

NEWFIE BULLET -IN

JANUARY 2008

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 19th MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PUB NITE at the EAGLES CLUB
MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE DECEMBER 31st

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To All Club Members:

There have been many, many times in 2007 when I may have disturbed you, troubled you, pestered you, irritated you, or bugged you with all the stuff that I sent you, but today I just want to tell you that in 2008, **I PLAN TO CONTINUE!**

Hopefully 2008 will be an enjoyable year for all of us and that we will have lots of fun along the way. We wish you and your loved ones a prosperous 2008, and may God continuously shine his blessings on you guys always....

We hope to see you on January 19th, at the Eagles Club, for our first Pub Night of the year.

Yours truly,
Wayne Thomas, President.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

Our Goodwill Ambassador is **Dorothy Carter**. If you know someone who has had

a death in the family, who is ill (in hospital 24 hours or more), has had a baby, etc., please inform Dorothy Carter at 388-9964.

DART LEAGUE

Wednesdays, 7:30 at the Langford Legion. Call Chris 477-4756 . And check out the new Club website for details of the dart league. New players always welcome, and for those who may be thinking of coming out but are worried about being a beginner, it's not about the game. It's about socializing and having fun. You don't need to be an expert dart player to join in and have some fun. Come along even as a spare if you like. Still only \$2 per player.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

Our 2007 year came to a brilliant close with our annual **Christmas Dinner and Dance**. The event was held at the Langford Legion on December 1st. What a time we had! With over 170 tickets sold, this was our largest Christmas Party for some years, perhaps the largest we have ever had. The numbers were very impressive, for even though it was a night of most inclement weather conditions, with snow and ice, the

turn out for the event was huge. And it was altogether wonderful. The food, provided by *Goldstream Catering*, was excellent and abundant. And with two lines at the buffet, service moved along as quickly as possible, so no tables had a terribly long wait for their dinners. We have heard nothing but good comments on the quality, selection, and quantity of the food this year. There were also an abundance of door prizes, and some very special raffle prizes given out. The raffle prizes included a spectacular handmade quilt, crafted by a lady in Moreton's Harbour, and entirely devoted to Newfoundland themes. This wonderful example of quilting craftsmanship was donated by **Tom and Irmgard Martin**. The quilt was won by **Dorothy Butts**, from Sooke, who is originally from North Sydney, CB. Other raffle prizes included a lovely, handmade afghan, which was won by **Lee Drover**. Another raffle prize was a huge, gigantic, enormous, very large, sprawling, commodious, expansive basket packed full of Newfoundland products. I am so very happy to say that this lovely prize, assembled by **Tom Martin** and **Wayne Thomas**, went to a very appreciative and loving home. **Woody and Peg Wilson** struggled home with this basket taking up the lion's share of the back seat of their car. What a great bunch of prizes! The dance after dinner was a fitting conclusion to our year at the Newfoundland Club. It was, in a word, a blast. The Incomparable and Indefatigable **Tom Morrissey Band** rocked our socks off in the style to which we have become accustomed when they play for us. The whole event was a resounding success, and, other than better weather for the night, I don't think there was anything that could have been improved. Thanks to **Tim O'Quinn**, **Wayne Thomas**, **Tom Martin** and the many others who helped make this evening

so wonderful. That's what our Club is all about.

MEETING AND PUB NITE

Our next Club meeting and pub night will be held on January 19th at the Eagles Club on Esquimalt Rd. Meeting at 7:30 PM with pub night to follow. Host band is Hal Osmond (half of the Newfie Trio), with a little help from Vanessa. This is our first meeting of the 2008 year, and the final wrap up of the 2007 financial statement will be on the agenda, along with the introduction of the new Executive and our first discussions on our Beer and Skit Night.

A Wish for You in 2008

May peace break into your house, and may thieves come to steal your debts.
 May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet for \$100 bills.
 May love stick to your face like Vaseline, and may laughter assault your lips!
 May your clothes smell of success like smoking tires, and may happiness slap you across the face, and may your tears be that of joy.
 May the problems you had forget your home address!
 In simple words May 2008 be the best year of your life!!!

JUST DUE IT!

Club dues are now due (that's why they are called "dues".) As you will remember, we changed our membership year to run from January 1st to December 31st. Dues are \$15 per person per year with a maximum of \$30 per year for a family. The Dues structure applies to everyone, regardless of age. You can pay your dues at the next membership meeting on January 19th, or mail a cheque to the Newfoundland Club of Vic-

toria, P.O. Box 36043, 1153 Esquimalt Rd., Victoria, BC V9A 7J5. Make your cheque out to the Newfoundland Club of Victoria, and *Just Due It*.

THE GIG BAG

Here are the dates I have for our beloved bands:

OLD COUNTRY DUO

January 11th, Army and Navy Vets in Sidney
January 25th, A & N Vets, Victoria
January 27th, Esquimalt Eagles (jam)
February 9th Ladies Curling (Esquimalt)
February 24th, Esquimalt Eagles
For more information, call Garry 655-1396 or check website www.oldcountryduo.ca

TOM MORRISSEY BAND

January 12th the Bleue Coyote
January 19th Waterwheel Pub, Langford
February 4,5,6 at the Irish Times Pub
February 14th the Country Rose Pub in Colwood
February 16th Waterwheel Pub, Langford.
For updates, and further information, check website tommorrisseyband.com or call Tom 592-3090

NEWFIE TRIO

January 25th, A & N Vets, Sidney
January 26th, Esquimalt Curling Club
For updates, and further information, check website: thenewfietrio.com or call Herb 220-3923, or Hal 294-2977

WEB SITE

Have you checked out our web site lately? **Ben Turpin** has done some works of wizardry and our site now includes a photo gallery! nfldclubofvictoria.org. Check it out!

RU ON LINE?

If you have an email address and would like to get your Bullet-In by email, please let me know. Also, if your email address, or your home address and phone number has changed, please advise us so we can change your address in our contact list. Contact Woody wpwilson@shaw.ca or phone 595-7062.

JUST FOR FUN

GOVERNMENT PROJECT

Three building contractors are bidding on the repair of a fence at 24 Sussex Drive. One is from BC, one is from Newfoundland, and the third is a friend of a friend of an MP in Ottawa. The BC contractor gives his estimate. He spends an hour or so measuring and calculating. "\$900," he says. "That's \$400 for material, \$400 for my crew, and \$100 profit for the company." Next, the Newfoundlander estimates the job. After an hour of measuring and calculation he says, "\$700." "That's \$300 for material (I knows a guy, see?) and \$300 for labour (the byes works some fast) and \$100 profit for the company." Next the friend of a friend of the MP comes along. He doesn't measure or calculate, but simply says, "\$2700." The bureaucrat in charge of the project is surprised and says, "2700 dollars? How do you figure that? You didn't even measure up the fence." The contractor says, "Well, I figure it's \$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the Newfie." Needless to say, he got the job.



A CHILD'S PRAYER

A guy is secretly listening to his little boy say his prayers. “Goodnight Mommy, Goodnight Daddy, and Goodbye Gramma.” The next day, the grandmother dies. The fellow thinks this is pretty weird, so the next night he listens in again. “Goodnight Mommy, Goodnight Daddy and Goodbye Grampa.” The next day, the grandfather dies. Intrigued by these events, he listens in again to his son’s bedside prayers. “Goodnight Mommy, and Goodbye Daddy.” Now he freaks out. He knows he’s next. Terrified, he drives to work with extra caution, and is extremely careful all day, making every effort not to irritate or upset anyone in any way. He comes home, exhausted from all this worry. “Please bring me a cup of tea,” he asks his wife, “I’ve had a terrible day.” “You’ve had a terrible day?” she says, “How about me? I get up and find our mailman dead on the front step!”



EMERGENCY

Two guys are walking home from the local pub when one of them drops to the sidewalk holding his chest. His buddy quickly grabs the cell phone and dials 9-1-1. The Operator immediately asks, “What is the emergency and where are you?” The guy replies, “I don’t know what happened. We were walking home on Eucalyptus Street and my friend grabbed his chest and fell down!” The operator asks, “How do you spell the name of the street?” The phone seems to go dead. The operator is now very concerned and keeps shouting on the phone because she hears the man panting and what sounds like someone being dragged along the road! Finally he comes back on the line and says, “My bud-

dy just grabbed his chest and has fallen down on Oak Street, that’s O-A-K.”



LOGIC

A guy and his wife are lying in bed, unable to get to sleep because the neighbour’s dog has been barking for hours in the yard next door. “I’ve had it!” says the man, and he gets up and goes next door. He comes back and jumps into bed, but the dog is still barking. “The dog’s still barking,” says his wife, “I thought you were going to do something about it.” “I did,” the guys says, “I put him in **OUR** yard – now we’ll see how **THEY** like it!”



ONE LINERS

- I dialed a number and got the following recording: “I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, *you* are one of the changes.”
- Aspire to inspire before you expire.
- Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.
- Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
- The irony of life is that, by the time you’re old enough to know your way around, you’re not going anywhere.

➤ I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

➤ Every morning is the dawn of a new error.



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