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CANADA 150 - HENLEY 135 - ALUMNI 60

It is mid summer and Henley time again. A lot to celebrate this season as our country celebrates 150 years of confederation, the venerable Royal Canadian Henley Regatta is hosting the world for the 135th time, and the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association celebrates its 60th year of operation. All three celebrations can base their longevity on the dedication and forward thinking of their respective founding fathers. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

Your clubhouse has seen some outstanding receptions and get together's this summer including the successful Port Reunion bash. Looks like this may become an annual event as the organizers plan to take this day to the next level.

The 135th Henley is on our doorstep, with the Alumni helping out at many of the venues over the full week of competition. Our members are in the thick of this organization with Pete Scott, Ken Campbell and Bill Schenck in charge of operations. Then you have Wayne Dick responsible for the island facilities (as well as keep the BBQ lit at the clubhouse). Jim McArthur is ready to go with the sale of "Official Regatta Merchandise," You will notice some large banners at the grandstand and at the boathouse directing customers to our sales booths. The strategy is in attempt to boost our sales to a new record this season. The pressure is on Jim. New refreshed logos for this years Henley should help increase traffic and sales.

Monday August 7th is Opening Ceremonies live at the grandstand. It is FREE admission and the Alumni will be operating a bar down on the waters edge deck. The very best fireworks display in the



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region will take place at dusk, to kick Henely Week. It is well worth the trip to Port to take in the Opening Ceremonies.

The Rowing Club is hosting at the Alumni Clubhouse 2 Pasta nights on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. The pasta nights are open to anyone within the rowing community and provide an excellent fundraiser for the Rowing Club

Friday August 11th the Alumni will hold a HENELY OPEN HOUSE. To recognize our 60th year we will offer beverages at the lowest prices legally allowed in the province, as well as have an open & FREE BBQ for all who attend. So bring down your spouse or a friend and enjoy a summer evening on the patio. Henley always brings in some notable "home comers" who have moved away from the region, and they are always welcome at the Alumni.

On Friday Aug 11th thru Sunday Aug 13th the Alumni will host a Finish Line Patio bar on the lower deck of the Grandstand. This is without a doubt the best place to watch a rowing race finish. With a Molson or a glass of Fielding Estate wine in your hand what could be more civilized. Don Baker and the Boys will be manning the bar throughout the weekend so drop by and have a cold one.

Ken Campbell director of Regatta Officials will host at the clubhouse, a hospitality room for umpires and officials at the conclusion of competition each evening.

It all winds up with a Regatta Volunteers appreciation BBQ Sunday Aug 13th. Wayne is busy on details for this event rounding up manpower to prepare and cook on the BBQ as well as man the beer pit.

A couple of physical improvements to point out at your clubhouse. Mark Bowman of EMCOR Electric has enhanced our outdoor lamination around the building, patio and front park. The place looks spectacular when lit up in the evening. Also the Ladies

Washroom has new toilets and fixtures installed. This is a long over due project. Thanks to Don Baker for taking on this assignment, as well as repairing the outdoor water line to the south side of the building.

As the summer winds down one popular event is the annual Alumni Golf Tournament. The year the date is Sunday September 24th to be held this year at Rolling Meadows Golf Club. Entries will be restricted so you may want to reserve a spot early to insure you get in. E-mail or call Dan Little at loons33@gmail.com Or tele. 905-468-7928. When I get more details later this month on the tournament I will get them out to you.

We have had two members pass way this summer. Jar O'Brien gold card Alumni member former SCRC oarsman. Also social member Vince Johnson. Condolences to both families from the Alumni.

I am happy to report that Lawson Thomson is on the rebound after some heavy duty heart surgery. Lawson is well on the mend and should be back in the sawing of things in a week or so. A speedy recovery to John Marines who is scheduled for some surgery on his shoulder later this month. Trees, ATV's, and lawyers are not a good mix. Also our thoughts are with Jim and Marylyn Minards. Marylyn had a fall and is currently recovering at the general hospital.

Welcome back to the club Jim Albon. Jim is was a long time and one the the very first members of the Alumni from back in the 50's. Jim has recently moved back from the USA and is reacquainting with many of his old buddies from Port.. Jim has also provided us with some vintage rowing photos and documents that our resident historian Bill Stevens went gah-gah over. Welcome also to Justin Rutherford who has rejoined the Alumni after moving back to the region. Justin is participating and having some fun in the Recreational Rowing League

A very busy week coming up but am looking forward to seeing many out at our 69th Henley Open House this coming Friday

Cheers



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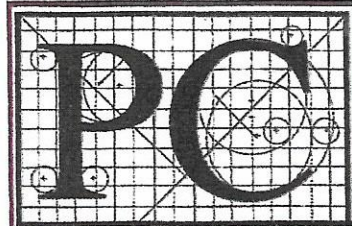
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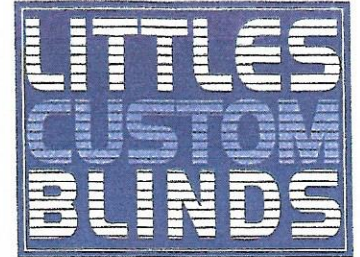
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