

# The St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association

## FEBRUARY 2024 Newsletter



*Hi all, hope everyone is well.*

Looks like an early spring according to Wharton Willy. Not much ice left on the pond and the robins are back in Port already. I think we'll see some Crews on the water soon. Time to start thinking spring. Also, time to start thinking of projects we need to do before we get too busy.

The Alumni lost a dedicated member last month, Dave Hastings. A long time member who coordinated our souvenirs for years. We also lost two great supporters of rowing in Roger Johnson and Marilyn Hainer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families at this time.

The Alumni has started negotiations with St. Catharines World Rowing Committee in regards to our involvement with the 2024 Championships. Thanks to Johnny M and Jim Marino for taking the lead on this. More info to follow.

Thanks also to Jane and Tommy for keeping us on the right path with Bingo. Also thanks to the members who show up to work it. The City is currently reviewing all the bingo licenses. Again more info to follow.

Barb has been busy with rentals and dates are filling up. She will give us a report at the next regular meeting. As well, if you are in arrears for your 2024 or past membership dues, we would be happy to accept your fees (\$25.) by e-transfer to [scraa01@gmail.com](mailto:scraa01@gmail.com) (easy) or bring to next meeting. They are due each January. Thanks to all those members who have kept up to date or made donations in lieu of dues.

The Alumni will be asking CHRC to assist us in closing off the upper park for 6 weeks this spring to let grass grow and maybe do some overseeding to make it more presentable before the regatta season. At the same time, have the potholes in the parking lot repaired properly. There is lots of land down below for the dog walkers and a parking lot by the kayak dock. We'll see what they have to say about this.

Just a reminder to **support our newsletter sponsors**, as they make the newsletter possible every month. See you at our next meeting on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Don Baker

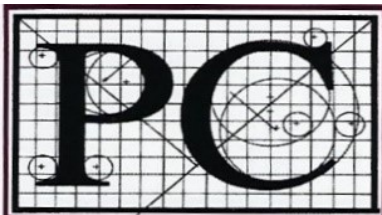
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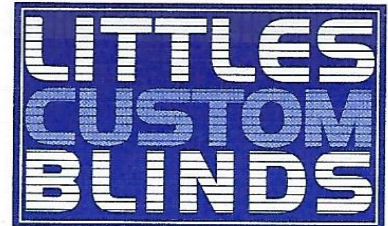
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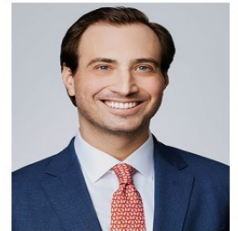
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