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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2021.

Looks like a great week to get that final round of golf in before the frost really sets in. Also great weather for sculling and sweep on the Henley, so coaches keep racking up the K's.

The border to the USA opened today which is another small sign we may be headed back to a level of normalcy in the near future. We are beginning to see some activity regarding hall rentals again which is an encouraging sign. Come January we will begin to plan our retail merchandising activities with a fresh presence at the major regattas which should return next season.

The Alumni is currently looking at a couple of minor projects that should be completed in the very near future. Project 1 will be to upgrade our bar refrigeration units to a more reliable and efficient coolant system. Project 2 will see the addition of 6 new picnic tables to be utilized on our outdoor patio next summer season. With both of these projects we have applied to utilize our savings from the generous donations from [Charitable Gaming](#) / [Delta Bingo-Gaming](#). Each table as well as the bar fridge door will be fixed with a colourful sign indicating the support from the OLG /Delta Bingo.

Speaking of Bingo the hall is starting to open to the public again so we may be able to take our positions back as scheduled hosts sometime in the new year. Jane Lockhart will coordinate the schedule and any training updates which may be required.



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The board and a small sub committee have been working diligently on a new format and contract for the renting of our facility. In the past the Alumni would rent out the hall for a nominal fee and the renter would then be responsible for all goods and services as well as adequate insurance in order to hoist an alcohol event. The Alumni is a fully licensed facility and it became apparent over the past 2 summers that by utilizing our own license we are in a better position to increase revenues for the club. Our expenses and required protocols are making open hall rentals a risky proposition going forward. The new model which we are considering is to control the sale of all alcohol on premise, with a set price being levied to the renter. We will be tabling this important initiative at our meeting this Friday November 12, 2021. It is certainly not finalized as of yet so your input on this matter is appreciated.

On a somber note, that I pass on the condolences of the entire Alumni to the family of Bob Makins who passed away in October on the 20th. Typical of all the boys of the 40's and 50's you rowed and you played lacrosse bob did them both. He rowed for the cerise and blue from "48 thru '50. Bob was a very active member of the Alumni and a stalwart in the souvenir booth for decades. Bob also enjoyed a coffee with the boys at Tim's, he will be missed.

A very important plaque will be mounted this winter season in the club. Our Memorial Plaque in recognition of our members who have served our club. Lawson maintains the plaque and we have had it ion pause as we watched our expenses during the past two years. But it is now time to bring our memorial up to date and back in a proper place within the clubhouse.

Friday night Meeting open to all members. Bar opening at 6:00 and the plan is to have BBQ'd Hamburgers coming off the grill for 6:45. So drop down for a pint and a burger

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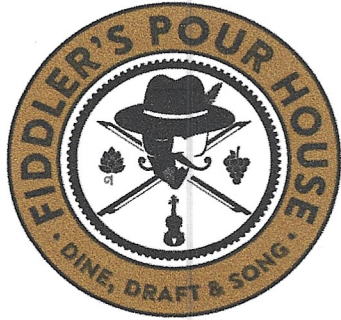
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