



SRC News

Upcoming Events:

- *Preteen Dance*
March 19
- *Trivia Night*
March 31
- *Preteen Dance*
April 14
- *Cliff Erickson*
April 22
- *Garbo's Fashion Show*
April 28
- *Preteen Dance*
May 12
- *Spring Fling*
May 14
- *Wine Mini-pairing*
May 27
- *Surfer or Turfer*
June 17

You must preregister for all events!

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Spring is Just Around the Corner...

We are very pleased with the improvements and renovations that have taken place around the Club this January. The Superior Room received a new ceiling, a fresh coat of paint and beautiful linen drapes. The Huron Room has had the beams painted cloud white and a grand 6' model sailboat now graces our mantle. The side porch bar has a new floor and the walls were painted a tranquil pebble stone colour. But I think you will be most impressed with the office! Please stop in to visit us and catch a glimpse of the fresh new start we have for the season upon us.

Our Business After 5 was an overwhelming success and the community was abuzz about the Sarnia Riding Club. The Chamber of Commerce reported that we had anywhere between 150 and 175 guests attend the networking event held Wednesday, February 16. It was an effective way to showcase our Club and all that it has to offer. I would like to thank our partnership with the Certified General Accountants of Ontario who helped cover expenses for the evening.

One of our top accomplishments to date has been the Records Retention Project of 2011 headed up by our very own Mrs. Judy Brown. I would like to personally thank Judy who took on this project with a real sense of purpose. She spent two weeks of her life in the down bar sorting through mountains of paperwork that had accumulated over the **years**. We have retained seven years of records (down to a mere 8 boxes) which are now clearly labeled and stored away. Thank you Judy – you are a true class act!

Most of the summer staff were interviewed during Reading Week. We were impressed with the quality of applicants, and the planning and preparation they brought to their interviews. They showed a genuine interest in the Club and our focus on success.

We are enjoying a positive response from our ongoing membership drive and are looking forward to a great season.



Safe travels for those heading out on March Break!

Kelly Steeves, General Manager

New Member Welcome Committee



Do you remember your first experience as a Sarnia Riding Club member? Do you want new members to remember theirs?

We are looking for a small group of volunteers to help make our new members find their way around the Club and help them make the most of their membership.

If you're interested, please call the office at 519-542-5588.

Sarnia Riding Club Gets New Look



The last six weeks have been very busy at the Club, with painting and renovations. I am ever so grateful for my maintenance crew: Stuart Crichton, Phil Brown, Wayne Simpson, Vic Dudek, Chris Dawkins, Wayne Allen, Mike Preudhomme, Ernie Wong and Murray Bouchette — a fine representation of

our Club.

Stuart left in great haste to get out of Sarnia ahead of a blizzard, but his crew picked up where he left off! Work completed and/or in progress: new sink installed in the café, electrical upgrades in the Squash Building and the Main Building, painting, new cubical doors installed in the men's washrooms, floor tiles in the café, screen repairs, blind cleaning, drywall repairs and the list goes on.

Alice McLeod with help from Joyce Cicchini did a fine job in the Superior Room – with Murray and Bob hanging the curtain rods. Alice continued to work tirelessly with Brent Sauve to repaint the Porch Bar. Both rooms look fabulous!

Both the members of the Board and the members at large thank you for all your

efforts. It is very much appreciated; and without your dedication our Club would not be in such great shape.



Mr. Rink Rat

The outdoor rink has been a great success this year, and without the tireless efforts of Bob McLeod it might not have been so smooth (literally).

Every day he was out there shoveling and/or flooding; and even with the record snowfalls, there wasn't a day when our sidewalks weren't cleared. Your passion and commitment to the Club is appreciated and valued. Thank you so much Bob! This was a wonderful addition to our Club and we plan to continue the tradition year after year.

Welcome New Members!



Cheryl & Rick Czycurko — Andrew, 10 and Alexi, 12

Kirste & Glen Fenwick — Skylar, 6 and Vaughn, 4

Monica & David Robson —

Colin, 7 and Nicolas, 9

Kirsty Kilner & Tom Holmes — Logan, 12

Elishka & Bruno Persichetti — Sophia, 4, Olivia, 3 and Angelina — almost three months

Ron Mombourquette

Bruce Ballingall

Karen Richards

Alex Szecko

Cynthia Blanchard

Linda and Ted Thompson

Cheryl Hames

Kaleb Zeytinoglu, sponsored child
Congratulations to Melissa & John O'Mahony on the birth of their daughter, 'Charlie' born on February 25 — a new little sister for Devin, Victoria and Sapphire

WELCOME to the Sarnia Riding Club!

Trivia Night...an overwhelming response!

97 seats are sold for the upcoming Trivia Night March 31st (see attached poster)

If you were hoping to join in on the fun, I would suggest registering soon! We are still looking for Corporate Sponsors as well.

Call 519.542.5588 or email kellysteeves@sarniaridingclub.com to sign up!



Cliff Erickson...finds a new home at the Lake



Cliff Erickson is a fun new addition to the Club entertaining over 100 members and non-members on February 18th. Patrons young and old enjoyed a night of sing songs and dancing, the place was alive. Please be sure to come on out again in April. Cliff will continue to making regular appearances at the Club. Doors open 8pm – Cliff to start around 9pm. Cliff was a HUGE success in February with over 100 guests in attendance!

Sarnia Riding Club Members FREE! Non members \$5.00.

Garbo's Fashion Show Thursday, April 28

The Sarnia Riding Club would like to welcome Karen Holmes, new owner of Garbo's Fashions to our neighbourhood! Show starts at 7:00pm.

Advance tickets are a must. \$20 includes Fashion Show, Door Prizes and a glass of wine! Call or email kellysteeves@sarniaridingclub.com.



TWEEN Dance Schedule:



March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11

All Tween Dances are now free to our members. These dances are geared to kids in grades 5 – 8. They have continued to be a great source of income and success for the Sarnia Riding Club. They are held the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Just enough time to have fun!!! No rsvp for members necessary. Chaperones are always welcome!

Save These Dates:

Saturday, May 14 – 2nd Annual Spring Fling – Social Committee members needed! Silent Auction, Wine Tasting, Dancing...

Friday, June 17 – 2nd Annual Surfer or Turfer Event – Social Committee members needed! Lobster, Steak, Down East Entertainment & Hospitality!

K2 Fitness has started their second session of Boot Camp with great success. These ladies love their new location with a view and intend to take their camp outdoors once spring arrives. During July and August a camp early enough for us working gals to partake in. This will also coincide with an early drop off at our day camp!

Next camp starts up April 4th for six weeks with classes being held Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 9:30 & 12:00 noon.

Please contact: Kelly Donald 519.384.8129 or Kari Durco 591.383.4119 www.k2fitness.com



SRC YOUTH GROUP

Are You in Grades 6 and Up?

This is a youth group designed to develop leaders in our community. We will teach them skills in teamwork and organization. We are trying to establish a safe and fun hangout for preteens in the community and we need your help. You will get the chance to:

- **Plan Tween Dances with themes**
- **Plan Tween Bonfire Nights with Guitar Performances**
- **Organize Game Nights**
- **Plan Tween Pizza, Dinner and Movies**
- **For those in Grade 7,8 or 9 you will plan a dance for only those who are graduating**
- **Have fun youth group nights**
- **The possibility of a youth group field trip**
- **Raise money for Fundraisers**
- **Plan water polo and beach volley ball tournaments**

If chosen, you will get a t-shirt and a title such as decorating team or assistant manager. You will also get privileges such as Free Dance Admission and Early Admission. If you are interested, please fill out an application form. Don't worry if you can't fill out the boxes, we just want a diverse group of individuals.

We are accepting all Members, and 10 successful non-Members will be selected for the youth group. The public will be invited to these events, and although only the members can help out, they will still get to participate in the activities .

Applications are available at the Riding Club office. The application deadline is April 10. Feel free to drop it off at the Club or via email.

If you have any questions or would like to send a form please feel email Summer Rashed at srashed_27@hotmail.com



CATCHY PHRASE CONTEST

Are you a talented writer. Well we need a slogan, if you win you will get FREE access to the SRC Dances for One Year and a Secret Surprise!!

You have till April 8th, The Upcoming Tween Dance.

Bring Your Slogans to be Submitted

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Gary Waite Junior Squash Tour Wraps Up

The Sarnia Junior Squash Organization was well represented when the 2010-11 Gary Waite Junior Squash Tour concluded on February 13 at the London Squash Racquets Club with Sarnians taking home three of the six awards handed out for success throughout the season. Named after Sarnia native and former world #1 Gary Waite, the tour is a series of five one-day tournaments with stops in Sarnia, London (two



events), Windsor and Clinton with one event held each month from October through February. In order to reward both participation and skill development, players accumulate points based on their finish in each event with the overall tour results based on a player's four highest point totals. Individual tour prizes are awarded to the top male and female in each division and the player with the second highest points in each age group.



In the 13 and under division, London's Bryan Hill defeated Andrew Davies of Sarnia in the final event to take top honours in the overall standings. Davies' runner-up finish secured him the points necessary to finish second overall. The consolation draw was an all-Sarnia affair with Emily Sparham narrowly defeating Thomas Valade in an exciting battle. Sparham also captured the prize for the top female in the division. Stuart Drope of Sarnia finished third in the season standings with Valade fourth. Other local participants included Riley Bore, Logan Kilner-Holmes and Kaz Gudelis.



In the 14 and over division, Nicola Crich of London and Laura Drope of Sarnia resumed their season-long rivalry, with Crich emerging victorious and capturing both the final event and the overall points title. Drope finished second overall. Sarnians Allison Sparham, Laura Valade and Kristen Hislop stood third through fifth respectively among females. Top male in the category was London's Blake Hill.

All of the local participants are members of the Sarnia Junior Squash Organization which is developing the next generation of local squash competitors. Supported by the Sarnia Riding Club and Huron Oaks Squash Club, the SJSO teaches the basic principles and rules of squash to youth ages 8 through 18 in a fun atmosphere. The program's alumni include several athletes who are currently competing at the varsity level for various Ontario universities. Among current members, Daniel Merlano has been selected to represent Southwestern Ontario in the U17 division at the upcoming Ontario team championships in Niagara. Andrew Davies has had a series of strong recent showings in Squash Ontario tournaments in London, Waterloo and Burlington and will crack the top 10 in the U11 age group when the next provincial rankings are released.



For more information about the SJSO, email glhrdelavigne@sympatico.ca or telephone (519) 384-0612.



TENNIS AND SWIMMING NEWS!

Spring Tennis Leagues start Monday, May 2

- Ladies League – Monday Nights
- Ladies League – Tuesday Mornings
- Mixed League – Wednesday Night
- Men’s League – Tuesday Night

Junior Tennis Lessons will held the month of June, Monday and Wednesday after school or Tuesday and Thursdays after school – more details to follow from Rebecca Joy and Alex Latosinsky.

Let the summer planning begin!

Red Cross Swimming Lessons & Junior Tennis Lessons:

Session One	July 4 – July 15
Session Two	July 18 – July 29
Session Three	August 1 – August 12
Session Four	August 15 – August 26



Junior and Senior Swim Team

Start the week of July 4th and held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for eight weeks.

8:00 – 9:00 am Intermediate/Senior Swim Team (10 – 18 years) \$75

9:00 – 9:45 am Junior (up to 10 years) \$40



This price includes all instruction and two (2!) Sarnia Riding Club Swim meets this season — one in June and one at the end of August.

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Have you been receiving your statements (by Email or mailed) over the past two months?...Please let the office know if you have not.

An easy way to keep up with your \$10 levy each month is to **PAY ONLINE!**

The office will be closed through March 14th, 15th and 16th.

Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00 – 5:00pm

The office manager Selene Taylor works Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Upgrades to the Ladies' and Men's Locker Rooms



We are happy to let you know that both the ladies' and the men's showers will be given an upgrade this Spring!

The ladies' showers will be first – concrete will be poured, new tile set on the floors and along the perimeter, plus a good wash and re-grout to all four of the stalls.

Don McLeod of Custom Floors/Carpet One was the low tender. They are to start Monday, March 14. Signs will be posted.

WANTED!!!

We are looking for old wood racquets to put mirrors in and hang in the lockers rooms.

If you have any to donate please drop them off to the office. Thanks!

