
The Bulletin

Hobbs Seniors' Club

April 2022

*In a world where you can be anything,
be kind.*

~ Anon

TO MASK OR NOT TO MASK? (You had to know this would be first on deck!)

We had been hoping that things would be looking brighter in time for this newsletter, but it appears we were a little too optimistic. It's hard to believe that we are now in what is being called the "6th wave" of the pandemic! Although all signs point to it not being as severe as the last one, there are still strong calls from the head of the Ontario Science Table and our own Dr. Vera Etches for continued caution. If you have not yet seen it, we encourage you to read the attached Special Statement from Ottawa Public Health.

So, even though the mandatory use of masks is not being reinstated by the authorities, your board is asking everyone to continue wearing masks until such time as OPH deems it safe to drop this protective measure. We recognize that this stance may not be popular with everyone but, as always, we need to do what is in the best interests of our membership as a whole.

In the meantime, we continue to encourage everyone who is eligible to get not just the first and second dose, but the booster as well. One last reminder: please stay home if you feel unwell, and notify Ann if you do test positive for COVID or are a close contact. Thank you all for "hanging in." Your positive reinforcement of the decisions we have had to make is greatly appreciated!

ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

It appears that bean bag toss will not become a regular activity, but thank you, Judy, for giving it a try 😊. Maybe this will be something we can use outside during the summer months. As we return to normal, and once the AGM is over and the new board under way, we shall begin another review of the results of the survey conducted in 2019, to refresh ourselves on some of the ideas that were put forward by club members.

Bid-Euchre. Due to the current low interest in playing bid-euchre on Fridays, this activity will no longer be part of the Friday Games. Should interest pick up, a new convener will be sought, and bid-euchre could return to Friday play.

Euchre Tournaments. The euchre group has begun holding its monthly tournaments on the third Tuesday of every month. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members.

Cribbage Night

WHEN: Saturday, April 23, 7 – 9 p.m. (please arrive by 6:45)
COST: \$6.00
WHAT TO BRING: Quarters for skunks and "19" hands (optional)
REFRESHMENTS: Please bring your own drinks and snacks (optional)
REGISTRATION: At the door

Line Dancing Evening

The Line Dancing Evening has been postponed to May. Here are the details:

WHEN: Saturday, May 14, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
COST: \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members
REFRESHMENTS: Bring your own (optional)
REGISTRATION: Tickets will be on sale soon.

Spring Social

You are cordially invited to a Spring Social to welcome our members (new and old) and hopefully celebrate the end of COVID restrictions. The tea will be held on Thursday, May 5, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. We have been able to secure the talented barbershop quartet, *Tour de Four*, for this event, for your listening pleasure as you enjoy your refreshments (tea, coffee, sweets). You can expect a few door prizes, as well as the ubiquitous 50/50 draw. There is no charge for this event (other than a nominal \$2 for non-members), but we ask that you register ahead so that we can provide tickets for the door prizes, and to determine how many to expect. Tickets will be available soon from any director – watch for the poster. This will be our first opportunity since 2019 to gather and reconnect – hope to see you there!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

As you know, we have been unable to hold an AGM for the past two years, the last one being on June 7, 2019. That was the very first AGM of the newly formed Hobbs Seniors' Club, at which a number of important matters were addressed, including approval of the amended Constitution and By-Laws. Now that it is finally possible to hold our long overdue annual meeting, we have scheduled it for Friday, June 10, 2022, beginning at 12:30 p.m. You are reminded that a quorum of twenty-five (25) members in good standing is required for the meeting to proceed.

The agenda will include the election of officers (directors), so please start thinking about putting your name forward. Further information will be coming in the next *Bulletin*.

If you are considering standing as a director and would like to attend a board meeting to get a feel for the process, please contact any one of the directors. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 22.

A BIG "THANK YOU"

Last, but definitely not least, we wish to give a big shout out and a heartfelt 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 24-30), given the current situation we shall be continuing the tradition from prior years and honouring our volunteers in September. In the meantime, please accept our appreciation for your contribution to the Hobbs Seniors' Club. Volunteering can build communities (in this case, our Club) where people feel happier, healthier, and more welcome.



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