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MAY 2020.

It has only being 2 months since the world and our life styles came to an abrupt dead end. Two months it feels like an eternity. I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and ready ``to truck on`` in the near future. At this time Henley Island remains in total lockdown, with only the odd dog walker venturing across the bridge. Any preparation to a gradual re-opening will be 100% contingent on the guidelines from the Province of Ontario and local Public Health.

That being said, there is not much else on the immediate radar, other to give you a gentle reminder that we are still out here and hoping to get the club back up and running soon. Your Executive has not met over the past month and we are only trying to keep the minimum amount of activity related to maintaining the grounds and clubhouse going at this time. Normally around now, we would be applying the elbow grease and horsepower to our annual spring clean up, alas that will have to wait also.

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Thanks to all the membership who have mailed in there 2020 membership dues. Right now that is the only revenue source we have, with many fixed expense obligations still requiring servicing. The High School rowing season is a non starter, and only time will tell on the club and recreational rowing seasons, which get going in earnest around mid June. No information on the outcome of Henley at this point, so stay tuned. The rental volume is now totally out for the months of May and June, with some clients deferring to 2021. However, some of our loyal seasonal customers with annual events are taking the year off and we are hopeful that they will return in 2021.

We were in the early planning stages to improving our merchandising for Henley 2020, and were very excited to bring new product to our sales booth at the island and grandstand. I guess we will have another year to perfect our product line.

It has been an especially difficult time for some of our member's families, over the past 5 weeks. Carol and Mike Purcer tragically lost their son Carl Purcer after a brief illness up in Northern Canada. Bob and Bill Schenck lost their Mom, Lois Schenck. The Alumni this week lost one our "top troopers" at the souvenir booth, with the passing of Doug Pattison at the grand age of 91. Doug has been active in the Alumni for 40 years and was an old friend of Coach Russ Woods. Doug loved the back and forth haggling in the Souvenir Booth at Henley and he had the charm to sell you swamp land in Florida if it made a dime for the Alumni. Condolences from the entire Alumni to the Purcer, Schenck, and Pattison Families and friends.

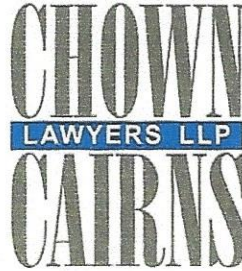
Hopefully next month we will have some news on opening this summer so stay tuned, and stay home.

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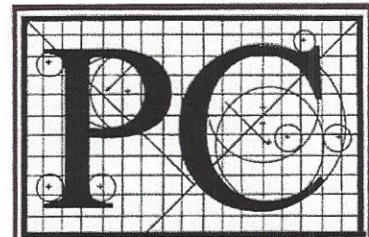
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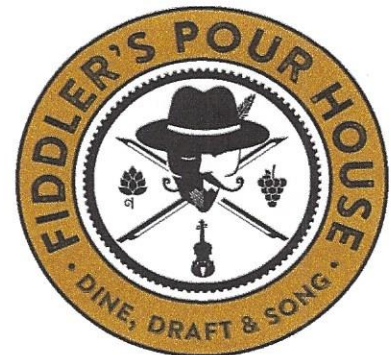
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