

St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association

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IT'S TIME FOR THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Well folks, 2017 is now on the books. On a snowy blustery night on Friday January 12th, we concluded the business affairs of the SCRAA for the 60th year. We combined a steak BBQ with the AGM for the first time, and I believe it complemented the evening vey nicely. Even with the treacherous driving we still had close to 40 attend, to support our board as they reviewed their projects and results from the past year. In conclusion, it is remarkable that after our 60th anniversary as an organization we are still very viable and I believe refocused and reenergizing our passion for contributing to all the activities on Henley Island.

Your Executive Board for 2018 was finalized at a meeting on January 29, 2018.

Director	Tom Lockhart Barb Little Lawson Thomson Sandra Smith Dan Little Jim McArthur Dave Timlock
Secretary	Dan O'Hearn (do you have a pen?)

Treasurer Brian Campbell
Vice President Don Baker Jr
President (interim) Wayne Dick

As an organization we have struggled over the past years to convince our members to take on a leadership role, learn the nuts & bolts of the club and maybe some day serve as President. Serving as president for the past 4 years has been rewarding and a privilege. However it is an appropriate time to take a step back and test our organization to come forward and continue to grow the SCRAA. Nobody knows the inner workings of what makes the island tick, like Don Baker and Wayne Dick. Our plan is for Don and Wayne to bridge any gap over the next year, while we continue to pursue our members to bring their thoughts and ideas forward, and by sitting on the board help drive the improvements and change required to maintain the energy in the SCRAA.

The Alumni has 20 volunteers trained and already in the trenches at our new project which began in January. Team Captain Jane Lockhart has already got a couple of BINGO'S under her belt, and is busy finalizing the schedule for the remainder of the year. The OLG – Delta Bingo is a really big deal and has the potential to add significant cash to our coffers by the end of the year. Thanks to the Souvenir Guy Jim McArthur for the “cool” Alumni Golf Shirts, worn by the team any time we host a Bingo.

Rowing Canada Arivion held its annual awards and recognition gala on January 26th in Toronto. I would like to thank the Executive of the St. Catharines Rowing Club for submitting the name of Mr. Jim Minards in recognition of 65 years of dedication and service to rowing and in particular to rowing in St. Catharines. Way to go Jim!! Also, thank you again SCRC for nominating the Alumni, in recognition of our 60th year of service “for the betterment of rowing.” We are here to help in any way we can. Thanks to the Rowing Club for your support.

A sheet of ice has formed across most of the Regatta course, and our snow blower has got a good work out so far this winter; however that

has not stopped the planning for the upcoming season. Captain Mark Welsh has used the clubhouse for coaching clinics. Mark will be building off the huge success from last summer, where a lot of Henley gold was captured by the SCRC. Also, Bob Ralph of the Recreational Rowing League has used the club for planning sessions for his upcoming season. With Bob you will know the planning also included the element of socializing after every race night. The Rec Rowing League is a very successful, inclusive fun activity every Thursday evening during the summer rowing season.

Sadly; to report on the passing of two long time members of the Alumni. Joe Dwyer passed on January 6, 2018, in his 95th year. "Big" Joe was a fixture at our club in the old days with his "old boys" saddled up to the bar on a Friday night. The Dwyer legacy at our club goes back to the very beginnings of our club when a lot of brawn and brains, but probably more brawn went into our early days. Then later this month we lost Bruce Roland on January 26th in his 83 year. Bruce was a fixture at every regatta in the Souvenir Booth going back at least 30 years. Bruce looked forward to meeting returning families and athletes at the Souvenir Booth every racing season. Both men were very giving in their communities, with Joe active in CYO sports and the Knights of Columbus. Bruce found time to become a Shriner and support the many charities under the vast umbrella of the Shriners. Both men will be missed.

Welcome to two new social members into our mix. Erin Wilson and Lori Campbell are both signed up and fully vetted, and already part of Jane Lockhart's Bingo Team. Maybe a new president between them??? Our membership base does not just include locals. We have members who have a connection to us through their experience at Henley. Our friends in Buffalo and Michigan, as well as Hamilton, New York, Toronto and beyond all maintain their membership and try to make an annual visit during Henley. On that note the Alumni received a note from probably our most distant member last week, Christian Galipp from Germany sent along his regards and a short note on his dear friend Mooner. Christian and Mooner were the pin guys at all the major regattas throughout the world. We are reminded

of Christian and George Manogian every Henley, as our pins are still a very popular item at the souvenir boot. Wishing you, good health, from your friends at the Alumni.

Finally I would like to give a shout out to our local businesses and professional services that pitched in and sponsored our newsletter in 2017. It has been an extremely positive experience and addition to our monthly newsletter. A business card and a \$100.00 donation to the SCRAA is all it takes for a little advertising in the newsletter and on our web page. Please consider joining us in 2018.

February is a good time to renew your annual membership in the SCRAA. Our dues remain the same at \$25.00 per year. Where else can you get a great location, outdoor patio, iconic clubhouse, and great friends all for one very low price. Mail your renewal into the address found in the header of this newsletter. OR attend our February meeting to be held this Friday February 9th beginning at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse. I have heard Wayne Dick will be serving the world renowned "Brookson Chili" made famous during the heyday of Lakeside Park. Patrons would arrive by street car, steamship, and on foot, just to get a bowl of this magnificent gumbo. We will have it on the stove next Friday.

Stay warm, stay off the ice, and hope to see you at the island on Friday.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name "Brian". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Brian.

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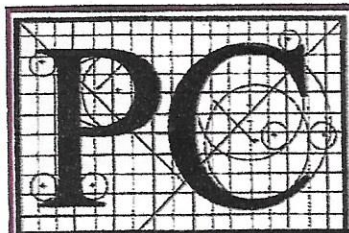
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