
The Bulletin

Hobbs Seniors' Club

March-April 2020

*"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."
~ Abraham Lincoln*

Well, our winter hasn't exactly been "as advertised." Still, we do hope you found plenty to keep you busy, whether indoors or outside. And for those of you who are not fans of the cold, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, or maybe just around the corner...Spring is on its way!

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We still have a list of more than 70 members who have not renewed for the 2019-2020 year. If you simply haven't gotten around to it yet, please do so as soon as possible. And, again, if you no longer wish to continue your membership, please let Rosie know by emailing her at rschurr6433@gmail.com, or Ann at amconnell.home@gmail.com or 613-824-7371. If you have not renewed by March 1st, your name will be removed from our register.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

We have begun to pull together a Policies and Procedures Manual for the Club. It is, of course, in its infancy, and we shall be updating it from time to time as needs dictate. A copy will be posted on the bulletin board and extra copies available in the lobby cupboard.

ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The new Gentle Sit and Stand exercise class is a hit, so much so that we have been asked to add another weekly session. The second class will be held on Fridays at 10:30, beginning in April, so watch for the March-April Calendar.

Afternoon Paint Event, Monday, March 9: We have had a good response to this event and are looking forward to spending an enjoyable and creative afternoon together.

Spring Social, Friday, April 24: Please join us for an afternoon tea between 2 and 4 p.m. to celebrate the end of winter, the arrival of spring, and the return of our Snowbirds. This event will be free for members with a minimal charge of \$2.00 for non-members, but we do ask that you register ahead of time so that we have an idea of the numbers. No need to bring anything. Simply come on out and enjoy some refreshments, as well as some light entertainment provided by *The Tour de Four* barbershop quartet. We hope to see you there!

Cribbage Tournament

WHEN: Friday, April 24, 7 – 9 p.m. (please arrive by 6:45)
COST: \$6.00
WHAT TO BRING: Snacks (optional), quarters for skunks and "19" hands (optional)
REFRESHMENTS: Coffee and tea will be provided
REGISTRATION: At the door

Coming up in May: Line Dancing Evening – all levels, Friday, May 8. See next Bulletin for full details.

You may recall that bus outings were a popular suggestion on last year's survey. We have been actively investigating this possibility and are pleased to report that we have secured the date of Tuesday, June 9 for a day trip to Montreal's Botanical Gardens. The projected cost per person would likely be in the area of \$50, depending of

course on the number of travellers. This would include the cost of the coach, driver gratuity, and entrance to the Gardens. Other details are still to be worked out.

Are you interested in learning how to play Euchre or Mah-Jongg? Once again, we are offering to provide instruction in these two games for a limited period of time. For more information or to indicate your interest, please contact Marilyn at marilyn.campbell32@yahoo.com.

We have been trying to think of new activities to add to our calendar. There are two Bean Bag games sitting idle in our storage cupboard, and we have recently had a Corn Hole Toss game donated to the Club. These games are a great way to socialize and have fun with fellow members while at the same time improving your hand-eye coordination. We'd like to see how much interest there would be in organizing these activities. Please indicate your interest by putting your name on the sign-up sheet posted on our bulletin board.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The 2020 AGM will be held on Friday, June 5. As required by the Constitution, a Notice will be sent to all members at least 15 days ahead of time. The main order of business will be the election of four directors: VP Program, VP Administration, Secretary, and Treasurer. Although current directors are allowed to stand for re-election, we are hoping that other members will consider putting their names forward to fill vacancies and contribute to the running of the Club. You may also wish to nominate a fellow member for one of the offices. It is important to note that, while each director does have his/her own specific duties, the Board is very much a "team" that works together on behalf of the membership.

To assist you in your deliberations, we are including job descriptions for the four positions; as well, directors will be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Further details regarding the nomination and election process will be included in the next Bulletin at the end of April. In the meantime, please give serious thought to this matter; the future of the Hobbs Seniors' Club depends on member participation!

CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

Have you received a call from 1-888-495-8501? This is the toll-free number for the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and it's being spoofed. No representative from that office is trying to reach you. Fraudsters are masking CAFC phone numbers with theirs. **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CAFC:** When you miss a call and the caller doesn't leave a message, don't call them back. If it's important they'll call you back. If it's a long distance number, you could be charged long distance fees. If you have been contacted by a scammer, report it to CAFC; if you have lost money, also contact the Police. For additional information on fraud, go to: <http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca>. (Thanks to Lorne Facey for bringing this to our attention.)

A BIG "THANK YOU"

In closing, we wish to give a big shout out and thank you to all our volunteers, without whom the Club could not operate. While National Volunteer Appreciation Week is officially celebrated in April (this year, April 19-25), we have decided to continue the tradition from prior years and honour our volunteers in September. This way, we can be sure that all our Snowbird volunteers are available. In the meantime, please accept our appreciation for your contribution to the Hobbs Seniors' Club.



Board of Directors

Ann McConnell, Marilyn Campbell, Nancy Hebert, Christine Kennedy, Rosie Schurr, Nancy Frawley
Michel Theriault (Honorary Member)