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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! We are now more than two months into the "off-season", and shortly we'll be entering the new year when, inevitably, one's thoughts begin to turn again to, what else but, summer bowling. But is it really the "off-season"? There is a varied program of winter activities that is in full swing at the moment and that will continue till March/April next year - short mat, darts, bridge, cribbage and Mah Jong. In addition, there is the very popular series of social functions during the winter months with varying themes and cuisines on offer, kicked off this year by the imaginative and popular inception of Oktoberfest immediately following the AGM. So for those of us who are involved in one or more of these winter pursuits, there is really no such thing as an "off-season" at the Club. Nor indeed should there be an off-season. The Club exists for the benefit of its members, and they should be able to enjoy the facilities it provides throughout the year. However, none of this would be possible to the same degree were we not in the fortunate position of having a sufficient number of core volunteers to help keep all these activities going at full tilt, winter and summer. The greens too are given the same tender care in the "off-season" that is lavished on them in the playing season, attested to in ample measure right now by the healthy green glow that is so evident, even at a cursory glance.

As pointed out at the AGM, held on October 15, 2005, the popularity of dinner functions at the Club, both in winter and summer, has on occasion resulted in waiting lists having to be established because demand from members wishing to attend has exceeded the permitted seating capacity in Carnarvon House. The expansion proposal for Carnarvon that the Club has put forward is designed in part to address this problem. While no decision has yet been taken by the Provincial Government on our application for a grant from the 2010 Olympic legacy fund, steady progress is being made to move the project ahead. We have received strong support from Mayor Chris Causton and the Municipal Council, and the Planning and Development Committee under Mickey Sendall is working hard to ensure that the momentum that has been built up does not falter. Members will be kept informed of developments, and if all goes well, we should see construction work starting shortly after the next summer season. Exciting times certainly in the offing for the Club!

In closing, may I take this opportunity to wish members and their families all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Harnam Grewal

SHORT MAT

The first session of Short Mat is progressing well. There are ten Pairs teams entered and seven Singles entries. The winners will not be determined until the end of December. The second session will commence on Sunday, January 8th, 2006, with a meeting on Friday, January 6th, 2006 at 10.00 a.m., so that participants may set up dates for play. It is hoped that those who took part in this session will sign up and that others will 'give it a go'. It is great fun and all bowlers are welcome."

Marion Woiblet

WINTER GAMES

The Winter Games program has been well supported since it started at the beginning of October. Bridge has up to 10 tables a week, Cribbage up to 6 tables, and Mah Jong 3 to 4 tables. Darts continues to be very popular with 20 - 24 players out every Sunday and Wednesday. The occasional Soup and a bun lunches are very well received by all participants! Ten Pairs teams entered for Short Mat and seven Singles entries. My sincere thanks go to Joan Gowan, Pamela Potter, Vern McBeth, Mickey Sendall and Faith and Jon Magwood, as well as all those, too numerous to mention individually, who are helping to make the Winter Activities so successful.

ANTICIPATED START UP DATES FOR 2006 SEASON

- DARTS Wednesday, January 4th, 2006 Every Sunday and Wednesday afternoons at 1.00 p.m. Co-ordinator: Vern McBeth – 383-8908
- BRIDGE Monday, January 2nd, 2006 . Every Monday afternoon at 1.00 p.m. Co-Ordinator: Joan Gowan – 477-5281
- CRIBBAGE Saturday, January 7th, 2006. Every Saturday afternoon at 1.00 p.m. Co-Ordinator: Pamela Potter – 595-1718
- SHORT MAT Friday, January 6th, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. Meeting to set schedule.
Sunday, January 8th, 2006 start of second session to end on or about March 31, 2006.
- MAH JONG Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006. Every Tuesday afternoon at 1.00 p.m. Co-Ordinator: Mickey Sendall – 721-3040



Co-Ordinator: Marion Woiblet – 477-4596

MEMBER SERVICES

It is December and we have had no one come forward to take over the Publicity spot on the Executive. Parts of the publicity job have already been taken care of with Joan Hall looking after the phoning committee and Ray Troyer has offered to be the Club Photographer. So all that is left to be done is to represent Publicity by attending Executive meetings (approx. 2 hours per month), place the results of tournaments in the newspapers and on the chalkboard. You could even dream up a few human interest-bowling stories for the Regional newspapers, as Marion did last year. You would need to put some photos on the picture board and keep the Club scrapbook. Doesn't that sound like fun!!! Please, Please come forward and fill this spot on the Executive – we would appreciate it so much!

Dolores Troyer

Thanks to Jon Magwood for the new sign on the equipment shed!!!!!!



Games Report

Planning for the 2006 outdoor bowling season is well underway. Four particular items of note:

1. The Oak Bay-Saanich Centenary Celebration event is scheduled for Saturday, June 24. Don't miss the fun of friendly inter-municipal competition.
2. The Jubilee Pacific Open Pairs will be moved to earlier in the season (hopefully mid-June) and entry fee will be just \$15 per person. It is hoped that this will help to restore this once prestigious event on the BSI bowls calendar.
3. Last year's experiment of a cutthroat competition will be added as a formal club event in 2006. Having consulted with the family and in memory of the exemplary service and performance of the late Bob Wilson, this tournament will be introduced as the "Bob Wilson Cutthroat Competition".
4. The transformation of the club's Champ of Champs competition will be completed and commencing in 2006 a "Club Championship" will be held in September which tests qualifiers with two matches each of singles, pairs and triples. Members will qualify for the Club Championship by earning points based on top three performances in club events and leagues, BSI tournaments, and Provincial and National Championships. A number of members who achieved great results after the 2005 competition was held, have been credited with points which will carry forward to the 2006 season.

The search is underway for (a) a lady to be responsible for BSI Ladies Games, by attending a couple of meetings during the year and by ensuring entries to BSI ladies events and entry fees are submitted; and (b) managers for each of our club tournaments, leagues and other events. If you don't volunteer now for the activity of your choice, I may call later to ask you to take on something else. Please give Gary Robinson a call soon

Gary Robinson.

Upcoming social events:

The Christmas Reception will be held on December 11th (Sunday) from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Donations of Savories or Christmas baking for the food table would be appreciated.

Boxes for FOOD for the NEEDY will be under the tree and donations would be appreciated.

The January 19th, 2006 dinner theme will be "UKRANIAN". Tickets will go on sale at the Christmas reception. The price is \$13.00. I am arranging entertainment and it is not confirmed at present.

A "Mad Hatter" theme dinner is scheduled for Thur 23 Mar 06. Details to follow

I will be asking for Volunteers for these events. Member assistance is always appreciated.

Prim Wood

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her,

"Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

Bowls BC Presents:

Training Camp – Intermediate Level

Welcome 2nd year bowlers or above who would like to improve their games.

Camp (1) Qualicum Beach LBC, June 3 & 4, 2006

Camp (2) Richmond LBC, June 10 & 11, 2006

(Saturday : 9 am – 8 pm)

(Sunday : 9 am – 5 pm)

Camp coach : Dave Brown

Two days of enjoyment for only \$50

Programs : Basic delivery with video-taping of the individual, fun drills to improve your skill, team playing for strategy studies, plus free Saturday dinner and a chance to get new friends.

For registration: contact On-Kow Au (Mainland)

604-2639135 e-mail: onkow@shaw.ca

Ken Chatfield (the Island)

250-7521808 e-mail: kchat@shaw.ca

Please forward a cheque of \$50 payable to Bowls BC to On-Kow Au, 8292 Osler Street, Vancouver, BC, V6P4E2

(Enter early, as camp size is limited to 24)

To all members with regard to items purchased on behalf of the club and which subsequently require reimbursement:

Please note that the only person(s) authorized to approve expenditures/reimbursement on behalf of the club are current Executive members of the Board. The Treasurer has therefore been instructed to reimburse only those items which have been pre-approved by a member of the Executive so please ensure that you have received approval before any purchases are made. It is important that we are fiscally responsible with regard to our club finances and this procedure will help to ensure that the proper measures of control are in place. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Joan Firkins-1st Vice-President

A senior citizen in Florida bought a brand new Corvette convertible.

He took off down the road, flooring it to 80 mph and enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left on his head. "This is great, he thought, as he roared down I-75.

He pushed the pedal to the metal even more. Then he looked in his rear view mirror and saw a highway patrol trooper behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. "I can get away from him with no problem" thought the man and he tromped it some more and flew down the road at over 100 mph. Then 110,120 mph.

Then he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this kind of thing.

He pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the trooper to catch up with him.

The trooper pulled in behind the Corvette and walked up to the man.

"Sir," he said, looking at his watch. "My shift ends in 30 minutes and today is Friday. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The man looked at the trooper and said, "Years ago my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper, and I thought you were bringing her back"

"Have a good day, Sir," said the Trooper

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