In May of 1946, Roy Harriott dug a large hole in his cow pasture overlooking Hubbards Cove. His dream was to build a sparkling new Dance Hall for the Summer ‘swing’ season. On August 24th - some three months later; the Shore Club opened to the sounds of the Gil Cunningham Orchestra – featuring the Williams Sisters on vocals. The dances were an immediate hit, and to this day every Summer Saturday night there is a LIVELY band on stage.

The construction of the Shore Club was in the hands of Boyd Adams and his crew of 5 men from the Mahone Bay area. They were ship builders, and were recently laid off following their work on the War effort.

With the War just over, the government was dismantling the base at Debert N.S., and that is where much of the material in the Shore Club originated. Our beautiful hardwood floor came from them as well as the glass in the windows. If you notice the overlap in the centre of each window - they were installed this way, because this was the size of the windows in Debert.

In 1983, Prince Charles and Lady Diana were on tour in Canada. It was a gala event, and one that earned the shore club a place in the annals of history.

The construction of the Shore Club was put in the hands of Guy Harnish, and in 1936 cooked its first meal over 120 years. The Lobster Supper was a great success, and soon other groups were looking for an Afghan to their menu. The copper kettle had been the cook pot where much of the material in the Shore Club originated.

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Perhaps the greatest Canadian of all times, and definitely the greatest athlete the World has ever seen. He did not pick strawberries, score goals or kick converts. Instead he set out on a 42 km April morning in 1980, from St. John’s Newfoundland to run across Canada to raise money for Cancer Research. He was a 22 year old man who had just lost a leg to cancer, and while he lay in the cancer ward, he swore that “Somehow the hurting must stop!”. His goal was to run to raise $1 for every Canadian citizen (24 Million in 1980).

He ran 141 Marathons in 141 days - a feat that will probably never be duplicated, and more astonishing considering that he had one artificial leg. On the 144th day he was just outside Thunder Bay, Ontario when he was forced to end his run, as his cancer had spread into his lungs. Shortly after, cancer took his life.

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Every year we design a new collector Shore Club t-shirt, which lists our schedule of events on the front. Our “tattoo hats” can now be found around the World, and if you see someone wearing one, you are obliged to share your Shore Club experience with them.

My sister Susan just published her new book “Wisegirls” which is an easy read on the history and growing up in the Shore Club in the early 50’s.

Thank you for selecting us... Cancer does not discriminate - the time to give is now.

As a fund raiser for Terry Fox we will give you one of these coins for each donation of $20 or more. You will also receive an un-circulated Terry Fox coin. We have packaged these in plastic pouches attached to a commemorative card.

MERCHANDISE

When the Shore Club opened in 1946, Gilbert MacLean was the lobster cook - a position he held for 64 years. Gilbert loved to entertain, and it was not uncommon to have large groups of people out around the lobster pot listening to his stories and jokes. He is credited for introducing the art of hypnotising lobsters - a trick he loved to perform. Gilbert was also a master of his trade, and was responsible for cooking 5000 lobsters for the Can. Bar Ass’n, as well as cooking for the Royal Visit in 1981.

At Lobster Gilbert we serve the best fresh lobsters in Nova Scotia. The service is friendly, and the lobster is freshly cooked over wood.

The large copper pot cooks end up in the possession of Guy Harriott, and in 1986 cooked it’s first meal in over 120 years. The Lobster Supper was a great success, and soon other groups were looking for an authentic feel of lobsters. The copper pot now resides in the Chesapeake display at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax.

Visit our website: www.lobstersupper.com

TERRY FOX

September in communities throughout Nova Scotia, and around the world, the Terry Fox Run is still a cherished event. In 2006 to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run, the Canadian mint made an unprecedented move by putting Terry Fox on the Canadian $1 coin. No other Canadian citizen has ever been on a coin.

The Chronicle is very proud to host the Terry Fox Run each September, and we were able to get a batch of Terry Fox coins. We have packaged those in plastic pouches attached to a commemorative card.

A fundraiser for Terry Fox we will give you one of these coins for each donation of $20 or more. You will also receive a charitable receipt from the Terry Fox Foundation. Ask your waitress or bar tender to get you your donation card and ticket. It’s a great cause – the time to give is now.

Non-Partisan: We do not support any political candidate.

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