



# NEWFIE BULLET -IN

## MAY 2007

### COMING EVENTS

OLD COUNTRY	A&N VETS, VICTORIA 1-5PM	Monday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>
OLD COUNTRY	BRITANNIA LEGION	Friday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>
TOM MORRISSEY BAND	BLEUE COYOTE	Saturday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>
NEWFIE TRIO	BRITANNIA LEGION	Sunday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>
TOM MORRISSEY BAND	WATERWHEEL PUB	Saturday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>
OLD COUNTRY	A&N VETS, SIDNEY	Friday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
NEWFIE TRIO	A&N VETS, SIDNEY	Fri/Sat June 29/30
TOM MORRISSEY BAND	PRIME TIME SPORTS BAR	Saturday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>
NEWFIE TRIO	IRISH TIMES PUB	Fri/Sat August 10/11 <sup>th</sup>
TOM MORRISSEY BAND	BLEUE COYOTE	July 26 <sup>th</sup> and August 25 <sup>th</sup>
PUB NITE	EAGLES CLUB	Saturday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since my last message, there have been a lot of things happening within our Club. We have had, in conjunction with the Nfld Dancers group, two very successful Jiggs dinners. Both functions were held at the Eagles Club and without a doubt, both functions were a huge success from the meal preparation to the hall decorating to the background pictures to the entertainment by various Club members and the lead group of *Cookeilidh*. We as well had a regular Pub Night and then the gala- the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer & Skits Night with a sell-out crowd of 300. A Good Time was had by all.

At the Beer & Skits night we were fortunate to have **Barb Budgell** again this year and with her came her professionalism in planning and execution, thus ensuring a

great show. For that we are truly grateful. Then again the success of such an event would not have been possible if it were not for the teamwork of Club members ensuring that the show goes on. We are truly thankful to all for your support, assistance and participation in making this annual event the continued success it has been for 15 years. Thanks again. I would be remiss if I did not point out the support that this event continues to receive from **Ed Lacey** and his enthusiastic approach in selling over 40% of all ticket sales for this event. Thanks Ed from all of us.

[www.NfldClubofVictoria.org](http://www.NfldClubofVictoria.org) would not have been possible if it were not for our good friend, **Ben Turpin**, from Clarenville, Nfld. I have worked close with Ben on this project and the site is still considered to be under development and to a large degree the site is **UNDERDEVE-**

**LOPED.** There is loads of room there for expansion. However, this can only happen if we have membership participation and suggestions as to what you would like to see on the site. I encourage each of you to put forward ideas so that we can work on them for **YOU**. The promotion of this website is a modern day means of promoting the Nfld Club at every opportunity you have and example of that is when sending an email to family, friend, perspective member or business associate, sign your name and end with [www.NfldClubofVictoria.org](http://www.NfldClubofVictoria.org). This is also an excellent and quick way of capturing and retaining a new member's attention of the Club. We have had in excess of 1600 hits on the Nfld Club website since March 22<sup>nd</sup>. I encourage the Club members that have websites to provide us with the information you have on your group, your up to date booking locations and any other info and we will add it to ours and link you to our site and we would ask you to link us to yours. It is up to you.

Notice of motion and changes were put forward and passed at the meeting of Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. These changes, as indicated by your Executive, are necessary to provide a smoother operation of the club in the immediate and long term. Although the turnout was not as great as expected, all active members were duly notified. Your support in this regard is greatly appreciated.

New members are important to the club and the retention of old members is just as important. Participation in immediate club functions, Nfld Club Dancers group or the Nfld Club Dart group, is also important. I encourage each of you to bring along at our next function a new member or an old inactive member.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for your continued support and participation in anything that the Club does. I will be back

in Nfld for 5 months but feel free to contact me at [wayne@nfldclubofvictoria.org](mailto:wayne@nfldclubofvictoria.org) or the "old fashioned way, by telephone 709-535-1960 .

Fran and I wish you and your family a great summer. See you in October.

Yours truly,

Wayne [www.NfldClubofVictoria.org](http://www.NfldClubofVictoria.org)

### **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**

The Dart League wound up the season with a great banquet at the Eagle's Club on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Many trophies and awards were presented (ask Joy Roberts which player won more than her husband). This year's **Most Sportsmanlike Player** was **Don Gillam**. Congratulations, Don. Darts play resumes on the first Wednesday after Labour Day, 7:30 at the Langford Legion. Call Chris 477-4756 or Todd 217-9611. And check out the new Club website for details of the dart league.

### **PUB NITE PAST**

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we had our meeting and pub night at the Gun Room. Two important motions were passed unanimously. We resolved to amend our dues structure to a simple \$15 per person, per year, regardless of age, with a maximum of \$30 per family. Also, our year-end will now be Dec 31<sup>st</sup> instead of Sept 31<sup>st</sup>, and the AGM will be in November. The meeting was short and sweet, and then we moved into pub nite mode. It was a small crowd, and I have to say I feel sorry for those who couldn't

come out that night. One of the best pub nights ever, in my opinion. **Tom Morrissey** was our host musician, and once again we were astounded by this man's incredible, wide-ranging talent. What fun! Even though Tom is an impossible act to follow, several of our brave, intrepid crowd got up to strut their stuff, including **Genny St. George, Se O'Connor** and **Des Byrne**, and **Rod Cameron**, who, by the way, was celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with lovely wife **Orianna**. Rod has a great voice and we hope he will share his talent with us more often in the future. **Tim O'Quinn** got up and helped Tom out with an *a cappella* version of Barrett's Privaters. Well done, byes. (We can't "Leaf" Tim out of the picture, can we?) It was a great evening and the Gun Room staff nearly had to sweep us out the door at closing time – no one wanted to go home! And please note that our **next Pub Nite** is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> at the **Eagles Club** on Esquimalt Rd.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

If you want a scholarship application, or you need the criteria of our Club Scholarship please contact Woody. Ph 595-7062, or email [wpwilson@shaw.ca](mailto:wpwilson@shaw.ca)

### **BEER AND SKITS NIGHT**

On April 14<sup>th</sup> we held our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer and Skits Night. Once again, it was a big success. There are far too many people to thank but we must mention a few. What a tremendous job **Barb Budgell** did for us as the Program Director! She didn't do it alone, though. **Cheryl Tucker** was our Stage Manager and she was assisted by **George Giles, Dorothy Carter**, and **Joy Roberts**. Great job, folks. As far as the entertainment goes, we had a skit about a poor pizza chef, with **Chris Roberts** and

Woody Wilson. **Bill Collins** gave us a Ted Russell recitation about the hazards of babysitting. **Genny St. George, Eric** and **Mary Day** introduced us to problems in the Pharmacy. **Kevin McLennon** did a super job with a solo take on the problems of The Census Taker, written by John Joe English. **Tim O'Quinn** bemoaned the financial difficulties of today's NHL hockey players, and later did a knockout rendition of *The Yammie*, a Buddy Wassisname piece. **Chris** and **Joy Roberts**, along with **Andy** and **Joan Russell**, and **Karl Bouchard** split our sides with their Police Road Block skit. Woody and Chris were in another skit called *The Bet* that showed the shortcomings of technology when matched against a Newfoundlander's wit. Then **Bill Collins** and **Barb Budgell** wrapped up the evening with Garge and the Missus giving their own, unique perspectives on the evening's entertainment. In addition to the skits we had a great deal of wonderful music, including **Andy Russell**, and **Tom Morrissey** with our Theme song (written by Andy). **Bob McKechnie** sang two terrific Newfoundland tunes and as he sang the building was so quiet you could hear a tear fall to the floor. **Jim Sadlish, Dave Byford**, and **Bob Fowler** did a very funny set of Working Man Tunes, then some fine fiddle tunes including a great Wild Rover. **Joe Anderson's** wonderful fiddle music, accompanied by **Eric** and **Mary Day**, included a superb and sweet bit of Maple Sugar. **Pearl Lacey** sang a couple of tunes for us and so did **Genny St. George**. Both of these talented ladies were accompanied by Eric and Mary Day and Joe 'the Fiddler' Anderson. Everything was most wonderful. I was particularly moved, however, by the real, genuine Newfoundland content in the show, like the two old recitations by Newfoundland writers Ted Russell and John Joe English. Both of these were written originally, I believe, as radio plays and

this type of Newfoundland humour is timeless. I must say I am proud that our show contained these gems of Newfoundland humour and history. So a very special thanks to Kevin and Bill for keeping this material alive and well. We also owe a great deal of thanks to **Wayne and Fran Thomas, Tom and Irmgard Martin**, and a very long list of volunteers, including **Dorothy Osberg, Dorothy Carter, Dorothy Byrne, Peg Wilson, Barb Forsythe, Marjorie MacIntosh, Daphne MacDonald, Ed Lacey, Dave Clark, Eric Day, Peter Hawksford, Joe Anderson, and Bill Collins**, as well as a long list of sponsors who donated prizes. Thanks to all who participated to make it such a special night. The evening was video taped. Call **Joy Roberts**, 477-4756 if you want a DVD. And now we must make mention of the **Tom Morrissey Band**. They played for our dance after the show, as they very often do. And as usual, they rocked our socks off! I am always totally amazed at this band. They didn't start slow and build up, or ease into the show. No sir. They came off the line wide open with full throttle, and that's the way they carried on until the Legion shut the main power supply off. Byes oh byes – do we ever get our money's worth from this band!! I can't possibly imagine a band giving any more than these three gave us. They are, and remain, the Incomparable, the Incredible, the One-and-Only, **Tom Morrissey Band!** Unbelievable!

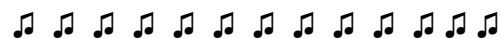
### **JIGGS DINNERS**

In March we held 2 Jiggs Dinners at the Eagles Club on Esquimalt Road. Both events were sellouts. We owe a huge vote of thanks to the amazing **Bob and Barb Budgell**; the wonderful **Tom and Irmgard Martin**, and the phenomenal **Wayne and Fran Thomas**. These folks organized a

string of volunteer helpers who put on two, first class dinners. Thanks to all those who helped out, and *Cookeilidh* for providing entertainment on both nights. Thanks also to the other musicians who moved up to the open mic. These dinners were planned as fundraising events for the benefit of our *Traditional Newfoundland Dancers*, and President **Wayne Thomas** presented the dance group with a cashbox (to replace our old coffee can) with the profits from both evenings! The cash infusion will definitely solve our deficit finance situation! Thanks Wayne, and all who helped out, and also thanks to the **Eagles Club** for the use of their wonderful venue. It all went together to make two wonderful evenings, for sure.

### **MUSIC NOTES**

**The Tom Morrissey Band** is having a super duper cd release party at the Primetime Sports Bar on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The new cd, *Island Man*, will be one to write home about for sure. Don't miss out.



### **FLING OUT THE FLAG**

In March we caught up with **Shanneyganook** at the Irish Times Pub. Shanneyganook is one of the very best bands in Newfoundland at the moment. They play a range of music, but always with a Newfoundland flavour. In particular, they do a lot of traditional Newfoundland stuff. Primarily a bar band, they do the regular crowd pleasers like *Whiskey in the Jar*, *Aunt Martha's Sheep* and so on. But they also do some very emotive and touching songs, some of their own composition, and some from the likes of **Stan Rogers**. And then there are the smoking accordion tunes done by **Mark Hiscock**, who is nothing short of a virtuoso. Among the many songs they performed was the title song from their new cd, *Fling Out The Flag*. A wind-

-battered “Pink White and Green” hung as a backdrop to their stage. *Fling Out The Flag* was written by Archbishop Howley in 1902. The chorus runs: Fling out the flag o’er creek and crag/ Pink white and green, so fair, so grand;/ Long may it sway o’er bight and bay/ Around the shores of Newfoundland. Most people know the origin of this flag, but I’ll give a quick refresher course. In the early 1840’s, when the seafarers were in St John’s, they collected firewood for the annual wood hauls for the Catholic and Anglican churches. Woodpiles were marked with different coloured banners to show ownership – a pink banner for the Protestant church (mostly English), and a green banner for the mostly Irish Catholic church. As this led to considerable rivalry and the threat of much violence, Bishop Flemming, well respected by all, intervened. He asked for one of each of the rival banners to be brought to him, and he took another banner, a white one for St Andrew of Scotland, which symbolized peace, and he bound the pink and the green together with the white banner in the middle. Then, according to tradition, he said to the rival factions, “Go in Peace.” The Pink White and Green, or Tri-Colour, soon became popular and was adopted by the Natives’ Society as the Flag of Newfoundland, albeit the unofficial flag. The flag has a long history and is much honoured. Captain Bob Bartlett is said to have planted the Pink White and Green only a few miles from the North Pole when he accompanied Admiral Peary’s expedition in 1909. In 1860 it flew prominently during the Prince of Wales’s visit to St. John’s, and unofficially represented Newfoundland well into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The present Provincial flag was designed by Newfoundland artist Christopher Pratt and was formally adopted in 1980. It seems to me that some folks see these as rival flags, and you must choose one or the other. Though not a

Newfoundlander, I can offer an opinion as an interested observer. The Provincial flag is highly symbolic and meaningful, as well as being the best-designed Provincial flag of all. However, it is only just over a quarter of a century old, and as such a young flag it cannot possibly bear the weight of more than 500 years of history. And this is what I believe the Tri-colour does so well. It seems to represent the whole of Newfoundland’s history, including the last 60 years of provincial history. The Provincial flag represents Newfoundland as a Province within Canada, whereas the Tri-Colour stands more for Newfoundland’s relationship to the rest of the world throughout Newfoundland’s long and glorious history. And that’s why I see no conflict in having these flags side by side, even in the same window. (And indeed you see just that in retail stores in St. John’s) Though some may see the Tri-Colour as a threat or even an insult to Newfoundland’s involvement in Confederation, I honestly believe it more often stands for the pride and dignity in the long history of Newfoundland and Newfoundlanders. At least, that’s the opinion of an interested observer.



### **BUMPER STICKERS**

**Hey!** We have just taken delivery of our new Club bumper stickers. Every member is entitled to one free bumper sticker and more are available for \$2 each. Call Woody, 595-7062 to pick yours up.

### **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**

#### **LOTTERY WINNER**

A woman came home, slammed the door in excitement and yelled out to her husband, "Hey Hubby! Pack your bags, I've just won the lottery!" "Wonderful!" exclaimed the husband. "What shall I pack, beach wear or tourist wear?" "I don't care," replied the woman, "just pack your bags and get out."

#### **STATS CANADA**

A recent study shows that the average Canadian walks 900 miles per year and drinks 22 gallons of beer per year. That averages out to 41 Miles Per Gallon! Not bad.

#### **PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT**

Wondering how to invest your hard earned money for retirement? Consider this. If you purchased \$1,000.00 worth of Nortel stock three years ago, you would be left with only \$49.00 today. Had you purchased the same amount of Enron stock you would have \$16.50 left of your original investment. WorldCom? Less than five bucks. However, if you had spent your thousand dollars on beer, drank it up and collected all the empty cans, you would have received \$114.00 in refund for the empties. Clearly this is the secret for a successful retirement. Drink heavily and recycle.

#### **LIBRARY BOOK**

So this guy goes into a local library and he asks the librarian if there are any books on how to commit suicide. "Well, of course," says she, "there are books on every subject

imaginable." The fellow then asked if he could borrow one of these books, but the librarian refused to lend him a book on how to commit suicide. "Why not?" the man asked. "Because you're not likely to return it, are you?" replied the librarian.

#### **THE END IS NEAR**

Two local, well-known church pastors were seen pounding a large sign into the ground near the highway. It read: THE END IS NEAR! TURN AROUND BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! A car sped past them and the driver yelled out, "Mind your own business, you religious nuts!" Shortly afterwards there was a screech of tires and a loud splash. One pastor turned to the other and said, "Perhaps we should just put up a sign the says, DANGER, BRIDGE OUT."

#### **DOCTORS VERSUS GUNS**

Now here's something to consider. Did you know that there are 700,000 doctors in Canada, and the number of accidental deaths per year due to physician error is 120,000? That is an average of 17.14% per doctor. Further, Stats Can reports that there are 80,000,000 guns (Yes, 80 million) in Canada. There are 1,500 gun related deaths per year in Canada. That's an average of 0.001875% per gun. That means that doctors are 9,000 times more dangerous than guns! Not everyone owns a gun, or even knows someone who owns a gun. But EVERYONE has a doctor! This is alarming! We are all at risk. Forget worrying about guns. Worry about your doctor!

#### **MISTAKEN SILENCE**

An old fellow was sitting in church with his wife. He said, "Myrna, I shouldn't have had eggs for breakfast. I've got terrible

wind. Thank heavens they are the silent type.” Myrna reached in her purse and handed him a small object. “What’s this? A pill to help with my flatulence?” “No,” she said, “it’s a new battery for your hearing aid.”

### HAPPY DAY

It was arguably the happiest day of her life. A sunny afternoon, warm, and the spring flowers were vibrant. She glided slowly and elegantly up the aisle of the beautiful church. Her husband was waiting for her next to the altar. She approached him, tenderly kissed him on the cheek, smiled, sighed softly to herself, and then closed the lid.



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