

ST. CATHARINES ROWING CLUB

VICE PRESIDENT, SPECIAL PROJECTS – ANNUAL REPORT, 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2019

As Vice-President, Special Projects it is my privilege to work with the dedicated members of the Board and member-volunteers who so generously provide their time and wise counsel. In particular, I wish to thank Tracey Newman, Tag Day Chair, Nancy Love, Christening Chair and Lorna Hay-Gaudet and the Nuticelli family for Pasta Night and Mark Welsh for his ongoing support and valuable contribution to the Club.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

SERVICE CANADA – SUMMER EMPLOYMENT GRANT:

We received a grant to support the Assistant to the Head Coach position for 2018 and have applied for this grant again for 2019.

We did not receive the provincial Summer Experience Grant (SEP) in 2018 but had a very successful meeting with Jennifer Hay, our contact at the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and are waiting for the release of that Ministry's 2019 grant program.

TRILLIUM GRANT:

The club was successful in obtaining a Provincial Trillium Grant of sufficient funds to refurbish six of the Rec Eights

AWARDS:

Congratulations to all of these very deserving members of the St. Catharines Rowing Club!

COACHES ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

In recognition of her long and dedicated service to coaching and her ability to always recognize and build on her athletes' potential, Kathy Boyes was awarded the 2018 **“Good to Great” Coaching Award** by the Coaches Association of Ontario

ROWONTARIO

Brian Fisher has been awarded the **RowOntario Competitive Coach Award** for his success and contribution to rowing in 2018. The U-19 Men's crews he coaches were successful in winning gold medals at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta and at the Head of the Charles Regatta. During the Spring high school season Brian coached Grimsby Secondary School and led his crews to one Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals at the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Association Championships.

Female Umpire of the Year

Tammy Jacobsen

Male Umpire of the Year

Gord Duncan

Long Service Awards – new to RowOntario:

15 Years

Bill Bartelds
Murray Christie

20 Years:

Carol Purcer
Mike Purcer

25 Years

Franc Tomsic

30 Years

Kathy Boyes

35 Years

Doug Kerr
Bill Ross

40 Years

David Derry
Jim Marino

60 Years

Jim Stone

65 Years

Jim Minards

ROWONTARIO Volunteer Service Awards:

Adam Frost	Matt Hingston	Rick Karniej
Andrew Carr	Richard Moreau	Janelle Payne
Ernie Pienman	Matt Schenck	

SPONSORS:

For the past 10 years, we have been fortunate to have a number of local companies and businesses sponsor the Captain's Dinner.

In 2018, we invited our sponsors to sponsor the club on an Annual basis and offered greater exposure at all our events. At the same time, we raised the levels to include Platinum sponsors at \$1000.00 and we successfully attracted three sponsors at that level and a total of 21 sponsors. Revenue increased by almost \$3,000.00.

We have introduced an additional level of \$1500.00 for 2019 and have three sponsors at that level and, to date, have commitments from almost all of the 2018 sponsors.

SPECIAL EVENTS:**CAPTAIN'S DINNER:**

Over 275 members and guests attended the 72nd Annual Captain's Dinner and Awards Presentation and Silent Auction on Saturday April 7, 2018 at the Holiday Inn and Suites. The Dinner, ably

MC'd by President Michelle Kerr honoured the Club's coaches, athletes and volunteers. The athlete awards were presented by crew coaches and by Head Coach, Mark Welsh.

A video put together by Carl MacCulloch highlighting the presenters' and the winners' achievements ran during the presentations. The Silent Auction was managed by Kathy Boyes and the Senior Women's program. Funds raised went back to support that program.

The 2019 Captain's Dinner will be held on Saturday April 6 at the Holiday Inn and Suites and is being chaired by SCRC Past President, Stephanie Brooks.

TAG DAY:

Tag Day, ably chaired by Tracey Newman was held on sunny, warm Saturday May 12, and 250 high school athletes raised just over \$10,000. Thanks to our enthusiastic athletes and coaches and to the 27 community businesses who gave permission for our athletes to sell tags at their locations.

Thank you too, to the members of the Board and other volunteers who donated their time driving to the locations from Grimsby to Niagara Falls to collect from the taggers.

We are hoping for an even better result, again under Tracey's leadership, in 2019 - save the date – **Saturday May 11, 2019.**

CHRISTENING:

The annual Boat Christening, chaired by Nancy Love and MC'd by Michelle Kerr, was held on Sunday, June 10 at Henley Island. Boats were named to honour Scott Anderson, John Gleddie, Monika Draeger Seymour and Greg Smith. Thank you to Nancy and her crew of volunteers for arranging this lovely event.

The 2018 Student Athlete Bursaries, a gift to the Club from a very generous anonymous donor, were awarded to Casey Botbyl, Madeline Hingston and Hana Parkin.

PASTA DINNER:

The Annual St. Catharines Pasta Dinner, led by Lorna Hay-Gaudet, was held on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Henley Week, August 7 and 8. Some 365 athletes, coaches and friends attended over the two nights. A huge thank you to the Nuticelli family who volunteered to "manage" the event. They decorated the room and purchased and prepared and cooked ALL the amazing food! A total of just under \$3300.00 was raised for the Club – and many times that amount in goodwill!! Thank you to Lorna, the Nuticellis, and to the host of volunteers who helped out.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Always fun, the Christmas Party was held on Thursday December 22 at Scorecard's – the guests enjoyed Mike's pizza and wings and generously filled the Community Care barrels with 236 pounds of food!

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Hastings
Vice President, Special Projects
January 22, 2019