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2020 Bay Ranch Services

The Library will open when the Clubhouse is open. If you need a book, the manager will let you in.

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The Travel Bulletin Board in the clubhouse showcases the many travel opportunities available. They have also set up a Caribbean Cruise for March. Watch Facebook for updates.

Ambulance Fund, Evelyn Hale, Coach 1364 403-6434

Continue to pay your Ambulance fund membership during the pandemic.

Jim Hale's email justmejim42@outlook.com

The Ambulance Fund is open to all residents for \$2.50 per person per year. Payment qualifies members for 1 emergency transport per person per year. The fund pays the balance of the bill, up to \$75, after Medicare and insurance. Membership period is stated on your card. There are no grace days.

Ambulance Fund Payments Due in October 2020

Lot	Name	Due Date
1330	McGurno, Mary	11/5/2020
190	Corbett, Susan	11/5/2020

JUST SAY'IN

By Jeanne Hunter



he Residents Club is looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas plans. We don't know where we'll have a celebration, but you can bet your bippy we'll

come up with something (and it will taste good). First line on the plan says "Volunteers." That means you. We need to know how many volunteers we will have this year. Can you cook, plan, deliver, and on and on? Please call Roger Heil (423-1264) or me

I'm not telling you my name-I want to stay anonymous (432-9792).

Second line on the plan is "Ideas." Hmm, maybe that should be first. Anyway, if you have any suggestion for the holiday celebrations/dinners, please call and tell us.

All right, on to other things. No theme this month, just whatever pops into my mind. That's a scary thought!

Another weekend staying at home and I just realized the trash goes out more than I do. Did ... continued on page 6 5



you ever think it's kind of strange that there's no cure for a virus that can be killed by hand soap or sanitizer?

I was just wondering who was the person that grabbed a stalk of celery and put it in his mouth. And actually convinced other people to eat it.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without confidence." Helen Keller said that. Whenever I hear her name, I spend about 10 minutes trying to figure out how she thought without pictures or sounds or words. Try it, I can't do it.

This is old, but important...if you lick the frosting off a cupcake it becomes a muffin, and muffins are healthy. You're welcome.

I'm trying to understand all the rules for covid and schools now. My son got a call from their school last week and was told they had a positive case at the high school my grandson goes to. They did contact tracking and discovered he had come in contact with the kid with covid, so my grandson has to stay home for 14 days. My son asked about my granddaughter who goes to the same high school and they said she was fine and could go to school. Maybe it's just me, but I'm pretty sure she has a whole lot of contact with her brother. Doesn't it seem like she should stay home too?

Now in my other grandson's school, they regularly send out rules for covid. This really makes no sense to me. If a student is exposed to covid, he must stay home and do remote schooling for 14 days. However, if he actually gets covid, he only needs to stay home for 10 days! Doesn't that seem backwards? *Continued on page 9*





MEDICARE UPDATE: Did you know every year your Medicare health plan may change your coverage even if you stay enrolled in the same plan? Call us at Best Plan Choice if you would like to know how your plan is changing or if you would like to learn about new plan options.

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My grandson Quinn is remote schooling at my house. The first week was entirely to get everyone familiar with the 10 or so different apps and programs they use. That was in August. I am still waiting for one full day without a crash, a glitch, passwords not working, a teacher having problems loading in an assignment.

It is a little entertaining to watch all the kids who forget they're on camera and listen to the teachers, "Johnny, quit watching tv. Susie, you have to get out of bed and sit up. Tommy, where did you go? Hey, can you hear me, I see you talking but I can't hear you." I am quite sure Quinn would be suspended by now if his microphone wasn't turned off when he gets frustrated with an assignment. My job is to say, "The teacher just said to go to the other screen and you haven't moved yet. Quit doodling in your science notebook. Get back in your chair, you can't leave, you're in school. Did you find the assignment? Pay attention. Your teacher is talking." To all of this, the response is, "Why are you yelling at me?" And some other things I can't repeat.

I was looking at a survey and one question was "What is your current gender?" I'm getting too old for all this.

I just got a new app, RBDigital, on my phone and tablet. You can use it to order audio books and magazines from the library. I planned to tell you all about it, but an update says they are changing to a different app. So I will tell you more next month once I see how it all works.

OLD people have problems that you haven't even considered yet! An 85-year-old man was asked by his Doctor for a sperm count as part of his physical exam. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, 'Take this jar home and bring back a semen sample tomorrow.'

The next day the 85-year-old man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as on the previous day.

The doctor asked what happened and the man explained, 'Well, doc, it's like this--first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Arleen, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezin' it between her knees, but still nothing.'

The doctor was shocked! 'You asked your neighbor?'

'The old man replied, 'Yep. None of us could get the jar open.'

When this virus thing is over, I still want some of you to stay away from me. Just sayin'.

GOOD TIMES AT BAY RANCH

e may not be having good times at Bay Ranch during the pandemic. If you want me to consider putting your pictures in the Review, you can let me know on Neighbors, email them to nelsonraabe@gmail.com or message them to 605-730-0476.



NOTES FROM THE BAY RANCH OFFICE

- Letters went out in October announcing that the rent will increase \$25 a month beginning January 2021. The increase is the same for all lots.
 - Please contact the office to maintain correct information in your office records,

The Clubhouse may open for selected activities for the next month. Residents' Club Officers may request access, with the stipulation that users remain after the event to clean.

NO political signs or flags allowed

We had reports of coronavirus and quarantining in the Park. Please continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.

The Clubhouse will remain closed until further notice. Business are opening, but the Clubhouse serves no business function, and remaining closed reduces the chances of the virus spreading in the park.

THE POOL

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- 1. No floats are allowed in the pool. Noodles are allowed.
- 2. If you use an umbrella, fold it up when you leave the pool. Do not use when it is windy.

PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS. Residents have reported stolen landscape decorations, tricycles, etc. Lock up tempting items or install a motion detector light to deter thieving thugs. Also, consider reporting late night walkers.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR MUST BE IN WRITING AND SIGNED. Give the written compaint to the office or drop it in the mail slot in the office door. Verbal and unsigned complaints cannot be addressed.

MANAGEMENT WILL ALSO ADDRESS COMPLAINTS ONLY IN WRITING.

Rules: The Park has rules that everyone received and reviewed when they bought or rented their coach. They are also printed annually in the Directory (September issue of Bay Ranch Review). **Please read and follow them**. Failure to follow rules is grounds for eviction, and management has shown that it is willing to evict.

Rules commonly broken:

- 1. Parking on grass or sidewalk, overnight on street, and/or every day.
- 2. Parking overnight at the Clubhouse without Office authorization.
- 3. Failing to register at the office all persons living living with you.

4. Piling garbage in front of garbage bins. When you throw garbage, throw it to the back so when you open the door, it doesn't fall out and there is space.

5. Failure to maintain, paint and/or clean mobile home, trim, awnings, planter and driveway.

Sewage remains an intractable problem. Drains continue to back up because grease, vinyl/rubber gloves, paper towels and continued on page 13

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other inappopriate items are flushed. <u>Bay Ranch will not pay to unclog sewers when the clog</u> is caused by inappropriate items put down the sewer. The tenant will have to pay for this problem.

Eds. Note: It is inappropriate to flush anything other than toilet paper, and doing so causes costly sewer clogs. If the park pays, we all will ultimately, through rent increases.

Also, those so-called flushable personal cleansing cloths are really **NOT FLUSHABLE.** They do not disintegrate in the sewer system, and they WILL clog the sewer someplace in the system. Lots of people like to use these cloths in the bathroom, but PLEASE do not put them in the toilet. Limit what goes into the toilet to toilet paper. *Eds. Note:* My housemates and I had to hire a plumber when our own drain system clogged due to dishwasher detergent that was not well dissolved. We had virtual rocks of detergent blocking the drain. Our solution (after paying the plumber): liquid detergent.

Those metal electric service boxes behind each mobile home belong to Duke Energy. Please do not service or pay to service them yourself. Call Duke Energy or Carol Alvey (see her cell phone number at the front of the Review) if your electric needs service. Why? Well, in a couple of instances, residents have submitted bills for about \$4,500 for service. If the repair is the park's responsibility, we have an electrician who will do the work for \$1,500. It just makes economic sense.

From the box to the mobile home is the resident's responsibility. Please make your own arrangements with an electrician if that area needs repair. The office can tell you if the repair is your

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Homeless people are moving into the park. In one instance, an empty coach was left unlocked and homeless people had moved in. In several instances, people have been sleeping in the driveways/patios of empty

homes. And others have been sleeping on the shuffleboard courts, sometimes using cushions from outside the clubhouse for mattresses.

Please watch out for your neighbor and neighborhood. If you see someone entering a home you know to be empty, or someone sitting or sleeping in that home's driveway/patio, or any other inappropriate behavior of this type, please call the Largo police. It is ok in this case to use 911 because you don't know what the danger is.

Cars left parked on the street after midnight **will be towed**. This is expensive and inconvenient. This is another opportunity to be a good neighbor: by reminding someone whose car is in the street after 10 pm.

Cars parked on the street during the day should be staggered so emergency vehicles can pass by. Do not park on the grass or sidewalk.

You must register at the office if you have something parked in the field north of the clubnouse, or see Brent (maintenance).

* Please, put ALL garbage in the dumpsters, even big and heavy items like furniture.



* DO NOT dump behind, beside or anywhere near the trash bins. Put the garbage in the bins. *Put household trash in the smaller trash bins.

* Do not bring garbage to the bins on Monday morning. By that time, the bins are overflowing. Wait until Monday afternoon or later, when the bins are empty.

* Pick up for furniture, tree brush/limbs and other debris will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. Put out trash after 5:00 p.m, the day before.

***DO NOT DISPOSE OF TVS OR ELECTRONICS IN THE PARK. DO NOT PUT THEM IN OR BESIDE THE DUMPSTER.** We get fined. Call pinellascounty.org/recycle to dispose of them.

*If you need help disposing of something, someone in the park may help you for a fee

Larger families and visitors: Reminder: that rent is based on one or two per household. Each person above the two must pay an additional \$30 a month, including visitors who stay over 30 days. Please be proactive about this and pay the money without first being reminded.

The following information remains in force:

Fires: Test your smoke detectors to make sure they work. Recommended action: purchase a fire extinguisher if you don't have one and know how to work it. If a fire starts, spray it with the fire extinguisher immediately and GET OUT OF THE HOUSE. Fire destroys mobile homes



very quickly..

Management requests that you turn off your water heater when the water is off, to prevent the element from burning out. Eds. Note: According to diy. stackexchange.com/questions/3766, this needs to be done because the element will burn out if the water heater becomes empty. Tankless heaters don't need this.

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Other announcements:

The stoves in the kitchen both work.

The purified water dispenser at the clubhouse operates on its own schedule. After someone has filled containers, it may take the dispenser some time to regenerate enough water for more containers. There is a light on the dispenser that tells whether it is ready.

Some have questioned why the application fee is "so high." One reason is to help cover garbage fees, since new owners usually throw away most of the furniture and electronics.

Mr. Larson (the owner) calls the lawn service for lawn care on an as-needed basis. The park pays for lawn mowing, etc., once a month but the need sometimes goes unnoticed. If you notice the lawn needs trimming, please let the office know so they can call Mr. Larson.

Sometimes an automobile will leak oil onto our new, nice looking pavement, creating an eyesore. If you notice a leak by your house, call the office to have it cleaned up. Let's keep these streets looking nice!

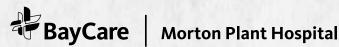
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FROM THE EDITOR By Carol Raabe

'm concerned.

Two things happening at this moment should not coexist: we are in the middle (hopefully the middle and not the beginning) of a pandemic, and our rent for 2021 will increase by \$300 a year.



These two events are related. As we all know, the pandemic caused a "sharp contraction in economic activity starting in March 2020." Huge numbers of jobs, especially lower paying jobs in leisure and hospitality, but also, surprisingly, in health care, just went away, and less than half of them have come back.

The effect of job loss on Bay Ranch isn't totally clear because we don't know who lives here. We know that a group is quite elderly with diminishing financial resources. Some are Canadians retirees who hope to spend the winter here (but probably won't this year) in spite of punishing exchange rates between our countries. Some of us are American retirees who are not much affected by the economic impact of the pandemic.

And some (I'm guessing here) are people in the labor force who chose Bay Ranch because it is cheap housing. This last group is the one I'm concerned about. How many of these folks work in low paying leisure, hospitality or health care jobs? How many were laid off when the pandemic hit? How many are still laid off? How many are still recovering from the debts that accumulate during joblessness? How many will be laid off again in a month or two during a pandemic resurgence?

Management may know the answers to some of these questions, and so may the HOA. That knowledge would be well used when deciding whether and how much to increase the rent. It seems that now is a good time for the owner and the HOA consider these circumstances and be compassionate.

Another thing that concerns me is value for our dollar. Our rent pays for a number of things, including access to the clubhouse and social events in the community. These benefits ended in March, yet we continued to pay for them for 9 months. What will our \$300 pay for this year? I suspect the clubhouse will be sparingly available after a coronavirus resurgence, and social events will be sparse if they exist at all. (No amount of good faith and effort by Carol, Brent and Lorrie can improve these matters during the overwhelming circumstances we face.) Will our rent increase support some new benefit, like my friend whose \$20 a month increase will pay for internet access?

It seems now would be a good time for the HOA to advocate for its members. Among the very few charges of the HOA is to negotiate rent changes with the owner. That may be All the blinking in one day equates to having your eyes closed for 30 minutes?

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happening. Some members of the HOA Board are unwilling to talk about the decisions the Board made on this issue, and there is indication that some are dissatisfied with the Board's unwillingness to act, though what that is about is unclear. No one from the Board reported to the Residents' Club on October 12, and the Board Chair is not returning my calls.

I'm concerned.

BOB'S CORNER

By Bob Lupton

suppose some of you are wondering where my

column disappeared to, for a good part of the Spring and all of the Summer. The simple reason is I have been in a COVID funk since early March.

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Now it is always a little depressing when our Northern friends leave for the summer, and of course many left much earlier this year. I am missing our Karaoke Wednesdays and our Monday mornings at the Clubhouse. I miss Betty Ann, George and Paul who were more like family than friends.

On top of that Gin has had nothing but major problems with her eyesight and has gone through two operations and now needs a third one.

I won't even talk about what our country is going through during all this and how split apart we are as Americans. I can only hope our Country can heal after November regardless of the outcome.

I hope I haven't depressed anyone as that is the reason I have been holding off writing this column. I am hoping things will get back to normal in the coming months. And really looking forward to 2021. Lets just forget about 2020.

Love you all Bob

SPECIAL EVENTS

D RANCH CLUBHOUSE IS CLOSED AND MANY ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED. WATCH NEIGHBORS AND THE CLUBHOUSE BULLETIN BOARD, AS THE SITUATION IS CHANGING DAY-TO-DAY.

Holiday Celebrations

The Residents' Club plans to recognize our fall and winter holidays this year in unique ways. Please contact Jeanne Hunter at 432-9792 or Roger Heil at 423-1264 with ideas you may have for making this happen. We're talking Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's.



2020 RESIDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

UE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THE BAY RANCH CLUBHOUSE IS CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED.

Watch the bulletin board at the clubhouse and Neighbors on Facebook for announcement of activities.

Shuffleboard

Some residents play pick-up games of shuffleboard. If you do that, please sweep the court before you play and put all equipment away when you are done





Summer Swimnastics

Linda Ferrara, Coach 283, 469-499-6305 Summertime pool exercises have ended.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Services Director, Debbie Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1065, 550-7377

Please call Cindy with any changes Did we miss your birthday? Your anniversary? Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries continue to be very difficult to get correct, but in response to many requests, The Bay Ranch Review will continue to publish the list we have. If you want your birthday or anniversary listed in the Review, please give Cindy your information in writing (to ensure spelling and dates are correct)

Editor's Note: please feel free to submit a eulogy for any resident or former resident of Bay Ranch

November Anniversaries 2020

- 23 David & Beverly Bakley
- 25 Paul & Patricia McGrath



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November Birthdays

- Jules Vaillancourt 1 Jim Jones
- Christopher Lahey 3
- 4 Millie Zygmunt William Jonassen, Jr
- Frances Pratt 5
- Lillian Griffs 6
- 7 Lewis Hall
- 8 Jack Leach
- 9 Pat Adair
- 11 Sharon Van Horn
- 12 Karen Okamoto Ronald Kowalski Judith Granda



- 14 Sandra Scott William Jonassen
- 15 Robert Lupton
- 17 David Wilson Marissa Moody
- 18 Linda Chamberlain Johnette Mannato
- 20 Florence Brock
- 21 Gary Winter Anita Hampton
- 22 Cecilia Harting
- 23 Gary Pollard
- 24 Ruth French
- 25 Elda Hastings

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276	Seiders, Tracey/Cath	y 612-9196/543-0757

GIVING THANKS

By Jan Raabe

y the time the December issue comes out, we will already have celebrated Thanksgiving. As usual, this is a time when we reflect on our lives and what has happened in the last year, both the good times and the bad.



In a 55Plus community like ours this includes a lot of good times, but also the bad: financial decisions, illness and death. All of these can often involve the Kubler Ross 5 stages of grieving: Continued on page 30





Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance. Most of us in Bay Ranch have been through these stages as number of times in our lives.

However, I believe that the last stage, Acceptance, has a component that is very vital, especially when it involves the death of someone important in my life. What do I call it? Reflection? Memories? Blessed? All of the above and more? I am going to choose "Thankful." Let me give you a few examples ear

from the last year.

The loss of Dot Lawrence last year was a double whammy. Not only did we lose Dot, but we then lost Paul, who went to live with his brother. I didn't know Dot that well, but over the years it seemed like Paul was everywhere! Any time I needed a strong back to help with anything, yard work, the library, etc., he was my man! He and Dot would help with decorating for special occasions in the clubhouse.

But my favorite memories of Paul will always be that positive attitude he brought to everything he was involved in: from clubhouse activities to horseshoes to life in general! (I think all of us have been a little spoiled by all the wonderful Pauls in our community!)

Betty Quish. There aren't enough adjectives to adequately describe this passionate person. Her presence as a leader was something that touched everyone, especially her love of music. I am so thankful to have had her in my life because she gave me two outlets for performing: singing and accompanying, neither of which I had done much of for 50 years! To have witnessed her patience, persistence, and caring with a cadre of amateurs was inspiring! To have been involved with her many musical performances has been the highlight of my years at Bay Ranch, and my hope is that we can continue her legacy.

Another person I am grateful for knowing is Boyd Stonerock, sometimes known as "Mr. Horseshoes!" Not only did I learn a new sport, I became acquainted with a new circle of friends in Bay Ranch, as well as some "Aristocratic" friends: our competitors!

Also, Boyd pushed me to expand my musical abilities as both an accompanist for his big baritone voice and as a "lounge pianist" for several of his fund raising events. The latter was something I had never done or considered doing, so I look back fondly at his giving me the opportunity!

Finally, of course, I will never forget our friend, George MacNeill and how much he added to Bay Ranch over the years. His energetic dancing with practically every woman who attended the dances, including his wife...and one memorable American Honey-inspired New Year's Eve: me...was addictive and encouraged others to fill the dance floor.

Many people have remarked on both his constant good humor and the "sweetness" which emanated from him and onto everyone around him, like a butterfly spreading pollen! As much as I miss him, I will always treasure the time we spent together.

This Thanksgiving I will still be grieving these people...and others from up north....who are no longer with us. But I will be remembering to give thanks that I had these special people in my lives for as long as I did, and that they will always have a place in my heart.

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THE STANLEY CUP IS IN TAMPA BAY. OR IS IT?

By Carol Raabe

O, BOLTS. And thank you for entertaining us during an otherwise rather dreary year: what fun to watch the Lightning win the Stanley Cup. The team needed that, and so did we.

Leave it to sportswriters to describe the events of the championship series and those leading

up to it. You hockey fans probably know them by heart. But the Cup. Iconic as it is, what do most of us know about it?

Most of us know it is HUGE: 35.25 inches tall and 34.5 pounds. Made of a silver and nickel alloy, it is topped with a copy of the silver bowl Lord Stanley of Preston, Canada's sixth governor general, bought in London in 1892 to present each year to the "the champion hockey team in the Dominion of Canada." He reportedly paid 10 guineas, which translated to about \$50 at the time. The cup was named for him.



The Stanley Cup. Go, Bolts.



The Stanley Cup. Go, Bolts.

The Cup needs to be that big. Besides the bowl, the trophy has a five-band barrel each containing the names of 13 winning teams per band. The oldest band is removed when the bottom band is full and a new blank band is added to the bottom. Removed bands are preserved in the Hockey Hall of Fam. This process prevents the Stanley Cup from growing,.

This trophy design came into being in 1958, but a decision in 1924 provided that the names of the players of each season's championships team

be inscribed on bands below the bowl. This was done in part to discourage players from carving their own names into the Cup, which some previous champions had done.

The Stanley Cup remains the only professional sports trophy where the name of every *continued on page 36*

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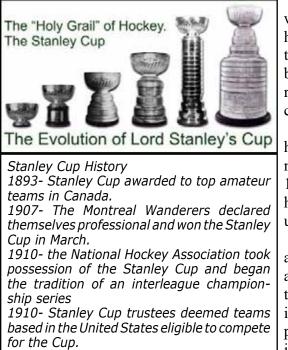


member of the winning team is inscribed. The practice of inscribing names on the trophy has not only made the trophy bigger and more personal, it has also given the trophy much of its character. Mistakes made in the engraving process throughout the years are among the trophy's many cherished idiosyncrasies.

Obviously, there is only one Cup. The same Stanley Cup is awarded each year. Since 1926, the Stanley Cup has been awarded solely by the National Hockey League every year except 2005, when the NHL was on strike. Since then, only one trophy has served in its place, making the Stanley Cup the only trophy in major sports that is not reproduced each year.

The winners originally kept it until a new champion was crowned, but winning teams currently get the Stanley Cup during the summer and a limited number of days during the season. What actually happens to the cup during the year isn't totally clear from the research. A replica of the Cup is kept in the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, so when it is "on the road," visitors to the HHF have something to look at. The Cup also has body guards, "Keepers of the Cup," who travel with it wherever it goes.

Germany, Russia, Japan — the Stanley Cup has been all over the world. That's because each player from the winning team gets to have the cup for a full day. Many players take the cup home and share it with their family and friends. Even though players have to return the Stanley Cup, they don't go away empty-handed. Winners get a special ring, but also a miniature version of the trophy. Their name and the names of all their teammates are engraved on it. Score!



1947- the NHL gained control of the Cup

So we have a cup that's existed since 1892, was once a silver bowl but is now 3 feet tall and has 5 bands full of winning players' names, travels to winning teams and players wherever they might be, and made of silver and nickel. Could there really be only one cup, plus a replica? Well, of course not.

The Cup has evolved over the years and parts have had to be replaced. Place the Evolution photo near here. This is a Cup that is used, and by the 1960s had become fragile, so the original is also housed in the Hockey Hall of Fame, and the Cup used now looks just like the original.

The Stanley Cup is the most valuable trophy among major North American sports, coming in at a reported \$650,000. In sentimental terms, though, the Stanley Cup today is considered priceless, its value measured by the exclusive fraternity of players who have claimed it. And, of course, the joy it has brought to hockey fans the world over.

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