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DECEMBER 19, 2017.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I have some great news to share with you. After close to a three year process doggedly pursued by Jane Lockhart, the Alumni has been awarded 2 time slots to host the OLG Charity Bingo at the Delta Bingo Hall on Bunting Road in St. Catharines. Thanks to the positive relationship and professional bid that Jane put forward to our Municipality, a potential big windfall is heading our way. For those you who are not familiar with this concept, Bingo is a hugely popular form of gambling entertainment, governed by the City of St. Catharines, and the province of Ontario. With all proceeds from OLG products (Bingo, Lottery Racing etc) being distributed back into Ontario communities, through several foundations. Our piece, by managing a bingo, will generate a steady cash stream of approximately \$900.00 per month.

This money may be used to support our mission statement "*For the Betterment of Rowing*" This will enable the Alumni to free up additional capital to fund Clubhouse upgrades and repair, equipment projects for Henley Island partners, and assist in building a war chest for a long term plan.

The Alumni commitment to the Bingo project is that the Alumni supply 2 members every 2nd Tuesday afternoon for 2 hours to host the Bingo. This does not require our member volunteers to handle money, bingo game tools such as cards, dabbers etc., or officiating over the rules or results of the game. All of these duties are handled by employees of the Bingo Hall. Our job is to circulate, communicate to Bingo patrons on what we do as an organization, (Alumni), and keep the hall in neat order during the event. Jim McArthur is ordering Alumni Golf Shirts to be worn by our Alumni Volunteers during our Bingo's.

We have the potential for 26 Bingo events per year, which could earn us around \$13000 annually. To sustain this and make it a positive project for our club we will require members to step up and volunteer to be scheduled into a Bingo. This is the perfect example of "many hands will make for light work." We are looking for about 14 members to take an interest in this project. That will mean you would be scheduled for only up to, 2 Bingo's during any calendar year. I know you have no idea what this entails. No problem, there will be about an hour training session scheduled for us at the DELTA Bingo Hall on TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2018 at 2:30 PM. With the majority of our members now retired or semi retired, we knew that many would not be interested in night time activity. Jane was fortunate to secure for us one BINGO from 1:30 – 3:30 PM and the second BINGO from 3:30 – 5:30 pm, every second Tuesday of every month.

Here is how our schedule will work:

- Tuesday January 9th 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- Tuesday January 23rd 3:30 - 5:30 pm
- Tuesday February 6th 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- Tuesday February 20th 3:30 – 5:30 pm
- Tuesday March 6th 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- Tuesday March 20th 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Then continue on this rotation throughout the year. So, very little work or time commitment involved by our members to assist in generating a steady revenue stream for our club.

Jane Lockhart will commence as our inaugural Bingo Captain. Jane will be the contact person for scheduling, and any inquiries you may have with this programme. So PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO CALL OR E-MAIL JANE, WITH YOUR INTEREST TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR TUESDAY AFTERNOON BINGO TEAM. Grab a friend and team up together for a Tuesday afternoon outing. How would this be for a Team; Joe Martin & Dave Campbell, or Mark Wilson & Rich Neufeld? The combinations are endless. At least you get a golf shirt out of it and a year end appreciation party for all who participate. Do not delay and reply to Jane now before all the spots are taken.

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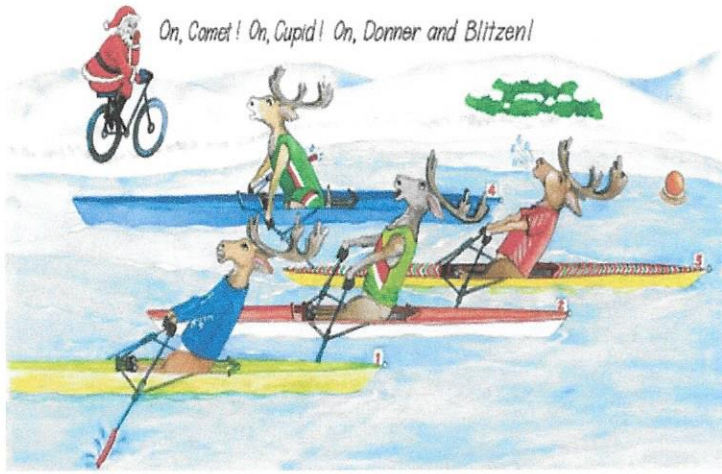
This is a brief overview of the project. Please do not hesitate to contact Jane with any questions, concerns, or inquiries, Jane will have your answer.

I would like to acknowledge, the 2017 Executive for supporting this project. To John Miryneh for his counsel through the application process, and to Jane Lockhart for championing the Bingo project.

A reminder that the SCRAA Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday January 12th 2018. This meeting is for members in good standing only. The AGM will be held in conjunction with a Steak BBQ, with the BQQ hot and ready by 6:15. To order a steak, simply reply to this e mail scraa01@gmail.com now and you are done with one easy click, or call: Dan Little at [905-468-7928](tel:905-468-7928)

To date we have only one member to put their name forward to serve on the 2018 Board of the Alumni. We need some new blood and progressive thinking, call me at [905-933-5100](tel:905-933-5100) and we can talk about a role you can play on the board next year.

So, an exciting end to the year. A Merry Christmas to all and see you ready to go in 2018.



From your 2017 Alumni Executive.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials that appear to be "BL".

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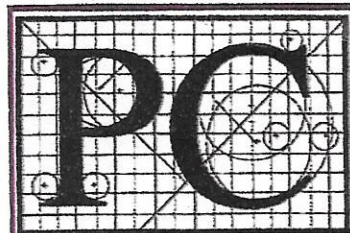
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