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**The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery  
Brigade Association**

*Incorporated 1947*

**August 2023**

**Dear Current & Former RCHA Members/Associates**

Thank you to everyone who renewed your membership in 2022-23 - we welcomed back several members whose membership lapsed during the pandemic.

Please take a moment to renew your membership today for the membership year Nov. 1, 2023 – Oct.31, 2024, by returning your cheque and renewal form in the enclosed return addressed envelope. Alternately, you may renew at the Club, with cash, debit or credit card, receiving your receipt & card from the Bar Staff.

The Early Bird renewal fee of \$75 is available until Oct. 31, 2023; it will then revert to usual fee of \$100.

We look forward to your renewed membership in the RCHA so that we can continue to be a vibrant venue.

Membership provides you with many benefits/discounts, listed on the reverse of this letter.

Please support our business sponsors.

**Summary of this past year (September 2022 – August 2023)**

- We welcomed 44 new associate members – a wonderful increase. Thank you for your support.
- The COVID Safety Plan was revised, eventually allowing masks to be optional for patrons, while continuing to ask the Bar Stewards to be vaccinated and to wear a mask to keep our patrons and themselves safe.
- The 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in person in May, at which time the members re-elected Ken Edgecombe, Frank Warnica & Chris Whyman to the Board by acclamation for 3 year terms.
- Mike Hamilton assisted the Treasurer, Keith Orton with various duties and covered for vacation. In addition he assisted in several other areas.
- We helped promote the Home for Heroes fundraiser
- Pat Durnford volunteered as the coordinator of the Occupational Health & Safety program; and ran the turkey & ham shoots previously organized by John Rising. It's with sadness that we were notified of Pat's passing this summer.
- The Remembrance Day Ceremony in City Park organized by Bob Chamberlain, his 22<sup>nd</sup> year, was attended by over 500 persons including school children.
- Thanks to Bob Chamberlain, the historic hockey game 2023 went ahead, hosted by the RCHA.
- Dale Driver volunteered to coordinate the RCHA news & entertainment emails.
- Special evening organized to celebrate the RCHA Brigade Association 75th Anniversary sold out.
- Frank Warnica, Entertainment Chair, was able to add additional entertainment evenings; including Tom's Tuesday & TGIF with Jeff Dunn & Friends, that have been a big hit at the club.
- The Kingston Musicians Union Performance Trust fund paid the members of the Big Phat Horn Band for the performances in February, March & April 2023 which were enjoyed by many members and others.
- Jim Davidson with the assistance of Frank Warnica addressed the many maintenance issues, including removing the vines potentially damaging the stonework, contracting out repairs on the side window mantle, solving a sewer issue, & reorganizing the kitchen for the new fridge gratefully donated by Bob Chamberlain.
- Many members & associates, too many to name, helped with decorating, door monitors and food contributions etc. – we thank you all.

Our condolences to the families of the following fallen comrades: members/former members: Ron Desrosiers, Norm Wall, Earl McCaugherty, Ed O'Reilly, Bob Woods, Irvine McClatchy, Cec Kenney, Phillip (Griff) Griffiths and Pat Durnford.

Thank you to everyone who contributed financially, and/or volunteered and participated in our events. Your support is greatly appreciated and essential to the sustainability and future of the Association.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions; and if you are able to volunteer.

Yours sincerely

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