


St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association

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"FOR THE
BETTERMENT
OF ROWING"



CAROL PURCER

In late September Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA), held its annual election of officers, and one of our own. Ms. Carol Purcer has been elected President of the National Rowing organization. We all know Carol for her organizational skills, and leadership, to secondary school rowing development, masters rowing support, as well as her time leading the Henley Regatta to a higher level of competition and efficiency. Carol now takes her experience to the national level to support grass roots development and club support of the sport of rowing. The Alumni is delighted to have Carol take on this executive capacity, and the Alumni is here to support her in any way we can during her tenure.

Autumn temperatures will be with us sooner than later, which signals a slow down of activity on Henley Island. Pete Sommerwill has the Brock Crews at full speed and has a packed regatta schedule into the late fall.

Our annual golf tournament has come and gone, on a blistering hot day in September. A field of 44 golfers hit the links and then a BBQ and awards back at our clubhouse. It was a great day with everybody coming out a winner, thanks to our generous sponsors and prize donors. Yeoman's work again by the 3 amigos of Jane, Barb and Melodie along with Wayne for the preparation and set up of the BBQ. Wayne got the hook early so I am unsure if he got to enjoy his steak or not. The golf tourney always exposes a few friends and neighbours to our clubhouse, with no exception this year. A long time golf participant and now a new member of our club is Pat Blackwood. Welcome Pat and hope you make the trek down from Oshawa from time to time to our Friday meetings.

Our October meeting is a big night on the calendar for us. It will be a Steak BBQ night open to everybody. During the formal part of the evening we will award the *ALUMNI of the YEAR* to a very deserving member. We will hold a members only attendance draw which has not been won in recent months. The kitty although not as high as some Chase the Ace extravaganza's will be over \$200 at the October meeting. I can not remember the pot ever being this large. You can't win if you are not present.

Details for the Steak BBQ are as follows:

- Steak Dinner will be priced at \$20.00 per plate
- Phone Dan & Barb Little at 905-468-7928 to reserve you number of steaks
- Or e mail the Alumni: scraa01@gmail.com
- The BBQ will be ready to cook on at 6:30 PM
- A buffet of baked potato, fried onions, salad, and rolls will be set out
What about the mushrooms Tom???
- Alumni bar pricing will provide the cheapest drinks in the Niagara Region

Our Ways & Means Chair Tom Lockhart is expecting a large turnout for this night, so please, do not be disappointed and order your dinner today. Let's see, some members out who have not been around for awhile. Bring a friend all are welcome.

Every member, by now has most likely received an envelope in the mail from Dave Timlock explaining our Turkey role participation method. The 2017 ALUMNI TURKEY RAFFLE will be held on a special evening in November. FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2017, will be the night the turkeys will be let loose in the clubhouse, and up for grabs. Last year almost half the winners were from mail in ballots, which allowed every member to get in on the action. Let's hope we have as much success and participation as last year. For those in attendance, Dave is promising a bottomless bowl of chicken wings and pizza to satisfy all your taste buds. Just remember the night it will be the third Friday in November. A lesson learned from last year, is we will have snack and munchies out on the tables prior to the hot pizza arriving.

A new feature we are close to launching is an Alumni web site. Jeff Smith has graciously taken on the project of creating and managing a site on the internet, where members and the public can access timely information

pertaining to our club including back issues of my award winning newsletter, as well as photos of our clubhouse and the facilities we have to offer. We have a unique facility in the heart of old Port, which amazingly only a minority of locals know about. This will give us the opportunity to get the word out more effectively. Thank you Jeff for all your development work on this project. Look for it soon www.stcraa.com

Just a distant reminder that our AGM, will be held in January on Friday January 12, 2018. A thorough look at our activity during 2017 will be reviewed, as well as select an executive for 2018. I will have served as President for 4 years and will be stepping down as per our constitution. A nomination notification will go out in November to all members to consider running for the Board. Service to your club is what has kept it running for 60 years, so let us start preparing for our 75th anniversary.

Alumni Award Night Friday October 13th see you then.

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be the initials 'BR' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Brian

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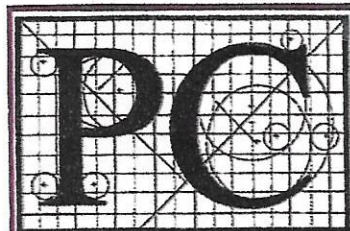
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