

# BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

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## SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

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

MAH JONG – Though given the leader's manual, this group seems unable to manage the group properly with language as the major barrier (e.g. meetings were held in private home instead of in Bonsor). Verbal and written guidance had been sent to this group on the what, and the how processes, hopefully helping them going forward.

TABLE TENNIS – Members were reminded not to enter the room during table setup time. There was an incidence where a non-member signed up and played, pretending he was a member. As a 55+ Society member he is entitled to the free trial if he had notified the TT management team ahead of time first. Failing to do that he was asked to leave.

TRADITIONAL TAI CHI – Facility time slot re-arrangement to allow more space to accept new members will start in January 2024

TAI CHI (YANG STYLE) – Facility time slot re-arrangement to allow more space to accept new members will start in January 2024

TENNIS – Brief overview of our 2023 tennis season. We are fortunate to have Central Park tennis courts reserved every Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9:00-12:00 noon. This year we had 40 new members, 27 returning and 13 new members. In addition to fun social tennis, other events included a free pizza day in July and one in August and a fun tournament in Sept. Our tennis club hosted a year end complimentary dinner including games and prizes. Albert conducted elections of officers for 2024.

New executive: President-Georgina Wong, Secretary-Patricia Lum, Treasurer-Bob Herer plus committee members: Kan, Ray, Patrick, Ken, Kim.

Watch for opening day sometime in April to register for 2024. Look forward to all returning members and all new members. All levels of play are welcome. General inquiries re Bonsor 55+tennis at Central Park, please email: [Centralparktennis99@gmail.com](mailto:Centralparktennis99@gmail.com)

WALKING GROUP – Doing well.

### B. Brian –Computer, Bingo, BSAC, Publicity

COMPUTERS EDUCATION: Solid turnouts weekly

BINGO: Usual dozen or so players

BURNABY SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BSAC) – The question of a common fee payback from all four centres for BC Games held over to next meeting in January. Confederation is moving into Christine Sinclair Centre in Spring 2024. Cameron is delaying their move to Lougheed Mall until March. Edmonds is increasing their dance fees to \$2 members \$3 non-members.

PUBLICITY- No Report

**C. Ernie – Bus Committee, Card Group**

BUS COMMITTEE - Bus trips were a bit slow in September – 7 trips plus the 4-day very successful and sold out trip to the Okanagan-Nelson-Arrow Lakes-Whistler, and October with 9 trips.

November has 11 trips booked, and December has 6.

Ernie received agreement from the other three centers to offer Joy Brown a one-time only honorarium of \$400 if she will guarantee the centers 6 trips in 2024. Ilario will speak with her when he drives her next trip in November.

We are investigating purchasing a new bus. Keith is in contact with the manufacturer, and we are awaiting one to come into the dealership so the bus committee can go look at.

Ernie had a successful meeting with the Mulberry regarding sponsorship and they will be contacting us soon about a five-year sponsorship.

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 – This group enjoys the opportunity to gather and show off their singing talents to the delight of all those attending.

SOCIAL LINE DANCE – Social Line Dance is hosting a Christmas Luncheon for each of their two groups Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

PRACTICE LINE DANCE – This group has grown in size as they continue practicing the dances learned in Maggie's classes.

#### **H. Mary – Badminton, Snooker, Open Arts, Website, Chinese Calligraphy**

**BADMINTON** – Badminton is having their semi-annual tournament on the 17th of November. Registration was full immediately, after the well run tournament in the Spring with innovated fun and games and lots of medals given out. This will be followed by the semi-annual luncheon to be held in the banquet hall, a hot chicken or pork dinner, hosted by Caroline and Dora and their wonderful crew of volunteers. Lots of prizes and fun

**SNOOKER** – the semi-annual tournament was held at the beginning of October, hosted this time by the West Vancouver Rec Center Group, who showed them wonderful hospitality and camaraderie. Our team went on the Bonsor Bus, with some new members to give them the experience. Regrettably, the cup was won by the West Vancouver Group, but the Group Leader says we hope to bring the cup back in the Spring.

**OPEN ARTS** - Attendance is still high, with the easel in the coffee bar featuring a new artist each month. Website updated regularly.

**WEBSITE** – No Report

**CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY** – New group to start meeting Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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, COFFEE BAR/ BAKING**

(Louise Kowalenko will temporarily act as Board Liaison for these Groups)

**SING-A-LONG** – Sing-a-Long started up again on September 14. This group will now run 1-3pm with volunteer set up from 12:45-1pm. No members can enter until 1 pm in order to leave time for set up by staff.

**VOBBS** – VOBBS continues to provide workshops. November 14 topic: Power of Attorney. Please sign up early for any of their workshops as space is limited.

**COFFEE BAR** – No Report.

#### **K. Elizabeth – Choir**

**CHOIR** – No report.

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