

NEWSLETTER



November 2015

As the calendar year is drawing to a close, a new year opens up for our Club. It is interesting that just when the end-of-year festivities and the busy times associated with them are beginning (yes, the Christmas trees are in the stores already!) a new Executive team, with its concomitant challenges and possibilities, also leaps into the fray! I am pleased and honoured to be your President for the coming year and hope that we will have a productive and enjoyable year together. My wish for the Club is that we will have a harmonious and congenial time in whatever activities we are involved in, and that openness and communication will be the hallmark of a successful year. I can assure you that the membership will be kept informed at all times about any issues that arise and that all members of the Club must feel free to express any concerns they may have and hopefully have them satisfactorily addressed.

ABS

Leadership is an opportunity to serve; it is not a trumpet call to self-importance.

(J. Donald Walters)

COACH'S CORNER

Floyd and Gail would like to report that carpet bowls is going strong and is well attended. There is a need for someone to take on the job of hosting the Sunday afternoon carpet bowls. Bill Clements is stepping in while Floyd and Gail are away but this has to be temporary. If anyone is willing to step up and host this session please do let Gail know. Have a great trip, Gail and Floyd!

UMPIRE'S CORNER

There are now 15 qualified umpires in BSI which is good news as it means that all the umpires might have a little more time to bowl in tournaments.

for Steve Foster

SOCIAL CONVENOR

At present we have no Chair for this committee. We thank Lin for her hard work throughout last year and recognise how much time and effort it took. It is a very challenging and exhausting job to take on alone. Janet Gardner has very kindly (and bravely?) taken responsibility for the Christmas Dinner and has a willing team of helpers organized. Thank you, Janet!

During the year we have five major events and all of them need someone to take on the overall organization of these days. Here are two suggestions that may help to solve what is becoming a bit of problem looking forward to next summer.

1. A group of people volunteer to take on the task of being responsible for all the events. Or:
2. One person volunteers for one event and forms a team to help organize it. (This is what Janet is doing.) This way no-one has to be responsible for all the events.

I think the whole Club will be very grateful if this issue is resolved soon. This would be a good opportunity for one or more new members to get involved in volunteering to help with some of the regular social events that are part and parcel of activities at the Club. No need for anyone to feel that they don't know what to do because there will be plenty of people to give guidance. All our social events, the Christmas Dinner, June Pot Luck Dinner, July 1st BBQ, Salmon BBQ, and Chicken BBQ, need a team to make them happen. They are fun events and working at them is very rewarding and helps create new friendships within the Club.

I am very happy to announce that Gloria Burton has formed a team to take care of Tournament Teas this coming season! Many thanks to Gloria, Linda Guthrie, Norah McQuiggan and Gail Ruttan; there are many people both in our Club and other clubs who will be very appreciative!!

FIRST AID COURSE

Peter Coy has put up an information sheet on the notice board. Members can sign up at any time. The course will be arranged for the spring so that participants can go outside and learn about the appropriate responses to situations that could happen on the greens. It is hoped that we will get a high level of participation because it would be very beneficial to have a body of trained people at the Club who can deal knowledgeably with medical emergencies.



WINTER ACTIVITIES

MAHJONG

Mahjong is going well with four tables playing every week. A random draw is used for deciding who plays at which table.

Contact: Sandra McConnell if you are interested. Beginners welcome.

250-721-5526 or email skmcc@telus.net

BRIDGE

Bridge is under way with 29 people signed up. We have yet to have a full complement of people playing. So far we have had five or six tables.

Contact: Peggy Knapik at 250-477-1574.

BEGINNER BRIDGE

Bill Ward's class started on **Friday, October 30** at 1:00 p.m. (2 hours)

Contact: Bill Ward: 250-477-2241 or email wward@telus.net

A couple are driving home from an acrimonious bridge game. They pass a field of donkeys. The husband breaks the silence. "Relatives of yours?" The wife replies, "Yes, in-laws".

DATES TO REMEMBER

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Friday, December 11. Social hour 5:30; dinner 6:30. A poster will soon be on the board with further information regarding price, etc.

EXECUTIVE

Here is the new list of Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs for 2015-2016:

President	Annie Bodley-Scott
1st Vice-President	Dennis Verge
2nd Vice-President	Barry Mah-Ming
Past President	Stephen Mah
Secretary	Sandra McConnell
Treasurer	Kathy Clement
Greens	Al Thomson
Games Chair - Men	Jim Hill
Games Chair - Women	Gloria Burton
House and Maintenance	James "Se" O'Connor
Membership	Gail Ruttan
Social Convenor	

Appointed Committee Chairs:

Chief Coach	Floyd Ruttan
Chief Umpire	Steve Foster
Smile Cards	Rosemary Ward
Newsletter	Annie Bodley-Scott
Junior Program	Annie Bodley-Scott
Ethics	Barb Coey
Website	Robin Hittos

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

At the AGM on October 25 a motion was put to the membership. The motion was "That keys be made available to all regular members." The motion was moved and seconded. Then the proposer moved to amend the original motion to read; "That keys or a coded keyless system be available to all members." No discussion was invited and a motion to table the amended motion to the Semi-Annual General Meeting was made from the floor. The reason given was that we had no information to present. Had discussion been allowed it would have immediately become apparent that in fact three people had done some research and obtained quotations of prices for a keyless entry system to be installed on the main door.

Now we have almost half a year in which to make up our minds and come to the SAGM to make a decision. The pros and cons of all members having a key have to be thought through so here are a few things to mull over:

- * Last summer we had an unprecedented number of occasions when doors were left unlocked or completely open.
- * Many times lights were left on.
- *The cost of a keyless system is upwards of one thousand dollars. This is because we have push bars on our doors, which add security but make installation of a coded system more costly.
- *We have to have a code that everyone can remember.
- * The keyless systems we have quotes for allow us to give temporary codes to organizations that rent the building. These codes 'self-destruct' in 24 hours. We can have up to 10 temporary codes.

Many more concerns one way or the other may come up. We welcome all input.

It is the responsibility of every member of the Club to know how to lock up and leave the building secure!

HERE'S TO A HAPPY YEAR OF BOWLS!