator of the motor vehicle, the person operating it, shall, when requested to by a traffic officer, produce proof that a policy of insurance is in force with respect to the motor vehicle.*

(3) The production of a policy at a police station within 48 hours after a request is made under subsection (2) is considered to be sufficient production of proof of a policy.

(4) A policy or a

certificate evidencing a policy is proof of financial responsibility in the circumstances where that proof is required by a person to whom this section applies.

(5) A person who

(a) obtains the registration of a motor vehicle when that motor vehicle is not insured by a policy;

(b) fails to comply with subsection (1); or

(c) fails to produce proof in accordance with subsection (2) that a policy is in force in respect of his or her motor vehicle,

is guilty of an offence.

(6) In addition to the penalties set out in the Schedule for a violation of subsection (5), the court shall

(a) report the conviction to the registrar who shall order that the identification plates and motor vehicle licence of the person convicted under that subsection be returned to the registrar; or

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(b) order the person convicted under that subsection to return the identification plates and motor vehicle licence to the registrar and advise the registrar of the order.

(6.1) A court that convicts a person for a violation of paragraph (5)(a) or (b) shall report the conviction to the registrar who shall by order in writing

(a) suspend the driver's licence of the owner of the vehicle for a period of 90 days beginning on the date determined by the registrar and set out in the order; and

(b) direct the seizure and impoundment of the motor vehicle by a peace officer or a traffic officer for a period of 90 days beginning on the day the peace officer or traffic officer takes

possession of the vehicle.

(6.2) Notwithstanding subsection (6.1), where the person who is convicted of a violation of paragraph (5)(a) or (b) is not the owner of the vehicle and has not been driving the vehicle with the consent of the owner, the registrar shall suspend the driver's licence of the person who was convicted instead of the owner and shall not order the seizure and impoundment of the motor vehicle, but, if the person whose licence is being suspended is the owner of a vehicle, the registrar shall order the seizure and impoundment of that vehicle for a period of 90 days beginning on the date the peace officer or traffic officer takes possession of the vehicle.

(6.3) A person whose driver's licence is suspended under paragraph (6.1)(a) or subsection (6.2) shall immediately return his or her licence to the registrar.

(7) A motor vehicle liability policy referred to in this Part

shall be in the form prescribed by the Automobile Insurance Act and approved under that Act by the Superintendent of Insurance for the purpose of this Part. 1988 c33 s74; [2004 c27 21](#)

***As a heads up, everyone should also have their emergency parking brakes inspected as we are now checking them...***

***Drive safely and make sure you wear your helmet, whether on a motorcycle, ATV or pedal bike.***

**Cst. RAYNER  
Bell Island RCMP**



## Local Photography Showcase.....The Beauty that Surrounds Bell Island



Photos taken and submitted by  
Matthew Windsor



*The quality of these pictures will be compromised when they are printed in black and white in this newsletter. . View the online version of the newsletter to gain full appreciation of their beauty at [www.bellisland.net](http://www.bellisland.net).*

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**We Must Stop This Immediately!**

Have you noticed that Stairs are getting steeper, groceries are heavier, and, everything is farther away.

Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how long our street had become! And, you know, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones.

They speak in whispers all the time! If you ask them to speak up, they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same silent message until they're red in the face! What do they think I am? A lip reader?

I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she didn't even recognize me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair >this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection.....Well, REALLY NOW- even mirrors are not made the way they used to be!

Another thing, everyone drives so fast these days! You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the freeway in front of them.. All I can say is, their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror.

Clothing manufacturers are less civilized these days. Why else would they suddenly start labeling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices that these things no longer fit around the waist, hips, thighs, and bosom?

The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank, but in reverse. Do they think I actually "believe" the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on -- but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy too: they've printed the phone books in such small type that no one could ever find a number in here!

All I can do is pass along this warning: We are under attack! Unless something drastic happens, pretty soon everyone will have to suffer these awful indignities.

**PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN GET THIS CONSPIRACY STOPPED!**

PS: I am sending this to you in a larger font size, because something has caused my computer's fonts to be smaller than they once were.

**Submitted by: Father Wayne Dohey**