



# Class of 65 Newsletter

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### Editor's Corner

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday, however you may have spent it.

I was interested in the number of responses I got to my piece in the last edition on the town of Carberry. I always assumed that it was just a dot on the map that no one would have heard of. Apparently that is not the case.

**Hugh Gordon** wrote, *"Mike, when I was 7 to 9 my family lived in Brandon and my father was the RCMP patrol sergeant for 11 detachments, primarily north of Brandon. Carberry was one of those detachments. In the summer my brother, who is 15 months younger than I, would travel with my dad in the unmarked 1948 Chev to the detachment he was visiting and play with the kids of the detachment. Carberry was one of those and I still remember the police detachment there. In the fall of 1949 we were transferred to Victoria, leaving Manitoba behind."*

**Mike Houghton** recalled, *"I spent my teenage years in Shilo when my dad was Camp Commander, and have many fond memories of sports events involving the high school kids in Carberry. Got involved with one of my school's younger teachers at a dance place just outside Carberry on the trans-Canada - but that's another story!!! Did not know the military history as you described, although I was quite aware of a Camp Hughes. Good on you for coming up with the associated pictures. Great memories for which I thank you."*

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Finally, **Fras Holman** remembered, " *I also enjoyed your own piece on Carberry. I recall it as a landmark when I was flying out of Portage, but I think we only drove near it, and never did visit it on the ground.*

Still on the Carberry, it's a small world theme, but not related to last edition's article, Janet and I took a cruise to Alaska last year with my younger brother, Dave and his wife. Until his recent retirement, Dave was the RCMP detachment Sergeant in Carberry.

One evening I was standing on our balcony and I struck up a conversation with the guy next door. Sure enough, when I asked where he was from, he said that he now lived in Brandon but that he was raised in Carberry where his Dad had been the RCMP detachment head!!

## **Ottawa Branch Monthly Luncheon**

The Ottawa gang met at the HMCS Bytown Naval Officers' Mess on 12 December for one of its frequent luncheon gatherings. As usual there was a good turn-out. In addition to yours truly, the following Class of 65 denizens were in attendance: **Jim Astley, Vil Auns, Jim Cale, Jim Carruthers, Gord Diamond, Charlie Emond, Gord Forbes, John Hilton, Jim Humphrey, Roman Jakubow, Gerry Jensen, Bill Leach, Cordell Lukey, Andy Nellestyn, Alain Pellerin, and Hugh Spence.**

## **Teaching Excellence Lecture 2012**

Four classmates (**Braham, Carruthers, Leach & Nellestyn**) from Ottawa made the trek to Kingston to attend this year's Teaching Excellence Lecture at the College. We were joined by **Phil Bury** from Spencerville, **Mike Houghton** and **Steve Arnold** from Kingston, and **Keith Ambachtsheer** who made the long trip from Toronto.

We all gathered at the Brew Pub for a bite to eat before the event and were joined by Rod MacDonald, the current President of the RMC Foundation, and by Dr. Nik Gardner, the initial winner of the Class of 65's Leadership

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Professorship.

The event itself was well attended by the aforementioned members of our Class, College faculty members, and a large contingent of friends, family, colleagues and students of this year's Teaching Excellence Award winner, Dr. Huw Osborne.

It was also gratifying to note that Major (newly-promoted) Kristin Topping, the 2009 recipient of the TEA and the Chair of this year's selection committee, and Dr Heather Evans, last year's winner, were both in attendance. Both remarked privately how important the award had been to them and to their careers.

Dr. Osborne was introduced by the Head of the English Faculty of RMC, Dr. Steven Lukits who enumerated the range of activities undertaken by Dr. Osborne that had fully justified his nomination for this award.

**Keith Ambachtsheer** provided a brief backgrounder on the award and on some of the other programs being led by the Class of 65 through the RMC Foundation. He noted that this was the 20<sup>th</sup> time that this award had been presented.



Huw Osborne then gave his lecture entitled, "The Republic of Holborne: The Progressive Bookshop and Literary Culture". This was an interesting dissertation on a small bookstore in London run by Charles Lahr and the group of somewhat off-beat authors who habituated the store and who became known as the "Republic of Holborne".



This bookstore was quite unlike the large establishments (Indigo, Chapters, etc.) in that it served the full range of services - advice, editing, publishing, printing, sales, etc to these particular authors who for one reason or another could not have been published through the traditional process.

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The lecture elicited a number of challenging questions and it was evident that it had been of interest to those gathered.

Following the lecture, **Bill Leach**, presented Dr. Osborne with the cheque that constitutes the TEA prize and yours truly was called upon to present him with a framed poster memento of the event.



(Photos of the event courtesy of Bill & Rolande Oliver and eVeritas.)

### **The Captain John Bart Leadership Awards 2011.**

The Captain John Bart Leadership Award is presented annually to the first year Cadet in each Squadron who demonstrates the highest level of leadership during the Obstacle Course competition. The RMC Club Foundation, through a generous donation from **6513 Dr. John Bart**, provides a cash award to each of the recipients.

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This year's recipients added a new dimension to the award by generously giving their prizes to a member of the RMC community in need. They donated their \$2500 prize to the Lancaster family who lost their home and its contents to a fire in November. Mrs Holly Lancaster works for the College cleaning services.

The following photo, taken from e-Veritas, shows the prize recipients presenting the cheque to Mrs Lancaster.



BRAVO ZULU Gentlemen.

## INVITATION NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Centurion Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, Navy League of Canada (NLOC), Kanata Branch, is pleased to invite you to its annual golf tournament to be held May 11, 2012 at The Canadian Golf Course, Ashton, Ontario. NLOC

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([www.navyleague.ca](http://www.navyleague.ca)) is a non-profit charitable organization which was established in 1895 to promote an interest in Maritime Affairs throughout Canada. Today, NLOC has a presence in over 260 communities. The League focuses on three key programs: Maritime Affairs, Royal Canadian Sea Cadets and Navy League Cadets. Our youth programs benefit 15,000 young Canadians every year and growing. It has been active in the Ottawa Community for over 80 years. The Sea Cadet programs emphasize civics, citizenship, nation building and leadership and focus on young Canadians; tomorrow's leaders. Participation in sea cadets contributes positively to preparation for life's challenges and opportunities. Confidence building and development as young adults are the direct result of involvement in the betterment of their communities and interaction with their peers. Your participation and that of our sponsors assist in the funding of the Corps' activities including summer camps and exchange programs.

The registration fee for this comprehensive, full-day and fun-packed event is \$150.00 per person. For further details and sponsorship options click on the link below. Dinner only registration is available at \$30.00/person. Registration (individual, sponsor, donor or foursomes) for this event can be done on-line at [www.canadiangolfclub.com/joinEvent.aro?elD=467](http://www.canadiangolfclub.com/joinEvent.aro?elD=467).

The dinner guest speaker is Rear-Admiral Jennifer Bennett, Chief of Reserves and Cadets.

**Registration must be completed NLT 3 May 2012.**

If you have any questions re registration or sponsorship please contact Colonel (Retd) Andrew Nellestyn at 613 864 6202 or at [andel1@bell.net](mailto:andel1@bell.net).

## **Closing Notes**

Not much else this month. Keep those articles coming. We have been getting a good variety of subjects from a good selection of classmates.

Until next time. Cheers.