

NEWFIE BULLET -IN

NOVEMBER 2007

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 1st CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE LANGFORD LEGION
JANUARY 19th MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PUB NITE at the EAGLES CLUB
MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE DECEMBER 31st

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is that time again to get a quick note out for the upcoming Bullet-in. Summer has passed us by and we are moving right along with the past two meetings held at the Eagles and Gunroom respectively. Your Executive will now have to make a decision on where we will hang our hat, or if we just alternate. Next Pub night is booked for the Eagles- for Jan 19th. More details later. As we move out of the summer and into fall we have had a very successful AGM, with your Executive in place for 2008. Plans are in place for the Xmas Party at the Langford Legion on Dec.1st with tickets now available. We have announced the Co-chairs, Cheryl Tucker and Joy Roberts for the Beer and Skits in April 12-2008 with planning to start ASAP with a commitment to have more Skits and less music, which seems to be what the guests are looking for. There are several other things in the planning stages, one of which is the challenge to reach out to new members in the 25-40 age group. I feel that I speak for all of your Executive in saying that this past year has been enjoyable and busy and we thank all members not only

for your help but your participation. Support and participation are essential to the growth of our club.

I would like to encourage members to visit, promote, and use your website, www.nfldclubofvictoria.org. We have taken our first step with getting some AGM photo's on the site but we want to expand this capability in the future to allow each member to add his/her photos that you might want to share. More to follow in that area. I would also like to congratulate, on behalf of your Executive, our five Honorary Members: Shirley Hulan, Clare Walker, Genny St, George, Ralph King and Rex Heale. Your contributions to the club are greatly appreciated. It was also my pleasure to present Louise Hawksford with the 2006 President's Award and Woody & Peg Wilson with the President's award for 2007. All three of you are very deserving of such an award.

I would also like to thank my Executive for stepping up to the plate and giving generously of your personal time to make a difference for the Club membership.

In closing, since I will not be around for the festive season, on behalf of Fran and I, we would like to wish each and every one

of you Seasons Greetings and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Thanks for your support.

President Wayne.

Wayne 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

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.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2007

This year's Newfoundland Club of Victoria Scholarship Award was given to Shawna Hodgkinson. Shawna's grandmother, Dorothy Byrne, accepted the award on her behalf at the AGM, November 3rd. Congratulations Shawna, and we hope this scholarship helps you achieve your academic and personal goals. Well done!

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

Our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held at the Langford Legion, 761 Station Road, on December 1st, 2007. Doors open at 6:30 and dinner is at 7 PM. Goldstream Caterers will provide the din-

ner. Lots of prizes and fun, with a dance to follow. The incomparable, and indefatigable **Tom Morrissey Band** will supply the rock-your-socks-off music for the dance. Don't miss out! For tickets or information, call Tom Martin, 479-5901, Woody Wilson, 595-7062, or Joy Roberts, 477-4756.

PUB NITE AND AGM

On September 29th we had a "pub night only" at the Eagles Hall. Tom Morrissey supplied the music and it was a great evening. About 45 people attended, and most stayed till we closed the place up. It was very good attendance for our first pub night in September. Then on November 3rd we had our **Annual General Meeting** at the Gun Room, followed by a pub night featuring the danceable sounds of the *Old Country Duo*. This meeting was also very well attended; in fact, with about 60 people in attendance we were nearly packed. Certainly the best turnout we have seen for a meeting in a very long while. Sandwiches and cold plate were provided by the Gun Room staff at a cost of \$3 per person. There was no shortage of food, and it was excellent. The meeting covered the normal points of agenda that must be covered in an AGM, but there were some surprises as well. President **Wayne Thomas**, Treasurer **Tom Martin**, and Past President **Bill Collins** shared the pleasant duties of awarding 4 members with **Honorary Members Awards**. **Shirley Hulan, Clare Walker, Genny St. George, and Ralph King** were presented plaques to commemorate their contributions to the Club. These 4, along with **Rex Heale**, were in the original group that met with Mary Johnston to set the wheels in motion to form our Club. Rex was not present to accept his award. In addition to the Honorary Member Awards, Wayne Thomas came up with yet another surprise. As all will re-

member, our Founder, Mary Johnston, presented a yearly *Founder's Award* to a member she felt had made an outstanding contribution to the Club. This award was retired after Mary's passing. However, the Executive in general, and the President in particular, felt it was important to continue to recognize people who have worked hard for our Club. Consequently Wayne presented the **President's Award** for 2006 (there was no Founder's Award that year) to a most deserving recipient. **Louise Hawksford** has become the first person to receive this award, and it couldn't have been better chosen. Louise has been very active in our Club for many years, and we all proudly wear the Club Logo she designed for us. (You can read the story of the logo on our club web site). A standing ovation endorsed Wayne's choice for this award. Congratulations, Louise! Wayne then presented the President's Award for 2007 to Woody and Peg Wilson, who received the honour with great thanks, appreciation, and not a little surprise.

It was also time to vote for 4 new members for our Club Executive. Executive members whose terms were up were: Tim O'Quinn, Woody Wilson, Peg Wilson, and Ed Johnston. However, Tim, Peg, and Woody all stood for re-election and Joy Roberts put her name forward to round out the numbers. So the new Executive looks very similar to the previous Executive. The Executive will soon meet to decide on who will fill each position. You never know – there may even be a cabinet shuffle! Thanks to those who stood for re-election and to Joy for coming on board! The new Executive will be formed for January 2008.

The evening was rounded out by a great pub night with terrific music by the **Old Country Duo** (Garry Hogan and J.C. Faubert). The open mike was well used as

many got up to strut their stuff, including some visitors. We even had a specially requested *Robert Service* recitation by **Bill Collins**. What a great job he did! Thanks to Garry, JC, and all who participated.

MUSIC NOTES

Though there is a great deal happening musically in our Club, I will try to keep this column under control. However, with a Club such as ours that is so packed with talent, it is understandable that there is a lot to write about. As well, there is a lot of great music being released presently and I feel obligated to let you know about some of it.

JEREMY WALSH has released his newest cd, entitled "33". It is packed full of original *Jeremy Walsh* material, and underscores the reason why Jeremy was selected as **Song Writer of the Year** for the Island. The album is thoroughly top notch and is professionally done in all respects. You can pick one up by contacting Jeremy through his web site jeremywalsh.ca. You can also contact Teresa Walsh and she will definitely point you in the right direction if you want to purchase a cd.

THE TOM MORRISSEY BAND has also released their first cd. It is entitled *ISLAND MAN* and features a number of Tom Morrissey originals, including the title track *Island Man*. They also do a unique take on the popular *Mobile Goat*. The album is impressive, to say the least. As anyone who has attended a gig by this band will know, **TMB** is a powerhouse band, brimful of energy and drive. Incredibly, much of this drive actually makes its way to the listener through the digital studio recording. It is well known that studio recordings, and even live recordings, can never really capture much of the electricity

and energy that a band like TMB produces in a live setting. It is simply impossible. However, there is a good deal of energy and excitement delivered on this album. And though no recording can completely capture the feel of a live performance, this cd certainly offers an indication of what this band can do in a live setting. For those who have never heard this band play a live session, this cd will provide many hours of musical enjoyment. The tunes are well crafted, well performed, and well recorded. For those who know this band and what they are capable of, this album will remind you, every time you put it in the cd player, that you simply **must** get down and hear this band playing live as often as you can. The album should be receiving airplay on radio stations in Newfoundland by now, as it was released to the media some time ago. I took several cd's with me when we went to Newfoundland in September, and those to whom I gave the copies were very happy and impressed with the cd. Don't miss out any longer –buy one, two, or more right now. Visit the **Tom Morrissey Band** web site: tommorrisseyband.com. You can order one off the web, or you can call Tom at 592-3090.

JIM PAYNE and **FERGUS O'BYRNE** have just released another album, entitled *HOW GOOD IS ME LIFE*. This album is similar, in concept at least, to *WAVE OVER WAVE*, their very popular release a few years ago. This latest album features a couple of new tunes by Jim, and a good selection of traditional Newfoundland folk tunes. As in their previous collaborations, there are rich harmonies in some tunes, while in others, either Jim or Fergus sings the lead with the other musician playing back up. The two songs by Jim Payne, *Waltz Around the Cape*, and the title track, *How Good Is Me Life*, are both excellent songs. The lyrics display Jim's affection

for, and understanding of, traditional Newfoundland folklore and culture. It would not surprise me if either, or even both, of these tunes were to be nominated at the East Coast Music Awards, as was *Wave Over Wave* in 1997. The musicianship on this album is thoroughly first class, as we have come to expect from these two veterans of traditional folk music. But I am particularly taken with Jim's two original tunes. The lyrics are clearly those of a poet, rich in imagery and meaning. Especially moving are the lyrics of *Waltz Around The Cape*, a song about a sailor too long at sea and longing for his loving wife. Jim's deep love of Newfoundland is also clearly evident and clearly expressed in the chorus of *How Good Is Me Life*. It runs:

How good is me life on this beautiful island, that fires my soul and sets it free. I worship the wind, the wood, and the water, the things that make it so precious to me. How good is me life.

All I can say in response is, How Good Is This CD! It has moved along my cd shelf to occupy the spot directly beside *Wave Over Wave*, which is my favourite cd of all time. You owe it to yourself to acquire a copy. They are available in music stores throughout Newfoundland, and either **Fred's** or **O'Brien's** will happily mail cd orders from St. John's. Even easier is to simply visit SingSong's web site and order on line. singsonginc.ca

THE GIG BAG

Here are the dates I have for our beloved bands:

OLD COUNTRY

November 16th at the Army and Navy Vets in Sidney

December 31st at the Duncan Legion

January 1st (08) at the Britannia Legion in Victoria

January 12th at Lake Cowichan Legion
For more information, call Garry 655-1396

TOM MORRISSEY BAND

November 17th at the Bleue Coyote
December 1st Newfoundland Club Christmas Dinner and Dance
December 10-15 at the Irish Times Pub
January 12th (08) at the Bleue Coyote
January 19th Waterwheel Pub, Langford
For updates, check website tommorrissey-band.com or call Tom 592-3090

NEWFIE TRIO

For updates, 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

HOW TO ENJOY GREAT WINE

First, open the bottle to let the wine breathe. If after a moment or two the wine does not appear to be breathing, immediately give the bottle mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.



TICKETS FOR SALE

Two guys are selling tickets in a mall and they see a Newfoundlander coming along. He comes up and asks, "What ya selling, byes?" The smart ass of the pair answers, "Idiots." Newf says, "Well ya musta had a good day. I sees there's only the two of ya left."



Little Sammy the snake slithers up to his mommy and says, "Mom, are we poisonous snakes?" "Oh dear," says mommy snake, "why would you ask such a thing?" "Cause I just bit my lip."



NOT HAPPY

A guy is driving to work and not watching the road. He rear-ends the car in front of him at a red light. The guy in the front car gets out and storms back to the car that hit him. He is very short, perhaps even a dwarf. As he charges back he keeps saying, "I'm not happy! I'm not happy!" The guy leans out the window and says, "Oh Yeah? Well, which one are ya then?"



FISHING LICENSE

Two young boys are fishing at their favourite fishing hole. It's been a good morning and they have a few trout in their basket. Suddenly the Game Warden appears out of nowhere. One young fellow jumps up, throws down his fishing rod, and runs like hell into the bushes. The Warden is hot on his heels. After about a half a mile or so,

the boy stops, puts his hands on his thighs and tries to catch his breath. The Warden catches up with him and says, "All right young fella. Let's see your fishing license." The young boy pulls out a valid, legal license and hands it to the Warden. He looks it over and says, "Son, you must be as dumb as a sack of hammers. You don't need to run from me if you have a valid license." "Oh, I know," said the boy, "but my buddy back there, he doesn't have one."



SPEEDING TICKET

A guy is barreling down the highway, well above the speed limit, but feeling secure as he is traveling in a pack of cars at the same speed. However, as he passed a speed trap he was nailed by the infrared speed detector, and he was pulled over. The officer wrote the ticket and handed it to him to be signed. Having obtained the signature the officer turned to return to his vehicle. The man said, "Excuse me, officer, I know I was speeding, but why did you nail me? All those other cars were going just as fast as I was; why didn't you give them a ticket too?" The officer turned to him and said, "Did you ever go fishing, sir?" "Well yes, of course I've been fishing." "Well sir, did you catch all the fish?"



MOOSE HUNTING

Tom and George are moose hunting. Both Tom and George get a bull moose each with only one shot. Tom's moose is 800lbs. George's moose is 900lbs. Looks like George got more buck for his bang.



TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Scientists in Ontario were digging around and found traces of copper wire at a depth of 10 feet. Scientific tests showed this wire to be about 100 years old. The scientists concluded that 100 years ago, the people living in Ontario had a telephone communication system in place. Hearing this news, government scientists in Quebec began to dig. They found traces of copper wire 20 feet below the surface and concluded that the residents of Quebec had a telephone communication system in place around 200 years ago. Soon after this, Jarge Krump from Stone Cove Newfoundland did some digging himself. He dug to a depth of 30 feet below the ground and found no traces of copper wire whatsoever. In a statement released to the press Jarge concluded, "Dis proves dat tree hunnert years ago da byes was already on wireless."



SICK DOG

A fellow has a rather large German Shepherd dog that seems to be continually bumping into things. He takes him to the vet and explains the problem. The vet picks the dog up, and looks directly into its eyes. "Well, here's your problem," says the vet. "This dog is severely cross-eyed. I'm going to have to put him down." "What?" cried the man, thoroughly hysterical, "What do you mean you have to put him down? Just because he's cross-eyed?" "No," replied the vet, "because he's heavy."



EVER WONDER?

Why there are interstate highways in Hawaii?
Why isn't "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?

