

NEWSLETTER



November/December 2016

A funny thing happens after the clocks go back in the Fall; after a fairly warm October, albeit more than a little damp, the words 'cold', 'dark', 'wet', 'windy', 'Black Friday' and 'Christmas' have crept into many conversations and it really is very irritating to go into a store and hear that Mommy is already kissing Santa Claus. In November? Really!

Rising above all the doom and gloom and frightful Christmas songs wailed by nasal female voices, here at the Club the winter activities are all under way and everyone is enjoying a happy social time. Carpet bowls almost every day, Mahjong on Mondays and Bridge on Wednesdays are all well attended. While we continue to enjoy our winter activities there are just a couple of things which are in the planning stages and which will involve many volunteers next season.

Yuk Did you hear the one about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

THE PIANO

The piano had been sitting in the window with the sun on its back for a very long time and the quality of sound was deteriorating. As it was only used for a very short while at the annual Christmas dinner, a motion to sell it was almost unanimously carried. Although it is usually difficult to sell a piano, I consulted my piano tuner and he suggested a price range. Within twenty-four hours the piano

was sold for \$1000 but with a commitment for the Club to pay for the tuning. The purchaser, and very happy new owner of the piano, is a senior lady who has just begun to take piano lessons and describes the arrival of the piano in her room as a 'life-changing' event. She is 94 years old.

Annie

Yuk yuk Velcro - what a rip-off!

JUNIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the AGM the motion to hold the 2017 Junior Provincial Championships at Gordon Head was carried and since then efforts have been made to confirm this commitment with Bowls BC. However, there has been no response so far. This event will be a big one for Gordon Head and there will be several areas where we will need volunteers for three days of entertaining youth from all over the province. A committee will be put together in the next couple of months and then the work will begin. The Junior program will have at least four young people in it next season, probably more, and I would hope that they would all enter the competition. We have won all three colours of medals in the past two years, and hope to repeat the success next year.

Annie

SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bowls Canada has asked BSI to host the 2017 National Championships at Juan de Fuca LBC in August 2017. Davie and Ann Mathie are organizing the event and they are asking all clubs in BSI to participate in some capacity. More information will be available after the first meeting of the Committee. Steve and Jill Foster, Dennis and Annie are on the Committee and will keep the club posted on what Gordon Head's role will be. Some areas that need to be covered are drivers, food

service, markers, umpires - and flippers (flipping over the score board numbers – and getting a ringside view of the game) - which has to be the best job of all!

Yuk yuk yuk

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our annual Christmas Dinner, catered again by Chef on the Run, is on December 9th and tickets, priced at \$32, are available from Mary Howarth, Gale Law, and Gail Ruttan. We can look forward to some carol singing, a delicious meal and, of course, Bingo! The evening begins at 5:30 with Happy Hour and singing, followed by the turkey dinner at 6:30.

