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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2006 outdoor season was put to bed on October 9th, a warm sunny afternoon, with a good number of members enjoying what was in effect the last fling of the year. This was in stark contrast to the rather wet beginning, experienced on Opening Day in April, but perhaps a fitting symbol for what has been an uncommonly successful year for the Club.

To recap, the significant milestones of the year:

- Gaining almost 50 new members (those new to the game as well as experienced bowlers from other clubs) offset in part by some attrition through non-renewal of membership and natural causes;
- Becoming the biggest club on the Island in terms of active bowlers
- Winning the Bowls South Island Inter-Club Championship, i.e. the Cameron Cup
- Obtaining substantial grants from the Provincial Government and Oak Bay Municipality towards the construction cost of the Carnarvon House Expansion Project.

There were at the end of September 207 names on the Club's membership roster, comprising 188 active bowlers and 19 social members. In addition, there are in the off-season Winter Paying Guests who participate in winter activities (darts, bridge, etc.) on the payment of a fee but who are not accredited as members, reflecting a facet of the Club's service to the wider community.

A pleasing feature of the outdoor season this year was the strong interest shown by both experienced and new players in taking part in most of the Club tournaments, so much so that if the trend continues the Games Committee and the Executive will need to give careful thought to tournament format in order to accommodate all those wishing to participate. Equally pleasing was the high rate of turnout for open draws and social bowling throughout the season. As has been stated on a number of occasions previously, the Club policy is to provide a balance between competitive play on the one hand and open draw and social bowling on the other. This the Games Committee has endeavored to achieve and maintain, though this year the balance may have been tilted a little by the introduction of two new tournaments, the Bob Wilson Cutthroat Competition and the Jubilee Pacific Open Pairs, the one open to all members and the other open to members and other bowlers in BC and elsewhere. Both of these tournaments, incidentally, proved to be highly popular. Be that as it may, wherever possible during a tournament, rinks are made available to members for open draw play in keeping with the above-mentioned aim of maintaining balance.

Finally, the delay that has occurred in finalizing a contract for the Carnarvon House Expansion Project is disappointing, to say the least. We are however hopeful that we will be able to keep within budget, and that construction work will be completed in good time for the start of the 2007 outdoor season. A full report on the project will be presented to members at the AGM on October 28th.

Harnam Grewal

The House Committee

We have been given an upright Freezer by Linda Cowie. Thanks Linda! The old one was sold and the money went to the building fund.

The Housekeeping Roster for the Winter Season is posted in Anderson House. Cleaning duties are done every two weeks – PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Prim Wood

FUNDRAISER DINNER & SILENT AUCTION for CARNARVON HOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT

Come and enjoy the fun, plus kick off the Christmas season!

When: Friday, November 24th, 2006

Time: 5:45 p.m. No-Host Reception / Silent Auction Opens
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Where: University Club, University of Victoria. <http://club.uvic.ca/pages/about.html>

Tickets: On Sale at AGM – October 28th or After October 28th – 592-4941 Linda
\$40.00 per person

Home-Grown Entertainment No-Host Bar

Prizes & Surprises Great Silent Auction Items

Enjoy Fun and Fellowship with your fellow club members as we raise funds to assist with the club expansion project.

Get your tickets before they sell out!

What is a Silent Auction?

Your committee is working hard at obtaining good quality items for auction ~ Sandy will let you know the types of things that have been obtained when she speaks at the AGM on October 28th - but there are lots of good things with more to come!

The idea is that you bid an amount you are prepared to pay for the item and go around the room putting your name down on the list re things you might like to buy. You will find one or two things that you would really like and when you go back to check on the items, someone else will have put down a higher bid! And the fun starts!! The person who is the last to bid on the item is the one who gets it! So you can get a lot of fun going on when people are trying to outbid one another. There will be a cut-off time for bids later in the evening but everything gets started when you start looking at the items during the reception prior to dinner.

That's just a quick overview of a silent auction - the idea is twofold - to have fun and to raise money for our expansion project at the club! Let's make this a great evening for a special event - a chance for you to get dressed up, socialize with your friends from 'the friendly club', have a great meal, enjoy some home-grown entertainment and.....be prepared for a special surprise during the evening! (and no, it isn't Santa Claus!)

Joan Firkins

Games

Another summer bowling season has come to a close. We've enjoyed some really fabulous weather with the exception of heavy rain on May 22nd, which necessitated the cancellation of the Victoria Day Bowling. Most bowlers have been able to fit into the many varied opportunities to bowl, that our club provides. Regular open draws are frequent. Social times are very popular with both Wednesday and Saturday tea days, special draws on Thursday and the Friday nights "Bring a Friend" social.

Holiday events are always well attended. I think that those great dinners that follow bowling are definitely a drawing card! Our club tournaments have been well supported and bowlers who have entered competitions at other venues have made us proud. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the many who have worked on games this season in one way or another. They are the committee members, draw captains, tournament managers, league organizers, markers and umpires. Without them, we wouldn't have the wealth of opportunities we enjoy. On behalf of us all, I would also like to thank the Greens Crew for their work maintaining the Greens.

Marilyn Turpin

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Winter activities are in full swing except for Short Mat (see below). Bridge, Cribbage, Darts and Mah Jong will continue until work on the Carnarvon House Expansion Project starts.

The co-ordinators for the programmes are:

Bridge: Joan Gowan - 477-5281

Cribbage: Pamela Potter - 595-1718 and Marie Green - 592-6445

Darts: Vern McBeth - 658-1068

Mah Jong: - Mickey Sendall - 721-3040

Short Mat: -Eric Ballinger - 595-7921

All Club Members will have received Eric's Notice with the AGM Agenda stating that there will be a registration meeting of all interested members on Saturday, October 14th, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. sharp, and the first games may take place no earlier than Sunday, October 15th. Please take time to read his 'Get Ready for Short Mat Play', which I'm sure, will answer most questions bowlers may have.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Winter activities, please either contact the co-Ordinator of the event(s) in which you are interested or myself at 477-4596.

Marion Woiblet
Winter Activities Co-Ordinator

Our Cameron Cup Contributors for 2006

Greenslade	John Cossom, Harnam Grewal, Eric Bellinger
South Island Ladies Fours	Linda Cowie, Sheridan Elston
Galleon Mixed Pairs	Betty Walker, John MacLachlan
Wilkerson Men's Pairs	Harnam Grewal, Vic Badenhorst
Flora Martin Ladies Singles	Linda Cowie
Rose Bowl Ladies	Marilyn Turpin & Mary Browning
Ann Webster	Betty Walker, Pat Metcalf, Laurie Matheson
Jubilee Pacific Pairs	Al Neumair, Joe Rossi
Hearts Trophy Mixed Fours	Betty Walker, John MacLachlan, Eileen Homes
Silver Tray	Lorraine Neumair & Mary Browning
Findlay Memorial Mixed Triples	Betty Walker, John MacLachlan, Eileen Homes
Dogwood Scotch Mixed Pairs	Betty Walker, John MacLachlan
Holiday Week Ladies	Linda Cowie, Jeanne Scarrow
Holiday Week Men's	John Cossom, Harnam Grewal, George Davey, Michael Lum, John MacLachlan
Simmons Ladies Triples	Lorraine Neumair, Dorothy Bissell, Mary Browning
Men's Singles	Al Wood
Bert Nelson Mixed	Lyall Wiseman, Michael Lum, Pat Thomas
Yarrow Cup Men's Pairs	John Cossom, Michael Lum ~ Oak Bay

PERKS OF BEING OVER 65

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.

3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 9 P.M. And ask, " Did I wake you?"

Our Club Champions for 2006

Miller Triples	SandyCoupe, John Cossom, Tak Hirose
Quaddie	Linda Cowie, Sheridan Elston
Degoutiere	Art Antrobus, Eric Ballinger, Gary Suter
McEwan Pairs	Joe Rossi, Jack Lalonde
Maddalon Tray Pairs	Helen Kempster, Lawrie Matheson
Hart Singles	Harnam Grewal
Hadfield Singles	Lawrie Matheson
CutThroat	Jack Lalonde, Eric Ballinger, Alan Hall
Novice tournament	Helen Kempster, Allan Lightfoot
Dore Mixed Scotch Pairs	Jeanne Scarrow, Nick Watkins
Summer Singles League	Linda Cowie and John Cossom Tied
Campbell Cup	Wendy Appleyard
Carnarvon Cup	Murray Robertson
Labour Day Quaddie	Vic Badenhorst, Marg Shipley, Joan Derry, Sandy Coupe, Harnam Grewal
Oak Bay Championship	Mary Browning, Eric Ballinger

Two members of the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club represented the South Island in the Men's Pair's Competition. **George Davey** and **Michael Lum** won the **Gold Medal** in the B.C. Senior Games that were held in Abbotsford, August 23 to 26.

Member Services

I would like to thank the following members who helped me with Member Services this past season. Marion Woiblet – Winter Activities, Pat Thomas & Wendy Barry – Stores and name tags, Barbara Rowell – Lockers, Ken Baggott – Key Replacement, Ray Troyer – Information Booklet, Newsletters and Web Site.

Membership Total for this year 207

Dolores Troyer

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October)! Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig." Today we often use the term "here comes the Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting

in the chair the "chair man." Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."

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