

# NEWSLETTER



January/February 2016

A belated Happy and Healthy New Year Greeting to all our members! Our winter activities have resumed, helping to fill those so-called gloomy and boring days after the holiday season when most people seem to be busier than ever! We are fortunate to have so many indoor activities to enjoy and can ignore the rain and wind for a couple of months. Well, almost.

Club business goes on and we have a few issues to discuss in the next few months, the biggest of which is the ongoing subject of how to get into the Club house. What started off as a mild suggestion has ballooned into quite a topic and I am hoping that it will have been well-mulled over before the SAGM. I have had several messages, with as many opinions, on how to resolve the issue and welcome many more at any time.

*Annie*

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Many thanks to Janet Gardner and her team of hard workers to put on the Christmas Dinner! It was a huge success, super-well organized by Janet and catered again by Chef on the Run. The meal was excellent and the entertainment and Bingo kept us all involved happily throughout the evening. Holding the singing of Christmas Carols and Songs before dinner brought the company together in the right spirit and is a practice that will continue in the future.

## **FIRST AID COURSE**

Those of you who go to the Club for bridge, mah-jong or carpet bowls will have noticed Peter Coy's notice regarding the First Aid course. It is apparent that you have also noticed his graphic post-accident pictures which were obviously too much for some people to stomach! Peter is taking names for participants in the course and the list is growing. Please call Peter at 250-477-9958 or email him at [pjcoy@telus.net](mailto:pjcoy@telus.net) if you intend to take the course.

To inspire all of us to learn how to be effective Good Samaritans or First Responders, Peter has shared a true story with us which shows that knowing a little First Aid really can be helpful.

### **Butch's Motorcycle Misadventure**

One year, Santa brought Butch a motorcycle for Christmas, much to our dismay, as we didn't think he was old enough or responsible enough for a motorcycle. He had watched a great motorcycle chase scene in the latest Mission Impossible movie and really wanted a motorcycle of his own. He was really happy and excited to get what he wanted. However, when we were not around he set up a couple of ramps to try some of the extreme tricks he had seen on various sports reports. Well, it didn't end well! He had a bad crash, made worse by the fact that he wasn't wearing a helmet. He ended up with concussion, a broken leg and suspected neck/back injury. Fortunately, some of his buddies did a great job as first responders and got the First Aid kit. They bandaged him up and strapped him to a spine board and then transported him to the hospital. One of his friends, Bunny, was VERY upset to see his best friend in such a bad way. Fortunately, his back and neck were okay and he recovered slowly from his concussion and broken leg. His motorcycle was confiscated until he got better and bought a helmet. Then he was only allowed to ride under strict supervision. We hoped he had learned his lesson (although we rather doubted it). Here are some photos of the accident.

(Butch did enjoy all the attention while he was convalescing, especially the extra bones!)



First Aid Crew Helps Out



All Taped Up



Off to the Hospital

## **WINTER ACTIVITIES**

CARPET BOWLS is drop-in. Please come 15 minutes early so we can start on time.

**SCHEDULE**

Monday	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Saturday	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:30 p.m.

MAHJONG – Monday at 1:00 Contact Sandra McConnell if you are interested.  
Beginners welcome.

250-721-5526 or email: [skmcc@telus.net](mailto:skmcc@telus.net)

BRIDGE - Wednesday 1:00 pm. Please arrive ten minutes early so we can start on time.

Contact Peggy Knapik at 250-477-1574.

BEGINNER BRIDGE - Friday at 1:00 p.m. (2 hours)

**BOWLS BEGINS IN LESS THAN  
THREE MONTHS!**

**PS** No sooner had I finished this than I received a letter from Jaymee Sidel, of the Oak Bay Club. She is a former Canadian Junior Champion in singles and pairs and has represented Canada in World Bowls competition. She has just been invited to join Team Canada again, this time to compete in the Junior division of the World Championships in Australia. She has begun a rigorous training program with Davie Mathie (Head Coach for Canada) to prepare for this competition. Unfortunately, World Bowls does not offer any funding for this event so Jaymee is responsible for airfare, accommodation and meals. She has written a letter to all the Bowls Clubs in Bowls South Island to request some financial assistance. I would hope that our Club sees it fit to help her and will bring it to the Executive on February 10. Jaymee will not only be representing Canada again but also all the Clubs in BSI.