

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday.

I want to update you on some of the goings on at the club and make sure you have all you need to enjoy your fishing.

With the Fall in full swing this is a good time to be at the club, and the fishing is fantastic!

Membership

New Members

I am delighted to welcome several new members to the Club.



Bob Richards

Bob grew up fishing for perch in the Detroit River and has now fly fished twice in his life, catching bass in Témiscaming Quebec and through the screen door of his lanai in Sarasota Florida. Bob's wife Dale gifted him the UCTC membership for Christmas and he says he is delighted with his present! Bob admits he has a lot of learning to do and welcomes any and all guidance from members.

In his productive life Bob was CEO of William Osler Health, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and Metropolitan Toronto.

Bob and Dale were introduced to the club by Debbie Noble (where Debbie and Dale worked together), so a big THANK YOU Debbie!



Adrian Renzetti

Adrian has been a fly fisherman for close to 30 years and appears to know what he is doing!

When not fishing he is a high school Guidance Counsellor in Guelph, where he lives with his wife Lynette and their two boys Julian and Quinten.

Adrian and Lynette were introduced to the club by Randi Ugolini, so a big THANK YOU Randy.



Don Archibald

Don grew up fishing for Lake Trout with steel line and monofilament in Halliburton. He started fly fishing in 1992 and caught 12" wild brook trout on his first cast in Quebec. Don has since become an avid freshwater and saltwater Fly Tyer and Fly Fisher, catching everything from little Brookies to Tarpon.

When not fishing Don works in the corrugated packaging industry where he is in his 28th year at Flint Packaging Products Ltd, now in the role of Director Integrated Sales.

Don and his wife Anne-Marie live in Brampton and are proud parents to two wonderful daughters.

Don has fished at our Club many times as the guest of several members, however it is Pierre Turgeon who needs to be credited with securing him as a new Member, THANKS Pierre!



Dan DeMonte

Dan embraces the outdoors. He and his wife Erika purchased an Alton property "away from the City" retreat over 6 years ago. Although not an avid fisherman Dan is eager to embrace the art of fly fishing.

Daniel has 2 Children, Paloma who attends College in the US, and Daniel Jr. entering grade 11. Paloma and Daniel can be seen running around Alton as they both excel at Cross Country running.

Dan is CEO and Founder of Flat Iron Building Group, which has been recognized by both Report on Business top Growing Companies as well as Canada's Fastest-Growing Companies.

Do please make Bob, Dale, Adrian, Lynette, Don, Anne-Marie, Dan and Erika feel welcome at the Club.

Passing of Club Member Don Noble

Don died on Saturday 26 September, at age 87. Don had been a member of the club since 1983 and served as our sixth President between 1988 – 1989.



Don rarely missed a Club event, and I would often find Don and Debbie (his daughter and also a member) fishing together on the ponds.

We are going to miss you Don!

Restricted access to the Club Property and Clubhouse

Late last week Ontario took additional measures, which they described as a “modified Stage 2”, which include the Region of Peel. Our restrictions for access to the Club Property and the Clubhouse fall within these guidelines and so there is no reason for more restrictions to be issued for our Members at this stage.

As a brief reminder our Club Property is open to Members and your immediate family assuming no one has Covid symptoms or has been in contact with anyone with Covid or Covid symptoms or has travelled outside of Canada for the prior two weeks. The Club House can be accessed by a maximum of 6 Members and their immediate family at any point in time. This access does not permit staying at the Club House overnight. Our Club Property is not open to Guests.

I want to thank members for adhering to the on-site procedures which were issued alongside this restricted access. Everything appears to be working well and there have been no complaints or concerns shared by any Member. A few things I would like to remind you of:

- Please sign a Covid Waiver before your first time visiting the Club. This can be done by
 - printing and signing and sending/scanning the attached form to this email ID or to my home address 1917 Highpoint Side Road, Alton, Ontario L7K 0J8, or
 - on entering the Club where these forms are available on the top of the signing-in desk
- Bring your own food, and anything required to cook and eat it
- Sanitize hands on entry (with the sanitizer dispensers provided)

- Wear a mask when moving around
- Stay socially distanced by at least 6 feet
- Clean up anything you use or touch (with the disinfectant provided)

Golf Day

Golf Day took place on Wednesday 16 September. There were four foursomes, and this was played in a friendly spirit with no awards or winners. Those who attended enjoyed the company of their foursome in a socially distant setting. The weather provided a spectacular fall day and Brad Pinnell of Osprey was a wonderful host.

Fish & Ponds

The last 2020 stocking was carried out over the Thanks Giving weekend, with 185 Rainbows, 105 Browns and 95 Speckled Trout added to the Ponds.



The Ponds are more turbid than usual this fall; however, fish are healthy and thriving and full of fight now that water temps are dropping. The Fall Feeding schedule is being resumed this week and will include one early-morning feeding per day to prepare fish for their long winter dormancy beneath the ice. Also, action is being taken to rid the ponds of Cormorants and none have been sighted for the last week or so.

If you are able to enjoy the Fall fishing then please remember that only barbless flies are permitted on club waters, and please release fish directly from your net while leaving the net in the water whenever possible; removing fish from the water stresses them and decreases their chance of survival. Thank you for helping keep our beautiful trout healthy and happy.

Club Finances

The Club closed our Financial Year ending February 2020 showing an operating surplus of \$6,087, leaving us with an end of year balance of \$110,955. The actual Financial Statement, along with our Financial Statements for the 5 years prior, can be viewed at <https://theuctc.com/club/financial-statement/> (Remember your ID = *firstnameandsirname* and your password is *firstinitialandsirname*)

Several Members have asked me how this year's restrictions will affect our 2021 finances, and if there will be refund or reduction in Membership Fees? In reality this years finances will be very similar to any other year, as most of the Clubs expenses are associated with fixed outgoings like our rent, the stocking and feeding the fish, and on repairs and maintenance of the ponds and Club House. Indeed, only the costs of our events can be considered as discretionary, and this amounts to less than 15% of our expenses. So yes, we do expect to operate this year at an increased surplus, however the amount is not that significant or material. By December we will have a better projection of Financial Year ending February 2021, and at that time your executive will decide if we apply any surplus to our "rainy day" fund or do something extraordinary for Members.

Club Matters

- **Expansion of email-distribution lists:** Earlier in the year I asked all Members if they wanted their partners to be included on the email distribution list. All requested names have now been added and if there are any additional names to be added then do please let me know.
- **New ID Badges:** I am in the process of making up new ID badges for all Members and hopefully there will be one on the board for you when you next visit the Club! I asked all Members if they wanted an ID badge to be made up for their partners and those that were requested will be done too. Again, if there are any additional ID badges you would like me to make up then I am happy to do so, just let me know please.

The club remains open and active for your fishing pleasure!

Tight lines!

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