

# NEWSLETTER

## Banner Babes at work



Mary Hooper and her Banner Babes (her name, not mine) and a mock up of some colourful banners soon to be made and hung up to add interest to our space. Thanks to the efforts of Mary H, Mary S, Linda, Gill, Rita P and Jean and the many other projects of our volunteers our new home is coming to life.

## Mardi Gras fun night

On Friday the 18th we have a very special fun night planned with paid entertainment by Guy Marchi. He comes highly recommended by the Sidney Lawn Bowling Group. He is an all round entertainer and is great at making a party come alive. Refreshments at 4 pm dinner at 5 with entertainment from 6:30 to 8. Dinner is by Shirley again and will be Cajun style but fairly mild. As always the cost is \$10.00 per person. Bring family, friends, neighbours, the more the merrier.

Sign-up at the clubhouse until Sunday after that phone Shirley at 250-479-1379 or me at 250-477-7635 or e-mail me at [jnfenger@shaw.ca](mailto:jnfenger@shaw.ca) to sign-up.

### Upcoming events

#### General

**Games Wednesday afternoon** is starting to come alive with Mexican train leaving the station with seven players. There is interest in a number of other games including Texas Hold-em. Come out and enjoy any Wednesday afternoon starting at 1:30.

#### March 18th

**Mardi Gras dinner & fun night** starting at 4 pm. Bring your beads and fancy costumes. Live entertainment guaranteed to please.

#### March 25th

**Earthquake Preparedness session** put on by the neighbors to update the locals. This is open to members. 7 pm at the clubhouse.

#### April 1st

**Lawn Bowling sponsored night** at Victoria Salmon Kings. Tickets are \$14 for members. Sign up on board or call Haji.

#### April 2nd

**The annual short mat and carpet bowling wrap up party and games.** Starting at 9 am with free lunch (paid by the pig). All those who have played over the winter are invited to come.

#### April 9th

**Semi-annual meeting of members** at 1:30 pm

#### April 16th

**Open house.** Bring friends and neighbours. We are hoping to grow to 120 full members this year. At 1:30 pm.

#### May 28th

**Spring Fling dinner & fun night.** Come and party with your friends.

#### June 4th

**Bridge/Bowl tournament.**

## Ceiling Spraying



The Acoustic Treatment of our ceiling was a wet and messy affair but the results are excellent. It is a cellulose product (recycled paper) held in place with latex glue. The contractor, Tom, with TLC, did an excellent job. The room is now very much quieter.

## Spring Work Program

There are a lot of minor jobs to be done before our Lawn Bowling season starts again. A reminder *please* offer your help to the persons noted as organizers of these projects:

	Organizers
Greens work - Clean and paint edge boards and back boards	Jack O and Tony
- Fix existing freestanding scoreboards	Jack O
- Clean gravel out of south ditch and add sand	Mary S
- Fix damaged fence on road side and paint	Joe Z
- Complete the sidewalk concrete work north side	Nick
- Add screening to fence along sheds	Mary H
- Repair and add zones to sprinkler system	Nick
- Paint light standards/move flag pole	Nick
-Trim hedge/clean-up garden	Tony
- Trim hedge	Nick
Building work - Fix attic insulation and rearrange excess	Jack O
- Touch up damage on walls	Mary S
- Build new counter and miscellaneous cabinets	Nick
- Build and install additional member lockers	Nick

# The Short Mat Bonspiel

The Short Mat tournament was a great success thanks to the volunteers from our club and the many competitors and spectators. It was a very intense atmosphere with at times 40 or more spectators watching and cheering good shots. The nerves got to some of the players, in one case in the finals a 7 ender was scored against a excellent team. Lake Hill teams did well. It was an all Lake Hill A final with Linda, Stew and Grace taking on Nick, Larry and Jean. Linda's team had us down 7 to 2 in the sixth end but Nick's



team came back to tie it on the eight end. Linda and Nick had to throw one bowl each to decide the winner. I was sure that I would choke but got in the zone and delivered my bowl to within an inch of the jack. So Nick's team was the only undefeated team in the tournament, but all our games were close, winning on the last end in all the previous games. There was another tied game between Shirley's team and Sirish's team which Shirley won in a bowl off.

The B event was an all Oak Bay game with two excellent teams playing off. In



the end John Cossum, Mary Lou Richards & Chris Slade beat Harnam Grewal, Joan Frikon, & Andrew Harley in a tense final.

The C event had Gordon Head against the other Oak Bay team. The tension played havoc with some of the players and in the end Pat Thomas, Gary Anderson & Elaine Hasler of Oak Bay won over Shea O'Connor, Marie O'Connor & Bill Clements. Bill was a last minute sub due to the illness of Jack Adamowic.

The quality of competition was remarkable and the spectator support from various clubs great to see. Thanks to all who took part in this first annual Short Mat Bonspiel.



## Semi annual meeting

On April 9th at 1:30 we will be having our semi annual meeting. Notices will go out shortly. There are will be a motion to amend our bylaws to include a new member type for full time students. Your executive hopes to encourage younger members to join our club. There will be reports as usual from your committee members and executive complete with goals for the coming year. Refreshments will be served. Please be sure to come so we can have your input to make our club even better.

## Valentines Party

The valentine party was a great love-in. Over 40 members attended. It included the celebration of Betty and John Moore's 60th anniversary. Congratulations to you both.

## Open House

Our open house is scheduled for April 16th starting at 1:30 pm. We had a great response last year with 41 new members which is going to be hard to top this year. Haji is busy promoting to the Seniors Expo and his team will again distribute fliers around the area. But we need your help! ***We need each of you to bring along one (or more) friend, neighbor or relative to our open house.*** There are business type cards at the clubhouse for you to use to remind your guests of the time and date of the Open House. Please take some around your neighborhood or to your friends. Linda and Haji will do their magic.

## Outdoor Season Opening

Gordie has been working hard to get the greens in good shape. They do appear to be coming along well. We hope that we can be starting regular lawn bowling, April 18th, right following the open house. It is of course dependent on the weather.

It will be interesting to see if all the short mat bowling will have an improvement on our performance.

## Dogwood Scotch Pairs tournament

The sign up sheet is already up (July 11th to 14th) for this tournament at our club and it is limited to 16 teams. In the past many of the other club teams sign up very early. Last year a number of our members were disappointed at not being able to be included. **So sign up right away!!**

*Nick your Pres with the help of editing by Jean.*