

Tim O'Quinn joined the Newfoundland Club of Victoria in 1993

Tim has held the positions of Entertainment Director 2004 to 2007 and Member At Large 2008

Tim has also been Master of Ceremonies at a number of Beer & Skits events and Chair of the Beer & Skits at least once

Tim, born in Codroy Valley, Newfoundland, spent most of his younger years earning a living from the land, so to speak. *"I've worked on a dairy farm, milked cows and made hay. I've harvested vegetables, too. But the most unique job I ever had was picking rocks!"* For those of us who have never heard of this and have no idea what this entails, Tim explains *"You go into a vacant field where you want to grow crops; you plow it; you pick out all the big rocks; you plow it again and you pick some more rocks. And, you keep doing this until you have picked out all the rocks and can finally seed the land."* *"They don't call Newfoundland 'The Rock' for nothing, you know,"* he adds.

Tim also spent some time on the prairies working with his brother-in-law building houses. *"Basically, I endured Lacombe, Alberta for about six months,"* he says, *"but decided that was enough of that foolishness!"*

After that experience, Tim chose to see the world instead of the other parts of his home country. To do this he joined the Canadian Navy in 1988, being posted to CFB Esquimalt. He has since sailed on the HMCS ships: Kootenay, Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, Calgary, Whitehorse, Protecteur and Regina. And 'see the world' he has! *"I've been to the USA, including Alaska (to Juno, as well as to Dutch Harbor where they film the television show "Deadliest catch"), Washington, California and Hawaii (many, many times!), to China (once when it was still under British rule and once after the communists took over), to Abu Dabi and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, Manila in the Philippines and Aruba in the Dutch Antilles, as well as to Guam, Saipan, South Korea, Bahrain, Mexico, Panama, Chile, Peru, Vietnam, Japan, Russia, New Zealand and Australia."*

Tim and his wife, Wendy, were married in 1999 and they have 3 children: Ken, Shayla and Kaitlyn (a.k.a. 'Princess'). *"I've no grandchildren, yet, thank you very much,"* says Tim, *"I'm not that old, even if I am 'follicly-challenged'!"*

Tim's favorite pass-times involve sports. *"If it's not hockey, it's baseball. If it's not baseball, it's hockey. What more can I say?"* he states matter-of-factly. *"What else is there?"*

When not consumed in sports, Tim spends his time participating in Newfoundland Club of Victoria events. Introduced to the Club in the early 1990's by Shirley Hulan, one of the Club's Founding Members, he has been a very active member ever since, saying that *"being a member has made quite a difference in my life."*