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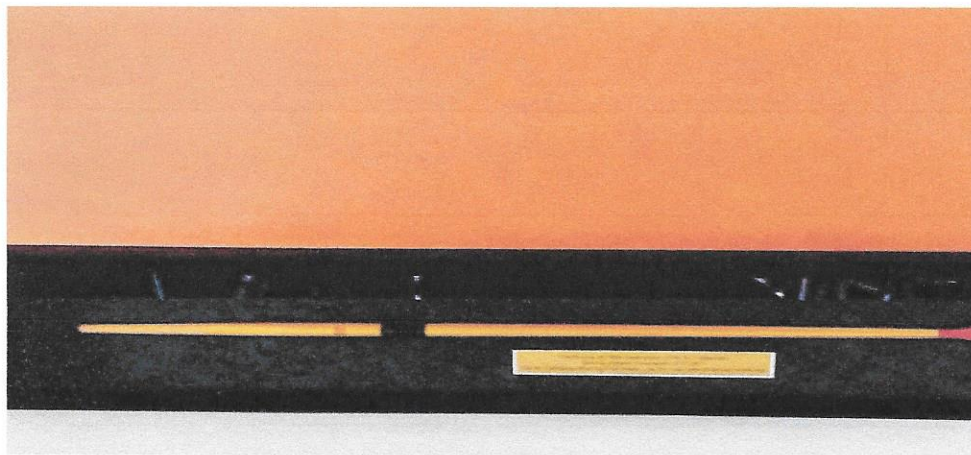


This photo may not be of Henley Island, but it is Pt. Dalhousie earlier this week. If you have a chance to venture down to the lakefront it is worth the trip. The lake level continues to rise and is not expected to peak for many weeks to come. Our clubhouse and grounds have accepted the moisture quite well. There is some significant erosion on the driveway leading up to the clubhouse, which will need to be repaired at the earliest time available, and some additional trees have succumbed to the rain and toppled over on the embankments. I am feeling quite confident we did the right thing earlier this winter trimming back the deadwood and branches encroaching on our building, This will enable the ancient trees to maintain good health.

In early April we had a good turnout for our work party to clean up the brush and timber remaining from the arborist work. This has given us a jump start on the spring clean up to begin in May. There is really not a lot to do other than clean up the picnic tables a hose down of the patio

and we are almost good to go. Thank to the ground crew: Dan Little, Ken Campbell, Bill Stevens, Bob Aichelle, Rob Dowd, Tim Ratkovsky, Lawson Thomson, and on the tractor, Wayne Dick. Dan O'Hearn would have been there but he forgot the date. These guys moved a ton of lumber.

It was a privilege to represent the Alumni at the Annual SCRC Captains Dinner in early April. Along with Dianne Stevenson of HIH we presented "club pins" to the winning Junior men's eight from last years Henley. The crew had a magnificent season and tipped it off with a Henley win. Great to see Clint Page out at the Captains Dinner. Clint is doing great and looked sharp in his blue blazer as always. Of course all the females were making a fuss over him at the reception. Clint looks forward to getting down to the island this summer during regatta time. A most pleasant surprise that night was for the Rowing Club to acknowledge the 60th anniversary of the Alumni Association. President Michelle Kerr and Captain Mark Welsh, present to me on behalf of all the Alumni a traditional sweep oar engraved marling the friendship and support between the SCRC and the SCRAA. We will hang this trophy in a promenade spot in the main clubhouse.



Come the spring, activity around the island and clubhouse begin to come to life, crews are training on the water and rental activity begins to pick up at the clubhouse. May already has a few bookings, so the rental season looks promising.

Jim Mc Arthur has branded a new line of hoodies and T-Shirts, using our logo. These items will be for sale at our meetings over the next couple of months as well as at the souvenir booth during regattas. We are anticipating a positive response to these items. With CSSRA just around the corner, Jim and his team will be going at full steam to provide our visors with "Official Regatta Merchandise."

We have a general meeting scheduled for Friday May 12th beginning at 7:00 PM @ the Clubhouse. This will be a good time to get an update from each chairman on plans for the summer. We will also be discussing a proposal to assist the Rowing Club on an equipment project, for them. The proposal has the full support and endorsement of your Executive. I have attached the proposal to your newsletter for your review.

It looks like the sun may peak in the next day or two so get outside and enjoy the fresh air.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name 'Brian', written in a cursive style.

Brian

April 2017



Mr. Brian Campbell
President
St.Catharines Rowing Alumni Association

Dear Brian

I am writing today to follow up on the discussion we had regarding a request of support for our athletes at the St.Catharines Rowing Club. We are requesting from the St.Catharines Rowing Alumni Association a gift of \$2500 to support the purchase of a portable 10 foot and 20 foot tent to be used at “away regattas” when travelling with the club. The gift would also support the necessary accessories to be used in the tent to hold refreshments and other supplies.

During each club rowing season we travel off Henley Island to regattas with typically 100+ athletes and coaches. We most often travel to compete at regattas in Welland, London, Toronto Island, Saratoga Springs and Boston. Unfortunately most of these locations have little or no shelter for visiting clubs and their athletes. Rain, wind and hot and cold temperatures become a challenge for our crews when competing at these locations.

In order to provide a better experience for our athletes when travelling to these regattas we have developed a plan to purchase a tent and accessories to allow us to bring our own shelter to these locations. We have also recruited a lead volunteer parent to coordinate the set up, manning of the tent and the securing of refreshments to be supplied to the tent for each regatta. The tent will provide an easily recognized gathering place for our athletes and coaches to take shelter during inclement weather or seek out shade during those regattas when the sun and heat can become unbearable. The tent would also be used at the boathouse on Try it Days/Open Houses as well as during our St.Catharines Rowing Club hosted regattas and for other special events where this type of shelter is needed.

In recognition of this gift we would ensure that tent is designed to include the St.Catharines Rowing Alumni Association logo along with our club logo. We would also recognize this gift on our website and at the June 25th Boat and Equipment Christening. Our hope is to have secured the tent and accessories for the start of the summer competitive rowing season.

I thank you for this opportunity to present this request to the St.Catharines Rowing Alumni Association. I look forward to speaking with you further and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Michelle Kerr
President
St.Catharines Rowing Club

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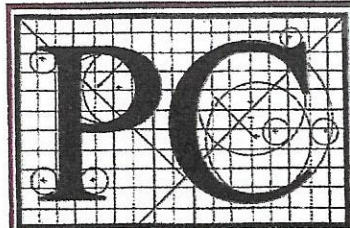
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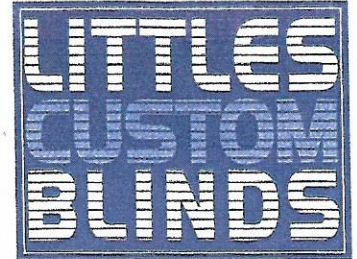
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