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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

TURKEY RAFFLE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

It is almost time to fill the hall and start the draw for our famous "Island Wild Turkey" giveaway. Xavier Recansens has been busy rounding up turkey's, just in time for you to deep fry them before the big BILLS / COWBOYS game on the US Thanksgiving. As in the past few years you should have received a note to enter the turkey draw from afar. Just send in your draw application and we will take care of the rest. Usually about 50% of the winners are not in attendance but are still able to join in on the draw. Drink Specials all night long as well as table snacks and serving pizza and wings later in the evening. All included in the price of a draw ticket. First draw will be shortly after **7:00 PM on Friday.**

Another project off our bucket list, happened last week. Bill Stevens headed up a crew to repair the back patio stairs. A larger landing and transition zone from the rear door will enable patrons to safely navigate the in and out of the clubhouse on busy reception days. Bill had the project scoped to the last nail and board and with the capable assistance of Tim Bell, Dave Campbell and Dan Atkinson, the team got the job completed in 2 beautiful fall days at the end of October. Dave still has all his fingers, and Dan now knows what a hammer is.



Check out our Alumni website for updates: www.stcraa.com

The Rowing Club has decided to change things up a bit this year. The Annual Captain's Dinner usually held in early spring to kick off the new rowing season will now be held in the fall to bring the past season to a close. This year the Captain's Dinner will be held on Saturday November 23rd at the Parkway Conference Complex on Ontario Street. The Alumni always participates in this evening by recognizing athletes who have excelled in winning their first Henley Championship. We will be there for this assignment again on the 23rd. Don Baker on behalf of the Alumni has purchased and reserved a table for our members to attend the banquet and awards. If you would like to attend to represent the Alumni please give Don a call or e mail back to this address scraa01@gmail.com

After a night of socializing, pizza & wings, why not come down to the island on Saturday morning around 10:00 AM to assist in winterizing the grounds. The high winds of the past few weeks have done a toll on our tree canopy and a lot of branches and debris need to be attended to. A blower, work gloves is all that is needed. A couple of hours and the place will be tucked away for another winter. "*Many hands make for light work.*"

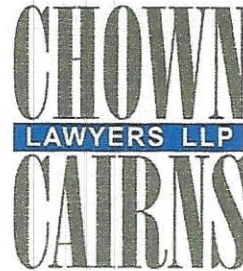
The Rowing Community and the Alumni lost one of its iconic personalities in October with the passing of Alec Wilson. Whether it was a novice women's crew, or shell full of Olympian Oarsmen he coached them all and every type of crew or sculler. Alec was there to provide the direction to a successful outcome on the water. Alec's final days were in private, however the Brock Crew recognized Alec for his many contributions during the island reception at the conclusion of the Brock regatta season. Our condolences go out to Doug Wilson and his entire family on the loss of Alec.

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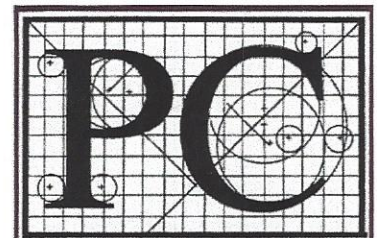
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