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# NEWSLETTER

*The Sarnia Riding Club*



**'Patiently waiting for spring to arrive & the club to open'**

## To the Members,

FROM SARNIA RIDING CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

As we approach the 2021/22 season and continue to face the challenges of COVID-19 member and staff safety continues to be our number one priority. In 2020 the staff as well as the Board of Directors spent countless hours managing employee training, modifying safety and cleaning procedures as well as developing best practices for the Club to ensure the health and safety for all. We continue to take our lead from Lambton Public Health as well as the recommendations and guidelines set forth from the Government of Ontario. Though we did not get to use the Club the way we typically do (social events, day camp, squash, swimming lessons etc.), we came together as a community so that our Club could stay open. We implemented a large number of protocols and changes and we appreciate you as members for your ongoing support and adherence.

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### **On the bright side,**

Time and time again we heard from members that though 2020 brought with it a lot of trials and tribulations it may have gone down as one of the best summers at the Club in recent memory. From busy Friday night dinners, to the most people we have ever seen utilizing the beach it is reminding us of years past when the Club was the 'place to be'. Even during a difficult season, The Riding Club is and will continue to be a safe space to spend time with your families and friends.

### **Financial,**

As a board we have a responsibility to our Club members to ensure that we are maintaining the financial health of our Club at all times, especially so in difficult ones. In January 2020, we completed some much-needed renovations of the Club House including but not limited to: painting the dining room, re-doing the main floor carpeting, installed new floors in both the café and bar, refurbished the squash courts (sanded floors and painted the walls) and commissioned a new POS system. After these large items were completed it was decided that a pause would be put on capital improvement until we felt we were financially ready to do so. COVID-19 of course took a financial toll on the Riding Club this year but due to some careful budgeting and planning as well as coming off a season high in 2019 the Club maintains a modest bank account. Total membership revenue was down 65%, Dining Room and Bar Revenue down about 85% and 65% respectively and overall our revenue was down approximately 60% over the 2019 season. Though there were large decreases in revenue, some expenses were down due to the Club being less busy requiring less staffing, less cost of goods etc. We also qualified for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) Loan. Considering these factors, the Club is in a better financial position than we forecasted it to be at the beginning of this pandemic. Looking ahead to the 2021 season we forecast a slightly more positive year end than we had in 2020, even though the Club functions may be similar to those of last year. We do not doubt that COVID-19 will force us into a few difficult financial years but with our collective efforts we will emerge from this a stronger and more resilient Club.

We are in this together. Stay safe. Stay home. Stay healthy and we look forward to seeing you soon,

# MEMBERSHIP PRICING FOR 2021/22 SEASON



Below are the prices for membership this year (as set during last season). This pricing, for returning members of the 2020/21 season, reflects the carryover amount from last season plus no levy charged this year. You will be billed in April for the same membership you had last year unless you notify the office of a change.

## 2021/2022 Membership Pricing

Membership Type	Annual Fee	13% HST	Sub Total	Total w/ levy	Returning from 2020/21 Season Member Rates		
					Annual	HST	Total
	NO MEMBERSHIP IN 2020/21 SEASON PRICING						
Family	\$2,170.00	\$282.10	\$2,452.10	\$2,652.10	\$1,850.00	\$240.50	\$2,090.50
Couple	\$1,680.00	\$218.40	\$1,898.40	\$2,098.40	\$1,455.00	\$189.15	\$1,644.15
Single	\$850.00	\$110.50	\$960.50	\$1,160.50	\$720.00	\$93.60	\$813.60
Social - Couple	\$370.00	\$48.10	\$418.10	\$618.10	\$320.00	\$41.60	\$361.60
Social - Single	\$265.00	\$34.45	\$299.45	\$499.45	\$265.00	\$34.45	\$299.45
Child	\$560.00	\$72.80	\$632.80	\$632.80	\$480.00	\$62.40	\$542.40

> levy waived for returning members

**Capital Levy**                      **\$200.00**

The capital levy payment is due in full at time of membership.

### Payment Method

Payments may be made in cash, debit, cheque, e-transfer, Visa or Mastercard.

### Payment Due Date

Returning members fees need to be paid in full by September 2021. Renewing Family, Couple, Single Memberships may be paid in five equal monthly payments (cheques submitted no later than May 1st).

New members fees need to be in full by July 1st 2021 (cheques must be handed in May 1st). Fees can be paid in 3 equal payments monthly (post dated cheques only). May | June | July

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## Club Updates

- Kim and Corry are working from home and are always reachable (during office hours) by email, or phone if you prefer (exemption Family Day - February 15th)
  - The end date of the provincial lockdown is still unknown (though tentatively we are in a state of emergency until February 9th), staff will not return to in office work until this has lifted.
  - Board meetings continue to happen monthly, virtually hosted.
  - Day camps are still tentative for the summer but at this time the Club is not hosting March Break Camp or any PD Day Camps at this time.
- At this time the AGM is still tentatively booked for the third week in April but we will keep you posted as things change.

## Club Reminders

- The Club and Club grounds remain closed due to the Government lockdown - there are pylons at the front entrance to stop cars from coming into the parking lot and to prevent people from gathering on the grounds (current restrictions limit gatherings to 5 people outdoors).**
- For anyone with an outstanding bill at the Club you can make payment by: our website, calling ext. 1 and giving a credit card over the phone or sending an etransfer to [office@sarniaridingclub.com](mailto:office@sarniaridingclub.com) - the Club requires all members to be in good standing for the start of a new season

For any questions or concerns regarding the information in this newsletter or in general please do not hesitate to contact Kim or Corry.

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