

# St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association

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## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

*September 2021.*

We are a Labour Day Weekend 2021, and again this year it feels quite strange. The CNE was cancelled for a second year, let us hope that the schools are all able to open, and stay safe throughout the academic year. The Alumni has not held a general meeting in over 18 months, but we have enjoyed ourselves this summer at our very successful Outdoor Patio, & Entertainment Venue.

The creative genius of Chris Baker, and Chris O'Connor along with the muscle of Don Baker and Ken Campbell, and the St. Catharines Rec. Rowing League have combined to bring about a very enjoyable, safe environment at our clubhouse every weekend this summer. Through social media (facebook) the "locals" caught onto this happening every weekend and have supported us enthusiastically every weekend. The offering of food gets better every week and the talented musicians who have graced our stage this summer have been remarkable. There is just 3 weekends left with the final blow-out day being Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, when two of our favourite groups will provide non stop music from 3 – 9 pm. It will be a dandy of a weekend. *Don't you dare miss it!*



A final note this month on our Patio season, is with COIVD restrictions in place, and the grounding of a second year for our Rowing Clubs and Regattas it has been a difficult two years to survive. The patio concept was our only salvation. Thanks for all the support from our membership, and a special shout out to Swede Burak and "his team" for the weekly ground maintenance support and patio preparation every week.

Our members have been very generous over the past two years in passing on financial donations to the club to support us through the lean times. At the end of the year we will give a huge acknowledgement and our gratitude to all our recent donors. One donor in particular a member of the Alumni for close to 50 years has again stepped up with a substantial donation to our club. Hilliard Radford and his wife Dawn have supported us with significant projects at the club. Our Accessible ramp and entrance at the front of the building is a result of the support of Hilliard and Dawn. The stone stairway down to the lower level of Henley Island is another worthy project from Hilliard. Now once again Hilliard is supporting the club, and we will be looking to funnel this donation into a permanent improvement to our facility in the near future. We are thinking this is best held for discussion at our first returning general meeting of the entire membership, so we can have input from everyone. Hilliard may be a few kilometres away out in Regina, Sask. but his heart is sure still on Henley Island down in Port.

Our generous partners at Community Gaming / Delta Bingo were allowed to open up to limited patrons again this summer. This is great news for us with Community Gaming making its first donation to our club in quite awhile. The money received from Community Gaming has been a great backstop for us over the past two years, and as we get closer to going back to normal we look forward to supporting Community Gaming with our assistance at our weekly Bingo rotation at Delta Bingo. Michelle from Community Gaming is indicating we may be back in the hall as early as November. Jane Lockhart will keep us posted on any training and scheduling as it becomes available.

Looks like we will try to hold a golf tournament and BBQ for our members and supporters on Sunday October 3, 2021. The golf will be at Beechwood Golf Club up in Thorold with a BBQ back at the Island. More details will come out next week as we get things firmed up. Get your

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4-some together and your game in shape. Males, Females or Mixed foursomes are all welcome.

Our last page of every newsletter is compiled of logos of local business operations of our members and supporters. Thank you to Steve Aichele for joining the team. One Man Garbage will clear your clutter from your home or garage.

A final reminder for all board members, of our meeting this Tuesday September 5, 2021 @ 7:00 PM. It is a full agenda so you may want to bring a sleeping bag.

*Three weekends left on our Patio for this season, come out enjoy the nice September weather, a Pizza, Beef on a Bun or famous Rec. Rowing BBQ, You may even catch Rhys Jenkins strumming for his supper.*



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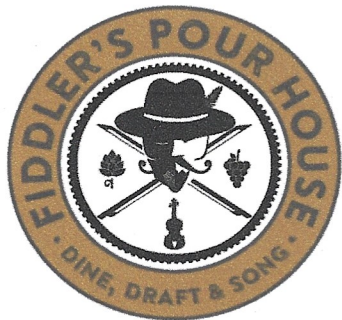
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