

St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association

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The next time you stop by the island and wonder if a hurricane swept through, no worries, it was just our tree arborist giving the 200 plus year old red and white oak trees a spring manicure. Thanks to Steve Armstrong, we were able to retain a competent young man trained in tree climbing and trimming. Marcus Michaud, climbed, rappelled and scoured through over 20 large trees on our property to remove dead wood and shape healthy limbs. Our deal with Marcus was to trim the trees and, to minimize cost to the Alumni we would organize a work crew to cut up the limbs and chip the branches, left on the ground. So this is your lucky opportunity to get that chain saw out of the back shed and with your feet firmly on the ground saw away to your hearts content. Our tentative plan currently is to hack away at the task as weather and time permit, and then hold a work crew party on Saturday April 8th for a final push to clean up all the brush. We will rent a wood chipper that day to create a pile of mulch to spread around the grounds. If you burn fire wood and want any Oak or Locust wood drop down the island and load up your trunk. The Niagara region is going through a huge tree disease spell at this time in particular ash borer, so if you are in need of a tree rehab or removal project at your own home let me know and I will hook you up with Marcus.

The winter has been extremely tame "so far" with virtually zero snow accumulation on the ground. The new snow blower was good insurance.

You are all welcome! If we can get through the next 4 weeks or so, winter will be in the rear view mirror. Golf can't be too far off.

Dan Little is encouraged by the number of inquiries coming in for functions at the island this coming spring and summer. Bookings are firming up and along with our strong support from Rec Rowing it is shaping up to be a busy place this summer.

Skiing is a great winter activity, as long as you stay upright. Jane Lockhart is now a member of the exclusive "Take a Tumble in the Rockies and Live to Tell the Story" club. So the tale goes, Tom sent Jane down a Black Diamond pitch while he cruised down the groomed cruising trail at a leisurely pace. Jane dove down the steep pitch thrashing and jumping over obstacles until she hit a rough patch took a tumble and unfortunately broke her leg. Expert care and treatment by the British Columbia Triage Team has Jane at home mending and ready to get Tom back on that hill next year. Just hope Jane is good to go soon, in order to get the onions chopped up at the spring Steak Night. All the best Jane on your rehabilitation.

Speaking of Rehab. John Mirynech is progressing nicely after his shoulder repair, and is hopeful he is ready for hunting season. Maybe this year the shots will be a little straighter and more accurate.

Don Duggan continues to convalesce at the St. Catharines Hospital. It has been a long haul for Don and we wish him well, and hope to see him back at the clubhouse soon.

This month, the Friday meeting is set for March 10, 2017. A good night to get out for a night of cards and catch up with everyone. Joe Martin's pension cheque came in so he will have \$20.00 to donate to the card pot. Please note that the April meeting will be pushed up a week, so as not to conflict with Good Friday and the Easter weekend. Therefore the meeting will be **Friday April 7, 2017**. This night we will host a Steak BBQ dinner, and also recognize the "Alumni of the Year" recipient. So mark that date on your social calendar by a call or e-mail to:

Barb & Dan Little at 905-468-7928

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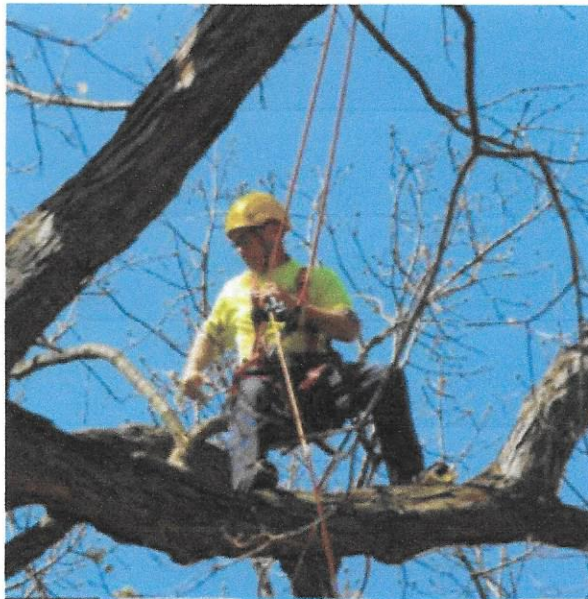
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Your Annual Membership Dues of \$25.00 goes directly into the maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. It is that time of year to sit down and get your dues up to date. The Alumni can not operate without the support of its dedicated membership. The address is in the letterhead of this newsletter. So getter done!!

- Friday March 10th Alumni Meeting
- Monday March 27th Executive Meeting
- Friday April 7th Steak Night & Awards Night
- Saturday April 8th Yard cleanup (brush and limbs)

Regards

Brian



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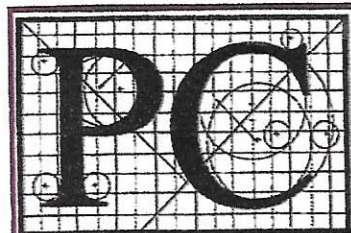
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