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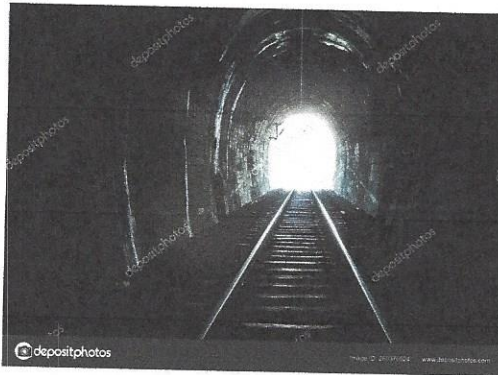
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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Is that light at the end of the tunnel or another COVID buzz saw headed our way?

Let us hope we are near the end of this everlasting lockdown. Being closed for 18 months is not a good situation to recover from; however we will give it a go. It appears the economy and businesses will be gradually begin opening again on June 11th. It is too late to save Henley from another cancellation this summer, but it may allow the Alumni to open up our Patio Bar again this summer.

Don & Chris Baker have been heading up a strategy that may see our Patio open for business on Thursday July 1st, so stay tuned for an announcement on our *Grand Opening*. The plan is to open Thursday thru Saturday the same as last year, and this year we will add in Sunday afternoon. The feedback on last years experiment was very positive so we will try and stick with the same formula.



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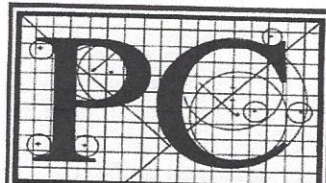
Beer & wine will be our main offering at the bar, with the addition of specialty cocktails on demand. We are hoping to offer a *Local Craft Beer on Tap* this summer for all our draught beer aficionados. The wood fired Pizza oven vendor will be on site every Thursday evening at dinner hour. On Friday back by popular demand is *Monty's: best in St. Kitts* Beef on a Bun. On Saturday the Recreational Rowing league BBQ Crew will be serving up tasty BBQ. The boys are currently looking for a food vendor for Sunday afternoon. This is all great, and the first bit of positive news from the clubhouse in a long time.

With distancing protocols easing slightly over the next few weeks it now time to safely get some activity going down at the Island. Everything is looking a little shabby, overgrown, and tired. It is time for a work party to burn a little elbow grease on the grounds and in the clubhouse. We are announcing now that on Saturday June 19th at 9:30 AM we will have a work party to clean up the patio, outdoor bar area and blow away the debris and leaves from the winter past. Last year we had a huge team come out to support the clean up and we were done in a couple of hours. Please note: Pizza and Beer at the conclusion of the work party. I mentioned shabby and tired looking, which means it is time to give the outside of the clubhouse a fresh coat of paint. Currently looking at white trim and maybe a mid range blue colour exterior, which will sharpen the place up. Money is tight, so we will be looking for volunteers to help prep and paint the building. More on this as we finalize a plan and colour.

Speaking of painting, thank you to Bob Ralph and his local business, The Painter-Painting & Decorating, which has now joined our fine list of Alumni Newsletter supporters.

To gradually begin to get some involvement back on the Island, we are going to run an on line pool on the upcoming United States Open Golf Championship. This golf tournament will be held June 17 – June 18. Ken Campbell will convene this project. These are very popular pools at work and in many taverns around the area. The cost to enter will be \$20.00 with \$15.00 going into the jackpot pool, and \$5.00 going to the Alumni as a small fundraiser. **Check your e mail soon for all the details**, on how to enter, and pick your team. This is open to everybody so if you have any friend or family that want to participate, just follow the instructions on the e mail regarding the US Open Pool.

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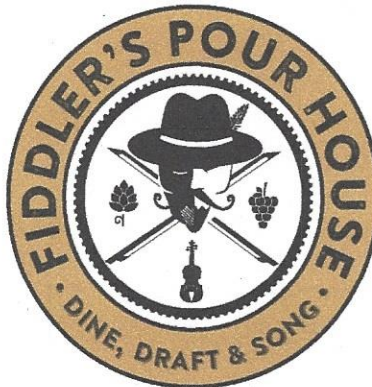
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