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Brittingham Bruit

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Juniors Take First Strokes

High School age boys and girls from the Madison Metro area took to the water for Camp Randall's inaugural Learn-to-Row class that began June 10th and ended June 22nd. Despite the delayed Brittingham relocation project, Camp Randall Organizers were eager to make rowing available to juniors on Lake Monona this summer. Nineteen novice rowers from ages 13 to 17 learned the basic boat handling skills and fundamental elements of the rowing stroke during their daily afternoon sessions. The rowers and coaches made use of Camp Randall's new 120 ft. dock and donated motor launch.

Fourteen year old Sam Keepman, a freshman tennis player at West High School, commented on the uniqueness of crew. "It takes a lot of teamwork to row in an eight oared crew. You need to be motivated because if someone isn't doing their part, it makes it harder for everyone."

Camp Randall would like to recognize and thank the following people who recently volunteered time and resources to the programs and facilities of the club.

UW Rowing Programs
Coach Chris Clark
Coach Maren LaLiberty
Boatman Roger Payne

Coaching staff:
MB Blanding & Brian Carlisle
Volunteer Coaches

Bob & Barb Schaefer
Watertown, WI

Erik Minton
Madison, WI

Richard Lynch
J. H. Findorff & Sons, Inc.

Jeff Johnson
Stevens Construction Corporation

Mr. Chad Thom
Madison School-Community Recreation

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Sam plans to continue rowing throughout the summer. Participants Ashley Teela and Heather Schneider are sixteen year old athletes at Edgewood High School. When asked to give their opinion on the class, they said "we had a lot of fun learning something new and found that it's really a team sport." Novices like Ashley and Heather learned more about the sport and what it takes to be a competitive rower thanks to the help of MB Blanding, Brian Carlisle and experienced area rowers from the Mendota Rowing Club Junior program. Their help was much appreciated. The University of Wisconsin's men's and women's rowing programs are owed a special Thank-you for their willingness to loan equipment and facilities to the



program. The University's team is known nationwide for its rowing success. This class marked the beginning of what is anticipated to be a strong junior-centered rowing program offering the sport to area teenage youth from all backgrounds. The boathouse relocation is a necessary element to expanding this popular sport in Madison. Club leaders are optimistic that the resources will develop to make this vision come true.

Schaefer's Law

Everyone involved with Camp Randall Rowing Club is influenced by it. This law of optimism and perseverance in the face of difficult odds is an integral aspect of the personality of the 51 yr. old alumni of UW. Although Steve Schaefer draws a paycheck from his work at Schaefer Law Office as an employment attorney, he also works full time on pushing and prodding Camp Randall Rowing Club into existence as a legitimate non-profit competitive rowing club. Asked about his vision for the club, Steve said, "Junior rowing was such a wonderful experience for my daughter and her friends and I'd love to see greater opportunities for young people to participate in the sport." UW Head Men's Rowing Coach Chris Clark is

someone who looks forward to seeing more junior rowing on the Madison area lakes. According to Coach Clark, "Steve is the sole reason Camp Randall is where it is today. More importantly, Steve is also the architect of and for Camp Randall's future. Steve has the vision and wherewithal to see Camp Randall through to its finish as a thriving institution that serves all of the region."



Camp Randall Leaders Push Pieces in Place

Waiting for the eventual relocation of the Brittingham Boathouse doesn't slow down leaders and volunteers of Camp Randall who are working diligently to make the most of new and available resources. The club purchased a new 120ft. floating dock system and gangway that now serves the club and the city of Madison.

Modifications were also made this spring inside the boathouse to make it more usable and safe. The club appreciates the kind donation of an 18ft. aluminum hull Starcraft outboard motorboat and trailer given by Robert and Barbara Schaefer and the in-kind services provided

by Erik Minton, Stevens Constructions and Findorff Construction. Meanwhile the executive fundraising committee of Jane Clark, Steve Schaefer, Caitlin Skinner and consultant Joel Skornicka continue to sell Camp Randall's vision for creating more opportunities for citywide junior rowing to area charitable foundations. One foundation was particularly enthusiastic about the project and gave a strong gesture of commitment to matching up to 1/2 of the \$700,000 cost of relocating the boathouse and purchasing all of the necessary equipment. So the search is on for donors



or foundations willing to share the community's support for the renovation project.



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