



Jamboree Time

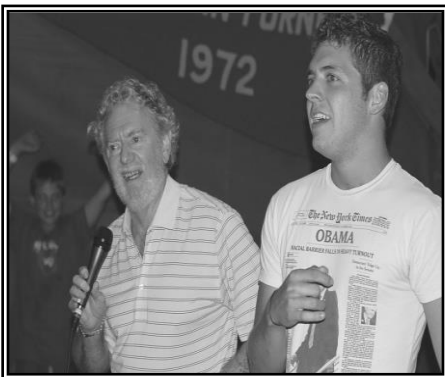
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2009 Concert was Magnificent.

Last years Jamboree Saturday night concert has got to go down as one of the



best on record. I don't think it is an understatement to say that people would pay to see this kind of entertainment, and we get it for nowt. Who said the Music Hall was dead, come to the Barrow Jamboree on a Saturday night it's alive and well. The wealth of artistic talent which is showcased here each year never ceases to amaze. We've got singers, dancers, rock'n'roll stars, pantomime acts, raconteurs and comedians (OK, I know they have always been at the Jamboree). And of course what would the Jamboree be like if Tom Jones didn't make an appearance. Last year we were extremely fortunate to witness a duet featuring Tom junior and Tom senior. It was good to see you back Ted.



2009 Trophy Winners

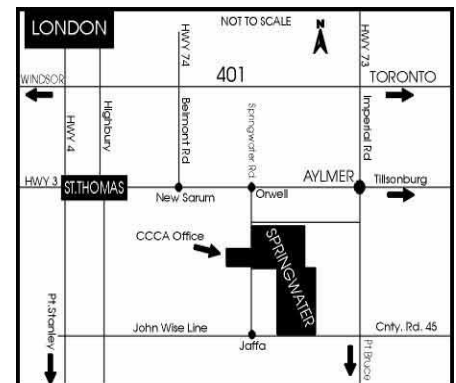
The mixed darts was a tense affair last year, pitting the "old dogs" against the young "Turks". The experienced team of Stan Burns, Mike Potter and Stuart McLeod managed to squeak a win past the highly talented trio of Jordan Newton, Scott Ramsey and Nigel Tebay. (Your Grandfathers would have been proud of you). But as they say "Old age and treachery always beats youth and inexperience". Better luck this year boys. The mixed darts final was a keenly contested affair with Stan Burns and Terry Newton struggling to overcome a spirited Jordan Newton and Michelle Roberts. Ladies high score went to Heather Chubb.....I know, I know, how did that happen? The men's high score went to the "in-form" Graham Corrie.

Registration Process.

The system employed for collecting the fees once again went smoothly and the monies collected paid all our required expenses. Kudos go to the numerous volunteers who spent many hours sitting at the registration desk and also to the registrants themselves who took the time to pre-fill the forms which really sped up the whole process. So this year you will see the same system in place. Please enter on the east side of the park as normal and proceed down the roadway past the barrier. Once past the barrier drive towards the large shelter and park your vehicle on the side of the road. The registration desk will be located inside the shelter. Do not register at the main Springwater office on the west side of the road. If possible please fill out the registration form ahead of time, you will

find one enclosed with the Newsletter. It is important that you pay in cash; the registration desk is not equipped for credit cards, debit cards or cheques. Speaking of volunteers, yes that means you; we will require help with the registration process this year. If you can spare some time Friday during the afternoon or evening please contact Tony and Judy Roberts for further details.

2010 Jamboree Dates



The official activity dates for the 53rd annual Barrow Jamboree have been set for Friday July 2nd to Sunday July 4th 2010. See enclosed registration form for camping dates and fees. If you wish to camp outside of the dates mentioned on the registration form please contact the **Catfish Creek Conservation Authority** at 519-773-9037 to make booking arrangements. Please mention that you are with the Barrow Jamboree and that you wish to be in the North/South pavilion area. Catfish Creek's camping rates outside of the Jamboree dates are \$28 per night for an un-serviced lot and \$30/34 + HST per night for a serviced lot.

Shane & Christine Killip 2009 Mr. & Mrs. Barrow

Awh.....and don't they look a lovely couple. "Gobsmacked" would be the adjective used to describe Shane and Christine's reaction to their regal appointment. On hearing the news the crowd gathered in the marquee went wild with delight. They cheered and clapped and hooted and hollered for over 15 minutes and it was only



when emcee Roger Hudson told them one of his old jokes that they finally went silent. Shane and Christine, one of the founder members of the "Gaza Strip Gang" have been Jamboree attendees for nearly 20 years. To say that they are a flamboyant couple would perhaps be an understatement, but they are certainly fun to have around. They, along with others, are currently the organizers of the Saturday evening Cocktail Hour, and as can be attested by all who attend, put a lot of time and effort into making it a success. Where do they find those costumes?

Tiny Talent Time.

Contact Lynn Crinson to register your child or grandchild for the Tiny Talent Contest. Last year the children put on a wonderful show, they sang and danced their hearts out. So don't forget 1.45 pm Saturday afternoon over in the small shelter. This is a really popular event which draws lots of participants. The time slot we have is quite short, so please limit the acts to one per child. Some of the Tiny Talent Star contestants will appear at the beginning of the evening show.

Gourmet Breakfast.

As is the usual Jamboree tradition, "breakfast of champions" will be available on Sunday morning. Spatulas begin flipping at 9.30am and continue while quantities last. So start your Jamboree morning in style and amble over to the main shelter for a gourmet breakfast.

Ye Olde Roast Beef.

For those of you that want a break from slaving over the BBQ on Saturday night, why not order in. A local restaurant in Aylmer can provide a full 3 course roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, delivered to the camp site and served on China plates for \$13. And of course the best part is you have no washing-up to take care of. If anybody is interested you can contact Raidee Corrie before 9.00pm on Friday and she will gladly take your order.

A Quick One

An Ulverston couple are playing "I spy" in the kitchen of their Canal Foot house.

"I spy with my little eye something beginning with "T" said the husband.

"Tea pot said the wife". "Nay Lass!".

"Tea towel". "Nay Lass!"

"Toaster". "Nay Lass!" he said, drumming his fingers on the work top. "Oh I don't know" she said at long last, "I give in"

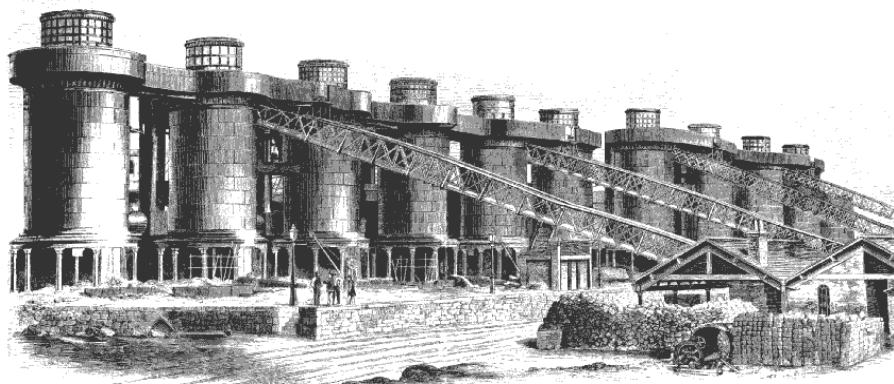
"It's easy" he said. "It's t'oven!"

BARROW STEEL

Barrow is famous the world over for shipbuilding and the history of the town will always be linked to its prowess in that industry. But there was a time when Barrow was famous the world over for its prowess in another industry.....the smelting of iron and steel. In fact this industry was the very reason Barrow exists. Iron ore mining in and around the

Furness peninsular led to the development of the Messrs Schnieder & Hannay Ironworks at Hindpool in the 1850's. Ten years later the other Victorian founding fathers of the town, the 7th Duke of Devonshire and Sir James Ramsden erected Barrow Steel Co alongside the ironworks. This combined enterprise became known as Barrow Haematite & Steel Co. This steelworks was laid out with eighteen 5 ton Bessemer converters, these converters were outputting 5000 tons a week; recognized then as the largest steel works in the world. By 1903 18 ton converters had been added and were making 70 casts every 24 hours, for a capacity of 7000 tons a week. A large proportion of the output was used for rolling steel rails which were exported to many parts of the world. Unfortunately it did not last. Local iron ore deposits were running out and the British steel industry was feeling the competitive pressure from cheap overseas imports. After the early 1960's no "new" steel was produced at Barrow, the works was only re-melting scrap. The ironworks closed in 1963 and the steelworks finally shut its doors in 1983.....and that was the end of a glorious era.

But life is full of surprises. About 15 years ago my family and I were having a day out in Elora Gorge near Fergus, Ont. We were sat below the old mill by the side of the Grand River. Next to where we were sitting were several large lumps of concrete. They had probably been used for the foundations of the old bridge and over the years had tumbled down river. Protruding out of one of the lumps of concrete was a section of steel rail, likely used to reinforce the concrete. Cast into the side of the rail was the name of the manufacturer...you guessed it..... BARROW HAEMATITE & STEEL Co 1882.



BLAST FURNACES AT BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

Bloody amazing.....or what eh.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday July 2nd

5.30pm-6.30pm Mixed Darts Reg.

6.30pm-10.30pm Mixed Darts & Raffle

7.00pm-9.30pm Children's Bingo.

Saturday July 3rd

9.00am-10.00am Team Darts Reg.

10.00am-12.00pm Team Darts.

12.00pm-12.30pm Mr. & Mrs. Barrow

12.30pm-1.30pm Kid's Carnival.

1.45pm-2.30pm Tiny Talent Time.

2.30pm-4.00pm Penny Table.

7.00pm-8.00pm Punch Party.

8.00pm-11.00pm Evening's Enter.

Sunday July 4th

9.30-10.30am Gourmet Breakfast.

10.00am-12.00pm Darts Finals

1.00pm Trophy Presentations.

Volunteers Required

There are several vacancies for "well paid", high profile and self satisfying positions within the Jamboree organization.

- Jamboree Coordinator.
- Web Site Manager.
- Bottle Return Collector.



Dave & Sue Jackman and Mike & Heather Chubb, after many years at the helm, have decided to call it quits this year and relinquish their role as Jamboree Coordinators. This is a pivotal position within the organization and, quite frankly, failure to replace these guys could quite possibly put future Jamborees in jeopardy. Briefly, this job requires someone to book the site on a yearly basis, liaise with the Catfish Creek management and generally be the "go to person" for any problems or issues regarding the organization of this event.

Roy Jay is also stepping down this year as the web site manager (www.barrowjamboree.ca). We need someone to step up to the plate and keep this very valuable communication tool going. Hope you are still going to be the official Jamboree photographer Roy?

As long as I can remember Mike Tebay and his boys have been collecting the empty beer bottles and cans at the end of the Jamboree for return to the Beer Store. This job accomplished a couple of things; firstly it ensured we left the camping area relatively clean, and secondly it provided extra income for the Jamboree.

One position has recently changed hands. Janet Crossfield, who was for many years, the Jamboree secretary has handed the reigns over to Rob and Samantha Scott. Rob is a relative newcomer who has enthusiastically embraced the Jamboree and will most definitely be an asset to the team.

These people have put in many years of service for the Jamboree and our collective thanks go out to them. The above jobs are vital to the smooth running of the Jamboree; we can't let just let them die. So come on people step forward and make your self known. We need new blood to revitalize the organization.

More on the Rails...

At the risk of "flogging a dead

horse", but more keeps popping up with regards to Barrow rolled steel rails. The photograph below is of a section of Barrow rail dated 1870. It was photographed at the Colorado Railroad Museum at Golden Co. U.S.A., and is thought to have been laid for the Denver & Rio Grande line. More sections of rail were found in Melbourne Australia in 2004 when a company was demolishing an old railway bridge. They discovered the sections, again rolled in 1870 from Barrow Steel, used to reinforce the concrete decking of the bridge. The sections were found to be in excellent condition with their markings clearly visible. Not bad for 140 years old.....

Those Walney Lads

A Walney lad stuck his head into a barbershop and asked the recently wed barber, "How long before I can get a haircut"? The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, "About 2 hours". The Walney lad left. A few days later, the same Walney lad comes back. "How long before I can get a haircut"? The barber looked around the shop and said, "About 3 hours" The Walney lad left. This same scenario was repeated for several more weeks. Intrigued, finally the barber turned to his friend and said, Hey Bill, follow that Walney lad and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but then never returns. A little while later Bill returned to the shop, laughing hysterically. The barber asks, "So where does the lad go when he leaves" Bill looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said,....."Your house"!

Lizard House

A total of \$260 was raised by the Piel Island Treasure Hunt in memory of Dorothy Burns. The money was donated to the palliative care home, Lizard House in Cambridge. Thanks to Shane & Christine for their efforts.

