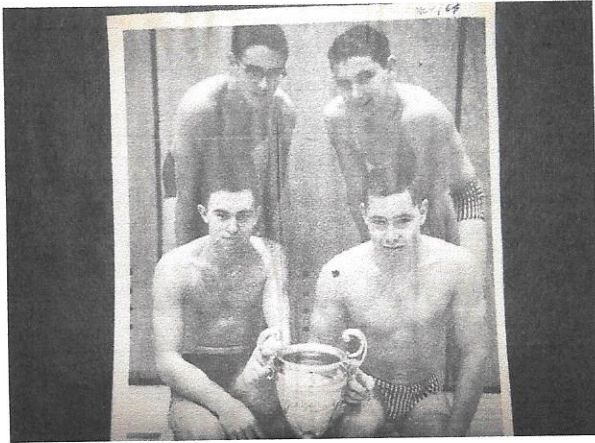


## IAN KERR - BIOGRAPHY SINCE OBHS

Where has "half a century" gone? A long time since this portrait of OBHS swimmers was taken, and a lot of changes in between the then and now.



Life has been good to me, when not good its been interesting, although as many of us have experienced there have been a "few potholes" along the road..



2014 - what sprouts and grey gets shaved off. I presently live in London, ON with my wife Joy.

Since leaving OBHS I went to UVic for my B.Sc., then moved to Toronto where I was to live for a total of 26 years, my longest home in any one place. I attended the University of Toronto (Uof T) to achieve my M.Sc. and MD degrees, then completed my training in the specialties of Internal Medicine and then Medical Oncology at U of T teaching hospitals. From there I moved to

the Washington, DC area to spend two years at the US National Cancer Institute (NIH) before returning to Toronto. My 31 year full time career has been spent in tertiary care & teaching institutions, in Toronto (16 years), Saudi Arabia (3 years in Riyadh as a consultant in medical oncology, and 3 years in Jeddah as a chairman of a department of oncology), and London ON (9 years). During this period I have held medical school faculty appointments at both the University of Toronto and the University of Western Ontario. Presently I am semi retired doing part time clinical work & teaching, in designated blocks of time to achieve 6 months "off" per year - for how long, not sure, as I am enjoying the ride for now.

Its not all been work, attempting to achieve fullness & balance in life, knowing that life goes by all too fast, and that our "go go" time is finite. I have been married twice, first to Helene from which I have been blessed with my son Mike, then to Joy who puts up with me as the "left overs" (compared to my OBHS swim picture).

I have been fortunate to have travelled extensively and to be able to participate in a number of active recreational pursuits. My time in Saudi Arabia allowed easy access to travel opportunities in Europe, Africa, Asia and of course the Middle East (avoiding the "Arab Spring"). Aside from travelling I have been fortunate to be able to enjoy a number of active recreational sports. Down hill skiing has taken me to the Eastern US & Canada, the US & Canadian Rockies, Whistler, and the Swiss Alps. Scuba Diving, coming later in life (first lesson in the Red Sea in Saudi Arabia), has been enjoyed in the Caribbean, the Red Sea (both Egyptian & Saudi Arabian sides), the Maldives, Thailand and the Philippines. My longest recreational passion has been sailing, which included club racing & cruising, enjoying the waters of the Great Lakes, B.C. coast, Chesapeake, New England, California, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Presently, being semi retired, I enjoy reading, food & wine, making local trips to Toronto & Niagara wine country, sailing my boat on Lake Huron, and travelling. Hopefully there will be a few more "go go" years left before I have to seriously slow down.



Sailing my trusty vessel on Lake Huron, but more than happy to interrupt to see many of you in Victoria, which held so many precious memories.