

# 1111 Echoes

Fall 2005

A newsletter from the R. I. Reds Heritage Society

## It's Membership Renewal Time for 2005-06

Please renew now to help us avoid costly, time-consuming follow-up reminders. We sincerely thank you.

This issue of *1111 Echoes* concludes the R. I. Reds Heritage Society's fifth year in existence. As one of our valued 561 members, it is time for you to renew for the 2005-2006 hockey season.

Through 6 years, we have never raised our annual dues. They remain at only \$20 (USA) — less than 40 cents a week. With your renewal you will continue to receive three, informative full-color newsletters over the next year and invitations to attend our 6<sup>th</sup> annual reunion and 3<sup>rd</sup> "Lunch & Crunch" event. **And, most importantly, you are helping us to move ahead with plans to build a lasting museum exhibit for "Our Team."**

Please don't let your membership lapse. You can renew easily by completing and mailing in the enclosed membership form. Upon your renewal you will receive your new membership card. **This year's card will remind you to visit our acclaimed internet website: [www.rireds.org](http://www.rireds.org)**

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## Next Reunion set for Sunday, August 6, 2006

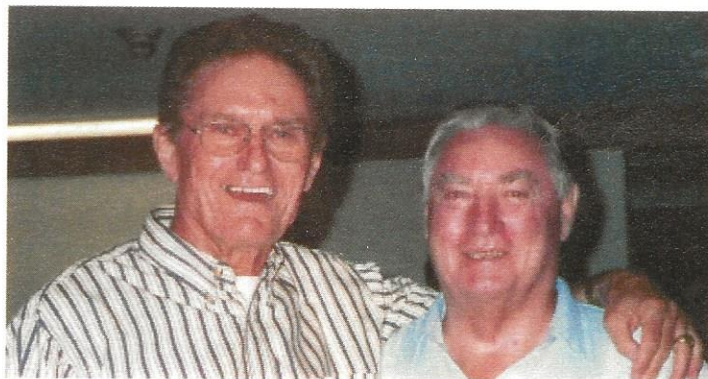
- Our 6th annual. Mark your calendar now.
- Same place: Goddard State Park, Warwick, RI
- Same time: 12 noon 'till dusk
- Even more players expected
- Added memorabilia to be displayed
- Close to 300 guests projected

## The "Fantastic 5<sup>th</sup>" Reunion

Pictures are worth thousands of words. So we've designed this special issue to do just that. Because our 5<sup>th</sup> was so fantastic, we've gathered a neat collection of photos just to recap the spirit of the day. But a few notations are needed:

**The location and date:** The beautiful carousel building at Goddard State Park in Warwick, RI, Sunday, July 31, 2005, noon until dusk. The weather was perfect, the food and entertainment superb.

**The gathering:** 227 folks—men, women, boys and girls of all ages—plus over 20 former Reds and other pro players. They all joined together for fun, laughter and tall tales from the past. Tim Army, newly appointed head coach of hockey at Providence College, was guest speaker.



**Special guests:** Hockey Hall of Fame members Alan Stanley (1981), left, and Ferny Flaman (1990).

## 2005/06 "Tops Award" Winners with "Mrs. Tops!"



**Serge Boudreault**, displaying his award



**Shirley Toppazzini**, cheering the "boys" on



**Ross Brooks**, proudly accepting his honor

# Rhode Island Reds: "Team 2005"



Front row: Serge Boudreault, Ray Clearwater, Bob Robertson, Gil Mayer, Aldo Guidolin and Ray Ross. Second row: Ferny Flaman, Allan Stanley, Stan Baluik, Ivan Irwin, Ross Brooks, Bobby Leduc, Buzz Deschamps, Al Bentley, Howie Menard and Bo Elik.

## Candid: "Possible" Thoughts and Quotes...



**Allan Stanley:** "Geeze, Ferny, people around here sure have changed a lot since I played here back in 1948."



**Ferny:** "Allan, that was 57 years ago. Just wait 'till they get to the Molson's!"



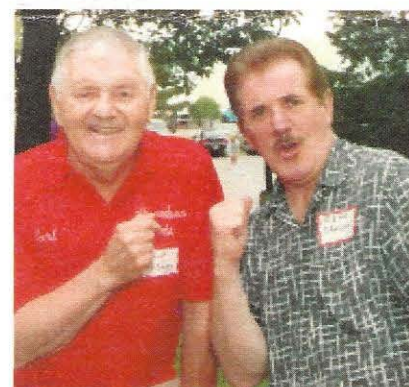
**Bob Robertson** (left): "Gil, My steak was delicious. What did they put in your brown bag?" **Gil Mayer:** "Looks like a peanut butter sandwich...and an apple to wash it down!"



**Rene Rancourt:** gets help from Allan during the tough part of "Oh, Canada."



**Bart McElroy:** ex-locker room manager for visiting teams: "You know, Rene, I thought you were a little off key on 'and the home of the brave.' Try it again."

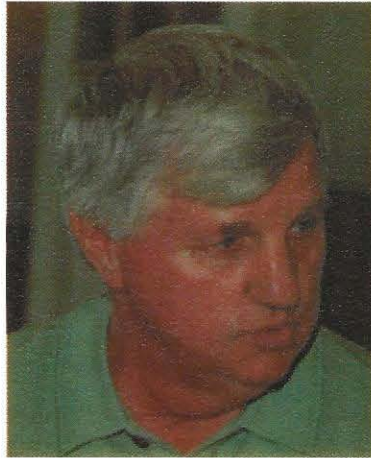


"Now that's much better!"

# They Came from Far and Wide to Celebrate "The Festive 5<sup>th</sup>"



**Ray Clearwater**  
#10, Defenseman  
New Haven, CT



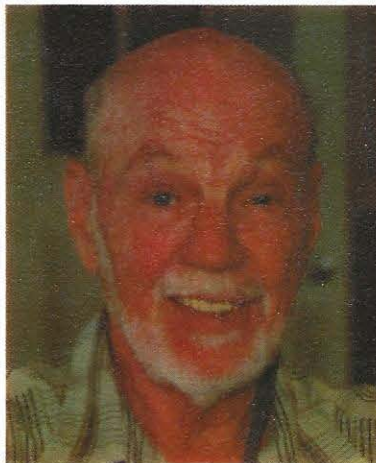
**Buzz Deschamps**  
#11, Left Wing  
Bayshore, New York



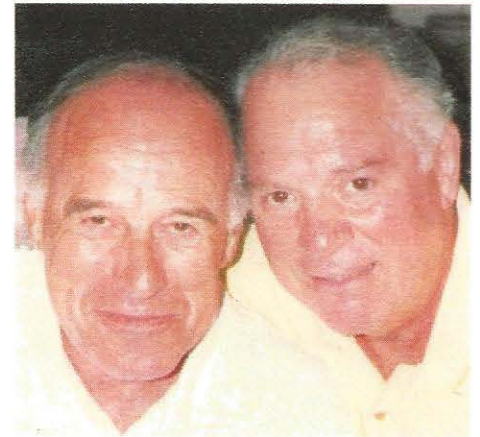
**Bo Elik**  
#16, Left Wing  
Oshawa, Ontario, Canada



**Aldo Guidolin**  
#11, Defenseman and Forward  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

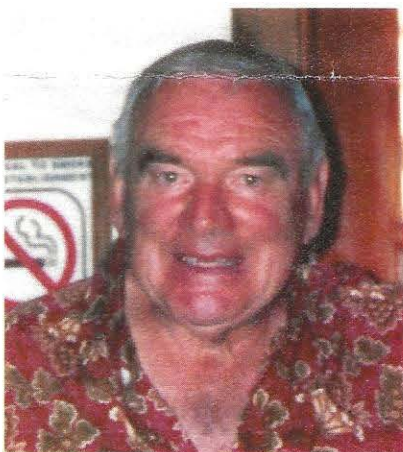


**Ivan Irwin**  
#2, Defenseman, Coach  
Ajax, Ontario, Canada



**Yves Locas** #15, Right Wing  
St. Jerome, Quebec, Canada

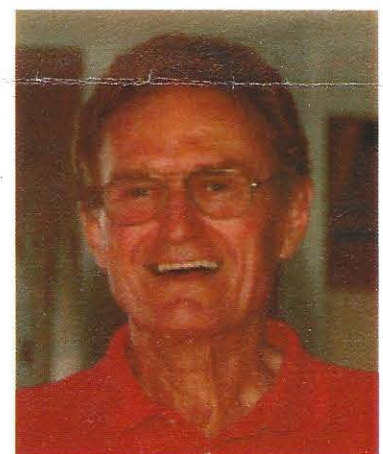
**Howeie Menard** #19, Center  
Cortice, Ont., Canada



**Bob Robertson**  
#5, Defenseman  
Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada



**Ray Ross**  
#19, Right Wing  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

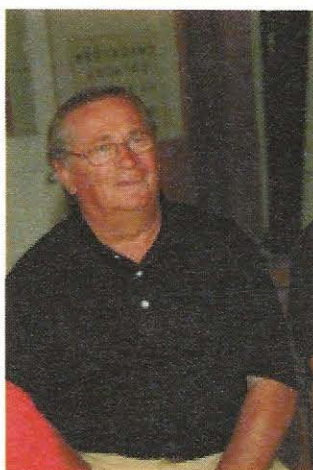


**Allan Stanley**  
#3, Defenseman  
Fenelon Fall, Ontario, Canada

## These “Hometown Guys” Also Joined “The Festive 5<sup>th</sup>!”



**Tim Army**  
Head Coach  
Providence College, RI



**Stan Baluik**  
#14, Center  
Cumberland, RI



**Al Bentley**  
#1, Goaltender  
Barrington, RI



**Ferry Flaman**  
#3, Defenseman, Coach & GM  
Westwood, MA



**Bobby Leduc**  
#16, Left Wing  
Harrisville, RI



**Gil Mayer**  
#0, Goaltender  
Lincoln, RI

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### Missing in Action, but Ready for Next Year:

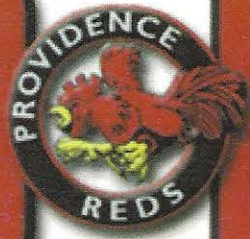
#### Temporary DL

- ◆ George P. Duffy, recuperating nicely from a 2<sup>nd</sup> knee replacement this year (July)
- ◆ Chuck Scherza, on the mend from successful triple by-pass heart surgery (July)

#### Others missed:

- ◆ Yves Locas, spent time here with us, but had to return for Jr. tryouts in Quebec
  - ◆ Don McKenney, called away suddenly for family illness in Canada
- ◆ Marty Gateman, a great supporter of RIRHS, had to miss for a family commitment

# RED PRIDE



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**2005/2006 Commemorative Ornament:  
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- Comes with stand for year-round display



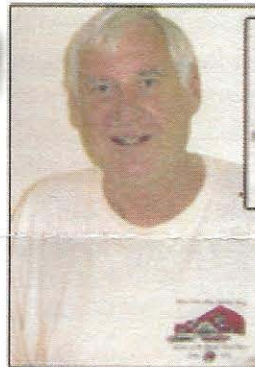
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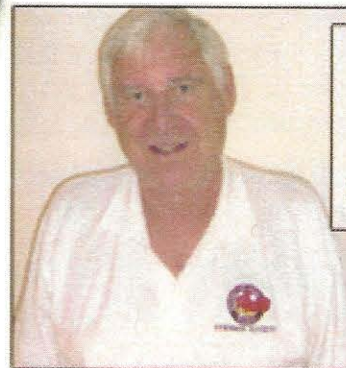
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Golf Shirt	\$30	_____	\$3*	_____
Tee Shirt	\$12	_____	\$3*	_____
Cap	\$15	_____	\$3*	_____

\*Add \$1 for each additional item

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

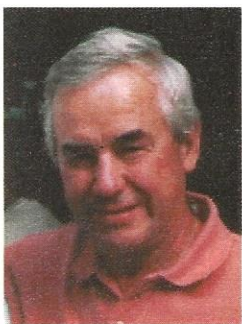
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# Boudreault & Brooks Receive "Tops Awards" for 2005-2006



Serge

Serge Boudreault and Ross Brooks, both former outstanding players with the old Rhode Island Reds, received the Rhode Island Reds Heritage Society's "Tops Awards" for 2005-06 at the Society's 5th Annual Reunion on July 31.

The "Tops Award" is given annually by the Society in honor of the late Zello Toppazzini, recognized as the Rhode Island Reds "Player of the Century." It is presented to persons who have contributed

outstanding service to both the team and to the larger community.

Both Boudreault and Brooks served lengthy and dedicated tours of duty with the American Hockey League Reds in the old R. I. Auditorium at 1111 North Main Street in Providence during the 1960s.

Boudreault, standing only 5-foot, 6 inches tall, was a gritty, fast-skating forward who could score goals and set up line mates. During parts of six seasons with Providence, he also stood out as an outstanding defensive forward and a skillful penalty killer.

Brooks, a goaltender, played parts of nine seasons here before being acquired by the NHL's Boston Bruins. With the Bruins' AHL farm team, the Boston Braves, he won the "Hap" Holmes Award in 1971-72 with the lowest goals-against average (2.38).

Called up by the Bruins in 1972-73, he distinguished himself the next season by winning 14 consecutive goaltending starts, an NHL record at that time.

At the end of their pro careers, both Boudreault and Brooks, like many other ex-Reds players, decided to make their year-round homes here in Rhode Island. Since then, each has made significant contributions to the larger community, especially in the promotion and support of local youth hockey.

"Both Ross and Serge were not only extremely popular in their playing days, but since have made hundreds of friends as residents here in Rhode Island, earning community respect as generous givers of their time, talents and resources," said Buster Clegg, president of the Society.

Brooks, a Lincoln resident, is now manager of Schneider Arena at Providence College. He once coached the Lincoln High School hockey team for 8 years during the late 1970s and early '80s.

He has also worked tirelessly at raising college scholarship funds for needy senior high school hockey players. Those scholarships, totaling 100, have been provided from proceeds generated by the annual Chris Brooks Memorial hockey and golf tournaments, named in memory of his late son.

Boudreault, who lives in North Kingstown, is a scout for the NHL Mighty Ducks. He once was hockey coach at Cumberland for 12 seasons, also during the '70s and '80s.

Since retiring from pro hockey, Boudreault has dedicated much of his free time encouraging and instructing young hockey aspirants in the development of the individual skills necessary to play competitive hockey.



"Brooksie"



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## Next Issue

Due to space limitations in this Reunion edition, "Forechecking and Backchecking" and "Red Rooster" were forced to take a vacation. They'll be back in the next issue of *1111 Echoes*, scheduled for January 2006. Plus, you can look forward to a special article: "The Last Auditorium Expedition," a recounting of the final days of the old Arena at 1111 North Main Street.



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