

Group Leader Reports

Board Meeting of: May 8, 2026

Board Liaison: Albert Lam

Badminton

Gr. Leader: Siow Hwai Ng; LK

Training & Skill Development

A four-week doubles drill and tactical training clinic was conducted April 9 to April 30, 2026. Demand for this program was exceptionally high, exceeding available capacity resulting in a waitlist.

Member Poll — Tournament & Luncheon

A poll was conducted to assess interest in holding a Spring tournament and/or luncheon.

Members were informed that, unlike previous years, no subsidy would be available and any event would need to be fully self-funded.

Despite this change, early feedback suggests that many members remain open to participating, depending on the final cost and event format. Further analysis of the poll results will guide planning in the coming months.

In Memoriam — Jackie Chen

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Jackie Chen, a long-time member of the badminton community.

- Jackie passed away suddenly from cancer.
- She was a triple gold medalist at the 2025 BC Senior Games in Nanaimo.

Attendance

Attendance for the month of April stood at 40%

Tennis (seasonal)

Gr. Leader: Kan Pavananthan

We are Thankful to the City of Burnaby for allocating 4 tennis courts at Central Park.

This year's tennis season started on April 13 and will end on October 16. We already have 40 members registered and all 4 courts are occupied by players and members who are waiting for their turn. The registration is ongoing. We expect around 50 members this year.

Tai Chi Yang Style

Gr. Leader: Arsenio Chau

Tuesday Taichi 1:30-3:30

1st hour: Holistic stretching and meditation exercises (Hue Chun Gong)

2nd hour: Yang style 8, 16 steps Last 15 mins: 8 brocades

Tai Chi Members on Tuesday class: 25 -30Friday Taichi 8:30 - 10:45

1st hour: warm up, 8 Brocade plus 5 Foundation of Tai Chi, hand and foot forms.

2nd hour: review practice Yang style Tai Chi 8, 16 and 24 form and Taichi cane. then learn new lesson of Yang style Tai chi 32 form.

Last 15 minutes, students will self practice the lesson.

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month starts this May, teaching

Assistant will teach Tai Chi level 1 and level 2 which are Tai Chi 8 &16 form and Tai Chi Cane for newcomers and existent students who want to improve their skill.

Tai Chi Members on Friday class

20 – 25

Total registered members 51.

Activities for past months:

Feb 24/26 Tuesday 1:30-3:30

Chinese New Year celebration (28 members)

Mar 17/26 Tuesday class

Member's Birthday celebration (cake for half hour)

Mar 27/26 Friday

8:30-10:45 Taichi 8 steps and 16 steps competition (16 participants)

Rosalind Chang tutoring Taichi for Teaching Assistants every Friday for one hour at her residence's recreation centre

Activities for 2025

Dec 12/25 Friday 8:30-10:45

Christmas celebration (31 members)

Aug 16/25 Friday 8:30-10:45

Teacher's birthday celebration (cake for half hour)

May 24 /25

Saturday Lunch and Trail Walk at Fraser Foreshore Park (17 members)

Traditional Tai Chi Double Yang

Gr. Leader: David Chai

Each month, we have 3 scheduled practices per week at MP1&2 (Tue & Fri) and MP3 (Sat). The Group has 30 members. Average attendance is 16-18 members per session.

Board Liaison: Brenda Felker

Baking

Gr. Leader: Dora Chan

Coffee Bar

Gr. Leader: Caroline Young

Report rom Caroline: Nothing to report from the coffee bar

Sing-A-Long

Gr. Leader: Alice Crestrejo

****Bonsor Seniors Resources Society**

Burnaby Seniors Resources Society event, which has been rescheduled for May 14 at the Bonsor Banquet Hall. The event is entitled "Extreme Heat Preparedness—Fraser Health with Melody Monro" and "Fire Prevention—Burnaby Fire Department with Paul Rushton." This is the session that was postponed from April.

** Not a Bonsor represented group

Board Liaison: Margaret Li

B.E.A.R.S.

Gr. Leader: Gerry Scofield; Bonita Vandenberg

B.E.A.R.S., Bonsor's activity group, meet every Friday from 1:30 to 3:30. During this time members knit and crochet, fashioning items for their annual craft sale, usually held in late November. New members are welcome. While we do not give lessons, we are more than happy to help anyone who wishes to begin crafting. Donations of yarn and supplies are always welcome.

Mah Jong

Gr. Leader: William Si

The number of tables playing on the following dates:

April 2, 2026 4 tables (16 players)

April 6, 2026 Easter Monday (no mahjong playing)

April 9, 2026 5 tables (20 players)

April 13, 2026 10 tables (40 players)

April 16, 2026 5 tables (20 players)

April 20, 2026 9 tables (36 players)

April 23, 2026 5 tables (20 players)

April 27, 2026 9 tables (36 players)

April 30, 2026 Senior day (no mahjong playing)

Social Line Dance

Gr. Leader: Dora Chan; Angie Mai

February 2026:

There were 4 sessions, an average of 27 participants, amount collected was \$108.00.

We had a small Chinese New Year celebration on Feb 18, traditional snacks were served. A few pictures of our celebration are on the 55+ Society website.

March: There were 4 sessions, an average of 29 participants, 3 non-members attended during the month, amount collected was \$122.00. No social function was organized.

April 2026:
Total sessions: 5
Average attendees: 32
Non-Members: 4
Amount Collected: \$170.00
Social Events: None

Board Liaison: Eva Hung

Bridge - American Standard

Gr. Leader: Glenis Bryson

A friendly group meets every Tuesday, year-round, from 1 to 4 pm in the Bonsor 55+ Centre room MP3 for an afternoon of practicing bridge skills and non-competitive bridge play. This is an intermediate level group and some playing experience is desirable, but you don't need to be an expert to join us. We encourage additional players to come and try out our group.

Bridge - Duplicate

Gr. Leader: Kelly Ng

We are a group of bridge game players open to all members of Bonsor 55+ Community Centre. We play duplicate bridge game every Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Open Computer Lab

Gr. Leader: Sue Mitchell

Board Liaison: Ernie Kashima

Bus Committee

Gr. Leader: Ilario Galano

April 2026
Total of 7 Trips completed.
4 City of Burnaby
1 Maywood School
1 Cameron Society shuttle to volunteer luncheon
1 Century House
April 23 & 24 - bus to Dynamic for warranty seat repairs.
April billings total \$1,711
Successful Drivers; appreciation Dinner completed
May expectation: Busy month expected in May with:
Society out of town trip
10 other trips planned
AWD and CPR Training
1 Trip cancelled

Pearl in the Ocean of Arts

Gr. Leader: Gerry Anguo

An enthusiastic group meets every Wednesday year-round, from 3:30 to 6:30pm in the Bonsor 55+ Centre room M1&2 for training and to practice Catwalk and modelling. This is a beginner and an intermediate level group, open to anyone interested in joining us.

Board Liaison: Elizabeth Revoczi

Choir

Gr. Leader: Sylviane von Mende

The Bonsor Singing Seniors Choir met three times in April. One practice was cancelled as the Centre was not available on April 3. The average attendance was 22 singers. We are practicing for an upcoming multi-choir Jamboree at Edmonds Community Centre on May 6.

Board Liaison: Pat Couch

Dance: Mon/Wed Ballroom

Gr. Leader: Lisa Hung; Agnes Lee

Dance: Thursday Evening Dance

Gr. Leader: Roz & Ron Chua

The Thursday night dance is held in the banquet room from 7pm-9:30pm. Members pay \$7.00; non-members pay \$9.00 as entrance fee. At intermission, coffee and tea is served as well as cookies, crackers, muffins and square. We also hold theme dances like Valentines Day, and Hawaiian themed dance where participants are encouraged to dress for the occasion, which they enjoy. It is a happy feeling to watch the seniors having a good time; one of our senior dancers is 99 years old. Our team of 7 volunteers work hard and enjoy their roll to provide the seniors with weekly fun.

Board Liaison: To be determined

Practice Line Dance

Gr. Leader: Daisy Chan

Membership Update

As we begin the 2026 season, we are pleased to welcome 3 new members along with 32 returning members, bringing our total membership to 35. We are grateful for the continued support and enthusiasm within our group.

Practice Sessions

Our regular Thursday sessions are held from 1:15 PM to 3:15 PM, providing members with the opportunity to review, practice, and enjoy the dances learned in line dance classes. These sessions not only help improve skills but also create a welcoming space for members to connect and socialize with both new and familiar faces.

Community Support

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support from the Centre. Their assistance plays an essential role in promoting our programs and contributing to the continued success of our group.

Bingo

Gr. Leader: Rajendra Nah, Phyllis Parsons (report submitted by Calen Carswel)

I am the CALLER of the BINGO numbers.

Every Wednesday, the doors to Multi Purpose Room #3 open at 2 p.m.

Usually we have approximately 15 members who attend on a weekly basis.

Occasionally there are 2-4 people who are non-members who try it out.

Cards cost 50 cents each.

Each prize is one dollar and a candy.

There are two winners with each "game pattern" called.

Game play starts around 2:20 p.m and stops around 3:50 p.m. (90 minutes)

Board Liaison: Agnes Lee

Karaoke

Gr. Leader: Grace Wong; Mary Lee

Date Participants Fees Collected Expenses

04/05 27 \$59.00

04/11 31 \$65.00

04/19 29 \$62.00

04/26 30 \$64.00

Total drop-in fees collected for the month of April is \$250.00

Balance forward from 03/2026 is \$1,389.45 + \$250.00 = \$1,639.45 net revenue.

Board Liaison: Mary Horton

Open Art Studio

Gr. Leader: Goodwin Young

The Open Art group continues with our weekly sessions and regular features of Artist of the Month and Theme Displays for March 2026. As always, the group's displays can also be found on our webpage.

Snooker

Gr. Leader: Robert Lockheart

March report: The snooker club held a director's meeting on March 11, 2026. Minutes of the meeting have been posted in the snooker room. A focus of that meeting was to discuss upcoming tournaments. Of note is the Dave Braganza Tournament to be held on Monday April 6, 2026. This is the final event from which the top 16 players of the 4-month Ladder competition compete to determine the overall winner.

The Ladder ended on March 31st. Over four months more than 1100 frames were played and recorded. Of the 35 competitors in the Ladder, more than a dozen players held the number one position at least once.

As discussed previously with Mary, the biannual competition for the Mary Horton Trophy with West Vancouver has been cancelled as West Vancouver has consistently been unable to field a team. The renewed competition for the Mary Horton Trophy is now between Bonsor and Dogwood (Coquitlam) Seniors' Centres. May 14th is the planned date for our first meeting with Dogwood, to be held at Bonsor.

Chelsea reported to the Group Leader, Robert Lockhart, that there had been complaints of tobacco odour emanating from the snooker room. This was discussed at the group directors' meeting. On investigation, it was determined that the snooker room is under positive pressure relative to the adjacent hallway and lounge, so it is possible that odour could escape from the room. Since snooker players who smoke seem to be complying with Burnaby City by-laws, perhaps the most direct solution to this complaint would be to rebalance the airflow to the snooker room so that the room was no longer under positive pressure relative to adjacent spaces.

April Report: April was a busy month at Bonsor Snooker. The final playoff completion for the Dave Braganza Trophy was held, several Bonsor members participated as both competitors and referees in the Lower Mainland Senior Snooker League post season tournaments, and finally 24 members participated in the Harvey Lee Double Knockout Tournament. We congratulate all those members who participated in these well run competitions.

The leadership team is now deeply involved in preparations for for the Mary Horton Tournament against Dogwood (May 14, 2026) and their House League which will run from May 28 - late August.

There was on incident between two members which lead to a follow up meeting with one participant and members of the Snooker Executive (and with Chelsea's participation) resulting in an amicable resolution and an apology to the offended members. All is now well on this front.

Table Tennis

Gr. Leader: Robert Ng

1. The spring lunch held on March 19 was a great success, a total of 122 members attended the gathering.
2. The quarterly registration held on the first Saturday of every quarter draw only 1 member.

3. The annual registration is scheduled to be held on June 4, 2026. Guidelines for the event will be ready for the public in May.
4. The group is planning to replace the existing 8 table barriers. We plan to have the new ones about 6 inches higher than the current ones, which will reduce the chance that the balls will rolling over to far distance.