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*……. Mostly stuff no one else would print.*

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**TRIVIA**

We are back in Ottawa. We arrived on Tuesday, November 11th, , Sort of an ubiquitous date; Armistice, Veterans or Remembrance Day depending on one’s age or location. (Should that be ‘a’ or ‘an’ ubiquitous?) Anyway, … the Ottawa house survived the latest renters. We are referring to them as *“The Movers”.* Every year relocating brings the same problem. We get here and can’t remember where half our stuff is stowed*. “The Movers”* complicated this failing by relocating half the furniture and almost everything in the kitchen cupboards. It was all *“sixes & sevens”* the first week. Bailey had no trouble, dug up a bone right away., … well she’s much younger.

The wine cellar survived en total and the property manager even had a key. (Oooops, mentioned him, extra copy I guess.) Two batches of wine are already underway, Chardonnay & Chianti, bottling date 12/21/08.

‘Nuff of that, on to the big *“World Trivia Night”.* NHN&WR”ers are responsible for two of the competing teams, the *“Winos Not Whiners”* and the *“Beers Not Brains”.* Being on the latter, the former team seems sort of an oxymoron. Actually, we had 12 readers involved one way or other.

*“Beers Not Brains”* comprised 2 professors, 2 software gurus, 1 pharmacist, 1 graphics designer and four old fogies. Nationality was seven Canadians, and three Americans. 2007’s tourney had been a disaster (35th ). 2008 was much more fun and *“Beers Not Brains”(17th)*  edged out the “Winos” (18th) again, which was even better. This was very good because two regular *“Beers Not Brains”* team members were on a 30 day round the World jaunt. If we’d slipped up we would never had have heard the end of it. *“Beers Not Brains”* now has 12 members, Good Grief … probably tryouts for 2009.

Over 200 teams of ten tried to answer 100 questions in 10 categories:

Potpourri, Business, Sport, Television, History, Geography, Music, Science, Books & Movies We answered 83 out of 100.

Some sample misses.

Sport Category (all answers will start with an ‘S’)

What world class athlete died from laminitis in 1989?

Geography Category ( all answers will start with a ‘G”)

What is the next biggest lake in North America after the Great Lakes?

What is a famous Hollywood landmark?

Music Category, short snatches of songs/ writers/performers. (All starting with the letter ‘M’). .

Missed 4 out of 10, … bad. (Old fogies no help at all.)

Potpourri. (all answers start with a ‘P’)

Got’em all, … good.

Some misc. good answers.

Who is the Teletubbie with questionable sexual preferences?

There are six consecutive signs along the road. What does the last one say?

Difference of opinion question.

What English explorer had a large bay in North America named after him? Concensus: Henry Hudson. Boy, … this upset one old fogy who’d been raised in the N.Y.C. Metropolitan area*. “Can’t be, Henry Hudson was Dutch!”*  Fortunately fogy was overruled and next day ate crow when Google informed him, *“Henry Hudson was an Englishman sailing for the Dutch East India Company, date and place of birth unknown..*”

Hey, celebrated our performance with a Cajun Pork dinner and are all gung ho for next year.

From Ottawa, Ontario, CA

Lucile, Bailey & Ken

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