

ICFC 2015



Back Bay Bilge

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

From Nancy & Dan Abramson:

Despite the endless winter, this year flew by. Highlight was a special trip to celebrate Anne Stronach's birthday. Anne & George treated themselves plus the 6 adult Abramson's, Creighton's and Stronach's to an amazing barge trip through Burgundy. Fun surprise was meeting up with Barbara & David Wright in Paris for dinner! The 4 Abramson's will be in Camp the last week of July/first week of August, overlapping with the Stronach/Creighton clan. Daniel & Robert are excited that their cousin Eleanor Burcham will be on staff, and look forward to having her serve them in the dining hall ☺. We all look forward to playing and relaxing with family and friends.

From Cindy & Peter Amerman:

Cindy and Peter Amerman, Lyn and Sofi Brabant and we hope Alex Amerman will be at Iron City from July 28th to August 4th. Hoping to see many of you then.

From Cynnie Anderson & Jerry Rampelberg:

Happy Springtime !!! We had an awesome trip to the South Pacific in February and March :-)) We fell madly in love with southern New Zealand around Queenstown & Milford Sound :-)) Fortunately summer there is December through March !!

We are excited to be welcoming cousins we haven't seen since childhood so will be in camp extensively :-)) Two of my sisters Christine & Meg will not be coming at all this summer. Duncan and Janet will be in camp with us at peak.

From Janet & Duncan Anderson:

Duncan and Janet spent winter in Florida -- The Keys over Christmas, Red Sox spring training games on the west coast, and the Miami Open tennis tournament on Biscayne. We had a great time with George Milligan and the Reigeluth's in Venice! Janet's been playing a lot of duplicate bridge and Duncan has finished a busy indoor tennis season. Courtney's graduating from Hamilton College with a double major, Spanish and International Relations, and has enjoyed a range of activities---- four "Alternate Spring Break" "Habitat for Humanity trips, 3 months in Spain with travels all around Europe, successive marathon canoe races in the Adirondacks, and successfully competing on the Hamilton cycling team placing as high as second at the intercollegiate races. Kristen has just finished a busy first year of her MBA program at UNC-Chapel Hill ---including a trip to India, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi. She is interning this summer at Bank of America in Charlotte. We plan to be at camp the last week in July to early August.

From Nan & Andy Bennett:

The Andy Bennett's have had a great year! Parker has finished his second (great) year at Bucknell, and is headed off to an internship at Wimbledon Commons in London this summer! We are all very excited - Sanders is headed to the Big Apple! She will start at Fordham University in September. Harper is finishing her sophomore year and will split time this summer working at a retailer along with volunteering at St Margaret's Hospital. We hope to be in camp the first week of August.

From Dick Boak & Susan Ellis:

Dick Boak, Susan Ellis and Grace Boak plan to be in camp during peak – July 27 through August 7. Emily Boak might not make it this year because she is working in advance of her junior year at the University of Chicago where she is majoring in anthropology. Susan is working at Lehigh University and has completed her Masters Degree in Educational Technology. Grace will be a senior and is very involved with the award-winning Nazareth Blue Eagle Marching Band. Dick is in his 39th year at Martin guitar and has released his first CD "Beside You" (available on iTunes). Hope to see you all in camp.

From Allie & Joe Bonidy:

The Bonidy's are doing great! Caroline will be going to 5th grade in the fall, Ben to 3rd and Eliza to 1st! This will be the last year the kids will all be in the same school. We will be at Iron City for the first week of August! Looking forward to seeing everyone!

From Monica & Braden Boucek:

The Braden Boucek family plans to be in camp 7/25- 8/1! Hope to see lots of you then!

From Lori & Jake Brown

The Brown Family -- Lori, Jake, Jacob and Jorie -- will be in camp July 15 through July 29. Son Jacob will be heading out to Camp Hurontario on July 28. Rah, rah ray!

From Tracy & Bob Bushkoff:

The Bushkoff Family is planning to be on the bay from July 11 thru July 25th with a couple days tucked in to visit Sudbury. Looking forward to long, lazy (yea right!) days on the bay with family and friends. See you this summer.

From Kathy & Todd Chapple:

The Colorado Chapples are very much looking forward to our two-week vacation at the end of July. William will be on the wait staff this summer and he is so excited! Oliver is going to Hurontario in July - just like his Dad and his two older brothers. Somehow we will get them dropped off where they need to be - haven't quite figured out the logistics yet. If the spring rains stop we will be enjoying Hannah's graduation at Red Rocks this week - life is going by so quickly! See you all soon!! XO

From Cathy & Rip Collins:

The Collins Family has been very busy this winter season. Jen is doing great with her studies; recently became a volunteer at the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City and has a new job working at Planet Fitness around the corner from the house. She has been quite the lifesaver staying home with the dogs while Rip and I are out traveling. Megan is enjoying the mountain life in Colorado and was promoted to Marketing Communications Manager at Crested Butte Mountain Resort. She has achieved a full-time year round position with the ski resort and it is very exciting. Rip and I enjoy visiting her and even though it is a little out of the way it is worth it. Sadly, since the girls are so busy they will not be joining us on the bay this summer. Myself, Rip and Ina will arrive for our three weeks on July 3. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the bay!

From Polly & Frank Coyle:

After a ridiculous winter, the Coyles are looking forward to being on the Bay! Polly and Frank will come up the week before camp opens, and Pat, Maria and Addie will join them for the 4th of July week. Then back again at the end of July for Jake, Joss and Marley's arrival. Then back again (thank heavens for books on tape) in late August for Labor Day. Whew! Both Coyle boys are busy with their new (old) houses. And Polly is enjoying her semi-retirement, but especially Wednesday's, when she and Coco (we will explain at breakfast) take care of two-year old Marley. See you soon!

From Michel & Chip Crawford:

Chip will be in camp for the month of May with Michel joining him for the last week of the month. They return with Shannon and Mira from July 16th - 24th. Chip and Michel return for 10 days in early September. The Sticker's will be with us for a couple of long weekends. We will be in Jackson Hole with the Borrego's for a couple of weeks in late June and again for two weeks over Christmas / New Years. The Stricker's will join us.

From Sophia & Fred Crawford:

Fred and Sophia Crawford will arrive on July 28th, to be joined for a week by David and Alis on August 1st. Can't wait! Rah Rah Ray!

From Lynne Edgerton:

Dr. Kirk Todd Jr., had his 94th birthday!

So far, plans are for Ford Edgerton and Katie Russo to be in camp the first week of July; and for Lynne to be in camp from day one until July 11, 2015, and then come back on or around July 18, 2015 and stay a few more weeks. These dates are of course subject to Kirk Todd Senior continuing in good health in Nashville. Lauren Edgerton will come, subject to work obligations, but don't yet know when. This year Lynne had wonderful time learning more and more about how to oil paint landscapes, and about the history of the art of landscapes.

From Heather & Jeff Firestone

Heather, Jeff and Gracie will be in camp July 26 - Aug 2. Stephen hopes to come up before he starts work with Ernst & Young's Atlanta office in mid-July after graduating both early and with distinction from Vanderbilt. Andrew will be in school in Austin this summer studying carpentry. He reports that his bowling team has been at the top of their league much of the year. Gracie has continued to juggle the demands of her junior year while playing concurrently on multiple teams. Her Lacrosse team won the triple crown of their high school's conference, as well as city, and state championships in a perfect 21-0 season. She was not all that impressed with Jeff's shiny little tennis trophy that he recently won in two grueling hours of senior doubles and then helpfully displayed just outside her door.

Jeff and Stephen joined Bruce Lawson, Leon and Spencer Irish, and Lisa, Maurice, Steven and MacKenzie Gregoire on snowmobiles tearing across the bays and out to the ice caves on Giant's Tomb. Only one sled crashed and only one other caught on fire.

Heather has been giving presentations at a local Christian Community Center to help the members improve their job application and interviewing skills. That came in handy when she was casually asked to help coach a few hours a day with the middle tennis program at Gracie's school. It turned into the longest and most arduous application process she has ever experienced. Her family can now rest assured that she is most likely not an active criminal, gang member, or other underworld character.

Finally, we were all very happy to celebrate Emily Conner's beautiful wedding this spring in Round Rock Texas.

From Sara & Paul Fritz:

The Fritz family will be at camp at various times between May and September. A two-week stay at the beginning of July will be the longest. Sam (8) is aiming to pass his bass swim test and catch a 3lb bass-- not at the same time. Leah (5) wants to pass her minnow swim test and kayak with Gran. We all look forward to seeing fellow campers on the Bay.

From Wendy & George Galleher:

George and Wendy will be in camp from August 5th through the closing. Lauren, Bill, Will and Graham will arrive in the 6th for about 10 days. Unfortunately Elizabeth, Logan and the boys will not get to IC this Summer. However we all spent a memorable week in Islamorada in March, and Elizabeth, Lauren and the little boys will be in Charlotte in early July for about 9 days. And George and I are headed to Oregon June 11th to spend time with the Williams. We are lucky to be able to spend so much time with everyone.

From Alison & Rob Heath:

As I write this it is 40 degrees outside. Florida? No, the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Alison and I are camping and celebrating her 60th with her relatives in the Charlottesville area. We will be arriving at camp on June 22nd, to join Eric's last steak dinner party. We leave on July 2nd but hope to return in August after peak with Steven and Erin.

From Leslie & Brian Huber:

The Huber's are very much looking forward to being back on the Bay. We plan to arrive the evening of July 29th and will be in camp through August 9th. Campbell and Jamie are hoping to set a new record this year for bacon consumption, though their father will be nixing that. Brian is looking forward to returning Labor Day weekend with several friends from Atlanta as well.

From Russell & Jack Huber:

We are enjoying a beautiful Atlanta spring in our garden, while anticipating our return to Iron City. We plan to arrive just before camp opens and stay until July 12th, then return July 29th with the rest of our family, until August 13th. We eagerly look forward to being with everyone for another glorious encampment. We especially look forward to the Gregoire celebrations. Rah, Rah, Ray!!!

From Laura & Wally Jenkins:

The Jenkins Family is looking forward to the start of summer as we begin our annual summer migrations to Rehoboth Beach, Stonington, Maine, and Georgian Bay. We are certainly blessed to have so many awesome summer destinations. Lilly (age 12) is finishing grade 6 at Dorseyville Middle School. She will attend the first session at Camp Wohelo on Sebago Lake in Raymond, Maine. Kate (age 10) is in the process of completing grade 4 at O'Hara Elementary. She will be attending a variety of camping experiences, including day, art and basketball camps. Our trek to the best camp of all will take place during August this year. We don't have our dates confirmed yet, but looking forward enjoying many sunsets from "Sunset" with A.J. and our camper friends and family. Hope to see you on the Bay/dock/boardwalk/rocks/etc.!

From Elizabeth & Wesley Kinnear:

Wesley and Elizabeth Kinnear are delighted to announce the engagement of Gillian Kinnear to Nick Gonzalez. The wedding date has not been set. We won't be up this summer except for Memorial Day weekend. Wesley and Elizabeth are travelling to Sweden this year to pick up a new Volvo and a new adventure as well as some trips closer to home. Sydney is still in Brooklyn with Bryan, Gillian is still near Santa Barbara and Rory is still in San Francisco. Sorry to miss you all this summer.

From Kathy & Gary Johnson:

The Johnson family is doing very well and looking forward to some quality time at ICFC this July and again in August. We have had a great year even though we had to survive 108" of snow in Boston! We really are hoping for a nice warm ICFC summer.

Kathy continues teach at her school in Billerica, MA, she loves the children but is looking fondly towards summer! Alex graduated from Cornell this May with a Masters in Hospitality Management. He has tentatively accepted a position with Kimpton Hotels and hopes to soon move to Chicago to start this next adventure. Ben is doing well and very happy working in advertising here in Boston where he is writing lots of radio ads and print copy for his company. Gary is busy and happy designing buildings around the country!

We look forward to seeing everyone in late June.

From Bruce Lawson:

It was another long and cold winter here in Toronto, and apparently I haven't learned from previous experience. Instead of booking holidays somewhere tropical in the depths of winter, instead I traveled to places like Ottawa, Pittsburgh and Colorado – so, not exactly beach weather! In addition, I joined Jeff & Stephen Firestone and Leon & Spencer Irish in on a snowmobiling adventure in March on the Bay. Moe, Lisa, MacKenzie & Steven were our guides, and I give thanks to Lisa who ensured that I didn't get separated from the rest of the pack because, as a nervous newbie, I was much slower than anyone else. It was a real privilege to see our beloved Iron City blanketed in snow, and get a modicum of appreciation for the challenges and the joys of living in a remote access community at other times of the year.

Again this year, I'm training for a 2-day, 220 km (130 mile) charity cycling event from Niagara Falls to Toronto in mid-June. As I've been on my bike, I've had moments of wondering why I thought this was a good idea, particularly in and amongst the other commitments in my life at this time of year. But it's for a good cause (cancer) and it's good to challenge myself in new and different ways. So please send happy and safe cycling thoughts my way!

I'm excited that very soon I will be back on the Bay and get to see some of our fellow Iron Citizens for Memorial Day weekend. I expect to be up at camp regularly throughout the summer, and look forward to spending as much time on the Bay as possible. Rah Rah Ray!

From Lorraine & Donald Lawson

This winter, while in Naples, Florida, Donald & Lorraine visited and spent the day fishing with Barbara & Bob Boucek. Unfortunately the water was a bit cold for good fishing. However, it was great fun zipping around the Everglades on a beautiful day. We also were invited to join Fred & Sophia Crawford and Russell & Jack Huber for dinner at a lovely restaurant (The Veranda) in Fort Myers. It was another wonderful get together. Alice Jane Jenkins was also in Naples for six weeks. We had several times together as well as brief visits with her sons Davis and Ted and his wife, Holly when they came to visit.

During the winter we agreed to sell our Lake Simcoe cottage which we have owned for 49 years. In recent years it was more and more underused. Recent weekends have been spent emptying the place for a June closing. It is only an hour from Toronto and has a great golf course of which Donald is an Honourary Member. Therefore, we can still, and will, play some golf there and stay connected with long time friends and neighbors.

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This summer we expect to be in Camp July 1st to 5th, July 10th to about the 24th, and July 29th to about August 15th, and Labor Day Weekend.

From Nicki & Nate Lusk:

The Lusks will be in camp July 31 - August 9 and most likely over Labor Day weekend as well. We've had a busy year that included buying a house just outside Boston in a town called Winchester. We love it so far! Henry is almost 18 months old and very busy. He loves music, hiking with dad, crayons (for drawing and eating), and wandering around the neighborhood looking for dogs. We can't wait to get him up to Iron City!

From Betsy Martin:

I am looking forward to the home-coming week at Iron City because my brother Bill Bell, his wife Jill Kneerim, his daughters Darcy Symes, with her son Zachary, daughter Carly Brant, son-in-law Steve and baby Eli, and Wendy Guerrero, husband Tom and her three daughters Arielle, Valentine, and Sophia are all coming. Jill's brother Will with his wife Danielle and son Niall may join us too.

Polly and I had a nice, but chilly, trip to Quebec City in April. It's like being in France without crossing the ocean. I highly recommend it as a pre or post Iron City stopover.

From Karen & David Mills:

The Mills will be in camp for Memorial Day with little Daza in tow. After this long hard winter, it will be lovely to sit in a chilly unheated cabin swatting mosquitos.

Jord is coming to the end of his 2 year sojourn in London- returning to Chile with (we hope) an MA in furniture design (his final paper is due next week so no one will tempt the fates). We are very proud of the work he has done which is unique and exquisite. He has already chalked up a one-day pop up show at Blair House, the Victoria and Albert Museum. His studio in Chile may need a little clean up, but we know all the dogs will be happy to see him. Ben is steadily taking the reins at Public Art Management. His latest client is the Toronto Raptors (where he is managing the selection of public art for the new practice facility). I see retirement coming closer and closer.

Sarah, as everyone knows, is engaged to a brilliant young chef from Toronto. We love Brandon Olsen and look forward to many fabulous meals during our retirement. Sarah is just finishing a feature length documentary for TVOntario- a nice departure from art films.

David is not going on the Dakar. He is not renovating another house. But he is sitting on the board of our 5 unit condo. With us now happily ensconced in a house dating back to 1850, we are finding that not everyone agrees on everything when it comes to repairs (or should it be restoration?) and renovation or interior design (I refused to be part of the group who picked colors for the lobby). We both prefer puttering in our garden with Jordan's lovely little Daza at our side, chasing squirrels. I am happy, busy and starting work on a memorial in Ottawa. After swearing off them forever. Perhaps with age, comes a little patience?

From Terri & Chris Modic:

The Sewickley Modics will be in Camp from 7/4-7/18. We hope to have everyone for at least part of our stay. Jordan has completed the Montessori program in Portland and will complete his Masters in Education in Baltimore at the end of June.

From Sue Anne & David Morrow:

The Morrows will be in camp at the end of the season and into the post season - August 15-23 and we ask that you leave us a few SMBB and plenty of sunshine. Rah Rah Ray!

From Susan Kinnear Neul:

This summer may feel totally boring after the fun last summer of bossing Cynn timer and Jerry around as they attempted to get photos of every camper. For all of you who have not yet obtained an ICFC photobook, we just did a second printing so more copies will be available in the office this summer. And all typos have been corrected!

The next month features two graduations in the Neul family. Stacy graduates from St. Paul's on May 30. She is headed to Brown University in the fall. Stephanie graduates from Williams the following weekend. She is headed to a job with Morgan Stanley in New York. Neither one can attend the other's graduation as both have national championships to row in, the NCAAs in Sacramento and the NSCs in Alexandria, VA. This means I cannot attend either so do I have any volunteers for surrogate parents in the cheering section?

I am adjusting to life in the woods of Massachusetts with its bizarre abundance of deer ticks and white sharks. We will all be in camp at various times during the summer.

From Elizabeth & Richard Parker:

I am just back from Greenwich where I met Sarah and Clare to celebrate Mothers' Day with my mother Mary Applegate Fisher. We had beautiful weather and Mother is doing very well in the recovery process of a partial hip replacement a little more than 5 weeks ago. George and Alie joined us for lunch Saturday, and Anne, Douglas, their son Christopher and his fiancée Ashley Gilbert came for lunch on Sunday. It was a good visit and as we were leaving we all gave a hearty Rah, Rah, Ray! Mother is in good spirits but lonely without Everett who died in January.

Richard and I plan to be in Iron City for the Homecoming week (do you think we will have a Homecoming Queen?). I was up there three years ago but it has been awhile since Richard has made an appearance. We are hoping Ned and Will will join us with their children, but there is nothing set in concrete at the moment. Will and Meg just had a baby girl in March – Mary Belle Parker, so their plans are up in the air. Clare and Manny definitely will be back in Iron City about August 1 for ten days and are looking forward to seeing everyone.

My work at the Ballet continues to keep me very busy, and Richard has had a good start to the year with his real estate business. I had thought I might retire next year but after taking the whole month of July off last summer, I think I still have a few more years in me. I am still playing tennis so will be looking for some games in Iron City. Have hardly played any golf this year but now that the weather is improving (and the Ballet season is winding down) I hope to get out more. I hope to see a lot of old friends (you know who you are) in July.

From Cary & Richard Reed:

Cary and Richard will be in camp twice during the season: June 28 - July 7 and July 28 - August 10. Bennett and Rosy will be there with Dottie at the beginning of camp, while Carly and Mac plan to spend the first week of August on the bay. We have had a good but long winter in Pittsburgh and can hardly wait to head north in June. We send our best to everyone and look forward to spending time with you this summer.

From Dana & Duey Savidge:

The Savidge family is delighted to become new members, and we hope to visit as often as possible. Dana and Duey's summer work obligations may prevent much of a visit this year, but we are pleased to have the family represented by new waiter boy Chris Lee, who is Dana's brother's son. Helen and Kathryn completed their first year of college at Susquehanna University in PA, and will be finding jobs in the sunny south over the summer to recover from that cold-soaking.

From Meg & Dave Schrier:

The Steffey Schrier family has had a great year. We moved from Cambridge to Acton and are loving having a ton of extra space inside, and a huge vegetable garden in the back. Maddie turned 2 this May! Meg has now been at Harvard University as their sports dietitian for almost 3 years, and Dave's company just had their second drug approved- hooray!! We plan to be in camp the last two weeks in July- with cousins, Mymy(Molly Steffey) and Sarah Schade.

From Berta & Bill Schroeder:

We have been fortunate to have a healthy winter - including my mother- and can't wait to start our trek North. Berta and I are looking to be in camp the first 2 weeks of July, with Maggie joining us for one or the other.

Our Charlotte family continues to get smaller as this past fall my sister Linda and her husband Larry relocated to Winston Salem NC to be closer to my niece Melissa Diebold Ward, husband Carter and their 2 kids Caroline and William, as well as to my nephew Jeffrey Diebold and his wife Erin and their 1 1/2 kids- Kate and TBD this fall!!

My mom is doing well and we all just came back from a very relaxing trip to Corolla NC- northern Outer Banks where the wild horses live. She had a ball, got in great beach time but sort of monopolized the boogie board!! Okay I made that last part up! But she did go on a wild horse tour in a souped up Hummer.

Maggie has just finished her Junior year at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, and is staying there through the summer taking classes and working at the local yacht club. She reports that while work is work, its nice being around boats - as I am sure most of us would agree.....as long as they start!!

With Maggie not home again this summer we have a lot of empty space that we would love to fill with any of our IC family traveling through Charlotte. And if you are coming our way- I have been "told" to pair down the fleet so there is a great deal here on a 1981 19' Cobalt Classic Bowrider!!!

From Emily & Dave Scott:

We are having fun with our new puppy Healey, named after a very familiar road on the way to Moon River Marina! We are really looking forward to being in Iron City this summer and will be there during the first week of August.

From Rob Scott:

Another granddaughter (that makes 4) Scottie Miller Maxwell was born on April 11, 2015 to my daughter Joanie and her husband Warren. Kate joined the family business in February and we're still speaking. Lindsay and family will likely make it to camp in September as usual. It's been a great year so far and will only get better with my visit to camp for the semi-annual meeting. Kate will join me from August 1 - August 9.

From Judy & Bobby Sillers:

We are enjoying being empty nesters...but do love seeing Scott and Ryan as often as they allow...And we try to go up to Raleigh to see Rebecca at least once or twice a year @ NC State. That has allowed us to have some time with extended family George and Devon Stronach and Scott & Marshall Creighton.

Rebecca just finished her sophomore year, and is making great grades in her fashion merchandising major. Rebecca promises us she is -actually- 50% done, not 40 or even 33. She is looking forward to her job on staff @ ICFC this summer, and has procured an internship with a small clothing manufacturer/retailer in Raleigh next year, which is exciting for her. If anyone has a close personal relationship with the HR Manager at Yves St. Laurent or Chanel we/she would be grateful...!

Scott and Ryan are enjoying married life...They will be in camp early in the season. Whenever we get phone calls after 9:45 PM at night Judy hopes it is "the call", you know, the "you are going to be a grandmother call". We do not sit around working on grandparent names, although I am leaning toward "Juju" for Judy, and "Puffer" or maybe "Pooper" for me. Scott changed jobs, still doing commercial loan underwriting for banks. His boss at his previous bank took him with her to a new bank – a nice show of confidence in him. Ryan does great things at her insurance recruiting firm-promotions, nice trips...probably not enough for Scott to quit work but...

Having Judy on the ICFC board has been fun because we get to see Pittsburgh so often! We love to see the Pittsburghs 'favorite son' making the immaculate reception as we get off the plane and head toward baggage claim. What team did that other guy play for? 'Washington' SOUNDS like a baseball player? Perplexing... Judy's wedding planning business [www.parkcitiasevents.com ; Go look at the website. Very few cowboy boots or cowboy hats are in evidence. She DOES have two 'ranch weddings' in the next 2 months so that may change...] is going great, giving me a chance to fuel my movie-going habit during her Saturday night weddings.

Judy and I have gone a BIT toward 'the dark side' [golf]. I fish golf balls out of the creek much more successfully than I get them into the hole. I probably have 600+ brand new balls in my garage if anyone wants to make me an offer...

Late breaking news: We spent four days at the Rolling Rock Club last week...wow! I am wondering if we should require the men to wear at least blazers or dress coats to all three meals @ ICFC? It oozed class...so beautiful with such understated elegance. And our trip to Falling Waters was a highlight as well.

For my Christmas present Judy is treating us to a trip to Philadelphia to see the Barnes Collection...awesome! Judy & I are planning a 25th anniversary trip next year to St. Barts with John and Lisie.

Judy got a new car. Bobby got a case of tennis balls...

We look forward to seeing everyone in late July and early August. Go Cowboys!

From Tallie & Wally Sloan:

We have babies! CJ and DeAnn and big sister Ellis had twins in January. How much fun to have a boy and a girl at once! Their names are Arden and Warren and are growing so fast! They are keeping CJ and DeAnn very busy! Katie and Brian just had a beautiful baby girl last week! They are just over the top of the moon in love with her and she is just adorable. Her name is Anna Rose Thoburn Sloan. All is well with the Sloan family, except for Eric having to have a big shoulder surgery a few weeks ago. He plans to be in camp in July. I hope he will be able to fish from his kayak this year. Sloan's and their shoulders! We will be coming and going all

summer so hope we have time to visit with everyone. We are looking forward to our first trip over Memorial Day.

From Beth & Nick Steffey:

The Steffey And Vinton families are heading to ICFC in the middle of July and hope to stay into August. Katherine is looking forward to returning with her friend Sherrelle Bascoe this summer. Nate & Liz and their girls will be there the end of July as will Stewart, Hilde and their children. Tyler and Joanna are expecting another child the end of July and will not be able to make it to Iron City in July...but we will all be together next week for Tyler's graduation from Harvard with a Masters in Education.

We are very excited to see so many returning campers in July.

From Hilde & Stew Steffey:

Stew, Hilde, Eliza and Oscar will be up the last 2 weeks of August. We look forward to seeing everyone on the Bay.

From Joanna & Tyler Steffey

Greetings to all from Boston!

Our clan grows! Ellie (20-months) will become a big sister sometime in late July. Joanna and I are thrilled. While we don't know the gender of our baby-to-be, we are considering the following names: Huckleberry, Pershing, Marker, Bigben, Crispycrunch, Bass, and Zorro. Perhaps we should start narrowing it down. Any suggestions?

Jo continues to thrive as a founding school administrator of a charter school in Dorchester. Her school, which focuses primarily on serving homeless youth in our city, is growing every year and will soon provide programming for K-8th students. Her passion is inspiring. I spent the year at the Harvard Graduate School of Education working towards a master's degree in school leadership with a focus on principal licensure. I've just committed to becoming an Assistant Principal within Boston Public Schools at one of the five lowest performing elementary schools in the state.

We will most likely not make it up to IC this year, but look forward to touching base!

From Bryce & Kyle Stricker:

Crawford and Haven are looking forward to summertime fun. We will be away the first few weeks of July. We are traveling to Peru and Ecuador with some good friends. When we get back, Crawford and Haven will spend a week at ICFC before heading to camp - Camp Hurontario and Camp Mi-a-kon-da. After camp, they will likely spend one more week at ICFC. Kyle and I will make it up for a few weekends over the summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the bay.

From Anne & George Stronach:

We plan to go to camp around June 18th for about 10 days. We'll return late July to be there with all our children for another week or two.

The most significant event of our year was sister Barbara's very close call in Sept. It inspired a sibling get together in Nashville to see her and support her - a special time and we are so incredibly grateful that she is fine! She's back to tennis, and being an active grandma. Don't ever take anything for granted! I think she will arrive at IC on 6/22, and she and Bob plan to stay most of the summer. Carole Brammer will also arrive the 22nd.

Shari King is in Spain enjoying a much-anticipated trip to the Costa Brava as I write this. Happiness - if not order - has been restored to her household with the addition of two lively kittens! She will arrive at IC around June 22nd and stay 2-3 weeks.

From Devon & George Stronach:

We will be in Iron City from about July 30th until about August 7th. Devon, George, Thomas (9), and Colin (7) Stronach are looking forward to seeing all of our friends on the bay.

From Carrie & Kevin Sullivan:

This year we bought a house and moved out of the city. Homeownership was tough in the worst winter Boston's ever seen! The snow banks finally melted and we welcomed Eleanor Ann Sullivan, "Nora" in late March. Abby is very excited to be a big sister! We will be in camp the first two weeks of August! Hope to see you there!

From Chris Crawford Tadlock:

Jordan and I will be traveling to IC for the last week of July and the first few days of August. Having missed going last summer I'm really eager to be on the bay and with old friends. In December Jordan finished her Masters in Marriage and Family Counseling and has joined the working world with full enthusiasm and competence! She's definitely ready for an ICFC experience. We are also making a mid-September trip with some of Jordan's friends from Charlotte. Yeah!!

From Lindsay & Matt Weissberg:

Matt, Lindsay, Teddy and Mackie Weissberg are lucky enough to make two trips to Iron City this summer! We'll be there with Lindsay's cousin Sam Breslin and his family over the 4th of July (6/28-7/4), and then again during the second week of August (8/8-8/13) with Tim, Susie, the Turners and the Bingemanns. The boys have been practicing Rah Ray Ray all winter and are looking forward to seeing their Iron City family on the bay this summer!

From Eric Williams:

Eric Williams had a good year. Mike Winn and I ventured to Tampa to debark on a Royal Caribbean Line ship, Brilliance of the Seas. We arrived on December 23 and were invited to dinner at Jennifer Raley's new home. Mei welcomed us and we were soon joined by Rob Heath and his daughter Erin. What a great meal prepared by Jennifer & Mei! On December 24, we met Tim, Susie and Steve and took a 5-day cruise to the Cayman Islands and the Yucatan Peninsula. It was entertaining though there was little indication Christmas was celebrated on board.

My last steak dinner is being held on June 23rd, the night before ICFC opens for the summer. It is the fifth one I have hosted. Hopefully, I will find someone to replace me. I will be in the Williams/Sawin Cottage from June 22 until August 1. I know Devon & Daniel will be there August 1 and I believe Tucker & Veronica will follow shortly. I am not sure of Bob & Julie's plans yet. After August 1, I will be staying at another cottage till mid-week.

I may have to go back to Pittsburgh sooner because I am selling my home. By the time the Back Bay Bilge reaches you, I will have moved to Longwood, a retirement community. The house I had lived in for 8 years was too large and demands more attention than I am willing to give.

From Barbara & David Wright:

In October, Barbara and David Wright spent a week in the Dordogne region of France with Marilyn and Sam Sipe. A highlight of our time together was a trip to see the prehistoric cave paintings. Other daily highlights of course included food and wine! Back in Paris we had dinner with the Stronach's and Abramson's! Iron City truly spans the globe. We had another mini family reunion when Barbara and the Bethesda Wrights had Christmas dinner with the Stronach's, Abramson's and Shari King and Dick Kelleher. All in all, a great year for family and friends reunions!

Barbara & David Wright will be in Iron City over Memorial Day. We will be back in late July and will be joined the first two weeks of August by the rest of our family. Lisa and Dave Wright will spend 2 weeks in camp with Katie (8) and Allie (3). Allie has been practicing the Rah, Rah, Ray. Nikki and Nate and Henry Lusk will be in camp the first week of August, and might stay a little longer depending on fishing! As always, we can't wait to get up to Iron City and see family and friends. May the days be sunny and warm and may it rain only at night.

From Lisa & David Wright:

The DC Wrights are looking forward to being up at ICFC from 8/4 to 8/15. Katie and Allie can't wait to catch frogs and swim with friends and family!

Important Information

ICFC HOMECOMING: Please be sure to advise the Homecoming Committee, via e-mail to Cathy Collins [cacrip1@gmail.com], of family members and friends who plan to come to Homecoming week, July 11th – 18th and at the same time complete a reservation form and email Jim or the ICFC Office at [icfc@vianet.on.ca]. If you know of anyone who has been part of ICFCs past and might enjoy a trip down memory lane this is your opportunity to honor them by encouraging a trip to the Bay. Rah / Rah / Ray!!!

ICFC Reservations: Planning for over 4000 camper days and 15,000 meals is a monumental task. It is members' responsibility to communicate plans to the office as soon as dates are known. You now have the ability to 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. This can be particularly challenging for staff when members don't provide them adequate notice. Please contact Florence florenceicfc@gmail.com) as soon as possible with your requirements so that she can schedule them appropriately.

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

In addition to the "headline" items which follow, the ICFC web-site is rich with information including the 2015 Events Calendar, currency exchange rates, links to bay area associations and more. You will need the username and password, which are on page 6 of the Yearbook.

Changes to Internet Service: The club is no longer able to offer Internet access for members. Please see pages 11 & 12 in the 2015 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.

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. Some Border Guards are lenient. Some are not. Make sure you are not turned away from the border.

Fishing License / Outdoor Card: In addition to a fishing license, you also need an OUTDOOR CARD. 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 Florence 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.

ICFC Communications Committee
Rah Rah Ray!!!