

# St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association

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## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021.



A bright spot on the summer rowing scene was the Victorious Canadian Eight. Let this big win, be the catalyst to get our home clubs back up to Championship speed beginning with Brock Crew this fall season. Coach Pete Somerwill and his Brock rowers will be using the Alumni Club as their off water training facility this fall. This is similar to how SCRC used the club during the past winter of land & ergometer training.

Our summer patio season came to a close last Saturday, and by all accounts the Alumni were able to build on our success from 2020 to have another extraordinary season. Many improvements to our food & beverage offerings, great local musical talent to entertain almost every night, and a lot of help from Mother Nature with good weather. Thank you to Chris Baker and his hard working bar and kitchen staff, Don Baker and Ken Campbell for all the logistics and music bookings, Swede Burak for prepping the patio every week, Dave Moukperian carving away in the kitchen every week, and to Bob & Sharon Ralph with their crack crew of BBQ attendants serving up great plates every Saturday. A great team effort got us through our second summer of Covid shutdown. Final word, thank you to our membership and the local community for supporting us over the past summer. In November we will have a final report out on the proceeds of our Summer Patio experiment.



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Our fund raising has been severely restricted over the past 2 years, but our partners at Charitable Gaming / OLG Delta Bingo continue to find innovative ways to raise funds and continue to support so many organizations in the region including the Alumni. The Alumni over the past couple of years of partnership with OLG / Delta, has provided funds for some of the following projects

- Travel Bursary to CSSRA high school athletes
- Athletes tent / shelter to the SCRC
- Support to SCRC Royal British Henley Campaign
- Alumni Parking Lot Asphalt project
- Great assistance to the Alumni in paying operating cost during lockdown

The Alumni looks forward to future easing of pandemic restrictions and being able to resume our hosting capacity every month at Delta Bingo.

A couple of dates to remember going forward into October, are the Alumni Golf Tournament to be held at Beechwood Golf Club this Sunday October 2, 2021 followed by a BBQ back on the Island. The tournament is our first attempt at a sanctioned Alumni event is almost 2 years, so even though it is quite a bit smaller than in the past we have about 52 enthusiastic golfers ready to give it a go. Then, on Friday October 15, 2021 the Alumni will open for our first General Meeting and Happy Hour since March 2020. The bar will be open at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. There will be a full agenda, with much discussion on future projects at the Clubhouse and how to disburse of some of our accumulated donation capital and our Bingo share. Local Safety Guidelines will be in place including a sign in sheet to indicate a double dose of approved vaccination. The executive is looking forward to seeing many members out on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Alumni welcomes 4 new members to our Association, all four were patrons at our Patio this past summer, and we hope they enjoy their Alumni experience.

Elaine Manocha  
Jean Brooker  
Brenda Bullivant  
Jon "Bully" Bullivant

The HIH / Rec Rowing League will go another couple of weeks with their outstanding breakfast menu down at their booth beside the Boathouse. And, to kick things up a notch this weekend they will be hosting an Art & Craft Show, on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The HIH have developed a beautiful venue in front of their booth, so it will be worthwhile to check it out this weekend. The Alumni will be their serving wine, cider and craft beer, to enhance the experience at the show.

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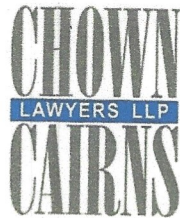
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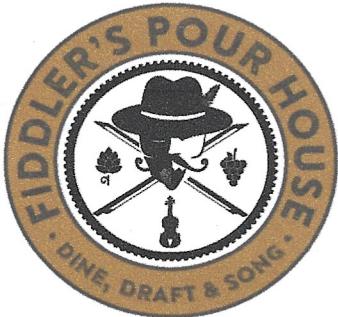
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