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Spring '08: CU Heavyweight Varsity 8 beating Princeton and Yale. Photo: Matt Smith.

Cornell Crews to Race on Potomac

*Friday afternoon, April 9, and Saturday, April 10, morning & afternoon sessions
 Finish Line just upstream from Thompson Boat Center
 Rock Creek Parkway & Virginia Ave. NW, Washington D.C.*

The Men's Heavyweight Crews of Cornell, among the finest in the nation, are returning to Washington to race again in the George Washington Invitational Regatta along the Georgetown Waterfront. Representing the Big Red will be the Men's Varsity Eight, Second Varsity Eight and First Freshman Eight. Plan now to wear red and join fellow Cornellians, Big Red rowing alumni, and family and friends of the Cornell team members at the Finish Line at Washington Harbor. You will find us around the Cornell Club's Red Canopy on the lawn near the Swedish Embassy.

Cornell's Head Coach Todd Kennett and Assistant Coach Matt Smith, highly regarded in the rowing world, are known for stressing all those fine points that contribute to impressive boat-speed and exciting races--usually victorious. They are attracted to the GW Invitational Regatta because the format provides each of the Big Red crews plenty of racing experience early in the season against top-flight competition. Host GWU, led by its new head coach Mark Davis, and Georgetown, led by head coach Tony Johnson, will be among the participating crews, along with other crews from outside the DC area.

Final schedules for all Women's and Men's races are still being drawn up, but the format is known. Men's Freshman Eights will be in two races starting at about 3:00 PM on Friday afternoon, and again at about 9:45 AM on Saturday morning. Their third racing session will be Saturday afternoon, starting at about 3:00 PM. These Freshman Eight races will be followed quickly by Men's Second Varsity Eights and Men's Varsity Eights at each of the three sessions. Women's races, in which Cornell is not participating, will open the program at 1:30 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM on Saturday.

Cost: Free. Refreshments will be served, but pack a picnic lunch and bring a folding chair if you plan to stay for all the races on Saturday.

To attend: Obtain additional details and race schedules by contacting Bob Day.

Metro/Parking: Foggy Bottom/GWU (Orange and Blue). Street parking limited and actively enforced.

Questions: Bob Day, (301) 438-7755, or dayhaven@comcast.net.

Big Red Dragons Alert! New Festival Dates are May 29-30

The Cornell Club's team in Washington's annual Dragon Boat Festival, known in the race programs as the "Cornell Big Red Dragons", is now taking sign-ups and expressions of interest. Organizers of the 9th D.C. Dragon Boat Festival have notified all participating teams that this colorful Festival will begin the decade at a new racing venue on the new Anacostia Waterfront. So mark your calendars now and give serious consideration to joining the Cornell Club's team. No previous experience necessary.

Questions and RSVPs: Team Captain Kate Bryant, kateb36@gmail.com or Bob Day, (301) 438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net.

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Interested in a CCW Leadership Opportunity?

The CCW Nominations Committee is in the process of selecting officers and board members for the 2010-11 club year, which offers alumni a great way to get involved in the outstanding work of the club. You get to work side-by-side with other dedicated volunteers, have fun meeting alumni in the region, and give back to the Cornell community.

To learn about open volunteer positions, please contact CCW Nominations Committee Chair Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu, or CCW President Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net.

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Club Announcements...

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

March 9, 2010: All CCW members are invited to attend and participate in our monthly CCW Board Meetings at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. Meetings take place at 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (downstairs from the Cornell Center). The next Programming meeting will take place separately on March 24th.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net (Board); A'ndrea VanSchoick, alv1@cornell.edu (Programming).

Cornell in Washington Alumni are invited to Join the CCW Board for the Ice Cream Social with the CIW Students, directly following the March 9th Board Meeting (9pm on the first floor of the Cornell Center).

Gridiron Club Sunday Reception

Sunday, March 21, 3:00 pm
Washington Renaissance Hotel Ballroom
999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC

Members of the Cornell Club of Washington are invited to attend the Gridiron Club's Sunday reception. Members of Washington's oldest and most prestigious organization of journalists reprise the show they put on the night before a glittering white-tie audience of top Washington politicians and news executives from around the country. The reception begins at 3 pm; munchies and drinks (wine, beer and soft drinks) are served. The show begins at 4 pm and you'll see exactly the same show that club members performed on Saturday night, along with Mark Shields' summaries of the night's speeches. The performance ends by 6 pm.

Cost: Tickets are \$80, and members who come will get priority seating.

To attend: Purchase tickets online at <http://cornellclubdc.org/events/2010/03/21/gridiron-club-sunday-reception>, or send a check payable to the Cornell Club of Washington to: Nicole DeToro '91 4733 Bethesda Avenue, Suite 540, Bethesda, MD 20814. RSVP and payment must be received by March 8.

Metro: Red Line @ Gallery Place; Yellow & Green Line @ Mt. Vernon Square.

Parking: Available at the hotel or across the street at the old Convention Center site.

Questions: Linda Jarschauer Johnson, (202) 265-4763, or ljj1@cornell.edu.

Clean up at the Ronald McDonald House of Washington DC

Sunday, March 7, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
1326 Quincy Street NE, Washington, DC 20017

We have established a relationship with the Ronald McDonald House of Washington DC, and are happy to volunteer on a monthly basis. We will be returning on Sunday, March 7th to help with light household cleaning and yard work (as weather permits).

If you cannot attend but want to contribute toward purchasing non-perishable goods, contact Megan Weber or Ted Gumer at (301) 761.1762 (tedgumerccw@yahoo.com).

Cost: The House is always looking for non-perishable goods. Please bring paper goods (e.g., kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper), toilet brushes, or (especially) Clorox wipes.

To attend: Email Megan Weber (mweber06@sbcglobal.net) to sign-up; space is limited to the first 15 responders.

Metro/Bus: The House is accessible by Metro; however, it is a good 6-7 block walk from the CUA/ Brookland metro station (red line). The H6 bus drops-off/ picks-up at that metro station and stops directly in front of the House. There is also plenty of unzoned street parking on 13th Street.

Questions: Megan Weber, mweber06@sbcglobal.net; (714) 656-5316.

Save the Date: April's event will be April 24th at the same location.

Rescheduled: The 15th Ivy Winter Indoor Mixed Doubles Tennis. All Levels and Ages Welcome!

Saturday, March 6, 6:50 to 11:00 pm (please do not enter the facility before 6:30 pm)
The Arlington Y Tennis & Squash Club, 3400 N. 13th Street, Arlington, VA 22201. (703) 522-1700

We invite you to join us for one of the most popular Ivy alumni tennis parties for players of all levels and ages. It is an enjoyable way to socialize, meet potential partners, and network with Ivy alumni members and their guests. Organized by the Harvard and Yale Clubs of Washington D.C. The cost covers court rental, snacks, soft drinks and tennis balls.

Cost: Player - advance registration: \$25 per person. Player - door admission: \$30 per person. Non-playing guest - \$10 per person.

To attend: Check: payable to Yale Club of Washington DC and mailed to: Sheila Summers, 4227 46th Street NW, Washington, DC 20016. Credit Card: <http://www.yaleclubdc.org>.

Questions: Kuni Matsuda (Harvard), (240) 294-5736 (w), (703) 765-1653 (h), Stardust@smart.net. David Federbush (Yale), (301) 657-4691 (h), (301) 657-4680 (w), federbus@erols.com.

Three Sunday Walks Among the Cherry Blossoms

Delivered by Author and Professor Joel L. Swerdlow, Ph.D. '74

Walk #1: Looking for What Abraham Lincoln Called “The Better Angels of Our Nature”

Sunday, March 28, 1:00-3:00 pm

Meet at base of the Lincoln Memorial

Route: Lincoln Memorial to FDR Memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial site

We will re-create a major speech from dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in 1922 (the uncensored version). Learn why Lincoln wanted to enshrine slavery in the U.S. Constitution until the beginning of the 20th century, and examine how Hollywood and television have done so much to change our feelings about the Lincoln Memorial. We will then take the short walk to the FDR Memorial, where we will look for evidence of FDR’s greatest failing, which most of his critics still fail to recognize, and his vision of an Economic Bill of Rights. Ending at the site of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, we will discuss how his views about economic justice and war still challenge us. We will also discuss the untruths (or misleading statements) upon which the creators of each memorial relied.

Walk #2: Looking for Power in the U.S. and Finding Public Opinion

Sunday, April 11, 1:00-3:00 pm

Meet in front of the National Archives

Route: National Archives to Constitution Gardens to where Supreme Court should be

On display at the National Archives—and treated as equal in importance to the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights—are briefs from *Marbury v. Madison*. We will explore how this case has become one of America’s most important conceptual exports to other democracies (hint: central to this story is the death of major civil rights legislation). We will also discuss what the Founders believed about war-making, and why we have not formally declared war since June 5, 1942. Finally, we will try to figure out why, at his confirmation hearings in 2006, now-Chief Justice Roberts refused to say whether Congress can end a war by cutting off funds.

Walk #3: In Search of Peace

Sunday, April 25, 1:00-3:00 pm

Meet near the east end of the Vietnam Memorial

Route: Vietnam, Korea, World Wars I and II memorials to the “Peace Statue” and the site of the future Disabled Veterans Memorial

Thanks in large part to the success of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, war memorials now dominate a large and growing portion of the nation’s most respected landscape. How and why this has happened teaches us much about how our democracy works. We will discuss how Maya Lin’s undergraduate sketches became one of Washington, D.C.’s most popular sites; why Americans still do not want to know the full story of Iwo Jima; whether the road to peace lies in promoting democracy, and more. At the conclusion of this, the final walk, we will weave all three weeks together in a discussion that seeks ideas and insights.

Cost: \$20 per walk (\$25 non-member) or \$50 for the 3 walk series (\$60 non-member).

To attend: Register and pay online at www.cornellclubdc.org. Limited to 20 people per walk. Pre-and post-walk reading materials will be provided.

Questions: Email Kim Jones at knj2@cornell.edu.

Old Rag XLIX

Saturday, April 10, 8:00 am

Old Rag Mountain, Virginia

Meet at: The Cornell Center

2148 O Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

Alumni and Cornell in Washington students will climb Old Rag Mountain, near Sperryville, VA, for the 49th time in our semiannual trek into the Blue Ridges. This is one of the Washington area’s most popular excursions, and we expect a large turnout (25-40 people) each time we go. In the event of bad weather, our rain date is 04/17/10. The hike is moderately strenuous.

Cost: \$8 National Park Service fee, payable on location before we begin. Please bring exact change (for parking).

To attend: RSVP by Wed., 04/07/10 to Clint Brass '90, ctb14@cornell.edu, 703-216-2035, with your name, email address, a telephone number where you can be reached shortly before the hike (in the event of bad weather), and the number of people coming (friends are welcome). In addition, we try to carpool; please indicate if you can give anyone a ride (if so, how many people), if you need a ride, or if you will meet us there. Directions are available that morning at the Cornell Center or via e-mail in a PDF file.

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red); Foggy Bottom (Blue/Orange, longer walk).

Questions: Clint Brass, ctb14@cornell.edu, 703-216-2035.

Greater D.C. Cares Servathon 2010

Saturday, April 24, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

After-party 1 pm - 4 pm

Locations TBA

Join the Cornell Club and 5,000 other volunteers at the 18th annual Greater D.C. Cares Servathon. Project selection is not until April, but register now to make a difference during this great event and ensure Cornell has a great turnout! Servathon projects include painting playgrounds at schools, planting trees, restoring monuments and organizing libraries. In just a few short hours, one group can have a huge impact on a community. All volunteers are invited to an after-party following their project.

Cost: \$25 registration fee (includes a t-shirt); Greater D.C. Cares encourages additional fundraising for Servathon.

To attend: Please register before April 17 at <http://servathon2010.kintera.org/>, and also RSVP by email to das92@cornell.edu. On the Servathon website, search for the "Cornell Club of D.C." team.

Questions: Email Dan Schiff at das92@cornell.edu.



Los Angeles Philharmonic

Monday, May 17th, 8 pm

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

2700 F Street, NW, Washington D.C.

At the age of 28, Gustavo Dudamel began his tenure as the Music Director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic in the fall of 2009. His inaugural 2009-2010 season includes a performance in Washington D.C., and Cornell Club of Washington has reserved a block of seats for members and their guests. The program will include Berstein's Symphony No. 2, The Age of Anxiety, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, Pathetique.

Cost: CCW members and guests: \$70; others: \$75.

To attend: Please contact Tomoko Morinaga '89 MPS at tm58@cornell.edu to reserve tickets.

Metro: Foggy Bottom – GWU (Orange and Blue) free shuttle bus between the metro and Kennedy Center is available.

Questions: Tomoko Morinaga, tm58@cornell.edu.

Yoga Class

Saturday, March 13, 1:30 pm

Past Tense

3253 Mt. Pleasant St., NW, Washington, DC

Cornell alumna Kelly DiNardo welcomes DC Cornellians to her yoga studio, Past Tense, for a special Cornell-only yoga class. Past Tense yoga studio in the Mt. Pleasant/Columbia Heights neighborhood is offering a special, discounted class for Cornellians. Join us at 1:30 p.m. on March 13 for a vinyasa style class that offers a flowing, dynamic form of yoga connecting the breath or pranayama to the movement. This is an open level, one-hour class. Please arrive at least ten minutes before class starts.

Cost: \$10, pre-registration required. Class is limited to 25 people.

To attend: Visit

<http://clients.mindbodyonline.com/ws.asp?studioid=6512&stype=7&sDate=3/13/2010>. Create an account, then at check out, click on classes -- single class -- add item. In the promotion box, type in BigRed for \$5 off. You should then be able to add the class to your account. If you have any trouble with registration, please contact kelly@pasttensestudio.com.

Metro/Bus: Columbia Heights (Yellow/Green).

Questions: Kelly DiNardo, kelly@pasttensestudio.com.

CEQ Chair Nutley Sutley '84 Invited to Speak March 23rd

Your Cornell Club is inviting Nancy Sutley, Chair of the Council of Environmental Quality in the Executive Office of the President, to be our distinguished alumna speaker on Tuesday evening, March 23, 2010 (tentative). She is a member of the Cornell Class of 1984 and serves the University as a member of its President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW), along with other distinguished alumnae.

The Chairwoman brings to her current position an impressive background in environmental and energy policy in state and local government positions in California and in the U.S. Environmental Policy Administration during the Clinton Administration. Prior to her current appointment she was the Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles for Energy and Environment.

If Ms. Sutley's schedule permits her to accept this invitation, the venue is scheduled to be the Great Hall of Washington's Summer School and Archives, located at 17th and M Streets, NW. This school, designed by Architect Adolf Cluss and opened in 1872, has been impressively restored and is a Historical Landmark.

We understand from Nancy Sutley's scheduler and other members of her staff that she usually refrains from confirming speaking engagements until 4-6 weeks prior to an event. So stay tuned. Full details, including her topic for the evening, will be sent via e-mail. If you want to attend, please contact Bob Day, (301) 438-7755 or dayhaven@comcast.net.

The Cornell Club of Washington Is Pleased to Host

The Ivy Singles Social Club Beginning of Spring Event

*Kiplinger Gallery
Editors Building
1729 H Street NW, Washington, DC
(202-887-6400)
Friday, March 26
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.*

Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

To begin spring, we again return to the Kiplinger Gallery, the longest running venue of all our events. The Kiplinger Gallery includes selections from the Kiplinger collection shown in changing exhibitions. This collection comprises over 5,000 items, including prints, paintings, and photographs, most of which feature Washington architecture. You will also find maps and period, political portraits. The "Vanishing Washington" collection includes watercolors and photographs. This expansive collection originated in the 1920s when W. M. Kiplinger, a young reporter new to Washington, bought a single old Washington print for his small office. As the success of Kiplinger's newsletter grew, so did his collection of Washingtoniana.

Cost: \$25 if paying by check; \$35 for walk-ins and payment by e-mail or phone.

To attend: Please send a check to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, Virginia 22181, by Monday, March 22nd. Make checks payable to "The Cornell Club of Washington" and note your school on the check. By email, spiekare@verizon.net, and for phone reservations call (703) 281-4311. Online prepayment is also available on the Cornell Club website. <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events/2010/03/26/ivy-singles>. Please RSVP if possible to the e-mail address or the E-vite site.

Metro/Parking: There are two Metro Stations within four blocks, Farragut North (Red Line) and Farragut West (Orange/Blue). Street parking is available nearby, but be aware of the new DC parking rules (parking meters until 10pm). There are also parking garages nearby (check on closing times).

Questions: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@verizon.net.

The Ivy Singles Social Club (ISSC) is a coalition of Ivy League, Seven Sister and other prestigious schools' regional alumni associations that sponsors social activities. Our events are open to all single alumni of member schools and their guests.

For more information please see our website at <http://www.ivysinglesdc.com>.

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