

Well the summer has come and gone and on the whole it was not too bad if a little hot at times for some.

It must have been around the middle of June that I noticed a large nest in our front choke cherry tree. At first I thought it was a wasp nest but on observing the goings and comings of its inhabitants it turned out to be that of the bald faced hornet, not a true hornet but allied to the wasp and bee species.

Oh horror you might say, a hornet nest so close to the house. Never fear, as it turns out the Manitoba hornet has a maligned reputation and is in fact a very environmentally benevolent creature to have around. Unlike the wasp it does not go after sweet sugary food such as fruits but eats, get this, mosquitos, bugs and caterpillars. In fact they are so good for the environment that in Germany hornets are protected.

We have watched, over the weeks, the busy workers build layer after layer of their home that sadly they will soon abandon. The queen may survive as she will fly to a warm location while everyone else will perish in the cold of winter with the nest disintegrating due to the elements.

We are hoping to preserve it for our grandson as he was very interested in it.



Psst
**Wanna buy a
brick?**

Go to the following web site:
rrc.ca/buyabrick

**Don't forget the 75th College Anniversary
Celebrations taking place on 9 October.**

It all starts at 2.30 pm.

Harry W. Duckworth.

At our meeting on Thursday, 19 September we were treated to a very interesting and informative talk on the Selkirk Settlers by retired Professor of Chemistry at the University of Manitoba, and past President of the Manitoba Historical Society.

I think many of us listening to Professor Duckworth discovered a good deal of the historical reasons behind their settlement, what early life was like and how they managed to survive.



For a more detailed account of his talk you may wish to read his speech at the Tartan Day celebrations in the Manitoba Legislature Building on 6 April, 2012 at the following web site:

<http://www.redriver200.ca/journal/2012/4/18/tartan-day-speech-by-harry-w-duckworth.html>

For something completely different join us at our next meeting on 17 October, 2013, when an interesting talk will be given by Bryan Chubb, former RRC Patisserie Instructor on **Living, Working and Holidaying in 50+ Countries**.

Heritage Group Endowment Fund

Only two months left to contribute and help those students who need financial assistance. Donations of \$20.00 or more will automatically receive a tax receipt.

If you do not have a copy of the donation form call Elena at 204-631-3324.

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Who, Where and What?

Bob Barr is still in Winnipeg although we have not seen him recently at our meetings as he has had more important commitments as he reports in his own words:

I have been unable to attend monthly meetings for some time as I volunteer at my daughter's shop on Thursdays. She has a Magnetsigns franchise, large graphical curb side advertising. I assemble the signs, shuffle them back and forth in the yard, and help to load, transport and install them around the city. They are heavy, about 350 pounds, but I enjoy helping, and hope to continue as long as I am still above ground.



Joe Mackintosh lives in Gimli and in-between traveling down-under finds time for music and writing. In his own words:

I graduated with a B.Sc., M.A. in Economics and Certificate in Education from the University of Manitoba.

I was hired as an Economics Instructor in the Business Division at Red River College in September of 1970 joining the fellowship of teaching colleagues in C508.

In 1991, I accepted an opportunity to lead the College's total quality management team.

I retired from the college in 1997 but kept self-employed examining organizations for the Canada Awards for Excellence, designing lean curriculum for manufacturers and generally applying the concepts of quality management. In 2006, I started playing the piano more and joined the 19 piece Murray Riddell Big Band. I started to kayak more and golf more. I started to write more and continue to do so.

Carole and I have three children – Karen in Winnipeg, John in Toronto and Heather in Australia. The grand-kids are in Australia so we visit down under from January through March most years.



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Joe has his second non-fiction book launch at:

Prairie Ink Restaurant,

McNally Robinson, Grant Park

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

@ 8:00 PM

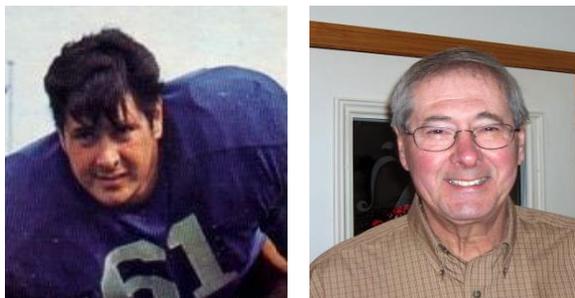
CHRIS McCUBBINS RUNNING THE DISTANCE

Joe met Chris McCubbins on a July 1967 evening after Chris had won the Pan Am gold medal in the 3000-metre steeplechase. Joe was ever after impressed by Chris' athletic talents and by his honest, humorous, and humble approach to life.

His first biography, Andy De Jarlis: The Life and Music of an Old-Time Fiddler was short-listed for the Alexander Kennedy Isbister Non-Fiction Award.

Roger Hamlin

Congratulations on your recent induction into the Manitoba Football Hall of Fame.



Roger, a retired instructor from RRC Drafting program is a current member of our Heritage Group. He had the honor and ability of playing with some excellent Blue Bomber teams and in the process was on two Grey Cup winning teams in 1961 and '62. Other community activities are also included in the evaluation process for selection of Hall of Fame Inductees. Unfortunately Roger had a severe leg and ankle injury near the end of the '69 season and he was unable to continue his career as a professional football player.

It is interesting to note that Roger as a high school graduate had continued his education by enrolling in the Drafting program at the Manitoba Technical Institute on Portage Avenue at the end of the 50's. Roger had worked at several engineering firms and now moved into a permanent position when his injury prematurely ended his football career.

After a few years in industry, he successfully applied for an advertised position as a Drafting Instructor at RRC in Sept. 1971 retiring in 1979. He was a great addition to our department and contributed extensively to both the scope and quality of the program.

Bill Sutherland

*If you can't annoy somebody with what you write,
I think there is little point in writing. Kingsley Amis 1925-1995*