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Happy New Year 2024

Alumni Newsletter

January 2024.

In a couple of days we will welcome in a new year and it is shaping up to be a blockbuster year on Henley Island. Our premier event, the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta will be bumped up in the schedule to the second half of July in order to make final preparations for St. Catharines to host the World Rowing Championships for the 3rd time (1970, 1999).



This past year 2023 was a very good year for the Alumni, participation was up with our members chipping in a various events, be it bartending, yard clean up, merchandise sales, and of course the ever prestigious kitchen duty 🤖. Many hands make lite work, which allowed us to host a record number of events: post pandemic.



2.

The final social event in 2023 was our Christmas Raffle, in early December which was very well supported, with attendance at the hall and on line with raffle ticket purchases. Thanks to our generous sponsors who donated to our abundant price table. *Bugsy's, Scorecard Harry's, Coldbreak Brewing Company, Regatta Sport, Peter Cookson Coffee Roaster, Doug Quality Meats, Kilt & Clover Pub, Twenty Bench Brewing Company.* We had 14 winners from online ticket sales, which was a nice distribution of prizes to all who entered.

Our Bingo hosting duties continued to provide a very generous revenue stream throughout the year. This is a fund the Alumni uses for special projects. In 2023 our OLG/Delta Bingo money was used on the following projects.

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| ● Alumni Building Insurance Coverage for 2023 | \$ 5489.16 |
| ● Purchase Ice Making Equipment for Clubhouse | 10118.52 |
| ● CSSRA: Travel Bursary for 2023 | 1000.00 |
| ● SCRC: Boat Purchase Assistance "Wayne Dick" | 7500.00 |
| ● Alumni Patio Ornamental Iron Fence | 5644.35 |

The Alumni thanks our great partners at Delta Bingo, for the support they provide to so many clubs and services throughout the city. These significant projects would not be possible without our team at Delta Bingo.

Tim Campbell was home for Christmas from British Columbia, and he brought his tree climbing gear, to prune out our giant Oak Trees around the property on Henley Island. If you are in need of any Oak for burning or woodworking, it is stacked in the parking lot for you. All you need to do is come down and pick it up. A great job and new sight lines to the course.



3.

In 2023, 13 new members to the Alumni Association, we hope they enjoy the friendly atmosphere down on Henley Island, at our wonderful facility.

Welcome: *Lisa Ayers, Eric Birmingham, Mark Bowman, Scott Campbell, Scott Campbell (2 of them??,) Cam Leach, Paris Marino, Avidenh McNeil, Kenneth McNeil, Courtney Pay, Willy Stewart, Cheryl Tyndall, Marilyn Yeo.*

We have three members of the Board retiring this year. Lawson Thomson, our former Treasurer, and longest serving Board Member, Ted Kennedy, and Dave Timlock. All three brought stability and wise counsel to the table, as we navigated through smooth and stormy waters over the past years.

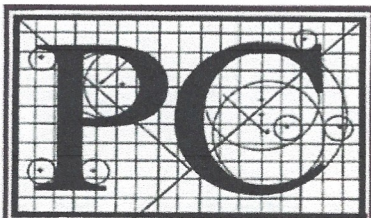
Thank You guys for all that you have devoted to the Alumni over the years, and we wish you a long retirement and more enjoyable leisure time down at your Clubhouse. With three opening on the Board we could use some fresh ideas and fresh eyes to provide leadership through the next phase. Our Henley merchandise Partnership with Regatta Sport continues to evolve and we are very much looking forward to our first venture together in 2024 at the CSSRA's in June.

Our first event of 2024 will be the annual January BBQ to be held on Friday evening January 12, 2024. This is a very popular night after the 2 week sabbatical after the New Year. You can get out into the January Brisk air and char up your steak to perfection, or stand back and watch Joe Martin show you how to char a steak on the outside and leave it cold and raw in the middle. The boy has talent. Steaks need to be ordered in advance. Simply e-mail the Alumni at scraa01@gmail.com to reserve your dinner. You may pay in advance through an e-transfer, or pay at the bar when you arrive on the 12th. We are holding the line at \$25.00 / steak dinner. This is the best deal you will get in 2024.

A final note, thank you to our Newsletter Sponsors, who support the club throughout the year. If you are in need of any of their service or expertise, give them a call they are all the best in their business.

Strap in 2024 will be a barnburner.

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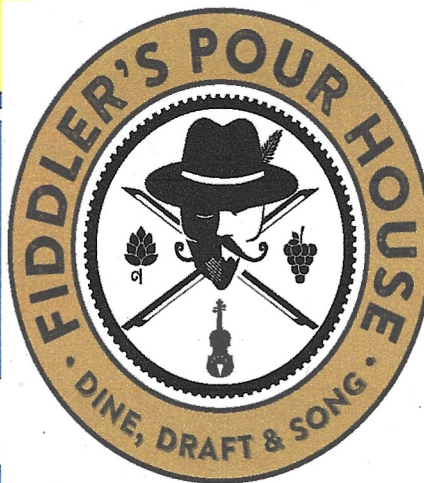
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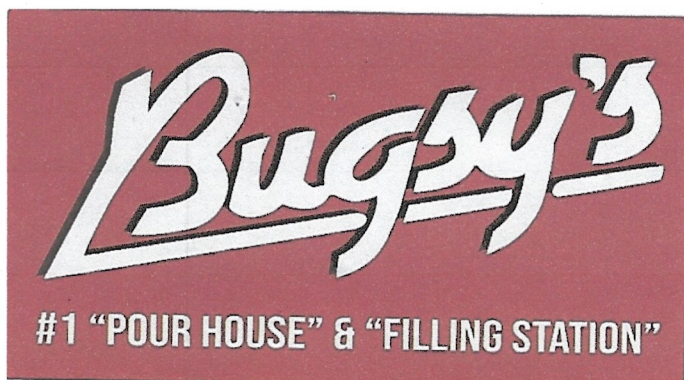
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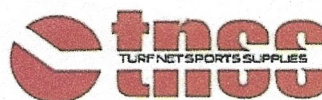


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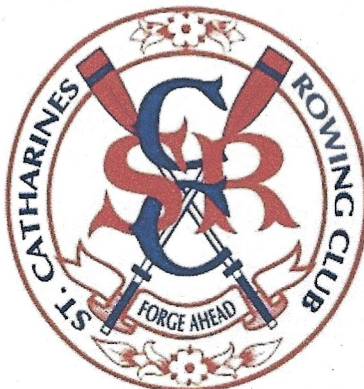


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