

ICFC 2016



Back Bay Bilge

(Or, what's around the point in the Back Bay?)

From Nancy & Dan Abramson:

The Abramson's are counting down until summer, which will include camps, beach and mountain trips, playing on the river and relaxing by the pool (and oh yeah, that thing called work). And of course, fun on the Bay! Daniel is finishing up 6th grade and will start middle school in the fall, with all the "fun" that comes with being a "tween". Robert is finishing 3rd grade and stays busy, going ten miles a minute. Nancy and Dan are wondering where time goes and how we can create more hours in the day. We all look forward to catching up with family and friends in camp the first week in August.

From Mary Ellen & Lee Alexander:

Lee and Mary Ellen Alexander will arrive in camp on Monday, June 20th until July 9th. Tim, Nancy, Caroline, Landon and Nathan will join us on June 29th for a little over a week. We will also have Cindy and David and company for a time as well. We are really looking forward to lots of activity on Garbage Hill. Jenny Alexander will not be able to come again this summer because she will be finishing up her Master's of Education on July 28th. We have had a nice winter but we are ready for time on the bay!

From Cindy & Peter Amerman:

Peter and Cindy are coming to ICFC in mid-June, hoping to spend about 10 days in camp with our Iron City Elders group and others. Lyn and Sofia will be there at their usual time, first week in August, and we hope Alex will be able to come for some of that time. Alex and Peter will be working this summer on getting our now smaller Tupper Lake property in order, building a new path to the lake; and there will be a new dock, boat garage and revamping of the "laundry shed" to include some sleeping space. We're enthusiastic about having less shoreline and fewer woods to take care of at our Adirondack camp. We'll still have room for guests and expect to have plenty of fun as well. Hoping to see many of you this summer, safe travels to all.

From Cynnie Anderson & Jerry Rampelberg:

We have had a banner year of travel with 3 weeks in India in February and 3 weeks of almost the polar opposite culture in Japan!!!! We loved them both and have learned a lot and would return to each...as far as living goes, but Japan is first choice as it is so clean, esthetic, pretty with nice people who speak English and great neighborhoods in Tokyo and Kyoto.

We will be in camp for opening June 22 until August after peak...Looking forward to seeing many families and taking pics of all anywhere anytime!!!

From Janet & Duncan Anderson:

Duncan and Janet spent a week in London staying with Christine and Stephen in early fall – wonderful trip reacquainting with a great city. Courtney hiked the Inca Trail in the fall and then joined up with Kristen for a trip through Patagonia. In January Duncan, Janet, Kristen, and Courtney rendezvoused in the woods of Maine. We took on a hut to hut cross country ski trip that challenged all physically but left everyone thrilled to have made the effort and most importantly survived! We learned more than we wanted about long distances on ungroomed trails!

In March we made our annual two-week pilgrimage to Florida for Red Sox Spring training, meeting up with Pam and Bob Reigeluth, then spent R & R time on Hutchinson Island in Stuart before going to Key Biscayne for the Miami Open tennis tournament. Over the winter Duncan had a very active indoor tennis league schedule, now moving outdoors, and Janet is playing as much duplicate bridge as she can find in Baltimore!

Courtney has started a job with Epic Systems and has relocated to Wisconsin. Kristen graduated with her MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill and will move to Atlanta and start a new job with Bain Consulting in the fall.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the Bay!

From Cathie & Manly Applegate:

Manly, Cathie, Sam and Oscar Applegate will be in camp July 9th-July 17th. This is one week later than usual so we're sad to miss the Alexander clan but Oscar is excited to know his buddy, Sam Fritz, will still be on the hill when he arrives. The other Applegate's, all living in Nantucket, Amos, Mary, Alfred (10), AJ (4), George, Katie and Poppy (<1), must tend to their busy summer schedules, so we will miss them on the bay. Manly and Cathie have been up to visit them numerous times getting as much face time as possible with the grandchildren. It's nice to have a girl in the mix now!

From Christine & David Bennett:

Hallie finished her Physical Therapy degree in August 2015 and passed the boards for the Commonwealth of Virginia in October 2015. On January 1st, 2016 she began work as a traveling Physical Therapist in Virginia. These are typically 3 to 4 month assignments in places that need a PT on a short-term basis. Her first assignment was near Blacksburg VA at a skilled nursing facility. Being the relative of several UVA grads, living in Blacksburg helped her learn tolerance for the other big school in Virginia. Her current assignment has her located in Harrisonburg at a similar facility. After six years in Ithaca, NY Hallie has enjoyed the milder winters and early spring in the south.

John will marry Victoria Sumney on June 24th in Frankfort KY. Victoria has visited Iron City several times and likes it almost as much as she likes John! Both John and Victoria live in Pittsburgh and have been busy planning the wedding. Iron City is hopefully part of their summer plans if time allows. Stewart is back in Pittsburgh working at Bennett Supply; allowing him to easily socialize with his many Iron City friends.

We hope to be in camp near the end of July with as many family members in tow as possible.

From Nan & Andy Bennett:

Parker is finishing his junior year at Bucknell University after having a great summer last year in London as an intern with the British Parliament. This summer he will be living in DC and working for the RNC (Republican National Committee). Timing is everything given all the turmoil in the Republican Party, the summer convention and the General Election in the fall. Then to top it off, he heads back to London next fall for a study abroad semester.

Sanders is finishing her freshman year at Fordham University in NYC. She has had a great year academically while being on student government committees and rowing for their Crew team. Although she has enjoyed Fordham and exploring NYC, she is likely going to transfer in the fall and is vacillating between her choices as I type this email. We will know where she is headed in a few weeks. She will be in Pittsburgh this summer and is looking for a job now.

Harper is having great junior year at Fox Chapel High School. Last fall their soccer team had a strong season, did well in the playoffs (WPIALS) and just missed making States by one spot. Unfortunately in one of the last games of the season she collided with an opposing player and broke her right leg. It required surgery and kept her on crutches for too long. She is all healed now, playing Cup soccer and in the midst of the college process with standardized testing and researching schools. After two wonderful summers on Georgian Bay she will be in Pittsburgh this summer and is looking for a job.

Nan and I [Andy] just keep working and trying to keep all the kids' lives & activities straight. The extended Bennett family had fun celebrating Dad's 91st birthday in February! Wow, 91! He says 'hi' to the entire ICFC Family! We will all be in Camp for the first two weeks of August and hope to see lots of friends and family then!

From Allie & Joe Bonidy:

The Bonidy Family will be heading up around July 30th and staying for hopefully two weeks! Can't wait to catch up with everyone!!

From Barbara & Bob Boucek:

Jenny is now in her second year as the head coach of the WNBA Seattle Storm. The team is undergoing a complete rebuilding which is a challenge that Jenny loves. Unfortunately the WNBA's playing season is during the summer months so she will again not make it up to Camp.

Braden has changed jobs after many years as a Federal Prosecutor. He is now the head of the Beacon Center Litigation Department. He and his family plan on being in Camp in late July.

Heath and his lovely girlfriend will be in Camp the week of the 4th of July. We are very excited about this plan since Heath has not been able to get to Iron City since 2006 when our cottage was under construction!

Bob and I hope to again be in Camp for the entire season. How fortunate we are!

From Monica & Braden Boucek:

All is well for the Braden Boucek family. Gracie Belle has finished Kindergarten and Shepherd, 2nd. Braden is finding lots of success working at The Beacon Center. We plan on coming up the last week in July again. Hope to see many of you then!

From Lori & Jake Brown

Lori and Jake Brown will be in camp the last two weeks of July with children Jacob, 14, and Jorie, 13. Jacob will be heading back to beloved Camp Hurontario in August. We look forward to catching up and catching fish on the bay!

From Tracy & Bob Bushkoff:

The Bushkoff family will be in camp in July. Bob and Jessie will be coming in July 13 and Tracy and Becca will be coming in July 16; and we will be there thru July 24. We look forward to being in camp and on the bay.

From Deirdre and Scott Childs:

2016 brings many great changes – Brody Childs will graduate the Pomfret School this year and move to University of Vermont to focus on digital media and Hattie, who will be on staff this year, is graduating Rectory School and moving up to The Hotchkiss School for her high school endeavors. Scott is working in NYC these days and playing lots of music. Deirdre summited Mount Kilimanjaro for cancer research at the end of the ICFC season last summer and remains very active in raising funds for cancer survivorship. Looking forward to seeing friends on the Bay in mid-June, July and August!

From Polly & Frank Coyle:

Frank and I [Polly] will be in Camp for a week before opening, for the 4th of July week, and then again for the third and fourth weeks of July. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

From Michel & Chip Crawford:

Chip made a solo run to IC for 8 days in early May. Chip and Michel return for 10 days around Memorial Day, the first week of camp, and the first two weeks in August. They return off-season for two weeks in late August early September, with Chip staying on through the end of the month. Shannon, Rudy and Mira will be with us in early August along with Bryce, Kyle and Haven for some of that time. You may see 'Stricker Parts' from time to time throughout the summer. Crawford is in conversation with his crew preparing for the waiter job and all that comes with. Following in the footsteps of previous Crawford/Boak staffers who were all models of outstanding service ☺ we have high expectations!

Rah-Rah-N'nat....

From Sophia & Fred Crawford:

Fred, Sophia and Alis Crawford will be arriving on July 31st, having respectively driven up from Vermont and flown over from British Columbia. David hopes to join them. Alis goes back to Vancouver on August 7th, Fred and Sophia will stay on till the end of camp. We're looking forward to seeing everyone on the Bay!

From Judy & Jay Douglas:

Judy and Jay Douglass just made a quick trip to Hood River, OR to meet their new grandson, Foster Eugene Douglass, born on May 4. Foster, Brian and Jenna will join us in ICFC for about 10 days at the end of July and first week of August. Andy and Cary also plan to be there for the first week of August.

From Lynne Edgerton:

Lynne Edgerton will be painting around camp and environs beginning June 5, 2016. She is bringing a Vermont/NYC artist along as well. Lu Robitaille and three other Female Georgian Bay artists will visit Lynne from June 11-15, to re-invigorate a women's Georgian Bay artists group. This should be fun: the women's media are watercolor, acrylics, photography (award winning) and oil (Lynne and one other.)

The idea for this adventure sprung out of nowhere one misty day last summer when Nick, Sue Ann, Dave and Lynne boated over to Lu's art show - at a cottage in an inlet just before hole in the wall. Lu and Lynne were chatting about what had become of the Georgian Bay women's art group, and Lu remarked it was defunct due to lack of a venue. Ola! An idea to resurrect it in June 2016!

It will be fun to see the Georgian Bay art that the group produces! Hopefully, there will be some new beauty from the effort; and, if not, we are assured of new friendships on the Bay. (One artist has a gallery in Midland and is President (or Chairwoman?) of the Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce, so it will be interesting to hear her reports on Georgian Bay commerce. I urge any and all ICFC artists who can be in camp to come and join in painting camp during June 11-15! Artists should just bring their gear and set up their easels and paint away! Men too! And I mean you Ben Mills.

Lauren is coming over July 4th weekend. Ford cannot join this summer as he is saving his vacation for a long honeymoon in September with Katie.

I can't wait to see everybody!

From Heather & Jeff Firestone

After graduating from Vanderbilt, Stephen began work as a Transfer Pricing Analyst at Ernst and Young in Atlanta. He will spend Memorial Day weekend Hiking with friends in Big Bend National Park. Andrew continues his study of construction at Austin Community College. Grace graduated from St. John's School and will be attending Wake Forest. She will spend the summer travelling in Europe, Colorado and ICFC. Heather has been coaching middle school tennis and will be serving as what she calls the "Chief of Staff" of the Garden Club of Houston. Jeff has been scheming up another ill-advised Boston Whaler adventure. Last year he boated south along the Georgian Bay Escarpment out to Tobermory. This year he hopes to travel through the true North Channel to touch the four waters of Georgian Bay, Huron, Superior and Michigan.

From Sara & Paul Fritz:

The Fritz family will be in camp at various times between May and September. David has already enjoyed a wild weather weekend in early May and will be up with Katryn over the Memorial Day weekend. Sam (9) and Leah (6) will arrive with Katryn and David near the beginning of camp. Hopefully, Sam and Leah will be excited to see their parents a week later. We all look forward to enjoying every day on the bay and swimming off a new Applegate/Scott/Tolley-Fritz dock.

From Wendy & George Galleher:

George and I [Wendy] will be in camp for the first three weeks of July. We are excited that Elizabeth, Logan, Reid, Porter, Lauren, Bill, Will and Graham will all be with us part of the time! Lauren and the boys will extend their trip while Bill attends a conference. George will be kept busy fishing, frogging, kayaking, picnicking, boating to Sans Souci for ice cream etc. with the boys. If he disappears, we'll probably find him hiding out in the gazebo. It will be great fun! Can't wait until July 1st!

From Sally & Cal Garwood:

Barring any family health or work emergencies, Cal and Sally Garwood are planning on being in camp sometime between July 8 - 18. Katie and Kollin Hamilton and their children, Baxter (9), Ella (4), and JD (2) will be joining them for a week at some point during their stay. Baxter is looking forward to playing with his Iron City buddies and all are looking forward to recreation on the bay with lots of kayaking, picnics, tennis, and of course, spending precious time with Iron City friends and family!

From Alison & Rob Heath:

Andrew, Ma Li, and bilingual son Huilin (5 yrs. old!) will be coming to camp from China the last week of July. It will be Huilin's first visit so he will be looking for some new ICFC friends to play with. Rob, Alison, and Steven expect to be there that same week, and also a few days into the beginning of August. Our family is thrilled to announce that Erin graduated cum laude with her BSN from Florida Int'l University in Miami in May! Consequently, Erin is not planning a trip this year, as she will either be working in her first job as a RN or continuing with her job search in Virginia.

From Leslie & Brian Huber:

The Huber's are in the midst of a busy spring as we are getting ready to move to a new house at the end of May. We will still be unpacking boxes when Brian takes Campbell to camp to work on the staff this summer. Needless to say, Campbell is excited and ready to go. Brian will be in camp from June 17-24 and then return with Leslie and Jamie on August 3 for 10 days. We look forward to being back on the Bay and seeing everyone.

From Russell & Jack Huber:

February was Russell's "winter of discontent", as she underwent wonderfully successful knee replacement. The senior Hubers then had a very busy spring. Last August we were honored by the Atlanta Botanical Gardens to again be one of 10 venues on their Mother's Day week-end Connoisseurs Garden Tour. We greeted over 2700 gardening enthusiasts, including Annie and the awesome Bergland clan, in Atlanta attending Brita's graduation. Pure serendipity!

Late June, we plan to drive north, arriving for opening...expecting outstanding service from grandson Campbell :) We return early August until close, then wend our way south. A summer of odyssey and adventure....What fun! Can't wait to get back on the Bay, and embrace Iron City, and its remarkable citizens.

From Missy and Jaime Hugessen

We are all very grateful to be thinking about spending time at Iron City. Life is always chaotic at our house. Richard has just finished second year and has a terrific summer job analyzing big customer data for Shoppers Drug Mart, Canada's biggest drug store retailer. Jeffrey has been short-listed for the U17 Ontario Basketball Team. He thinks it is unlikely he will make the final cut but it is an honor to have made it this far. He will be entering senior year in September. Michael is really looking forward to being on staff this summer. It's finally his turn! He too loves volleyball and basketball and now towers over his older brothers. We breed them tall!

Jaime and I [Missy] are both busy with the usual work and domestic responsibilities. Food procurement and preparation for 4 very large men take up a lot of my time and budget :) We can hardly wait to see everyone on the Bay.

From Laura & Wally Jenkins:

While on spring vacation in March with Laura's parents in Islamorada, Florida, we enjoyed the special treat of an invitation to George & Anne Stronach's lovely home. Joining us were Bill & Jody Boak, George & Wendy Galleher and their families. It was a terrific reunion, and the only thing missing was a stroll down the boardwalk to the Dining Hall. But another summer's coming...

Speaking of, we are looking forward to enjoying many spectacular sunsets from "Sunset" this summer – with A.J., of course – from June 28 to July 10. After ICFC, Lilly (age 13) and Kate (age 11) will be attending three plus weeks at Camp Wohelo. This will be Lilly's third year and Kate's first at the traditional, all-girls summer camp on Sebago Lake in Maine. Both girls are extremely excited, although their parents are wondering how Kate will survive given her (self-diagnosis) condition of entomophobia. Among outings to ICFC and Wohelo will be softball games, day camp, acting camp and trips to Stonington, Maine, and Rehoboth Beach.

Meanwhile, Laura and Wally will be working hard to provide their daughters with the summer lifestyles to which they have been accustomed (and blessed). Since December, Laura has been working as a genetic counselor with the pediatric genetics department at UPMC Children's Hospital. It is a bonus that one of us is actually making use of their college degrees. Plus, Laura excels in the position, and she enjoys providing a valuable service to the children and families with whom she encounters.

From Reece Jenkins:

My news is that I have given up expat life and moved back to Jackson Hole after two years in Kenya. I just adopted a rescue dog Nika from the Wind River Reservation so I am planning to be here for a while. Am planning to be in Canada at the end of July. Hope to catch up with everyone then.

From Elizabeth & Wesley Kinnear:

The Kinnear's are celebrating Gillian's wedding in June with a big family get together in Santa Barbara, California. Wesley will be at ICFC over Memorial Day and we have not finalized our plans for August. Hope to see you all then.

From Kathy & Gary Johnson:

Kathy and Gary have made some preliminary plans to arrive in camp on June 25th or so and stay for 2-3 weeks. We hope to return in early August for another 1-2 weeks. If all goes according to plan we will come back for the Labor Day weekend for a few extra bonus days on the Bay! Both Ben and Alex will be joining us over the July 4th weekend, during which we will be celebrating with the Miller and Sager clans. I [Gary] had hoped to make it to IC for Memorial Day this year but the way my calendar looks right now that probably will not be possible. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

From Bruce Lawson:

I've had an extraordinarily busy year setting up a collocated office with two other private foundations, along with a number of other organizations in our sector, which has kept me busy to say the least. The good news is that it's going well, and we've all settled in nicely; now comes the hard part of actually figuring out ways in which we can work more collaboratively to generate impact.

In late March/early April, I travelled to Reykjavik (Iceland), London & Madrid on holiday, which was a much-needed break; and I will soon head to Florida for a few days of sun and sleep. Iron City is definitely on my radar screen, and I'm looking forward to summer on the Bay as an ordinary Iron Citizen again. I will be in camp several times throughout the summer, and look forward to crossing paths with many friends, and as always, hoping to break my fishing dry spell and land a prized small mouth!

From Lorraine & Donald Lawson

Lorraine & Donald have had a good year with travel, family around, and good health. On Mother's Day, we celebrated with the full family less David & Yvonne's Matthew who lives in Halifax. We are very proud of all our children and grandchildren.

In the winter we had less time than usual with Alice Jane Jenkins in Naples, Florida because we were on a trip to Angkor What, Cambodia and then on a cruise from Bangkok, Thailand to Hong Kong. In a period of four weeks we were on nine different airplanes.

We are looking forward to the summer and Iron City. We will miss Memorial Day weekend because we are going to San Antonio, Texas for Donald's sisters 90th birthday. We plan to be in Camp from June 29 through July 10 when Alice Jane Jenkins and Walter & family will be in Camp, probably July 18 to 20, including the Lobster Dinner, and then July 28 through to almost the end of Camp. Then we will join the Hugessen's and Bruce for Labor Day weekend.

Our cottage will be busy all summer. The Hugessen's (including Richard & Jeffrey) will be there most weekends, Douglas, Christine, Andrew, Anne, and Christopher are booked July 8 through July 17, and Anne & Christopher for about ten days around peak.

From Nicki & Nate Lusk:

Nikki, Nate, Henry, and Henry's first fishing rod will be in Iron City from July 30 - August 9 and over Labor Day weekend. We can't wait to see everyone!

From Betsy Martin:

Last October Polly and Frank and Andy and Mary Ann took me to Yellowstone to celebrate my 90th birthday. It was beautiful fall weather for my first visit to a big western National Park. Also I spent Christmas with the Coyle's in Connecticut and was there for the birth of Jake and Joss's baby Tatum, my third great-granddaughter! Hope to see you in late July - early August.

From Karen & David Mills:

Jordan has returned from completing his MA at Central St. Martin's in London and has a flat and studio space in Toronto. His work was featured at Milan Design Week in a venue sponsored by FRAME magazine, one of the top art and design magazines in the world. He also made their last issue and the soon to be out issue. He will be showing installations at the Power Plant in Toronto (for the Power Ball) and at the Design Exchange during the Luminato culture festival; quite the whirl of activity.

Ben, after a theoretical break in LA and another in NYC, is incredibly busy curating the permanent public art installations for the Eglinton LRT as well as handling very large projects. He is probably looking forward to bass season as a break from dealing with engineers.

Sarah and Brandon are planning their wedding for next spring, while opening the chocolate business (CXBO), which has had a terrific reception from on-line sales and special orders. Sarah (after a contract period with the CBC assisting in production and launch of a new arts program) has her mini "Re-creating Ferris Bueller's Bedroom" project going on tour to Chicago (as part of the 30th anniversary celebrations for the movie) and then to Niagara Falls. She had a nice review on BBC Brazil! I fear that our younger generation does not have a lot of time for rest.

David and I [Karen] are loving our Gothic Revival home, babysitting Jordan's dog Daza (when he was in Milan) and will soon be off on trips of our own. David to Bermuda for an investment club annual meeting, then both of us off to Dublin for a few days, ending with me in London for a public art in health care facilities conference. I am having a lot of fun working on two new hospital projects and helping old clients with a public park as well as ideas for Canada's 150 anniversary in 2017. David is now doing talks about his Dakar adventure to motorcycle enthusiasts as a break from writing about finance.

With our election season well past, it is nice to see a more positive business attitude and investment in some much-needed public infrastructure up here. This makes me happy.

From Terri & Chris Modic:

The Sewickley Modics are planning a 2-week stay July 2 through July 16. The entire crew will be together July 9 through the 12th. Thanks to the internet and Porter Air, it was possible to orchestrate multiple itineraries from Sewickley, Pella, Kalamazoo, and Portland.

We are looking forward to being in Camp and enjoying the early July experience.

From Sue Anne & David Morrow:

David and I [Sue Anne] share the joy of three Grandsons in one month - ICFC Twins, Alan Stewart and Frederick Weaver to Jake and Emma on 3/14/16 and Charles Galvin to Sam and Victoria on 4/14/16. Ruth has spent time happily with both families. Hoping to gather everyone toward the end of the season. Rah Rah Ray!

From Susan Kinnear Neul:

The Kinnear-Neul family will be on the Bay in various forms all summer. Dad, Robin, Wesley and Stephanie, along with an honorary Kinnear, Laurel Sager, will be in camp for Memorial Day. Stacy arrives for leadership training on June 16 while the rest of the family heads to Santa Barbara, CA for Gillian Kinnear's wedding. The invitation says, "cowboy boots encouraged" so I ordered an outfit from the Sundance catalog complete with red cowboy boots. I am so excited. Then on June 30 Laurel and I drive to camp for the Sager reunion where I am hoping to claim a spot as an honorary member. I love the energy in camp when the Sager clan takes over! Then Dad, Stephanie and I return in August. I might get there a little later than they do but I will stay to the end to drive Stacy home. Whew! A busy summer. Can't wait.

From Elizabeth & Richard Parker:

The entire Parker clan will be in camp sometime during the first two weeks of August. That means Richard's two boys - Ned, his little boy Desmond, and Will, Meg and their two – John and Belle. Everyone had a great time last summer at the Homecoming Week but there weren't many young children there, so it will be a different experience for them all this summer. Clare and Manny will also be there, in residence in the tent, so except for Sarah all of us will be on hand to partake in all the peak activities. Sarah is very busy with her Landscape Design business so the middle of the summer is a hard time for her to get away. She has been working this year at Morgan State University leading two graduate studio programs in the Architecture Department and has been offered a professorship which she is considering.

We will leave Iron City to go to Christopher Reigeluth's (Douglas' oldest son) wedding the in the Berkshires. Christopher just received his PhD from Yale Medical School – he is a super guy and marrying a terrific young woman. If all goes well, our mother, Mary Applegate Fisher, plans to go to the wedding. She has been going to the gym three times a week (to which Jim Kinnear can attest, as they are on the same schedule) and at 98 she seems to have a new lease on life.

Richard and I were in Palm Springs in March to celebrate my 70th birthday with Clare and Manny. Cynn timer Anderson and Jerry Rampleberg joined us, which was great fun and eased the pain of getting so old. See you all at Iron City!

From Cary & Richard Reed:

I [Cary] am so happy to be writing and considering our Iron City plans for the summer. Richard and I plan to be there in late June, staying over the 4th of July. We will be back in mid-July with Bennett, Rosy, Dottie and Carly. Then Mac will arrive for the first week of August. We look forward to extending our visits as long as possible.

From Chris & Alex Scott:

We had fun with grandchildren when we entertained the Bonidy's and Sullivan's in Florida this spring! We can't wait for ICFC time in late June, and again in early August when the whole clan will be there! Will there be any peace and quiet on Monague Island this summer??! It is unlikely. We look forward to seeing all of you!

From Emily & Dave Scott:

We are still loving life in Pittsburgh! Emily loves her new job that she started this past September in the Admission Office at The Ellis School, an all-girls school near our house. She especially loves being able to walk to work! We can't wait to see everyone this summer at ICFC, and will be there the first week of August.

From Lisie & John Sillers:

Our family has been scattered hither and yon this year but lots of fun activities! Anna is winding up an academic year in Chittagong Bangladesh where she has been a Senior Teaching Fellow at the Asian Women's University. It has been challenging but a great experience witnessing young women from Asia and the Middle East get an education. She has traveled pretty extensively and even met up with her Iron City buddies, Ali Young and Alex Raley, to travel in Viet Nam. She will head home in May and start graduate school at Georgetown in the fall. Arthur is graduating from Reed College in Portland in May and will be in Portland working this summer before he finalizes his next step. Diehl will be at Iron City this summer and just wrapped up his sophomore year at George Washington University. He will be studying in Iceland in the fall. We are hoping to visit him in late September!

All is well with John and me - we just got home from a great trip to the Caribbean with Bobby and Judy celebrating anniversary and birthday milestones! Looking forward to being in Iron City briefly in June and then late July.

From Marilyn & Sam Sipe:

Sam and Marilyn expect to be in Camp most of the summer, beginning June 20. We will probably take one or two side trips to clear our palates. Rosie, Annie and Michael (veteran boyfriend) will be in Camp the first week of August. The "Sipe Red Squirrel Cup" that I announced at the end of 2014 is still in the planning stages. It turns out that wildlife is complicated. We have a family of foxes, including four kits, living in our backyard. It will be hard to leave them again.

From Tallie & Wally Sloan:

Our first trip in April with Ted and Darcy allowed a quick bay dip in 49 degree water, the chance to assist in their final cottage design details, and an exciting drive home beginning with driving snow before Barrie, and arriving home to find it 82 degrees and sunny in Pittsburgh!

Camp looks great with many new projects awaiting the arrival of all. We enjoyed a fantastic fish fry with Gary, Florence, Moe, Lisa and Randy, managing to plow through many pounds of Randy's winter catch of Pike. It is clear that our property is in great hands. Gary and Florence are bursting with pride as Moe and Lisa have stepped up - big shoes to fill indeed. All involved are beaming with confidence as summer approaches.

Wally and Tallie will be spending quality ICFC time in mid June, July, August and September with kids and grandkids interspersed throughout - we can't wait! Sorry we'll miss the Memorial Day contingent this year.

Did I mention the water is up? Maybe 8 inches above last year. Who remembers when we last worried about high water? Was it the mid 1980's? That would support the 30-year cycle theory (if there is one). Check the records!!

From Hilde & Stew Steffey:

The Steffey clan clamors with excitement thinking about the Bay. Beth and Nick found a new place to call home in Dedham, close to friends. It's an old, converted bank with wonderful charm and room for the grandkids. As Nick enjoys a reduced role at the insurance company he helped found, his family would love for everyone in ICFC to tell him how wonderful retirement can be! Beth is the consummate Grandmother, going all over town to help out as she begins to settle into a new home.

Katherine continues to live in a very supportive community not far from Dedham, where she goes to work each day and is seen much more often by her friends and family as a result of being closer.

Tyler and Joanna live in Jamaica Plain with their lovely children Ellie (3) and Nico (1). Joanna runs an innovative charter school that she helped found, while Tyler is on his second of three years as an assistant principle, turning around a 'level 5' public school.

Stew and Hilde have recently bought a home in Arlington--not far from family--where they will begin to settle after a renovation in August with Eliza (5) and Oscar (2.5). Stew's on year 13 as a teacher/coach, while Hilde is on year 8 as a Director at Farm Aid.

The big news comes from Chappaqua where Liz and Nate welcomed a new baby girl on April 22nd, Sarah Steffey Vinton, weighing 7.11, joining sisters Anna (4) and Mia (2). Biz works as an Executive Director at a US/China Health Exchange non-profit, while Nate continues his work as an investigative reporter at the New York Daily News.

Suffice to say, our plans are very tentative, but Stew and Hilde will be up (with Nick and Beth) from July 16th-25th. Tyler and Johanna are hoping for the 2nd or 3rd week in July. Liz and Nate--with good reason--will play it by ear. Can't wait to reunite with everyone!!

From Bryce & Kyle Stricker:

Crawford will be on wait staff this summer and looks forward to having a full summer at ICFC to reconnect with friends he has not seen in a few years and to meet new friends. Haven will be attending Mi-A-Kon-Da in July for her third summer (girls camp north of Parry Sound). She will be at ICFC the first two weeks of August. Bryce will join her the first week of August and she will spend the second week with Moppy and Popper. Kyle and Bryce hope to spend many weekends between now and mid-September on the Bay. We have been inspired by Reece, Cynn timer and Jerry and have made plans to travel to Antarctica in December. We have side trips planned to Argentina and Chile, and hope to connect with David and Karen if it works out that they are in Chile the same time we are there. Looking forward to summer!

From Anne & George Stronach:

George and I [Anne] have had another nice year. Fun at Iron City with all the family during the summer, and then we were back for Labor Day with Nancy and Dan and their boys. Our biggest milestone was that our oldest grandchild, Britt, graduated from high school, and has had a good freshman year at High Point University. We are happy that granddaughter Eleanor will be back on staff this summer. We spent a nice time during the fall in the North Carolina mountains, and in Islamorada, Florida during the winter. (Old retired folks can do stuff like that!). We were happy to see Iron City friends in Florida this year!

Our tentative plans for the summer are to go about June 15 before camp opens and stay about 10 days. Then we'll return near the end of July and stay another two weeks or so.

From Devon & George Stronach:

We have had a busy but good year. Thomas (10) and Colin (8) are growing fast! We plan to arrive in camp on July 31st and stay though the following weekend. We are looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

From Carrie & Kevin Sullivan:

Carrie, Kevin, Abby & Nora will be in camp the first week of August. Can't wait to get back to our favorite spot!

From Darcy & Jay Turner:

We are planning to be in Iron City the week of August 6th! The boys are 9, 6, and 3 and enjoying spring weather, soccer games, and the end of the school year. We did a big green-energy project on our new house over the last year that includes a geothermal heat system and solar panels and it's been exciting to see how effective and efficient it is. In addition to our week in ICFC we are planning a week at the beach in NC this summer and hoping to get in a number of hikes and canoe outings in New England.

From Lindsay & Matt Weissberg:

Greetings from the Weissberg family! Matt is gearing up for a trip to Cameroon in July to support a nonprofit he's become involved with -- [Cameroon Football Development Program](#). It's an amazing organization committed to making a difference in the lives of children in Kumba, Cameroon through the game of soccer. Due to Matt's travel plans, we won't be up over the fourth of July as we have in previous years. Lindsay and the boys will be in Iron City the second week of August, and Matt will join us for at least part of the time.

Here in Pittsburgh, Teddy has loved his first year of elementary school at Colfax in Squirrel Hill. When asked, his favorite part is recess, but I can't say I blame him! Mackie goes to preschool around the corner from our house, and eagerly awaits joining Teddy at Colfax Elementary in a year or two.

We will be celebrating our 10th wedding anniversary this summer with a long weekend in Montreal. (Thanks Tim & Susie for babysitting the kids!) We've never been -- please send any tips/recommendations our way!

From Eric Williams:

I arrive in camp on Monday, June 20 and am staying until the end of camp around August 17. However, I have had a busy year and will have a busy summer.

On May 24, I will be on a trip to Alaska with Barbara Boucek, Carole Brammer and Mike Winn. We are taking a week-long trip from Fairbanks, Delani National Park, a train ride from Denali to Anchorage on the infamous Alaska Railroad, and then another train ride to Seward. There, we board the Zaandam, a Holland America ship, and arrive in Vancouver on June 5. The US Golf Open Championship starts on June 13 across the street from my residence. I have tickets to the 3 Practice rounds and 4 days of competition. Then, with no time off, I depart for Iron City

This past year, I have enjoyed my new home at Longwood. I play 3 sessions of bridge, a round of Gin Rummy every week, and see Speakers and singing groups weekly.

From Barbara & David Wright:

It seems like the year flew for Barbara & David Wright. We vacated our house for Spain in the Fall and heard it was taken over by the Bobby Sillers and Jeff Firestone families for the annual meeting. They told us they had a great time in Pittsburgh. Barbara and David are looking forward to coming up for Memorial Day, maybe back for a few days in July, and then for family time with the DC Wrights and Boston Lusks in August. Katie Wright is eager to try her kayaking skills in the front bay. As always we look forward to being with friends and family at Iron City. Here's hoping for lots of sunny days and rain only at night. Rah! Rah! Ray!

Important Information

ICFC Web-site Home Page: www.icfc.net

The ICFC web-site is rich with information including the 2016 Events Calendar, currency exchange rates, helpful links, and more. You will need the username and password, found on page 6 of the Yearbook.

Pages 7-19 of your **2016 ICFC Yearbook** are also filled with helpful information that can answer almost any question you have before/during and after your Iron City vacation.

Pages 60-61 outline Fire Emergency and Medical First Responder Procedures. Please take a look and familiarize yourself.

ICFC Reservations: Planning for over 4000 camper days and 15,000 meals is a monumental task, so please communicate your plans to the office as soon as dates are known. You may make reservations for both in and out of season stays by accessing an on-line reservation form (upper left corner on the home page). Or you may click on the links below:

• [Cottage Rentals](#) • [In Season Reservations](#) • [Off-Season Reservations](#) •

You may also make reservations by downloading the following form

<http://www.icfc.net/Committees/MemberAndGuest/ReservationAndBillingForm.htm>

and sending it via email to ICFC@vianet.ca or by fax (1-705-375-0405).

Cottage opening, closing and cleaning

Getting cottages open in the Spring, closed in the Fall, and cleaned during season is a big job, and requires a lot of juggling to meet members' expectations. For opening cottages, please plan to give Lisa Gregoire at least 3 weeks notice by phone (705-375-5633) or email (moeandlisa@live.ca) so she can schedule appropriately, and give her as much advance notice as possible for in-season cleanings.

Border Crossing / Passports: What date does your passport expire? If you are not sure, check your passport and those of family members TODAY to ensure their passports do not expire this summer. It normally takes 4 to 6 weeks for a renewal to be processed. Passports are required for all border crossings from the US to Canada – ground or air. http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Are you bringing up your kids but leaving a spouse at home? You will need a Notarized letter signed by your spouse giving you permission to bring your children across the border.

Fishing License / Outdoor Card: In addition to a fishing license for individuals 18 and older, you also need an OUTDOORS CARD issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources. You must have the card with you for a streamlined purchase of a fishing license. All necessary information, including an on-line purchase option, may be found in this web-site: <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/index.html>
Both the Outdoors Card and fishing license may be purchased from Lisa Gregoire.

Boat Operator License / Card: Remember to bring to camp your Canada Operator's License as anyone operating a boat will need to provide it to any requesting Government official. It is good for life. For more information or to acquire a card, visit <http://www.theoperatorcard.com>.

Internet & Phone Service:

The club is no longer able to offer Internet access for members. Please see **pages 11 & 12 in the 2016 ICFC Yearbook** for expanded cellular Internet access options. This will require members and guests to make their own arrangements with cellular carrier companies for both voice and data service.

Note for Verizon subscribers: Verizon offers new service called Travel Pass, which is a great alternative to international plans. You have full access to voice, text and data while in Canada (or Mexico) for only ***two dollars*** a day, per line. You only pay for the days you use your phone. You do not need to notify Verizon after activation when you're going to Canada or returning from Canada. Our very own Communications Committee leader Chip Crawford used Travel Pass each day from different locations (cottage, one end of camp to the other, boat house, Sans Souci, MRM, Mactier, and Parry Sound. The connection was immediate and clear from all locations.

To add travel pass to your account call 1-800-257-6567. <http://www.verizonwireless.com/plans/travelpass-countries/>

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