

BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OCTOBER 13, 2023

A. Albert –Mah Jong, Table Tennis, Traditional Tai Chi, Tai Chi (Yang Style), Tennis, Walking Group, Chinese Calligraphy

MAH JONG – Expected to have their YGM in October. They were told to hold group meetings in Bonsor facilities, not outside.

TABLE TENNIS – Their YGM was held on Sep 16 with 7 existing and 2 new committee members elected. There is no major change in the core management team with Robert Ng and Jimmy Chow continuing to lead the 230+ members group. They are planning a Christmas luncheon in December. The group expressed a big concern regarding the safety of the setting and taking down of the heavy TT tables before and after their play times. Their group membership fee will be increased by \$5 to \$25.

TRADITIONAL TAI CHI – There is currently not enough space for them to accept new members. They are constantly looking for facilities to expand the space for their practice, let alone accepting new members.

TAI CHI (YANG STYLE) – Doing well.

TENNIS – Their YGM was held on Sep 29 with 7 existing and 1 new committee members elected. There is no major change in the core management team with Georgina Wong still leading the 40+ members group. There is concern regarding the election process. They used to have direct voting for their president from all members. They have a dinner event immediately following YGM on that day. Their membership fee is \$50.

WALKING GROUP – Doing well.

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY - The start date for this new group has been deferred till November. Group leader is Eva Hung.

B. Brian –Computer, Bingo, BSAC, Publicity

COMPUTERS EDUCATION: Busy with full walk-ins.

BINGO: Usual number weekly

BURNABY SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BSAC) – Next meeting October 24 at Cameron

NEWSLETTER: Looking to have first edition by end of month.

C. Ernie – Bus Committee, Card Group

BUS COMMITTEE -

CARD GROUP – No Report.

F. Karuna – BEARS, Bridge, Bridge (Practice)

BEARS – This group continues to run smoothly.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – No Report.

BRIDGE (PRACTICE) – No Report.

G. Louise – Karaoke, Social Line Dance & Practice Line Dance

KARAOKE – Running smoothly as usual.

SOCIAL LINE DANCE – Running smoothly as usual.

PRACTICE LINE DANCE – Running smoothly as usual.

H. Mary – Badminton, Snooker, Open Arts, Website

BADMINTON – Registration - cap 275. waiting list 11. Unfortunately - Bonsor 55+ Society membership was non-refundable for those who did not get into the January 2024 session as the new city registration rules did not allow, and the badminton executive was not advised until immediately before this registration. Request has been made to the executive to include some Society information in this newsletter, as it is sent to all their members - such as volunteers needed for coffee bar, bus hostesses, etc., & future events. Up to date information and pictures posted to the internet.

SNOOKER – YGM held on September 14th. Very organized group. Membership fees have been increased to allow for future upkeep of the tables to \$70.00 per year. It was noted that the group is very grateful to the staff for all their support whenever required. This group has many activities throughout the year, such as:

- LMSSL B League for 6 mos to March 2023
- Mary Horton Invitational Tournament (Bonsor retained the cup)
- 9 ball tournament
- Christmas Lunch Party (funded by donations) 60+ attendees
- Ladder Tournament
- Super Seniors Tournament

The Snooker Group wishes to show that effort is made to include all members in tournaments and competitions at home, and away, and are very grateful for their time allotments. Events and pictures posted to the internet

OPEN ARTS - Registration has increased to 23 members. A special Remembrance Day display is in the works, and will be posted on the internet. The format for the easel in the lounge features a new artist each month, and the Group thanks the board for their new allotment, which is very suitable to their needs.

WEBSITE – No Report

I. Pat – Social Dance (Mon/Wed & Tues/Thurs) & Weight Room

DANCE - Monday/Wednesday This group is continuing to increase in size.

DANCE - Tuesday/Thursday – At this time the Tuesday afternoon Dance is not operating. The Thursday evening dance is well attended and continues to be a big success.

WEIGHT ROOM – Everything is running smoothly.

J. Brenda –SING-A-LONG , VOBS, BPSW, BSRS & Coffee Bar/ Baking

SING-A-LONG – Started up again on Thursday, September 14.

VOBBS – Voices of Burnaby Seniors (Vobss) – Vobbs held two events recently, one in late August on Frauds and Scams and the other in September as a “Get to Know You” luncheon with some of our members. Both events were immensely popular. On Oct 10 the first workshop will be held in our Seniors Empowerment Series, Personal Planning which will include information on Wills, Powers of Attorney, Representation Agreements over at six week period. Snacks or lunch will be included and the cost is free.

BPSW – No Report.

BURNABY SENIORS RESOURCES – Burnaby Seniors Resources Society along with Community Response Networks will be putting on a free event at Bonsor on October 5 “Navigating the Health System which was presented by Fraser Health. Lunch was included.

COFFEE BAR – No Report.

K. Elizabeth – Choir

CHOIR – No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS GROUP REPORTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE 55+ WEBSITE