



Toronto Sea Cadet Alumni Association

# Hi Sailor

## Vanguard turns 50



By **Ken Johnstone**

As I write this, I recall how pleased and honoured I was to be asked to be the Reviewing Officer for RCSCC VANGUARD's Annual Review – especially because this year

was their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! In February, their Commanding Officer, Lt(N) Paul Simas, had asked me if I would consider the role. I eagerly accepted.

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## News from the Annual General Meeting

Your Association has a new constitution, which was approved at the First Annual General Meeting, November 1, 2008. Members also elected a board of directors, which selected the Executive, as listed elsewhere in this issue. Founding president **Garry Thomson** became our first Honorary Life Member and received a scroll from

Saul Glass. A surprise guest appeared from Orillia bearing books. **Bonnie Rourke** spoke about her book depicting life among sea cadets in camp on Georgian Bay. [See page 4.] Mike Roger presented her with Honorary Associate membership.

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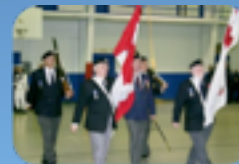
#### What's Inside



AC T. Mallyon receives the TSCAA Espirit de Corps Award from TSCAA VPres Mike Roger at the annual review of RCSCC ILLUSTRIOUS.

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#### Review Roundup



Your Executive made it out to all annual reviews in the Toronto area and the TSCAA Colour Guard marched at the Vanguard Review.

*To keep in touch, inform and entertain.  
It was the best of times.*



*Congrats to Peter Schlecht, who became the first member to buy a life membership.*



**The guard at the VANGUARD review**

*VANGUARD from page 1*

You see, I had spent nineteen years of my life as a cadet and later, as an officer, with VANGUARD from 1960 to 1979. I had begun as a New Entry and had finished as the Commanding Officer. It is because of all those years spent with this one sea cadet corps that made the invitation to be Reviewing Officer so very, very special. It had been about 30 years since I wore a uniform on the drill deck of HMCS YORK and I was genuinely anticipating the day of the Review.

As we were escorted to the Wardroom, I glanced at the bulkheads as we climbed the stairs. The framed photos of past Commanding Officers of York were still there. In the Wardroom, we met Paul Simas and other officers of VANGUARD as well as the Commanding Officer of HMCS YORK, Commander Matthew Davies. We also met the committee members of the VANGUARD Branch of the Navy League of Canada.

What followed during the next two hours was one of the most enjoyable Sea Cadet annual reviews I have had the pleasure of observing. The march-pasts were carried out in fine fashion. Joining VANGUARD on deck were the Navy League cadets from NLCC ARK ROYAL, as well as the band from RCSCC HARWOOD in Ajax. The inspection of the parade revealed that all on deck were well turned out.

Demonstrations included a jackstay transfer, a band display, a show of uniforms from past years, and several static displays. The afternoon concluded with the presentation of awards and a ceremony to mark the changing of the ship's Coxswain.

This day had also given me an opportunity to think back 30 years and remind me once again why Sea Cadets and in particular, RCSCC VANGUARD, had meant so very much to me for such a very long time.

And for that, I thank the officers and cadets of VANGUARD for the invitation to join them on this very special day.

# REVIEW ROUNDUP

*Right, At RCSCC ILLUSTRIOUS reviewing officer John Chisholm presents an award. Below, Mike Roger presents our Espirit de Corps award to AC T. Mallyon.*



*Below. TSCAA president Mike Roger presents CPO1 Pierce White-Joncas, the Coxswain, with the "Captain's Prize" for the most outstanding Cadet at the Scarborough annual review.*

*Round up the usual suspects, it's annual review time. At RCSCC ONTARIO, l to r, Andy Macnaughton, Mike Roger, Peter Dixon, Saul Glass, Lt(N) Dave Little, commanding officer, PO1 Henry, Area Cadet Advisor, (Central Ontario Area) Lt(N) Brian Heney, Area Cadet Officer (COA).*



## RCSCC SCARBOROUGH

By reviewing officer **Bill Qualtrough**

On June 15, 2008 I had the honour of being the Reviewing Officer for the 47th annual review of RCSCC SCARBOROUGH. While their numbers are low their spirits are high. The Corps has gone through a difficult year due to the closing of the facilities for a lengthy period. They paraded at a local armoury that was difficult to reach by public transit. Things have now gone back to normal although for the first time in decades the local Navy League Branch must pay to use the facilities.

Lt(N) Sharon Highfield, Commanding Officer, left the entire planning and execution of the event to her Coxswain, CPO1 Pierce White-Joncas and his senior cadets, who did a splendid job. The evolutions were excellent, especially the first-aid team that started off when the Petty Officer while marching off from the previous evolution tripped and fell on the deck. The performance was so effective that his father ran out from the audience to help his son. The first aid crew then took over with lots of chuckles.

Mrs. Odette Mendonca, the Navy League Sea Cadet Chair handled all the other arrangements, mainly

*Below. Cadet Dobson with his Bluenose Award and some of the Awards Committee of NOACTO.*



### Cadet Camp Georgian Bay

During the mid-1950s, camp meant HMCS ACADIA near Sydney, NS. Earlier, HAIDA cadets went to Georgian Bay, where they may have met Bonnie Rourke. Her father looked after a cadet camp. Bonnie grew up with sea cadets and wrote about them in *The Sea Cadet Years on Georgian Bay*. You can buy a copy from Shore Girl Publications toadhall@encode.com, 705-326-6425, or Huronia Museum Midland, 705-526-2844, info@huroniamuseum.com Price \$45.

### Bluenose Award to WHITBY cadet

Lt(N) Paul Simas presented the Bluenose Award to CPO1, Gareth Dobson. Lt Simas commands RCSCC VANGUARD and is a member of the NOAC Toronto Branch Scholarship Committee.

The award consists of a certificate and \$1,000. The model carries pennants with the name of each year's winner and their corps affiliation.

PO Dobson won the recommendation of his CO, Lt Bill Neville, for his dedication to the corp. He served as band drum major and member of both "with arms" and "without arms" drill teams. Last year, he attended the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy Ridge with a contingent of Canadian students. In his last year of high school, Gareth plans to enter the student co-op training program with the Ontario Regiment militia, and intends to join the Navy after graduation.

Jack Cooke chairs a committee of the



**AGM  
PIX**

**Scenes at the AGM.** Above Saul Glass presents an Honorary Life Membership to Garry Thomson, while his successor as president, Mike Roger, looks on. Elsewhere Dennis Hampson chats up Bonnie Rourke, who became an Honorary Associate Member after she published her book about a sea cadet camp on Georgian Bay. Andy Macnaughton and Gary Gotter muse. Top right Bruce Morgan, Norm Fraser and Saul Glass share a paper. Bill Qualtrough greets Marion and Larry MacDonald.



## It's about leadership, responsibility and service

by Lt(N) Paul Simas, CO, RCSCC VANGUARD

I recently read an article in the *London Free Press* about the return of a Canadian Officer, Capt Shawn Thompson, after seven months in Afghanistan. What drew my attention was a picture of a woman in uniform identified as Capt Beverly Bast. She was crying. It seems she was Capt. Thompson's Commanding Officer when he joined the Royal Canadian Army Cadets #11 Strathroy at age 12.

I wondered, "Do I have any former cadets in Afghanistan?" I checked my e-mail, and found a message from Corporal Paglinawan, former CPO1 at VANGUARD, wondering how I was doing, saying he missed being a cadet, and that he hoped to visit soon. He was writing from Afghanistan. After reading his message, I understood what Capt Bast felt. A mix of pride in knowing that a cadet of yours became such an outstanding citizen; the honour of serving as that person's leader; the responsibility of acting as a role model, with a bit of fear for their safety; but trusting they were well trained to survive any challenges brought to them.

My corps provided escort services at the Queen's Park Remembrance Day Ceremony. We were helping veterans lay wreaths, while the Canadian Forces provided sentries for the memorial wall. Afterward, a tall, intimidating man in Army uniform bearing a C7 rifle came over. He marched up to me, stopped, saluted and shook my hand! It was Private Kyle Payne, another of my former cadets who joined VANGUARD at 12 years of age, and upon retirement from his Sea Cadet service, joined the Army. He was smart looking and a definite asset to



the Canadian Forces.

Looking at these examples, I knew what being a cadet instructor is all about. It is about building relationships that will last a lifetime. It's about leadership; it's about responsibility; and it's about service. The rewards we get far outweigh any rank or pay. I have seen several of my former cadets serving with the Canadian Forces. Greater even are the number of those who did not join the Forces, but have become outstanding community citizens! I am equally proud and honoured to have served with all of them! I can't wait for the day when I get to salute one of them! I am deeply honoured and

proud of  
being a

*Left Cadet PO1  
Jose Paglinawan  
as flag party  
commander, and  
right as warrior  
with the Queen's  
York Rangers in  
Afghanistan.*



## Toronto Sea Cadet Alumni Association

### Statement of Revenue and Expenses

January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008

|                                      |                    |                    |   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Membership Dues                      | 445.00             |                    |   |
| Regalia                              | 65.00              |                    |   |
| Donations                            | 95.00              |                    |   |
| Miscellaneous                        | <u>40.00</u>       |                    |   |
| Total Revenue for period             |                    | \$ 645.00          | - |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>               |                    |                    |   |
| Trophies                             | 411.04             |                    |   |
| Newsletter costs                     | 157.40             |                    |   |
| Office & General Expense             | 497.66             |                    |   |
| Regalia                              | 113.14             |                    |   |
| Uniform Expense (to be recovered)    | 135.00             |                    |   |
| Miscellaneous                        | 67.00              |                    |   |
| Bank service charges for period      | 52.60              |                    |   |
| Total Disbursements for period       |                    | <u>\$ 1,433.84</u> |   |
| Expenses over Revenue for period     |                    | <u>(\$ 788.84)</u> |   |
|                                      |                    |                    |   |
| January 1, 2008 Opening Balance      | \$ 1,239.88        |                    |   |
| Expenses over Revenue for period     | <u>(\$ 788.84)</u> |                    |   |
| September 30, 2008 – Closing Balance |                    | <u>\$ 451.04</u>   |   |

#### Notes to Annual Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Period January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008

1. Office & General Expense includes expenses for paper toner, ink, postage, general office and mailing expenses.
2. Uniform expense is money that has been paid to suppliers for colour guard uniforms. This money will be recovered when each member of the guard reimburses the association.
3. Miscellaneous Expense was the cleaning and preparation of new uniform shirts for the colour guard.
4. Miscellaneous Revenue is revenue not posted to an account at this point.

In my opinion this statement gives an accurate representation of the financial affairs of the Association during the period.

**Dennis Hampson, treasurer**

## PRESIDENTS' LOG

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the membership, for allowing me to serve as your President for the next two years. I am privileged to have a great team of Directors to work with in managing the affairs of the TSCAA.

At the AGM held on 1 November, 2008, the list of Directors was announced and subsequently voted into office. A special welcome is extended to the three new Directors who have joined our team in the past year: John Fielder (Editor of our newsletter – *Hi Sailor*), Ken Johnstone and Peter Dixon – welcome aboard.

We would like to thank all of those who attended the AGM. It was great to see so many familiar faces and some new ones as well. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and we look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

During the winter months, the Directors will plan for the future. Implementation of these plans will require the participation of all of our members, especially those who live in the Greater Toronto Area. From time to time there will be calls for volunteers. When the calls come, please respond and lend us your support. (Please note – The Press Gang has been disbanded).

This is your Alumni Association. It only works effectively when we all participate.

One of our immediate projects will be the establishment of a TSCAA Web Site. This will enable us to communicate better. Remember, communications work in both directions. We will post relevant information but it is up to you to provide feedback and input.

Yours aye

**Michael A. Roger**

President

## TSCAA Executive

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Treasurer **Dennis Hampson**

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Toronto hosted tall ships in June when the *Bluenose II* visited along with two Americans, *Pride of Baltimore II* and *U.S. Brig Niagara*.

## Members Crossed the Bar

**Jack Munn**

**Ross de Geer**

**Alex Burns**

## How you can help

We want your stories and pictures for *Hi Sailor*. Send your material to John W. Fielder, 167 Robert St Toronto ON M5S 2K6 416-967-0304 [jfielder@pathcom.com](mailto:jfielder@pathcom.com)