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# *The Bulletin*

## Hobbs Seniors' Club

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Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift;  
that's why it's called the present.

~Bill Keane



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

First things, first: the June 9<sup>th</sup> AGM. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Notice of Annual General Meeting and agenda package must be sent to all members at least 15 days ahead of the meeting. Those with email will receive their packages electronically, while other members will receive theirs through Canada Post – all going out mid-May. You are encouraged to download your documents, if possible. However extra packages will be available at the centre at least two weeks prior to the meeting, as well as at the door on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that only members in good standing (properly paid up or renewed) may attend the meeting and vote.

As already announced, the election of two officers (directors) will be on the agenda: President, and Membership Director. As well, the position of Vice-President Administration has since become vacant, and you will find the job description attached to this newsletter. That being said, I am pleased to report that nominations have been received for the positions of Membership Director and Vice-President Administration; thank you so much! That still leaves my position open and soon to become vacant. While consideration has been given to sharing the duties among the rest of the board, or even some form of rotation, neither of these is really viable. And it really shouldn't be necessary! Every member of the board has a job to do, so why should they be asked to supplement their workload because a replacement cannot be found. So, this is my ask: I know members enjoy coming to the club and are very happy with the way it is functioning, but active member participation is absolutely essential to keeping it operating. You may even have some new ideas you would like to bring into the mix! PLEASE, FOLKS, LET'S KEEP US ROLLING. And, while I am stepping down, I will not be stepping away completely; I shall continue to attend board meetings and mentor the new president until s/he is comfortable. Again, I remind you that I am happy to continue to produce *The Bulletin* and to ensure the website is kept up to date, and I welcome any questions you may have. A Nomination Box and forms can be found on the reception table.

As in past years, Friday Games will be played if there is enough time following the meeting.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

New members are reminded to check for their membership cards. There are quite a few awaiting pick-up by their owners. If they have been printed, they will be in the front hall cupboard - just ask your convener.

### **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Darts Potluck**

Date: Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30 p.m. followed by a couple of games for those who wish

Cost: No cost for members. \$2 for non-members

What to bring: Dish of your choice

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and water will be provided

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**Strawberry Social:** What do you think about a Strawberry Potluck Social? Given the popularity of the recent St. Patrick's Day potluck, it seemed a "no brainer" to celebrate the summer strawberry bounty in the same way, with what would promise to be a wide variety of strawberry-themed dishes. If anyone would like to assist with organizing the event, please contact Sheila at [sdahl@bell.net](mailto:sdahl@bell.net). It would take place in late June/early July; date, time, and other details to follow in a separate email.

**Want to add an activity?** The upstairs hall is in full use every day, but space is available downstairs if anyone would like to organize another activity. So, if you have something you would like to add to the calendar, feel free to let Marjorie know: [margie.ashworth@gmail.com](mailto:margie.ashworth@gmail.com). Keep in mind that you would need to ensure a full-time convener.

**A Little Reminder:** When signing in for an activity, please ensure that you actually put your signature in the second column. This is your acknowledgement of the waiver included at the top of the page.

### **HOBBS LITTLE LIBRARY**

Ziggy has been trying to keep the library in order, but it seems that books are being deposited "willy nilly," requiring constant reorganization which is becoming quite burdensome. The aim of having them placed alphabetically is, of course, to make browsing easier. So, please try and take an extra couple of minutes to place books in the right place. Your help will be appreciated by our resident librarian.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Claire Deschamps:** Further to our announcement of Claire's passing in the March Bulletin, we have learned that a Mass in her memory will be held Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at St-Laurent Church, Carlsbad Springs at 11a.m. Donations can be made, in Claire's memory, to the Ottawa Hospital

### **ONE FINAL REQUEST**

Now that the skating rink boards are gone, we'd like to encourage members who can manage the stairs to park in the lower lot if the main lot is full. A few parked on the road directly in front of the centre would be okay, but we need to give the poor Larch Crescent residents a break from constantly having cars turning round in their driveways and lining the street. To their credit, no complaints have been brought to my attention, but I think we should be more considerate during the summer months.



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