
The Bulletin

Hobbs Seniors' Club

April 2023



Yes, it's finally here! Longer days, warmer days, hopefully no more snow, and an uplifting of spirits! And we are hoping that it also heralds a more open and enjoyable environment at the Club.

RELAXING OF MASKING AND VACCINE REQUIREMENTS

This subject was discussed at length at the board's recent meeting on March 20. As you know, the expected winter wave did not materialize, and the situation in the province has been holding steady for the past several weeks. We have experienced the odd positive case from time to time among our membership, but this is not so different from cases of the flu popping up. According to the medical experts, between the wide use of the vaccine and the number of individuals who have contracted Covid, the community has now achieved a high level of protection against the virus. The fact that all our members have received between three and five shots puts us in a very good place. As a result, the board has passed the following motion: **That, effective immediately, the Hobbs Seniors' Club shall become a mask-friendly environment and all restrictions regarding vaccines shall be dropped, except as may be required by individual instructors.**

Mask-friendly simply means that it is completely up to the individual based on his/her comfort level, and that no judgement will be made regarding individual choices. This is seen as a gentle move towards eventually dropping any reference to masking altogether.

Notwithstanding the above, you are still reminded of the importance of staying home if you have a cold or feel unwell. And we shall continue the practice of notifying our president if we do, in fact, test positive.

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to report a steady influx of new members, increasing our membership to 330 as of this date – back up to pre-pandemic numbers! It seems that word continues to get around about our “little club.”

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

St. Patrick's Day Potluck: This was a very successful return of our potlucks! Enough food to feed a small army, and lots of laughter and dancing. Thank you to everyone who participated, and special thanks to our many eager helpers. We don't really have an official photographer for these events, so it would be appreciated if anyone who took photos could forward them to Ann at amcconnell.home@gmail.com, so that we can keep our photo album up-to-date. If you would like to take on this task for future events, please let Sheila Dahl know, at sdahl@bell.net.

Armchair Travels with Lynda: Sheila is hard at work, trying to reschedule this event at The Promenade. Information will be shared as soon as a date is finalized.

Learn to Play: Interest has been expressed in learning how to play some of our afternoon games. We are pleased to announce that individuals have offered to teach Mah Jongg, Euchre, and Bid Euchre. If you would like to receive instruction in any of these and eventually join in the games, please contact Marjorie Ashworth at margie.ashworth@gmail.com, as she will be coordinating this.

Free Dates: We have been given five more “free dates” under our rental contract for the year: Friday June 23, Friday July 21, Friday August 18, Friday September 15 (all evenings, 4:30-midnight), and the afternoon of Saturday, November 18 (already reserved for this year’s Christmas Craft Fair). If you would like to book one of these dates for a club activity, please email Marjorie (at above address). One further note: to ensure equal treatment for all, since we are not being charged for these days, there will be no requirement to submit activity fees to the club.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

This is a reminder that there are first aid kits and supplies located in the back storage room. Contents and location are noted on the bookcase beside the storage room door. Also, the AED is mounted on the wall beside the front door.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The date has been set for this year’s AGM – **Friday, June 9 at 12:30 p.m.** So, again this month, we are putting out the call for nominations for the positions of President and Membership Director. It is critical that we fill these two positions, which will become vacant as of June 9. So far, no one has shown any serious interest in stepping forward; surely, from a membership of over 300, there are at least two individuals who would like to join our leadership team and help keep our club running smoothly. There is a great deal of satisfaction in being part of the management of our organization, and we know there are many among you who would do a superb job. So, please, do ask questions, attend our next board meeting, experience the camaraderie amongst the group. Rosie will freely mentor her replacement regarding membership, and Ann will work with the new president to ensure a smooth transition and continue to attend board meetings as past president (in a non-voting capacity) for the first few months. She is also offering to continue to produce *The Bulletin* and keep the website up to date, at least until the newcomers are established.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OF OUR MEMBERS

On March 10, in recognition of International Women’s Day, Orleans MP Marie-France Lalonde held a breakfast to honour women and girls in Orleans. Lucie Goderre received an award recognizing her as a Leading Woman for her ongoing work with the Orleans Legion, and Eileen McCaughey received a Queen’s Platinum Jubilee pin for her commitment to providing knitted items to veterans, seniors, local women’s shelter, victims of fire, and other deserving groups, through her Busy Fingers knitting group. Congratulations, ladies!

FINAL NOTE

The Centre will be closed on Tuesday, April 4 for maintenance, and April 7 Good Friday. The Club will be open for business on Monday, April 10. Happy Easter, everyone!



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