

# ICFC 2017



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

### **From Nancy & Dan Abramson:**

We can't wait until summer! This year has kept us busy with the three S's: School, Sports, and Scouts, with work and an occasional vacation thrown in. Daniel started middle school and is now a teenager! So far we still like him, knock on wood. Robert is finishing 4<sup>th</sup> grade and stays busy-literally-he never stops. But even Robert's energy is no match for that of our new black lab puppy, Patriotic "Patri". She is wonderful and adorable and a handful. We have high hopes that she will one day [maybe?] be as well behaved as our beloved Stormy was. In the meantime our cat Kathy is seeking therapy. The four human Abramsons will be in camp around the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August, hopefully tacking on some extra days on either end. Looking forward to catching up with family and friends!

### **From Mary Ellen & Lee Alexander:**

Lee and Mary Ellen Alexander are planning to arrive on the bay on Thursday, June 22. We will be in camp until Saturday, July 8th. Jenny will be joining us on June 29th.

### **From Cindy & Peter Amerman:**

Peter and Cindy plan to be at ICFC in June for the gathering of elders. Alex and friend Julien as well as Lyn and Sofia plan on being at camp from around July 28th to August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**From Cynn timer Anderson & Jerry Rampelberg:**

Cynn timer & Jerry are so blessed to be able to (once again) spend most of the summer at ICFC :-))♥♥  
We plan to arrive in the beginning and stay until mid August...  
It's been a wonderful year with our Germany family hosting us in Aachen on our 3-week visit and showing us five countries in one day!!! Our most recent trip to Bhutan was truly a Buddhist peak experience in a multitude of ways!!! We look forward to seeing all of our extended family as we gather at our precious ICFC :-))

**From Christine & David Bennett:**

With her widowed father now 93 years old and living alone on his Virginia farm, Christine has accepted more responsibility for her dad's affairs. This involves regular 6-hour trips down I-81. Dave has finally retired from paddle (platform) tennis league play due to deteriorating skill, reflexes and judgment. Having checked-out of tennis and now paddle tennis, he's left playing golf with the old guys on Saturday mornings. We are planning for Camp in early August.

Christine and I would like to convey our gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful remembrances shared following the passing of Dave Sr. last June. And we want to recognize especially the generosity of Iron City members in their contributions to the Endowment Fund in memory of Dad. It's a great tribute to his love for ICFC.

**From Nan & Andy Bennett:**

The Andy Bennett's are looking forward to getting back up on Georgian Bay this summer. We plan to be in Camp the last two weeks of July and a long weekend in early September. Parker graduates from Bucknell this spring. Before entering the real world he will be part of the Core Four Team (coordinator) this season so he gets to spend the entire summer on the Bay - lucky guy! Sanders' and Harper's summers are still a work in progress so we are unsure of their time in Camp. Sanders has an internship in DC with a start-up this summer before her adventure next fall. She will be part of a study abroad program that will move around with extended stays in Brazil, India and Uganda. Harper will be working in Pittsburgh this summer before beginning her studies at the University of Richmond. We are hoping to get both girls up to Camp, but the timing is still uncertain. We can't wait to see everyone on the Bay!!

**From Susan & Dick Boak:**

Emily Boak graduated from the University of Chicago in June and is headed for Azerbaijan for an archaeological dig, so no ICFC for her this summer. Grace Boak just finished her first year at Lehigh University. She is headed to the west coast of Costa Rica to help with reforestation efforts, so no ICFC for her this summer. Tentatively, Susan and Dick hope to be in camp in late July and early August, departing after the board meeting on the 4th. Dick is planning to retire from Martin in January after 41+ years, but looking forward to fresh artwork, a bit of travel and perhaps CD #3 following up on his recent 2nd album "Under the Supermoon" with guitarist Craig Thatcher. You'll find that album on iTunes and Spotify. That's all we have from Nazareth, PA. Hope to see many of you in camp.

**From Allie & Joe Bonidy:**

The Bonidy family is planning to come up to IC around July 29 and stay for what we hope is longer than a week! Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

**From Monica & Braden Boucek:**

We will be in camp 7/29-8/6.

**From Carole Heath Brammer:**

Carole will arrive June 26 and stay a month. She is very excited about Beanie's baby due in August!

**From Tracy & Bob Bushkoff:**

The Bushkoff clan will be headed to ICFC from July 9 thru July 17. Becca will be just finishing up 11th grade and Jessie has just finished her sophomore year at University of Pittsburgh. She will be spending a "summester" in Sydney, Australia and will be coming into camp with us one day after she returns. Bob's Mom, Ina Sable, will be in camp from July 1 thru July 16 along with the Collins family. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the Bay.

**From Cathy & Rip Collins:**

Rip, Cathy, Megan & Ina Sable will arrive in Camp on July 1st in the evening sometime. We will stay until the 16th. Not quite as long as usual...maybe next year. Rip and Cathy are going to Kauai for our 30th anniversary on June 3rd for 2 weeks. We've never been so it's very exciting. Jen and her boyfriend Nick will be house sitting for us!!!! Jen will not make it up to camp this summer; she has a lot going on. Can't wait to hit the bay. Hope to see whoever is up there.

**From Michel & Chip Crawford:**

First, thank you all of Iron City for your prayers, encouragement and awesome support. Daily physical therapy will continue on the boardwalks and waters of the bay.

Michel and Chip plan to be in camp in early July. If Chip's not ready for the trip at that time we will come in August and/or September. We hope to coordinate plans with the Stricker's and Borrego's.

**From Sophia & Fred Crawford:**

Fred and Sophia Crawford will be meeting Alis in Toronto off her flight from Vancouver on July 29th; all are hoping that David will be able to arrive from Boston at the same time. The four/three will be in camp for the first week of August, Fred and Sophia staying on until the end of encampment.

Before then, Fred and Sophia will be celebrating this year's very special Canada Day with Alis in British Columbia, and looking forward to comparing notes on other provinces' celebrations.

**From Marshall & Scott Creighton:**

Marshall and Scott Creighton have had a busy and productive year. Scott is recovering nicely from a lumbar fusion this past March. Britt is finishing up her sophomore year at High Point University, which she loves. Eleanor graduates from high school on May 27, and is planning to attend UNC-Chapel Hill next year. Porter is a rising high school senior, and is starting to think about colleges. Charles is completing the fourth grade, and looking forward to attending Duke University's basketball camp with cousin Robert Abramson in June. Marshall has been kept busy with community and school commitments, and somehow managed to keep up with everyone else's hectic schedules. Marshall, Scott, Eleanor and Charles will tentatively be in camp from July 27 until August 5, and look forward to catching up with family and friends on the Bay.

**From Lynne Edgerton:**

Kerry Todd and Sallie D'Noird, Liza Todd Edgerton and husband Bill Edgerton, Hill Todd and I will be in camp for the opening, as we four sibs come together on the Bay to remember our Dad, and place his ashes everywhere he caught a bass. (This will not take very long, as the wily elusive small mouth bass performed to type during most of Dad's fishing expeditions! Lol). It's especially exciting that Hill Todd and Bill Edgerton are returning this summer!

Other great news is that Ford is bringing his wonderful wife Kathryn aka Katie, and her parents, whom I adore and who love fishing! A great match! They will be in camp at Twin Pines for the last week of July.

Lauren has also had a great year, having been promoted to VP at Wells Fargo in SF, in investment banking, focusing on medical technology and devices. She travels a great deal both for work and fun.

I'm still trying to become a good artist, still working with oil paints. I'll be attending a three-day oil painting workshop on Cape Cod with Joseph McGurl, who is a well known and highly regarded contemporary luminist. I am thrilled to learn from him and hope to apply some things I learn to a few works this summer.

All Todd's are very excited to see and enjoy the renovation of the Stewart cottage. Rumor has it that the Gregoire's and Stewart's are making it quite an interesting showpiece!

I can't wait to share sunsets with everyone on the Bay.

**From Wendy & George Galleher:**

George retired on December 31st after a stellar 43-year career at Duke Energy! He has kept very busy these past 4 months hunting, fishing, exercising, hiking, exploring new hiking trails around NC, traveling etc. so hasn't had time to miss work!

Our summer begins with a trip to IC the first week in June. We haven't been able to experience that time of year due to work schedules in the past so looking forward to that 1st trip. Then we head to Black Butte Ranch, Oregon the beginning of July with the Mulcahy's and Williams'. We'll end the trip with a few days in Bend. It will be a wild time with those 4 boys!!!! George and I will then have a quick turnaround and head up to IC around July 13th-29th. The Mulcahy's will join us for about 10 days during that time. We will head back up in late August for a week or two. George loves the flexibility of not having to pin down the exact dates! Who knows, we may spend a little time exploring the Georgian Bay area. Can't wait to be on the Bay!!!!

**From Alison & Rob Heath:**

This has been a big year of change for the Heath family. After 38 years in Florida, Rob and Alison are now officially residents of Virginia. We moved in April to a rural area about 30 minutes south of Charlottesville. Erin is nearby as well, working as a nurse at VCU in Richmond. Even Steven has decided to join the fun. He will be working for Piedmont Airlines at the Charlottesville airport, starting June 5th. Andrew and family are working on their big move, to Illinois, sometime in the near future. However, with all these changes, we don't expect to be able to get up to camp this summer.

### **From Leslie & Brian Huber:**

The Huber's are excited for summer and have multiple trips planned this year. Campbell will be working on the staff again this year and is bringing his friend Garrett McCarthy from Atlanta (because we felt the staff needed more McCarthy's). Brian will bring the boys up on June 19<sup>th</sup> and will stay through that week. After a beach trip with Leslie's family over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Jamie is very excited about a Western Tour with Leslie's folks where he will be going to Yellowstone and surrounding areas for about 10 days. Leslie and Brian will be without kids for the first time in a long time. Leslie, Jamie, and Brian will be coming to Iron City on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be there until the 13<sup>th</sup>. And then it's back to school for the boys. GranJack and Brian plan to be back the weekend after Labor Day to fish. Looking forward to a great summer and can't wait to see everyone.

### **From Russell & Jack Huber:**

Jack and Russell are already collecting "stuff" to take to Iron City. We will be in camp June 22 through July 12 and back August 5 through August 18. We had a wonderful trip to Paris and outlying Impressionist painting sites with Kathy and Gary Johnson over the Easter holidays. We can all regale you with stories about the inhabitants of Pere Lachaise (the cemetery where Jim Morrison is "buried.") A fun time was had by all! We have had a beautiful spring in Atlanta, but we are anxious to return to the Bay and "cool off."

### **From Missy and Jaime Hugessen**

Life is never dull in the Hugessen household. Jaime climbed Kilimanjaro in January with his 2 sisters and 3 friends from Montreal. Not surprisingly, Jaime had no trouble and impressed the guides with how quickly he was able to summit and get back to base camp. Richard was home for the winter doing one of his school co-op work terms. He worked on an integration team helping to merge two companies and his assignment was top secret. We don't know all of the details and won't for a while. He is back at school for the summer term and will likely miss seeing many ICFC friends. Jeffrey is in his senior year and just trying to sort out where he will go to university in the fall. He will be in the UK at the end of June singing with his school choir in beautiful old cathedrals. Jaime and Missy are planning to shadow the trip from Manchester to Edinburgh. Michael is looking forward to being back in Staff land this summer and is currently learning to drive. Missy's job this year has been to keep the refrigerator full and keep everyone afloat. I am looking forward to a more manageable pace this summer. Iron City here we come!!! Who said Christmas is the best time of the year?!!

### **From Laura & Wally Jenkins:**

If you've been tracking our family's progress through our annual submissions to the "Back Bay Bilge," not a lot has changed with the exception of all of us being a year older and hopefully a bit wiser. Lilly (age 14) is in the process of finishing 8<sup>th</sup> grade (a/k/a "grade 8" in Canadian vernacular), while Kate (age 12) is on track to graduate from 6<sup>th</sup> grade/grade 6, pending the successful completion of the Great Wall of China model and accompanying report for social studies. As was our goal of previous summers, Lilly & Kate's parents seek to fill, at great expense, every waking moment of their summer with some type of camp experience, including art, acting, basketball, day and traditional. Any downtime will be filled with "discovery" camp experiences, such as laundry, cleaning, bed-making, lawn mowing, and the ever-popular picking-up-after-ones-self. After which we will all gather around the campfire (or kitchen sink) to grumble and mope.

We hope to get all of our grumbling and moping out of our systems at least by the time we hit the Canadian border, which will be late June again this year. We are looking forward to being at ICFC with Wally's mom through the first week or so of July. See you on the Bay/dock/rocks/boardwalk!

**From Elizabeth & Wesley Kinnear:**

The Wesley Kinnears will be coming up to the cabin the first week of August. It is a big travel year for our family. Sydney and Bryan went to Thailand already this year and also to Peru with Rory. Wesley and Elizabeth have been to Death Valley, Joshua Tree and up and down the west coast several times visiting Gillian and Nick near Santa Barbara and Rory in Los Angeles. We are off to the Galapagos in May and then Memorial Day at ICFC. See everyone in August.

**From Kathy & Gary Johnson:**

We look forward to arriving for our first trip to camp sometime in late June and staying thru the middle of July. We will return in August and then again in September. Ben and Alex will join us for a week or so during peak. My brother Phillip and his wife Sue will join us for a week in early July.

We have had a great year since we last were on the Bay. Kathy and Gary remain very busy with teaching and architecture! We managed to squeeze in two wonderful trips this winter and spring, one to Florida where we got to spend some time with Gary and Florence and later in the week a lovely dinner with Jennifer Raley. We then took a trip with the Huber's to Paris and environs. Great fun all around. Now we are ready for a few weeks in one place to really unwind and enjoy the Canadian summer.

**From Shari Heath King:**

Shari will arrive at IC June 20 and stay about 2 weeks. She has a new straight finger.

**From Bruce Lawson:**

It's been a busy fall and winter for me. Have been traveling a fair amount, with several trips across the country, particularly in the westward direction, and Ottawa multiple times. Looking forward to heading to Newfoundland on June 1<sup>st</sup> to see my father receive an honorary degree from Memorial University, and then will head to Nova Scotia & New Brunswick. Also had a trip to Curacao this winter to go scuba diving, which I hadn't done in about 10 years – and came home in one piece! Looking forward to being back up on the Bay, and will spend some time there in each of May, June, July, August and September – with longest stays in July & August. I'm still on the trail of a record small-mouth, so watch out!

**From Lorraine & Donald Lawson**

Lorraine and Donald have been having a good year since our last visit to ICFC. Last fall we had a great trip visiting the lakes of Northern Italy. Florida in November, home for Christmas, and back to Florida for three months. Time was spent with Alice Jane Jenkins while she was there. At the end of April, Lorraine had corrective surgery on her right foot and is healing very well. She has to wear a boot for 6 weeks so Donald is chauffeur and shopper. We celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary on May 10, and in June, Donald will receive his third Honorary Degree, this time from Memorial University in St John's, Newfoundland. We expect to be at ICFC from late June to mid July, when Alice Jane is there; from late July until the end of camp; and Labour Day weekend.

**From Betsy Martin:**

I will be attending my 70th class reunion at Wellesley the first weekend in June, with my freshman roommate! Afterwards, I am meeting my brother Bill and his wife Jill, who live in Brookline, and we are going to Martha's Vineyard for a few days. Son Derek and I are going to Iron City to open the cottage June 21st and the following week we are going to Maggie Martin's wedding on July 2nd. Other exciting news is my newest great-grand daughter, Finley, Pat and Maria Coyle's baby. I hope to get to Camp July 22nd.

**From Renee & Howie Miller:**

Howie and Renee Miller will be visiting ICFC July 8-14 this summer. We will be accompanied by our three-year-old granddaughter Mia, who lives nearby in the Denver area with our daughter Julie and her husband Nathan. Renee will be returning from Rwanda a month before that where she will have visited our son, daughter in law and two other grandkids (Steve, Lindsey, Mabel and Woods). Renee spends as much time as possible with grandchildren, while Howie's time is occupied with volunteering at Youth for Christ International (and with grandkids too).

**From Karen & David Mills:**

I [Karen] will no longer be responsible for gathering all the Mills family news on behalf of my lazy children who are too busy showing artwork in Milan, London and possibly Istanbul (again), opening restaurants to rave reviews, developing new chocolate flavors designed to add more pounds to this Taster's waistline while planning a wedding, nor talking about the newest and most interesting art commissions for Toronto and soon for Vancouver guided by the Mills' most successful fisherman. I won't do that. I will say that the season starts for us as soon as the rain lets up and the new electric fireplace is installed, guaranteed to keep even my feet warm.

**From Terri & Chris Modic:**

The Sewickley Modics are looking forward to being in camp 7/2-7/15. Both Travis and Blaire are starting graduate school programs and their schedules will determine whether they are able to spend time in camp. Walker, Laura, and Ardenne will be with us the first week and will introduce their new son, Foster to the joys of Georgian Bay. Strictly speaking, Foster was in camp last summer, but was known as "Fruit" - only an older sister could come up with that name - and Foster was still in the "bun in an oven" stage. Jordan will be crossing the continent from Portland for our second week.

**From Sue Anne & David Morrow:**

David and I have been on sabbatical for the Spring Trimester in the West of Ireland where we have fallen in love with the rugged landscape, the wild skies, the birdsong of the sage thrush, little Irish robin and blackbird and the open friendliness of its people. Sam, Victoria, George, and Charlie came here from Vienna for Easter. Jake, Emma, Lillian, Alan, and Fred are moving to Northfield Mount Hermon where Jake has accepted a faculty position as Director of Farming. Ruth lives in Asheville and has enjoyed Peter and Kate Crawford coming to her yoga classes. We had a wonderful dinner with Peter and Mary when we visited Asheville in early March.

**From Susan Kinnear Neul:**

Out of season activities pale in comparison to the fun we all had in camp last summer. Stephanie loved her first year of teaching math and coaching crew and basketball. Isaac, our German Shepherd, went to Choate with Stephanie and loves all the attention he gets from the students; and especially loves riding on the crew boat as Stephanie coaches. Stacy had her last exam today. She kept very busy this year with studying, crew and running, including the Providence Marathon last weekend. I love visiting her in Providence --only an hour away! -- because of all the great restaurants.

This was an uneventful year for me. I take courses at Cape Cod Community College, which I love. It's so much fun to be in classes with students from age 18 to 80. I am certainly getting better grades than I did 45 years ago. Stephanie is teaching until the beginning of August so will be in camp then. Stacy is working for a doctor who is doing research into organ transplant rejection at Mass General but she gets a week off in August. I am hoping for a trip up in July.

**From Elizabeth & Richard Parker:**

Our biggest family news is that Clare and Manny are engaged! No word yet on when they plan to get married, but we are all so pleased as Manny has been a part of the family for quite a while. I spent five days with them in Vail at the end of March (in very tight quarters) and he proposed when they got back to LA – I guess I passed the mother-in-law test.

The other very exciting news is that Ned Parker got married March 17 to Julie Wilkens. I don't think that Julie will be able to get to Iron City with Ned and Desmond this summer, but hopefully we will all be there together again next year. Julie is an ICU nurse in Summit County, Colorado.

Richard and Elizabeth will be in Iron City in August with Sarah, and Ned & Desmond – Talk about tight quarters but we will work it out somehow. Clare and Manny will be in residence in the tent.

**From Cary & Richard Reed:**

Bennett, Rosy, Dottie, Carly and Liam will be in camp from July 16th to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mac will follow, arriving on July 29th and staying until August 5th. Cary and Richard will be there from July 18th - August 4th. We are also hoping to make it for a few days when camp opens. Our happy news is that Carly and Liam were engaged on February 18th. Liam has been to camp once, last Labor Day Weekend, so he is looking forward to his first in-season visit this July. Dottie continues to delight, and we are putty in her hands. Can't wait to see everyone this summer.

**From Pam & Bob Reigeluth:**

Bob and Pam plan to arrive in camp in plenty of time for the pre-camp steak dinner, then stay until August 11. Our 10-year-old grandson, Dominic, will return in early August for his first trip since he was two. Looking forward to seeing many, many of you because this will be our first "peak" in several years.

**From Berta & Bill Schroeder:**

Berta and Bill will be in camp July 1 to about July 18. Maggie is REALLY looking forward to coming up July 6-15 after her first official year of, "adulthood" in DC! Can't wait to see everyone and spend time visiting, boating, picnicking, laughing and lounging on the dock and, generally restoring our souls on (and in), The Bay! See you soon!"



**From Chris & Alex Scott:**

The Scott family has had a very good year. We did some traveling to the Baltic area with friends, and the Seychelles with the Williams, and we also spent a few days in the Bahamas with the Reeds and Coyles. We have a habit of being on the move with our buddies. We added a new little Sullivan---Maggie---in late September. And now we will add a new little Scott to the family sometime in Mid June. And he or she will be related to many of you from the Iron City family! We plan to be at Iron City in early July for about 5 days, and then will return with the whole family for the end of July and first week of August. We hope to see many of you up there.

**From Emily & Dave Scott:**

Emily and Dave have had a great year in Pittsburgh and are excited to be in Iron City for hopefully the first two weeks of August, with the newest family member in tow!

**From Judy & Bobby Sillers:**

We were all saddened by Meemaw's (Ginny) passing in February. She will be greatly missed. Thank you for the wonderful, thoughtful notes that so many of you wrote. And we were so glad that she got one last visit to her beloved Iron City last summer. When I said to one of my friends, "the only bad thing about Meemaw going to heaven to be with Peepaw is that she will have to listen to all of Peepaw's corny jokes all over again!" To which he replied, "No, when your Dad went to heaven he got all new jokes. He got all new material!" Heaven MUST be perfect! Peepaw will be wearing his "Fish fear me, women love me" t-shirt by the way...

Scott and Ryan are having a baby girl, Emery Claire Sillers, in July! Judy is NOT excited. She is NOT buying new baby clothes and she is NOT helping paint the baby's new room and she is NOT involved in multiple baby showers to get Miss Emmie every pink dress from all seven continents. Ryan continues to win awards at her insurance recruiting firm and is teaching a barre class, and Scott will soon be president of Triumph Bank (at least that is what my Mom said about him).

Rebecca graduated Magna Cum Laude (which is Greek for "my college years got easier once I learned the password for my parents Amazon prime account") from North Carolina State in May and is embarking on a one year Data Analytics masters program at Wake Forest. We are so proud of her academic record...she earned it! She loves North Carolina...Judy is afraid we might not get her back to cool, sunny, mountainy Texas!

Judy and I had a new baby about ten months ago. She is female, very smart, black, loves to swim in our pool, and her family heritage traces back to Labrador. Her name is Parry Marie. How about that for ICFC 'name-ology'?

Judy's wedding planning business continues to grow. Park Cities Events (<http://www.parkcitiasevents.com>) WILL do your kid's wedding in Bora Bora or the French Riviera if the price is right. Bobby got ANOTHER new tennis racket this year!

Judy and Bobby hope to be in camp July 19th through August second. We look forward to seeing everyone!

**From Brian & Katie Sloan:**

We're very much looking forward to spending good time on the Bay this summer, though our usual plans will be altered a bit as we are looking forward to welcoming a baby boy to our family in late August! We hope to see many of you either the last week of June or the first week of July. Anna Rose has been rehearsing for her first official Rah Rah Ray - she can't wait to be back in camp!"

**From Tallie & Wally Sloan:**

Wally and Tallie spent a great week in camp mid May. Moe and Lisa appear to be ahead of schedule with camp in great shape. Whatever your favorite weather we had it - including near 80 degrees and a very quick dip in the bay at a water temperature of 52!

We plan as always to leapfrog with the kids and grandkids at ICFC throughout the summer and into the fall, with 5 more trips already scheduled. We look forward to seeing everyone!

**From Anne & George Stronach:**

We plan to be at Iron City for a week or so before camp opens, and then several days into the season. We will return in late July with all of our family. High points of our year were a Viking cruise on the Rhine River in September. Marshall and Nancy joined us to help us get around – very special! Then Anne had a knee replacement on Halloween. Russell Huber coached her through recovery. Several of us older folks will be much faster on the boardwalk this summer!

Shari, Barbara and Carole joined us in Islamorada for a week, followed by Nancy and her boys. George and Devon and their boys plus Marshall and Charles came down later for Easter week. As I write, we are looking forward to granddaughter Eleanor's high school graduation!

**From Devon & George Stronach:**

Colin is 9 and will be going into 4th grade. Thomas is 11 and will be going into 7th grade. Time is flying! We will be in camp around July 30th for about a week.

**From Carrie & Kevin Sullivan:**

This past year we welcomed Margaret Scott Sullivan, "Maggie" on September 27th. Life with three little girls 4 and under has been quite busy. We were in Pittsburgh for Christmas and Easter, but other than that have mostly just been home in Boston this winter and spring busy changing diapers! :) We will be in camp the first week of August, and Abby and Nora cannot wait to be with their cousins and ride in Poppers boat! Hope to see lots of family and friends that week!

**From Lindsay & Matt Weissberg:**

Lindsay, Matt, Teddy (7), and Mackie (4) Weissberg will be in camp this summer the week of July 4th, along with Molly & Sam Breslin and their daughters. The boys are eager to pass a swim test or two, Matt to fish, and Lindsay to force everyone to waterski. Looking forward to seeing our Iron City family!

**From Eric Williams:**

Last summer was the worst ever for me. I fell on the rocks leading to Rattlesnake Heights just one day after camp opened for the season, with my head bouncing off the rocks. Fortunately, there were a lot of friends in the vicinity, and I was quickly escorted to the Reigeluth porch where I was pampered and served lunch and dinner. Dr. Bob Boucek was the attending physician and recommended I remain in the care of friends during the night so I moved a few cottages to Mike Winn's. Boy, was the doctor right.

I awoke the next morning and I could not walk. Mike had left the cottage for morning coffee. Fortunately, I was able to balance with sturdy walls and get to the front porch. I yelled to Kerry Todd and Sally making their way to an early morning breakfast. They immediately assisted me with reaching the doctor and obtaining medication from my cabin. When the doctor arrived, the Iron City was heading for the main dock to take me to the Parry Sound hospital. An ambulance was waiting for me at Moon River Marina.

At the hospital, I was diagnosed with a concussion and bleeding from the brain. During the night, the blood had accumulated in my spinal column, thus restricting my walking, and the concussion placed my mind in a deep fog. The hospital was concerned enough to fly me to Sudbury for neurological scans which fortunately turned out negative. Tim & Susie arrived in camp that Friday for a short visit. By Wednesday, the hospital agreed to release me to St. Margaret's Hospital in Pittsburgh and Tim & Susie took me there.

A month later, I fell in my apartment and was diagnosed with a minor stroke. In summary, I spent almost 5 weeks in hospitals, some of which also included physical therapy. What a way to spend the summer when I was planning 2 months at Iron City!

Before I bring you up to date on this summer, I feel I should thank the people who helped me last summer. Mike Winn, Barbara Boucek, and Bob & Pam Reigeluth among others who I cannot remember for assisting me after the fall, Terry and Sally in getting help and my medications in the cabin, Morris and his staff for speedily taking me to the ambulance, and Jim Beatty for his coordination with camp and hospital.

Today, I am still walking with a cane and walker. Nan Bennett has been coordinating my physical therapy. Everybody agrees I am okay to stay at Iron City. Therefore, I plan to arrive on the afternoon of June 22 and will remain at my cottage until July 23 when the Sawin's arrive.

I may leave earlier due to my disability and a rumored reunion of almost 50 years with members of the LST I was with on the rivers of Viet Nam.

**From Barbara & David Wright:**

The Wright Family is looking forward to another summer on the Bay after a busy year of work and travel. We are eager to have long sunny days and many co-operative fish. Barbara and David are coming Memorial Day to get an early jump on summer and to test the black flies. We hope that by late June there will only be the occasional pesky mosquito.

Lisa, Dave, Katie and Allie Wright will be in camp late July and early August. Nikki, Nate and Henry Lusk will be in camp in early August. Barbara and David will overlap with both families. We are eager to see our Iron City families and friends again this summer. Rah, rah, ray!

## **Important Information**

**ICFC Web-site Home Page:** [www. Icfc.net](http://www.Icfc.net)

The ICFC web site is rich with information including the 2017 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 **2017 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 64-65 outline Fire Emergency and Medical First Responder Procedures.** Please take a look and familiarize yourself.

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Or you may click on the links below:

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Passports are required for all border crossings from the US to Canada – ground or air.

[http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)

**Note: The Canadian government has a new rule for persons flying into Canada. VISAs and or other forms of ID are required.** Canadian and US citizens are exempt from the provisions of the law. But there may be a few Iron City members and visitors that need this additional documentation. This rule applies to air travel only and not to car entry or entry by bus and train. Information on this issue can be found on:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp>

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. For information and to purchase a card, visit:

<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. To acquire a card, visit <http://www.theoperatorcard.com>.

### **Internet & Phone Service:**

The club is no longer able to offer Internet access for members. This will require members and guests to make their own arrangements with cellular carrier companies for both voice and data service. Please see **page 11 in the 2017 ICFC Yearbook** for expanded cellular Internet access options.

### **Georgian Bay Association**

Here are some useful and interesting links from the Georgian Bay Association. One is for cottage opening and one is for water levels. Visit the [ICFC website](http://www.georgianbayassociation.com/) for a comprehensive list of activities around the Bay this summer, compiled By Gregg Scott.

<http://www.georgianbayassociation.com/cottage-opening-10-safety-tips-you-want-to-see/>

<http://www.georgianbayassociation.com/weekly-water-levels-report/>

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