

Calgary Rowing Club

ANNUAL REPORT

2021

**Covid 19 Edition:
Part 2**



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Message From the President

Now that 2021 has come to a close I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some successes this year and to thank everyone for another great year.

Ongoing Provincial and City Government pandemic restrictions continued to prevail during a good part of the year. Indoor sporting activities were restricted and Amelie and the coaches were creative in finding ways for members to stay active through the winter season. Pascal ran outdoor erg sessions on the tarmac when weather permitted, Alex and Brandon ran virtual sessions with the Juniors, and McKenzie, Wesley and Tessa ran virtual sessions for the Club Tech and Club Comp groups during the winter. We were all looking forward to the on-water season.

Many CRC athletes participated in the first ever virtual indoor erg champs. It took a lot of technical skill by many volunteers to enable rowing clubs around the province to participate virtually. The live commentary by our own Michael Simonson was informative and entertaining. Congratulations to all the athletes who participated in the event and to those who came in first in their rowing category.

Masking was still in force during much of the on-water season, including outdoors for team sports, and thanks to Amelie, the coaches and all of you we navigated this safely. We started the season in singles and, as restrictions were slowly lifted, we moved back to some crew rowing. The coaches did an outstanding job of getting everyone competition ready by holding club training regattas such as the Glenmore Race Series, Head of the Weasel and triathlon/duathlon. By the time the season came to a close we were back to sanctioned competition including Dino Sprints, Head of the Charles, HoG/ToG and NRCs.

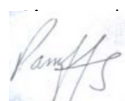
The club saw significant growth in our Junior program so we split the group into squads to meet everyone's rowing goals and added ITC coaches Anna Currie, Anna Bender, Kendra Hartley and Brianna Walsh to help Coach Alex and Coach Brandon.

Youth camps were full to the brim in 2021, the camp coaches hosted 187 kids in 8 week-long camps and 2 high performance camps. We had our first para youth athlete successfully join one of our summer camps. The Junior program also ran 2 novice intake camps hosting 30 kids in each of May and September with over 50% retention. We ended the season with a junior squad of 110 athletes. Learn to Row was also full this summer after a delayed start. We hosted 126 individuals in LTR and we converted 21 of those to members. We also added 1 new para rower this year who completed his first race at Dinosaurs sprints and his second at NRCs just 3 months after having started rowing.

A small group of dedicated volunteers started fibreglass repairs to refurbish the McDermid, Millikin, CK, and Reardon in December 2020. This work continued in March 2021 and the shells were painted in early April by Black Diamond Industries at a reduced cost. A special thanks to Black Diamond for donating some of their time and materials. This work will extend the life of these shells for several years.

The Board took on a project to make some changes to our Bylaws which we voted in at our 2021 AGM. Thank you to Richard Galway and Olivia McMurray for working on this document. Changes included: simplifying membership categories; adding inclusive, gender-neutral language; explicitly permitting virtual meetings and e-communication; allowing a parent or guardian of a Junior member to serve on the Board without requiring them to purchase a membership; some corrections; and, multiple clarifications.

We had a very successful year despite ongoing and ever-changing pandemic restrictions and we should be proud of what we accomplished. Congratulations to everyone for a another successful 'pandemic' season!



Pamela Young
CRC President

CRC Inclusivity Statement

We all know that words have power, hence we are posting this message to our community. However, actions have more power and we continue to be committed to equity at our club through day to day actions and club policies. No matter race, gender, religion, sexual preference, physical ability or otherwise, everyone is welcome at the CRC. While some of us may never understand the challenges others face within our club and our community, we stand with you.

You are always welcome in our CRC rowing community and we will always be #oneteam . Thank you for continuing to be kind, inclusive and respectful to one another, today and everyday.



Events & Regattas

National Come Try Rowing Day - June 27

This year, the CRC was able to participate in Rowing Canada's National Come Try Rowing Day. Through the help of 18 amazing volunteers and our summer staff, we managed to get 30 athletes on the water in 7 singles and 3 eights over the course of 2 hours. The weather was amazing, providing calm and sunny conditions - perfect for learning to row.



Small Boat Championships - July 10-11

The Club hosted the Small Boat Championships under the guidance of Junior Coach Alex Marchuk and Senior Coach Pascal Ferraro, with support from Wesley Ernst, Richard Galway, Patrick McVey, and Brandon Mooney. Many athletes across Junior, Senior, Club Comp, and Club Tech programs went head to head in singles to compete for the title of Club Champion. The racing began with 2000m erg races heats. From there, the athletes raced in reps, quarterfinals, semis, and finals in singles for 1500m on the water. Conditions held for exciting races, with some close finishes. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible, and for everyone who came out to watch and cheer our athletes on.

The winners of the events were:

Open Men: Louis Ferraro

Open Women: Anna Currie

Junior Men: Griffen Salmon

Junior Women: Kiana Worobey





Glenmore Series - August 7-8

The CRC hosted the Glenmore Race series for the second year in a row. 80 athletes competed in 5 categories including 10 entries in the 2-, 18 entries in the 1x dash, 8 entries in the 4-, 16 entries in the 4x and a whopping 30 entries in the 2x. This busy weekend was made possible by numerous volunteers who helped Coaches Pascal Ferraro and Alex Marchuk set this event in motion. Medals were awarded by our very own Kasia Gruchalla-Wesierski, who brought home Olympic Gold in the Team Canada Open Women's 8+.

Rowing League Regatta - August 14

This year the CRC held its first annual Rowing League Regatta. Twelve 8+s competed in 500m races, two of which began their rowing careers in our Rowing League program this summer. In addition, many of our club alumni dusted off their unis and showed up to race. The eights consisted of a mix of athletes with ages ranging from 10-65+. The morning started with a time trial to seed athletes into the Round of 16. From then on, it was duel-style racing for the quarter and semifinals. Due to the races running a bit behind some finals were combined, which resulted in some exciting nail-biter finishes. We had a blast racing, watching, and cheering. Thanks to the volunteers Carol, Brian, Elise, Tamara, Errol, and James, and the many others including our coaches who filled in seats (including coxing!), organized crews, helped where help was needed and made the whole event run smoothly! We look forward to improving this event and continuing our Rowing League program.



Head of the Saskatchewan - September 11

After a long year and a half, the first official regatta of the season finally happened! 11 of our Junior athletes, all of which had never raced in a sanctioned regatta, headed out to Saskatoon to compete in the Head of the Saskatchewan regatta, hosted by the Saskatoon Rowing Club. Accompanied by coaches Alex Marchuk and Anna Currie, these Juniors got some solid racing experience under their belts.

Dino Sprints - September 25

Finally, interclub racing was back on the Glenmore Reservoir! The University of Calgary Dinos hosted the Dino Sprints regatta, which saw many athletes from Calgary racing alongside athletes from the Edmonton, Saskatoon, and Lakeland Rowing Clubs. From many novice races to some close finishes among experienced crews, it was an exciting weekend of racing, and it was amazing to see the rowing community as strong and energetic as ever.

Head of the Gorge / Tail of the Gorge (HOG/TOG) - October 16-17

After a 1 year hiatus, the fan-favourite HOG/TOG regatta, hosted by the UVic Vikes teams, was back for another year for challenging racing. Many CRC athletes competed, representing our Junior program and the University of Calgary Rowing team.



HOG/TOG (continued)



This fun regatta comprised of two days of head races, was the first out-of-town regatta for many, and saw some exceptional performances from our crews. Accompanied by some fun costumes, athletes rose to the many challenges this regatta brought. Including raging currents, bridges, lots of turns, new experiences, and fast crews. Our athletes tackled these obstacles with positivity and competitive spirits, making the event exciting to watch

Head of the Charles - October 22-24



CRC athletes attended the world-renowned Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, MA in October. The Senior Program Coach Pascal Ferraro selected a crew of five women; Olivia McMurray (stroke), Kendra Hartley, Shaye DePaiva and Anna Currie (bow), and Tate Mazurkewich (cox) to compete in this prestigious race. Setting an impressive 14.9-second course record, they brought home gold in the Open Women's 4+! The U of C Dinos sent a Collegiate Women's 4+, consisting of Courtney Kruschel (bow), Eliza Dawson, Claire O'Brien, and Hannah Anderson (stroke), coxed by Ali Webster, who also finished first in their category. Calgary athletes also had other remarkable results during this regatta, finishing second in the inclusion double (Tessa VanDerVeecken & partner), 11th in the W2x, (Siska Bossuyt & Anna Bender), and 11th in the W1x (Clare Botterill - Unaffiliated)

RCA National Rowing Championships (NRCs) - November 11-13

The CRC racing season came to a close after an amazing week of competition at the National Rowing Championships in Victoria. Many of our athletes came together from all across the country to compete under the CRC or Alberta Rowing Association. Changing weather conditions and highly skilled competition provided for an exhilarating event, with some of our athletes coming out on top. Under the guidance of coaches Pascal Ferraro, Alex Marchuk and Mike Simonson, our athletes finished off the season with the following NRCs results:

Open Men's 1x;
Curtis Ames (ARA) - 1st

U23 Men's 1x;
Andrew Hubbard (ARA) - 3rd
Bob Bryden (ARA) - 10th

Junior Men's 1x;
Henry King (ARA) - 14th
Griffen Salmon (CRC) - 21st
Archer Larochelle (CRC) - 24th

U23 LM Men's 1x;
John Perri (CRC) - 12th

U23 Men's 2-;
Mac Dressler & Patrick Milner
(ARA) - 9th

PR1 Men's 1x;
Dave Sagal (ARA) - 2nd

U23 Women's 1x;
Clare Botterill (ARA) - 7th

Junior Women's 1x;
Beth Miller (ARA) - 8th
Ainsley Salmon (CRC) - 16th
Kiana Worobey (ARA) - 24th
Cecile Ferraro (CRC) - 25th
Kiara Brennan (CRC) - 26th

U23 LW Women's Single;
Karissa Riley (ARA) - 1st

Open Women's 2-;
Kendra Hartley & Olivia McMurray
(ARA) - 2nd
Jessie Loutit & Karen Lefsrud
(ARA) - 3rd
Courtney Kruschel & Hannah
Anderson (ARA) - 5th

U23 Women's 2-;
Gabby Yarema & Shaye DePaiva
(ARA) - 2nd
Claire O'Brien & Eliza Dawson
(ARA) - 5th
Arianna Mamer & Nina Pavlovic
(UCRC) - 6th

Junior Women's 2-;
Gaby Worobec (ARA) - 1st
Kaliya Javra & Logan Loyd
(ARA) - 4th



Awards

With the slow return of rowing in crews, regattas, and other events, coaches were happy to return to once again be with their athletes in person rather than online. This change allowed the coaches to highlight athletes from each program who improved the most throughout the season.

The Most Improved Awards for the 2021 season go to the following athletes from their respective programs:

Junior

Ainsley Salmon and Henry King

Senior

Sara Elkady and Steen Lindquist

Rec

Diane Cooney and Raul Alvarez

Master

Wanda Murin and Matt Swain

Para

Chelsea Donelon

Congratulations to these athletes for their hard work and determination!







Board of Directors



Pamela Young
President



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Vice President



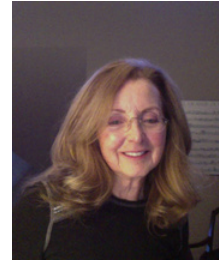
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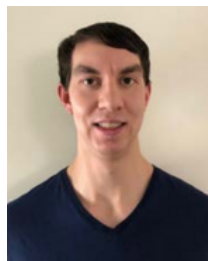
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Director



Greg Sadler
Director



Wayne Pridham
Director



Adam Mills
Director



Olivia McMurray
Director

Coaches and Staff

At the CRC we are proud to have an amazing group of coaches and staff who dedicate their time and energy to their athletes and the club. We would like to highlight and recognize this year's coaches and staff.

Management:

- Amelie Schumacher - Club Manager
- John Perri - Assistant Club Manager

Senior Program:

- Pascal Ferraro - Program Coach
- Michael Simonson - Assistant Coach
- Patrick McVey - Assistant Coach

Junior Program:

- Alex Marchuk - Program Coach
- Brandon Mooney - Assistant Coach

Club Program:

- Wesley Ernst - Club Comp Program Coach
- McKenzie Lukacs - Club Tech Program Coach

Strength:

- Tessa VanDerVeecken
- Trevor Bartoli

Para:

- Amelie Schumacher
- Siska Bossuyt

ITC:

- Sawera Dhaliwhal
- Ben Ravenscroft
- Anna Currie
- Anna Bender
- Kendra Hartley
- Brianna Walsh

Summer Staff:

- Rosalie Trigg
- Alissa Webster
- Louis Ferraro
- Michael Classen
- Deanna Salmon



Treasurer's Report

Audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020, are provided for your review as well as unaudited financial statements for the period January 1, 2021, to October 31, 2021. A summary of results is below:

- 2021 continues to be a "COVID-year" however the CRC opened May 1, 2021, unlike the June 15th delay in 2020.
- 2020 completed our \$245,000 Equipment Purchase Plan, 48% financed by grants, 37% by Casino funds, and 15% by generous member donations & CRC cash.
- Casino funds in 2020 were \$55,823, approx. (\$14k) lower than typical due to AGLC fund-sharing with other clubs who could not work due to COVID-19.
- In 2020, a COVID-modified membership structure with "on-water-add-on" was introduced; a total of 276 athletes participated.
- Memberships were restructured to align the Junior program into 3 levels and add new adult programs. Annual membership fees increased 5.7% while Families were eligible for a (10%) discount.
- Membership revenue in 2020 was \$138,192, or 18% lower than 2019 mainly due to Covid-19 pandemic temporary shutdowns and government restrictions. However, YTD 2021 revenue of \$195,557, reflects recovery to pre-pandemic levels.
- YTD 2021 employment grants received are \$38,689 vs. \$27,054 in 2020.

- LTR rebounded to normal levels at \$24,736 YTD in 2021, and Youth Camps has achieved another new record at \$42,752 YTD, a whopping 54% over 2019, thanks to the persistence of our Club Manager to obtain RCA approval.
- YTD 2021 vs. 2020 realized an increase in Total Staff Expenses of \$53k, including Youth Camp coaches, more on-water coaching, and a new Assistant Club Manager position.
- YTD 2021 Current Assets total \$312,306, including a \$40,000 CEBA loan (2020); \$30,000 to be repaid by Dec. 31, 2022.
- CRC maintains its GIC funds totaling \$103,493 YTD 2021, as an emergency fund for unexpected expenditures.

CRC has managed to persevere through the pandemic, realizing a net income of \$49,112 in 2020 (incl. Casino revenue), and have maintained a strong cash position as we head into our 2022 fiscal year.

Stay healthy and stay active.

Sincerely,



Stephen Anstey
Treasurer, Calgary Rowing Club

Financial Statement

| <u>Income Statement</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>Jan-Oct 2021</u> |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Bingo | \$ 19,314 | \$ 4,345 |
| Casino | \$ 55,823 | \$ - |
| Membership | \$ 138,192 | \$ 195,557 |
| Regatta and Other Income | \$ 3,600 | \$ 13,906 |
| Boat Storage | \$ 11,151 | \$ 10,121 |
| Programs | \$ 37,309 | \$ 67,488 |
| Social Functions | \$ - | \$ - |
| Grants* | \$ 26,930 | \$ 38,689 |
| Donations* | \$ 125 | \$ - |
| Equipment Sales | \$ 143 | \$ - |
| Total Revenue | \$ 292,587 | \$ 330,106 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Regatta Expenses | \$ 2,324 | \$ 15,759 |
| Office Expenses | \$ 24,375 | \$ 28,373 |
| Facility Expense | \$ 23,086 | \$ 20,612 |
| Casino | \$ - | \$ - |
| Staff | \$ 156,241 | \$ 209,139 |
| Social Functions | \$ 717 | \$ 259 |
| Equipment Expenses* | \$ 36,734 | \$ 38,186 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 243,476 | \$ 312,326 |
| Net Income | \$ 49,112 | \$ 17,780 |
| *Parks Foundation Calgary grant equipment purchases and CRC Member Donations are accounted for separately | | |
| <u>Balance Sheet</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>Jan-Oct 2021</u> |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 193,592 | \$ 190,923 |
| Restricted Cash* | | |
| Bingo & Credits | \$ 49,189 | \$ 54,029 |
| Casino | \$ 55,831 | \$ 55,924 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$ (9,748) | \$ 11,430 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 288,863 | \$ 312,306 |
| GICs | \$ 103,115 | \$ 103,493 |
| Total Long Term Assets | \$ 103,115 | \$ 103,493 |
| Total Assets | \$ 391,978 | \$ 415,799 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 7,386 | \$ - |
| Credit Cards | \$ (409) | \$ 109 |
| CEBA Loan | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| GST/HST Payable | \$ (29) | \$ 12,882 |
| Other Current Liabilities | \$ (126) | \$ (126) |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 46,823 | \$ 52,865 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Opening Balance | \$ 153,416 | \$ 153,416 |
| Retained Earnings | \$ 142,627 | \$ 191,738 |
| Net Income | \$ 49,112 | \$ 17,780 |
| Total Equity | \$ 345,155 | \$ 362,934 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 391,978 | \$ 415,799 |

*Bingo and Casino funds can only be used for specific expenditures
2020 Auditors: Colleen Kirker and Penny Blackwell