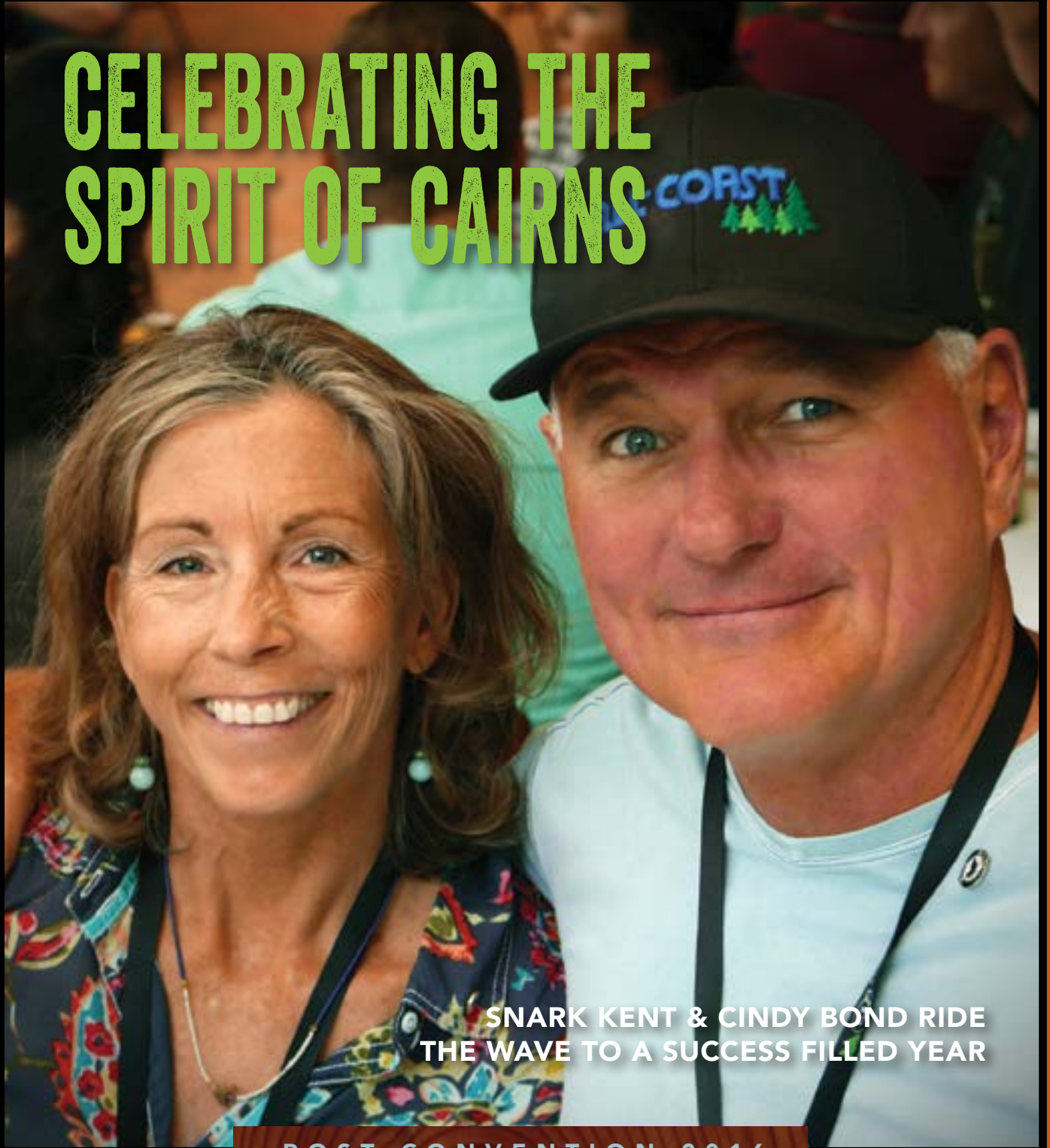


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Dear Friends —

While editing the photos from Cairns for this issue, I came upon one that convention photographer John Rankine took at the ice breaker. What stopped me (and made me smile) is what this picture captured—it is the essence of Hoo-Hoo.

There would be no other reason for these people to come together and share this moment if it wasn't for this old lumber fraternity. In this photo are people from Seattle, Portland, Napa, Cairns, and Minneapolis—and they are people care for deeply. Many know I love the family I was born into, and I love the family created through Hoo-Hoo. And, as I asked on my Facebook page—How lucky are we?

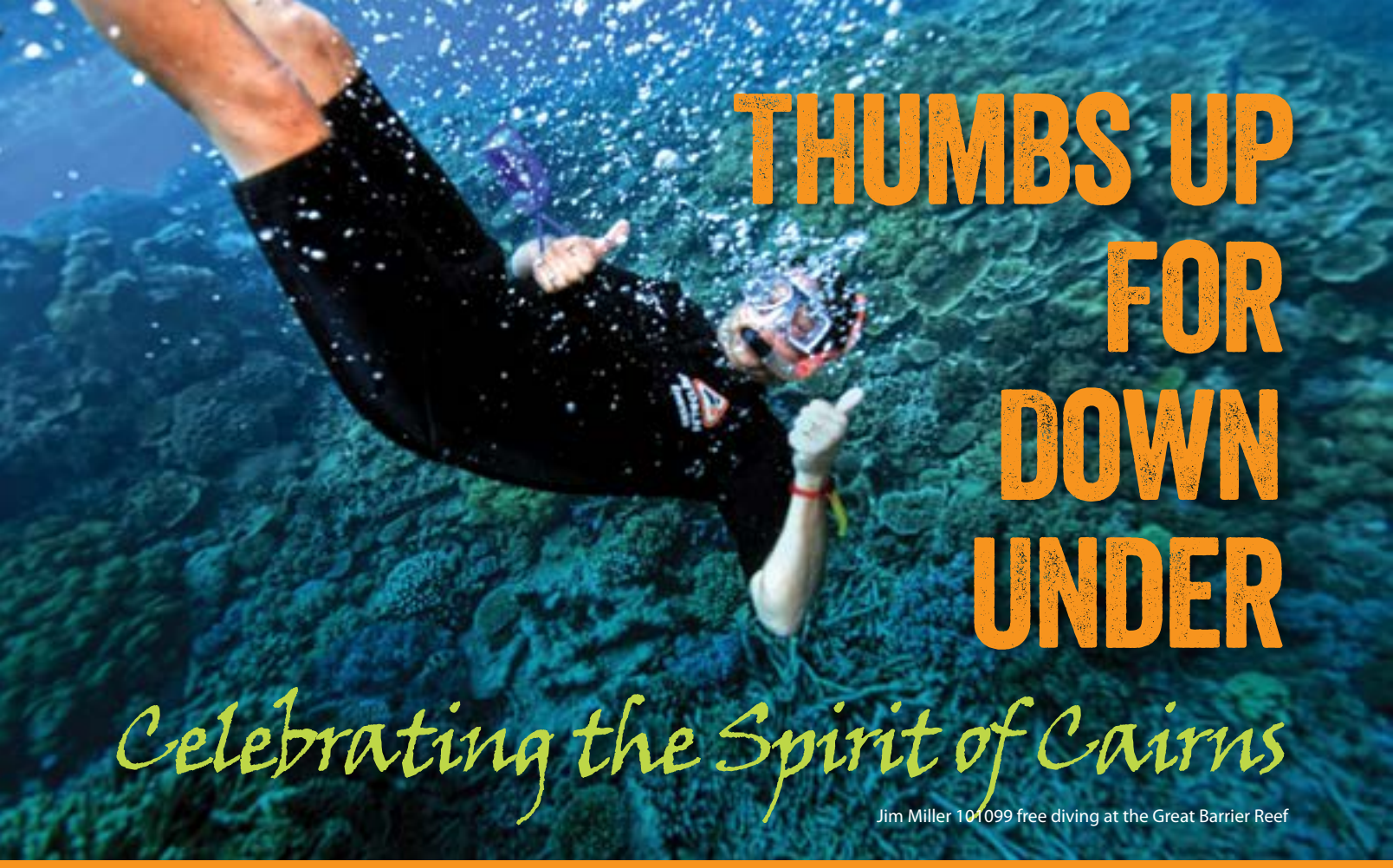
The answer is quite simple really. We are lucky to belong to a grand old Order that is deeply rooted in bringing people together. We are lucky to know that in Hoo-Hoo there are no strangers, only friends you haven't met yet. And, we are lucky to have the opportunity to invite others to share the experience and expand their family as well.

Dave and I had that opportunity when we traveled to Australia. Julie Larsen is a smart, funny, beautiful (and single) woman who has the heart for adventure. "You're going to Australia?" she asked, "I want to come!" She had heard us talk about Hoo-Hoo over the years, but hadn't had a chance to experience it yet. She comes from a construction family in Napa, got her degree in construction management, is a successful Napa Valley realtor, and recently graduated with another degree in viticulture. She came to the convention as our guest, but through the open, warm, enveloping nature of the people in Hoo-Hoo, she left a member. And, a great member she will be. She gets it. And like us, she knows Hoo-Hoo will change and enrich her life.

As I write this last editorial, I think about how I've changed in the 20 years I've been doing this magazine. How I have grown. How my life is fuller. The LOG & TALLY has been a big part of my life and I will miss it. But, it is going to good hands and will continue to hold the history of Hoo-Hoo. Patrick Adams, owner/publisher of the *Merchant* magazine, and his team are taking it over and will do a fine job. I was reminded how valuable this publication is when, at the convention in each registration bag, there was a past random issue to enjoy. Doug Howick had collected the issues over the last 40-plus years and decided it was time to share them. In their pages is the history of those who came before us. I'm happy knowing our history will continue to be held in such high esteem. My thanks for many memories.

I wish you all Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—STACEY DOUGLAS JONES 99678



THUMBS UP FOR DOWN UNDER

Celebrating the Spirit of Cairns
Jim Miller 101099 free diving at the Great Barrier Reef

Fair Dinkum to be sure, Far North Queensland 261, a small club with big intentions, pulled out all the stops and hosted a magnificent HHI Convention September 8–13 in Cairns, Australia.

It's amazing what a small, but dedicated group of people (lead by the enthusiasm of a determined Rameses) can accomplish when they set their minds to creating an adventure guests will never forget. Rameses 97 Ray Lamari and his band of merry members did just that when they rolled out the Cairns Red Carpet and invited Hoo-Hoo to where the rainforest meets the reef.

Located in the far north corner of Queensland, this tropical paradise never disappointed to provide the perfect backdrop to an excellent convention. For years Ray has been trying to convince his local members that hosting a convention would bring them rewards of new friendships beyond what they might imagine. And, I believe, he proved just that when all was said and done.

Headquartered at the lovely Pullman International Hotel, we were minutes from walking anywhere in the downtown area when convention business was not in session. Pre-convention business started on Wednesday, September 7 when the international board held their meeting. The new strategic plan they had been working on proved to be effective and on task allowing them to stay focused and power through the work of the Order in under five hours. A new record!

Thursday saw the arrival of the more conventioners who were warmly welcomed as they checked in and got settled. As usual, it was like a giant family reunion in the lobby as friends see friends and the laughter picked up right where it left off the previous year. A lovely Ice Breaker that evening gave a chance for everyone to reunite in one place.

Following upon the theme "Where the Rainforest Meets the Reef," day trips were planned to showcase the best of this beautiful part of Australia. Convention delegates and guests spent Friday riding the Skyrail above the forest canopy on our way to the wonderful village of Kuranda. Platformed stops along the way provided an opportunity

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to learn more about this vital ecosystem. In Kuranda, artisan shops and little cafes kept people busy before lunch where our keynote speaker, Thorry Gunnersen, talked about a number of Australian forestry issues. A Skyrail might have gotten us up the mountain, but a historic railroad train took us back to town offering scenic vistas along the way. Once returned, we met the Snark and his Misses at the Wool Shed, a local watering hole, for a reception with nibbles and drinks.

Official business started the following morning with the traditional presentation of flags and anthems. The HHI board, lead by Snark Kent, related news accomplished on behalf of the Order (see his article on page 10 for more on their achievements). As the morning progressed, the convention chairman saw fit to change the timetable of the day's events and moved the departure time up (by an hour) for the harbor luncheon aboard *The Spirit of Cairns*— a luxury 26m sailing catamaran. It was a delightful voyage for those who got the verbal memo, but for the five people who followed the printed schedule and were left on shore, lunch in town seemed the only option. That was until the captain turned the boat around and came back for the five slightly red-faced Black Cats. I will not name names, but the ribbing towards yours truly continued all weekend—even through my protests about having a "schedule" chiseled in Jello.

Onboard the *Spirit*, event hosts Rob Spiller and Jason Lock, plus the other members of the committee, held a rousing series of games called the *Hoo-Hoo Challenge*. Through various elimination rounds, four people remained standing for the last event—bobbing for apples in a 5-gallon bucket. Vancouver Club 48 member Jake Power proved his last name was not a fluke as he bettered the competition by plunging in and pulling out apple after apple. Impressive, to say the least.

Sunday was Great Barrier Reef Day! We left the dock (with everyone accounted for) and headed about an hour off-shore to the *Reef Magic* diving platform which is anchored on the reef. Depending on your skill level and experience, different opportunities were offered to explore these vibrant blue waters and coral splendors. Snorkeling was the option most of us chose, but for the adventurous, scuba dives could be done as well. Many of us had a chance to meet and have our picture taken with "Wally" during our time in the water. Wally is a Giant Humphead Maori Wrasse (say that three times fast) and is the resident photo bomber. His odd looking appearance and vibrant color made him especially fun, and the underwater photographer had him well trained to pose with anyone wanting a fun souvenir. For those not wanting to venture into the water, the semi-submersible reef viewer, glass bottom boat, or underwater observatory were options available to view the undersea world without getting their hair wet. It was a splendid day and the five hours we had on the reef just flew.

Monday concluded the second part of the business sessions. In true Snark Bond fashion, the meeting finished early. Installation of officers was done and was followed by the awards luncheon. Presentations had been given earlier in the convention by three clubs competing for the Club Project Award. They were: **Mount Gambier Timber Industry Club 214** which offered its Mount Gambier Railway Lands Adventure Playground Project for consideration. The entry was prepared by Brian Page 82335. **Southern California Club 117** told of their Gregson Golf Tournament which raised \$22,000 to benefit City of Hope, the Wounded Warrior Project, Homes for our Troops, and Gregson Memorial Fund. The entry was prepared by club member and Supreme Nine Mike Nicholson and was presented in his absence by fellow S9 Heather Gattone.

HHI 2016 AWARD WINNERS

HHI APPRECIATION AWARD:
Far North Queensland Club 261

MEMBERSHIP AWARD for the club which had achieved the greatest NUMERICAL increase in membership: **Cowichan Valley Club 229**

MEMBERSHIP AWARD for the club which had achieved the greatest PERCENTAGE increase in membership: **Launceston Club 239**

MEMBERSHIP TROPHY (TOTEM POLE) for the jurisdiction with the greatest percentage increase in membership: **Jurisdiction VI**

OLD TIMER AWARD for the delegate with the lowest Hoo-Hoo number: **Al McLellan 70906** North East Washington Club 238

GORDON DOMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY for the outstanding Supreme Nine: **S9 J-II Jim Maicki**

WALKING STICK AWARD which is given to the Supreme Nine who traveled the most miles in his jurisdiction on behalf of Hoo-Hoo: **Supreme Nine J-IV Heather Gattone**

HHI CLUB PROJECT AWARD:
Leschenaultia 274 for their Schools Forest Education Project presented by Greg Meacham, Secretary 274.

MOST CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT AT CONVENTION: (Host club is not eligible.): **Tacoma/Olympia Club 89**

MOST JURISDICTION MEMBERS PRESENT AT CONVENTION (Host jurisdiction is not eligible.): **Jurisdiction III**

HOO-HOO SPIRIT AWARD:
Tarmo & Helen Tornius from Hobart Club 235

**JURISDICTION IV 2016
AWARD WINNERS**

CLUB ACTIVITY AWARD:
Mt Gambier 214 for their
Adventure Playground

WOOD PROMOTION AWARD:
Leschenaultia 274 for their
Ocean Forest Lutheran
College Presentation

CHARITY AWARD:
Auckland 248 for their Golf
Day which generated \$10,000
for the Heart Foundation

NEWSLETTER AWARD:
Leschenaultia 274

**CLUB MEETING
ATTENDANCE AWARD:**
North West Tasmania 272

**PRESIDENTS' REPORT
AWARD: Brad Barr,**
Leschenaultia 274's

VICE GERENT AWARD:
Ray Lamari, Far North
Queensland 261, Area 4

**CONVENTION ATTENDANCE
AWARD: NW Tasmania 272**
and **Sydney 215**

**HOO-HOO CHALLENGE
WINNER: Jake Power 100490**
from Vancouver Club 48

Leschenault Timber Industry Club 274 for their Schools Forest Education Project/ Teacher Excursion Program which was prepared for entry by Jason Denham and presented by Greg Meachem. And the winner was... Leschenault Club 274!

Other awards were given out which you will find in the sidebar listing. Congratulations to all! To close the luncheon, six new Kittens were concatted—all women—and took their pledge to support Hoo-Hoo and the forest products industry.

The Embalming of the Snark was the next order of business. By tradition, for a Snark to leave his exalted position in Hoo-Hoo and the Universe, he must die. Why else would he (or she) leave? Elaborate executions are planned by previous Snarks, now Rameses, as they arrange for their dear friend to depart his position and join them in the House of Ancients and become the newest Rameses.

Plotted and arranged by Rameses Ray Lamari and Hoo-Hoo's unofficial historian/poet Doug Howick, Snark Bond was accused of impersonating another famous Bond. James Bond. As his offenses were revealed by the ever clever Doug Howick, bombshell Bond girls (J-III wives Jessica McIntosh and Cynthia Williams) libated the accused before he was hand-cuffed, hooded and kidnapped from the scene by thugs (Mac McIntosh and Chad Dagais). As the Snark was taken offsite, we boarded buses which took us to an abandoned building for the Snark's interrogation, demise, and rescued resurrection with the help of the local police SERT squad (Special Emergency Response Team). It was all good fun, but one Bond girl, Mrs. Bond, wasn't quite sure of the tactics set in place... She was much relieved when the smoke cleared, and her Secret Agent was all smiles.

The final event of the convention was a tropical gala that evening. Although planned to take place around the hotel's pool, rain brought us undercover for the still outside event. We were entertained by the Pamagirri Aboriginal Dance Troupe who showed us some of the traditional moves and music. A few members of the audience were brought up to learn some steps and joined right in.

Newly minted Rameses 103 shared a few remarks, and, in thanks for my 20 years as designer/editor of the LOG & TALLY, presented me with a beautifully painted Aboriginal patterned silk scarf in appreciation. The mic was then turned over to the new Snark Robyn Beckett for a few words and finally to Rob Spillers for a spirited auction. The item that got the most attention and caused a bidding war was put up by Doug Howick, our collector of all things Hoo-Hoo. Doug brought, from his personal collection, his 1993 limited edition mint copy of *The Hunting of the Snark* by Lewis Carroll. This book was extremely influential when the founding fathers of Hoo-Hoo were dreaming up this crazy named fraternity. The final bid was over \$1500, and the proud new owner is Jim Miller from Tacoma-Olympia Club 89. As a follow-up, Doug sent Jim another gift from his collection, *The Annotated Snark*, "which supplies lots of answers to some of the mysteries and hidden surprises in the book," Doug said in his note.

All in all, it was an outstanding convention and Far North Queensland Club 261 has plenty of which to be proud. Old friendships were renewed. New friendships were forged. And memories were made where the rainforest meets the reef.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,
—STACEY DOUGLAS JONES 99678



Welcoming faces at the 124th Hoo-Hoo convention included these two handsome guys, Snark Kent and convention committee member Rob Spiller. Their matching shirts might have made some other hotel guests wonder, but the historic fabric printed by the Honolulu club is still classic.



A unique site in Cairns were these large Flying Fox fruit bats (3.5 foot wing span) who spent their days hanging in the town library's trees.



The hard working board of directors sped through their agenda and adjourned early to enjoy the convention.



Mt. Gambier Club 214 members Val Fennell 96923 and Slim Fennell 95863.



From Tacoma-Olympia Club 89 were Rob Dagais 87953 and his daughter-in-law Cynthia Williams (who was one of the six new kittens).



Our Industry Guest Speaker was Thorry Gunnerson here with his wife, Joanne. Even with a malfunctioning mic, he gave a nice talk.



Sydney Club 215 members Colin Swadling 92396 and Gianna Swadling. They are partners with her brothers Ron and Danny Gattone in the family lumber yards.



Winner of the Old Timer award for the lowest Hoo-Hoo number at the convention was NE Washington Club 238 member Al McLellan 70906, accompanied by his daughter, Sandy.



Winners of the Hoo-Hoo Spirit award were Tarmo & Helen Tornius from Hobart Club 235. Helen's spirit in the face of the life changing diagnosis of Alheimers was remarkable.

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Young Philip had the trip of his short lifetime when mom and dad, Stana and John Gerlach from Twin Cities Club 12 spent 3+ weeks exploring Australia. The Gerlachs had plenty to celebrate this trip: Philip learned how to swim so he could snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef and Stana is well into remission after a year of cancer treatments. This remarkable family has plenty of living to do!



Paul Todd, the Supreme Nine from J-IX, was window seat ready for the two hour Kuranda Scenic Railway trip back to Cairns.



Never one to miss a shopping opportunity, Rameses 102 Mary Moynihan, made sure to support the local businesses in Kuranda.



Many people worked to make the convention a success. Special thanks were given to Katie Costello who handled all the registrations.



After Stacey Jones found the world's largest celery stalk, Syliva Cocks was determined to have R97 Dave Jones buy her a Bloody Mary to match it! Is there a glass big enough?



The Lookout stop on the Kuranda Scenic Railway line is at Barron Falls. The 23 mile trip to Cairns winds its way through the Barron Gorge National Park bringing this Wet Tropics World Heritage rainforest.

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Purr-fection! These six were the prettiest Kittens ever concatted at a convention! Robyn Beckett (center) was all thumbs up after our newest members finished their initiation. They include (L-R) Julie Larsen and Jan Massoletti (Club 181), Jian Qu (Club 230), Scarlett Beckett (Club 28), Anna Beltgens (Club 229), and Cynthia Williams (Club 89).



Nobody rocks the windblown locks like S9 Michael Clothier. Lookin' good, there Mikey.



Part of last year's convention committee in Minnesota included Denny Felicetta 84768 and his wife, Lucy. They probably enjoyed being simply guests this year.



Seattle Club 34 members Mac McIntosh 101133 and his wife, Jessica. This will be one of the host couples for next year's convention.



Another delightful Seattle pair were Tom Rider 101283 and his wife, Kim. This was their first convention leading up to hosting next year.



Bond. Snark Bond. He sure had his hands full with thugs, kidnapping, water torture, bombs, rescues, and more. We're not sure what he is smiling about here, but one bet is on having just survived a wild 10 minutes and he lived to talk about it. Nope, that's not it. It's congratulations from the Bond Girls!

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Tac-Oly 89 member Jim Miller, owner of Screw Products fasteners, was the top bidder of the pristine copy of *The Hunting of the Snark* book donated by Doug Howick from his personal collection. Determined not to miss the convention, Jim flew straight from a tradeshow in North Carolina for the fun!



Liz Browne and woodworking husband Ray Sanders 96754 (North East Victoria 236) brought custom wood Hoo-Hoo buttons as commemorative gifts for all.



A favorite couple of many Hoo-Hoos are the lovely Loraine & Lindsay Morling L-83484 from Launceston, Tasmania, and Club 239.



Giddy Mate! Traveling solo this trip (since Rita stayed home to work) was S9 J-I Jack Miller 95025, from Harry L. Folsom Club 13.



North East Victoria Club 236 member Len Lord 97578 and his wife, Pauline, enjoyed all the events including the final night tropical gala.



Tacoma-Olympia Club 89 member Tom Stumpf 90884 was sporting a jaunty Black Cat cap as he smiled alongside his wife, Sandy.



New Black Bart member Jan Massoletti and her husband Edgar 99908 extended their Australia adventure and stay for an additional few weeks enjoying Aussie hospitality!



Twin Cities Club 12 was well represented by new S9 member Paul Boehmer 88435 and Mandi Siwek 101483, daughter of David & Lisa Siwek. Lisa and Mandi left Dave home!



First time conventioners were Portland Club 47 president Terry Haddix 97381 and her husband Bryan. We trust this won't be the last convention they attend!

HOO-HOO RESOLUTIONS 2016

WHEREAS, Hoo-Hoo has suffered the mortality of several of our beloved members,

BE IT RESOLVED that our Executive Secretary be instructed to transmit to their families our sincere sympathy and prayers, and

WHEREAS, Snark of the Universe, Kent Bond 89381, having led our Order for the past year, leading by example, helping to spread the philosophy, the fraternalism and the joy of belonging to Hoo-Hoo by traveling extensively throughout the world of Hoo-Hoo, and for these efforts,

BE IT RESOLVED that the members and delegates here assembled for this 124th Annual Conference offer their sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Snark Kent Bond for his outstanding leadership and devotion to the Order, and

WHEREAS, the other Officers and Supreme Nine members have and faithfully and efficiently performed their duties during this Hoo-Hoo year,

BE IT RESOLVED that the members here assembled extend thanks and sincere appreciation on behalf of their individual clubs to each Officer and Supreme Nine member for a job well done, and

WHEREAS, Beth Thomas 96757, our Executive Secretary, and Stacey Jones 99678, publisher and editor of our LOG & TALLY magazine, have done an outstanding job in carrying out the affairs of the Order, and in compiling, editing, and publishing the LOG & TALLY magazine,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference and its delegates, on behalf of the entire membership, extend their sincere thanks to Beth and Stacey for a job well done, and

WHEREAS, the hard work, time and effort of the 2016 Convention Committee has arranged a meaningful agenda, complete with timely information, local history, great hospitality, fraternalism, and when appropriate, frivolity, solemnity and dignity, all of which has ensured that this 124th International Conference would be a most enjoyable and educational event, resulting in it being a rewarding experience for all members, delegates and their mates who have attended,

BE IT RESOLVED that all members and delegates to this conference do hereby express their heartfelt appreciation to the committee, officers, and members of Far North Queensland Hoo-Hoo Club No. 261 who made possible a successful conference, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Hoo-Hoo Club No. 34 has agreed to host the 125th Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington, in September 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Order's LOG & TALLY magazine take such steps as are necessary to publicize the conference, and

WHEREAS, Hoo-Hoo International is a fraternal organization made up of people in the lumber, timber and forest products industry, who are concerned about each other in the spirit of Health, Happiness and Long Life,

BE IT RESOLVED that Hoo-Hoo International continue to support the efforts of those industry organizations, which continually promote a better understanding of the forests, as a reasonable, renewable resource, and which continually support the proper management of these valuable resources.

THEREFORE, We, the Officers and Directors of Hoo-Hoo International, assembled at the Pullman International Hotel, Cairns, Queensland, Australia, acting in the Spirit of Fraternity, Industry and Good Will, do hereby put our seal to these Resolutions on the 12th day of September 2016.



Respectfully submitted by
RAMESES 95
GARY GAMBLE 79682
 Resolutions Committee Chairman

DIE ANOTHER DAY



Or how another
Snark survives
the embalming
and becomes
a Rameses

The embalming of
Snark Bond was a
three stage event
involving accusations,
beautiful women,
a dry martini
(obviously shaken,
much like the
Snark's wife when
she witnessed the
action) loud noises,
smoke, Hoo-Hoo
mischief, and a
lot of laughter...
It was perfectly
good fun!

The 124th annual convention in Cairns was a resounding success! A jovial group of Hoo-Hoo members and guests were treated to warm hospitality thanks to incredible hosts! I already miss everyone, but look forward to the 2017 convention hosted by Seattle Club 34 in Bellevue, Washington, and I invite you all to experience it with me. After reflecting on the wonderful experience in Cairns, it is crystal clear that fellowship is alive and well, meaningful, and *very* rewarding. Hoo-Hoo is the greatest organization on the planet for one reason—the people! And, I love you all.

A Snark Becomes Rameses 103

Yes, the REAL BOND survived his embalming! Although I came through unscathed, I think my wife, Cindy, may have aged a few years during the interrogation! As you can see from the photo above, some heavy tactics were used trying to make me eat the words “Oh, you can’t scare me,” but thankfully, I survived. I should have known better issuing those words to a certain R97, and although he brought out SERT (Special Emergency Response Team)—which is the highly trained tactical group of the Queensland Police—I rode the wave and lived through it! Many thanks to the embalming crew. Chad and Mac...I have a long memory! Doug Howick...you are amazing! Bond Girls...you were the bright spot during my inquisition and you make a mean martini! And to the Cairns SERT guys who interrogated (and saved) me—many thanks for all you truly do in the line of duty. If you think this is intriguing stuff and missed the embalming I highly recommend attending the 2018 convention in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and the next embalming! May this SPARK your imagination.

There Are No Words

I thank everyone who made me feel welcome and at home during my travels. Being the Snark of the Universe was one of the greatest experiences of my life and I am grateful for the opportunity. I am honored to have had the opportunity to give back to the organization that means so much to me. The greatest reward I could have ever received from Hoo-Hoo is friendship and I made many new friends during the ride of my life. I cherish every one of them. Thank you for your confidence. Thank you for riding the wave with me.

There Was Business at the Convention, Too!

We did hold a pre-convention board meeting, a post convention board meeting, a J-IV annual general meeting, and a J-IV board meeting. Much was accomplished! Here are a few highlights from the HHI general business meeting:

1. We have a balanced budget for the 2016/2017 Hoo-Hoo year, thanks, in part, to the generous donations from members and clubs which will offset a small initial deficit.
2. Most of the action items and objectives developed from board meetings (and outlined in the annual strategic plan for 2015/2016) were achieved. One exception being the website. We are pushing hard to get this project completed.
3. Officer, jurisdictional and committee reports were given.
4. The new board was nominated and elected.
5. A concat was held and six new kittens became members!
6. The gavel was pounded many times... and I will really will miss that gavel!

Riding the Wave and Being a Spark

Hoo-Hoo is all about fellowship. Hoo-Hoo is valuable to all who choose to participate. The goodwill created by fellowship strengthens our organization and our industry and provides valuable, life-long, personal and business benefits for each member. Our industry becomes stronger as the Hoo-Hoo web that connects us expands. I have a deep passion for the forest products industry, and its affiliated industries, and firmly believe that Hoo-Hoo makes the industry more fun, more productive, and more unique. The incoming board of directors installed at the convention in Cairns is a dedicated group of Hoo-Hoos. The new Snark, Robyn Beckett, is as passionate an individual as you will ever meet. She is deeply connected to the industry and believes in the value of Hoo-Hoo. I have confidence that this incoming Hoo-Hoo team will continue to do their best to add value for local clubs and move Hoo-Hoo forward. Please support their efforts.

I am more convinced than ever—there is momentum behind the wave and I am excited for Hoo-Hoo!

Health, Happiness, and Long Life—

KENT H. BOND... THE REAL BOND... 89381

Newly Minted, Survived His Embalming, Rameses 103

BOND. KENT BOND.

The Embalming of Agent 103

A phrase of which we're very fond
Just simply says “My name is Bond.”
But, we think what he really meant
Is “What the hell, my name is Kent.”

Yes, Kent just like the English county
Not someone looking for a bounty.
So Kent's the name that he has taken
And like his drinks, he's often shaken.

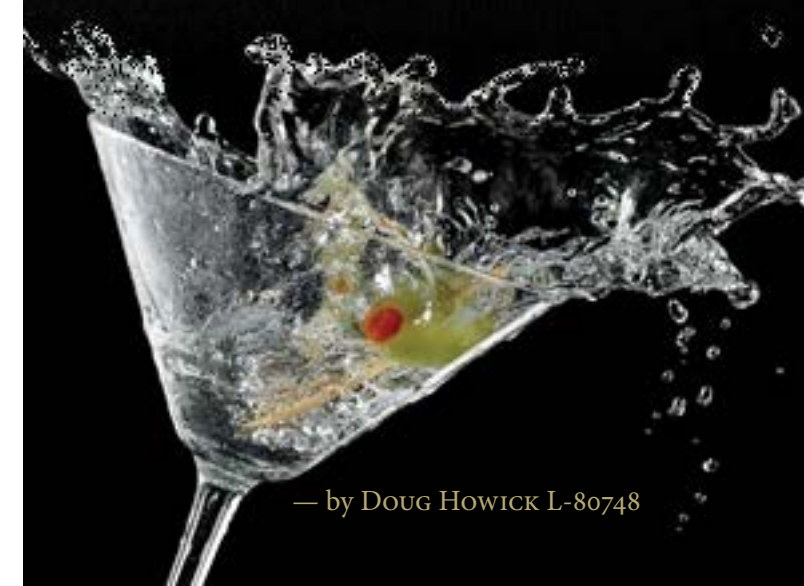
But what could possibly be worse,
For this Snark of the Universe?
To fulfill what his parents meant
To be James Bond or be Clark Kent?

So, doing something far, far worse,
He was Snark of the Universe.

And you can be sure that wherever he went,
He was suave as James Bond
and brave as Clark Kent.

Before him, just to be contrary,
The Snark was an O'Meara, Mary.
And as his boss, she was a gem,
'Cos he was Bond, and she was “M”.

But, now it's time, he is forsaken.
He must be stirred as well as shaken.
Though he may find it quite absurd
He now will be embalmed, interred.



Convention Time Is My Favorite Time

And, Australia? You Rock!!

Dear Australia—
You're a country of undeniable beauty and gracious people! I salute Ray Lamari and his red-shirted surfer team who gave us 100% hospitality from the rainforest to the reef. This trip made my dream of visiting Australia come true. My daughter, Scarlett, and I give special thanks to the Gattones for the wonderful memories made with you in Sydney. A great benefit of Hoo-Hoo is forging new family all over the world!



Some Convention Highlights

What a ride we rode with Snark Kent Bond last year! Kent, you've mentored and prepared me, the board, committees, clubs, and members for a solid future of growth in Hoo-Hoo. There is no denying your passion and dedication! You are Superman and Cindy is major part of your secret powers. Congratulations on surviving your embalming—you also showed great endurance! Hats off to the Rameses, Doug Howick, the dynamic Jones Duo and friends who continually inspire us with creativity!

The new Strategic Plan proved itself effective when, for the first time in my Hoo-Hoo history, we concluded our board meeting in under five hours! Committee members were organized and Snark Kent was efficient. I'm happy to report that membership is up and I believe can continue to grow. I look forward to working with this board to keep the momentum moving forward.

I would also like to acknowledge those who collectively donated \$5,000 to keep HHI moving onward and upward with a budget balance. We salute the following clubs for their generous support: Black Bart 181-\$1,000; Portland Club 47-\$1,000; Cowichan Valley Club 229-\$500; Detroit Club 28-\$500; Seattle Club 34-\$500; Tacoma-Olympia Club 89-\$500; Twin Cities Club 12-\$500; Vancouver Club 48-\$500.

The final night gala was great fun with authentic tribal dancers and a chance to share good-byes with friends old and new! I thank our hosts for making us feel welcome and look forward to seeing each of you next year in Seattle for our 125th Convention.

If you want to know my greatest joy during the convention, it was welcoming my daughter, Scarlett Jean Beckett, into Hoo-Hoo—the organization I love so much. This was my first concat as Snark of the Universe, and I am proud of her and the other five women who joined HHI that day! Six new “sparks” were ignited—may you keep a passion burning for Hoo-Hoo! And may every Hoo-Hoo invite and ignite members old and new.

In closing, I'm excited the board is on course for next year with committee chairs in place with their members, goals, and objectives due by October 29 when we meet in Gurdon for the annual Forest Festival. There we will have a Strategic Plan board meeting and welcome Dave Marteney as our new Seer of the House of Ancients! You are all invited to join us and be a spark!

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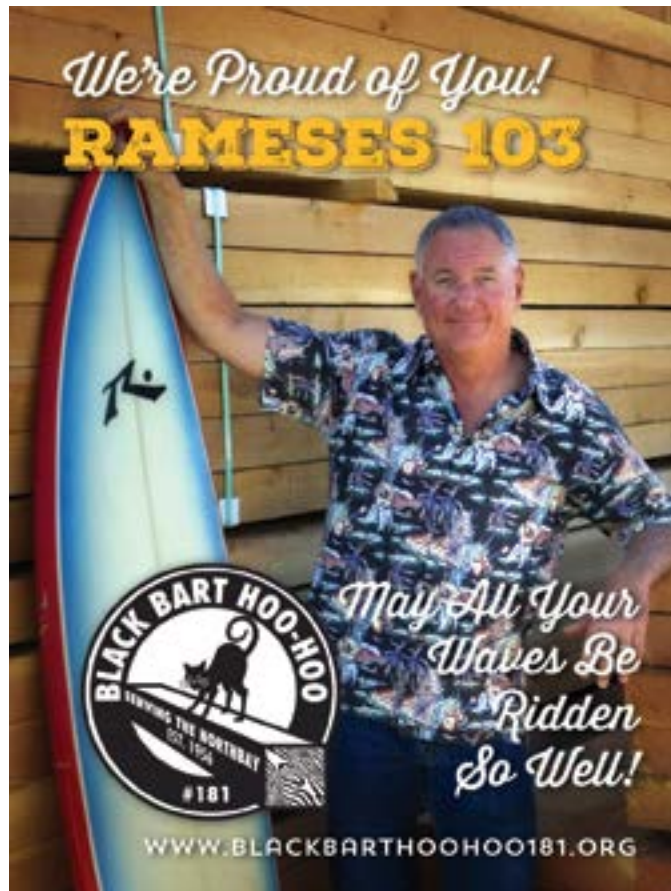
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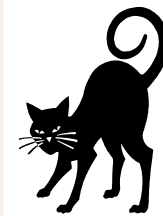
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