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Upcoming Events

- 4/14 , 7pm—Next FoSC meeting at the DRC
- 4/24, 12:00—Dedication of the “Forrest ‘Clink’ Miner ‘41” shell at the DRC
- 5/15, 9am-3pm—Car Wash fundraiser at Beal School

Who are the Friends of Shrewsbury Crew?

The Friends of Shrewsbury Crew (FoSC) is a grass-roots, non-profit organization of parents and community members that supports the crew program at Shrewsbury High School. It is our goal to help the high school teams to promote themselves and to raise awareness of the sport of rowing throughout the town. Through our fund raising efforts, we hope to supplement the budget for the high school program to keep the teams' equipment up to date and well maintained.

We also hope to reach out to alumni rowers of the program and to give them a forum to share their enthusiasm and fond

memories of the SHS crew program. Look for us in your travels to New England rowing events where we can be found under the blue “Shrewsbury Crew” canopy, sponsoring a hospitality tent for the athletes and their fans at the various regattas where the teams compete. We're always delighted to meet another friend of the program, so please check the schedule link to see where we'll be!

We have established three Committees to further the aims of FoSC. The Communications Committee has the dual responsibility of providing efficient internal

communications within the SHS rowing program and of publicizing our activities to the wider Shrewsbury town community. Contact Mike Thomas if you are not yet on the email distribution list. The Fundraising Committee will coordinate the effort to raise funds via team activity fundraisers (such as candy sales, car washes and ergathons) plus donations from SHS crew alumni and corporate sponsors. The latter activities are in the formative stage and need fresh leadership to move them forward. The purpose of the Financial Goals Committee is to identify and prioritize the short term and long term goals

Congratulations and Best Wishes to SHS Coaches and Crew

Congratulations to all the athletes and their new coaching team, of Jason Abraham (girls), Justin Lednar (boys), and Curtis Kelley (boys novice) on a very successful fall 2003 season.

The list of individual boat honors earned was very

impressive, with the teams combining to earn two state titles: Massachusetts Public High School Champions, and New Hampshire Team State Champions. The latter award has traditionally gone to large college programs, but strong performances from all the boys'

and girls' boats secured enough points to make SHS the first high school to win this title.

Visit the SHS athletics website for a full review of the fall 2003 season.

Best wishes to all in the SHS crew program for the upcoming,

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give”

Sir Winston Churchill

The prime purpose of FoSC is to raise the money needed to upgrade and maintain the aging fleet of SHS racing shells, so we are very pleased to announce two very good pieces of news with this regard.

In January 2004 the girls' team took delivery of a brand new Quantum Racing shell. The purchase was made possible by generous alumni donations made on behalf of Forrest 'Clink' Miner, alum of '41, donations

from the athletic boosters, and the extensive fundraising efforts of the boys' and girls' teams. The shell, to be named “Forrest 'Clink' Miner '41”, will be dedicated on April 24, at 12:00 at the Donahue Rowing Center.

In a recent development, it was announced that in spring 2004 the boys' team will be taking delivery of a brand new Vespoli M2 Racing shell as a result of an act of personal generosity by Mrs. Babs Donahue. The

Donahue family made possible the rowing center on North Quinsigamond Avenue, that bears their name, when they added to state and federal grants to build the center, which opened in 1993. It is with a deep debt of gratitude that FoSC wishes to add their thank you to Mrs. Babs Donahue for this latest act of generosity toward the SHS crew program.

Details of the dedication ceremony for this new shell will