

OCTOBER 2019

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The seasons are beginning to turn again, so that will mean we will be wrapping up activities down on Henley Island. Coach Pete Somerwill has a couple of home regattas left for his Brock Crew, The Masters will row until the ice stops them, SCRC will travel to some “Head Regattas” this fall, and Rec Rowing has ended on another *blast*, up at the island.

The Alumni has had a busy summer of hall rentals and occupancy by various rowing groups and committees. We love it when the hall is filled and getting some good use. Congratulations to the entire energized group of the Rec. Rowing League. Two very successful sessions this past summer, as well as finding time to decorate and participate, with the best float in the Grape & Wine Parade last weekend.

This summer was a very satisfying time for us. The long overdue reclamation and resurfacing of our parking lot, has immensely added to the overall appearance and safety of our grounds. However, we are not done yet. Around the 24th of October, we plan on tearing down the back porch to the outdoor patio and fabricating and erecting a new step which will make it easier for all patrons to enter and exit the building. Bill Stevens has drawn up a plan and estimate of materials, which the board has approved. It should take a day or two to complete. How about all you handy men and women out there contact us on our email to pitch in on this project. I hear Joey Martin can install anything except for a hardwood floor, great, there is one volunteer already. As we get closer to the estimated start, I



Will put out an E blast with dates and time looking for help.

The annual golf tournament was held on September 22nd. 40 duffers and wanna bee's participated in a great day of golf and BBQ'ng. Ted Kennedy does a great job organizing and scouring the city for prizes. It is really all about the commradeie between all on such a nice day. Congrats to this years 4-some of: Al Shynal, Alf Sacco, Rudy Wieler, and Bob Thompson who put together the best team score.

The golf tournament always draws many friends and neighbours who many have never been on the island before. The golf tournament welcomed 10 new members to the Alumni Association. Ron Donovan, Mike Franic, Tim Proctor, Jay Proctor, Hardy Siegmund, John Roots, Corey Petrovsky, Peter Thornley, & Coach Rudy Wieler. Great to have you all on board.

We lost one of our longesat serving members in September. Warren Atkinson passed peacefully and we send out our thoughts to Dan and his entire family. Warren had been an "old boy" from before our clubhouse was even erected, Since 1959 Warren has given his passion and time to our club. Typical of many of our Port Boy members Warren was active growing up with Port Lacrosse and St. Catharines Rowing.

In late August, Louanne Campbell passed away after an extremely aggressive cancer took over her body. Louanne was Kens' soulmate and supporter of all things rowing on this island. Again good thoughts to Ken and the kids as well as the entire Schenck family in their sudden lose.

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This past summer with the aid of Chris O'Connor the Island hosted many Tuesday Night Supper Markets. It was a challenge to get started and up and running, but I believe the venue and support from the public was positive. It would be neat to see it return next summer bigger and better. This Weekend October 5th is the 2nd annual Cicadafest, a music festival featuring many local talented musicians. This is a fundraiser for the organizers, so any support would be appreciated.

When the leaves begin to drop in November it will mean it is time for the Annual Alumni Turkey Raffle. Please note the date:

Friday November 15th. The first Turkey will be captured and delivered at precisely 7:00pm. Snacks and Pizza will be provided, Special drink prices, all night long. Can't make it down on the 15th, no worries. we will send you a draw ticket in the mail so you can enter all the draws of the evening, attendance is not required. Last year almost half the draws went to patrons who had mailed in their ticket. Look for your raffle ticket in your mail soon.

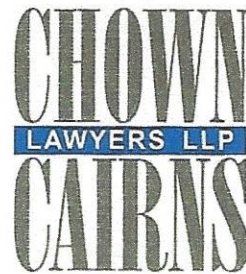
Our next Alumni meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Friday October 11, 2019. Being October maybe a few Bratwurst's on the grill would be nice. Hope you can make it out to the meeting and support your Alumni.

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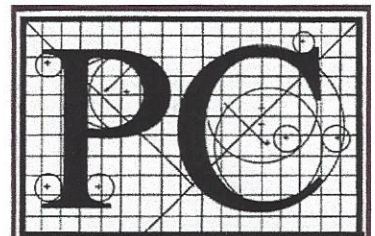
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