

# *South Interior Power Pioneers*

## News Report

April 2022



### **Happy Easter...**

So April Fools Day passed with very little pranking reported. The remainder of April will be preoccupied by various religious events.

Depending on your belief system, you could be observing Ramadan, which began April 1st and runs for a month. During Ramadan Muslims abstain from food, drink, and certain activities during the daytime.

On the 14th of April we can celebrate Vaisakhi, a religious holiday observed by Sikh communities around the world. Vaisakhi is famous for very colourful parades and free ethnic food for all to enjoy. It is also a photo-op for politicians of all stripes to wear Sikh regalia and shamelessly parade before the media!

Easter begins with Good Friday on April 15th when Christians commemorate the crucifixion and subsequent resurrection of Jesus. Saturday night a mythical Easter rabbit will secretly hide clutches of candy eggs for children of all ages to find Sunday morning. What does this have to do with Easter? I have asked Siri, Alexa and Google but no one knows for sure.

Finally, Jewish Passover from April 15th to 23<sup>rd</sup> celebrates The Exodus of Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.



### **April Luncheon**

On April 12<sup>th</sup> thirty-four members enjoyed our Easter luncheon. The COVID rules were relaxed so no vaccine passports required and masks were an optional personal choice.



Lunch began with a warm dinner roll followed by the entrée of broiled chicken, sautéed pepper and steamed rice. That sauce on the chicken and rice was astonishingly delectable, drawing several spontaneous compliments from our table. Dessert was a self-served portion of Nanaimo bar or carrot cake.

Do you have special dietary requirements such as gluten-free, nut allergies, diabetes or you hate fish? Tell your phoner. We will forward your request to the caterer and set you up with a little flag to alert wait staff of your special requirements. No extra charge!

### **And the winners are...**

Rita Wernicke and Tanis Stephenson each won \$26 in the 50/50 draw.



## Golf Anyone?

Our **Fun Golf Tournament & Dinner** is tentatively reserved for **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

This is what we know so far:

- It will take place at the Spallumcheen Golf & Country Club 9-hole Executive Course.
- Tee-off time is at 1:30PM.
- Individual or team entries.
- There will be prizes - details tba.
- Dinner Buffet follows golf with pre-ordered entrée choices of BBQ steak or BBQ chicken
- Participation options will include:
  - ✓ Golf only
  - ✓ Dinner only
  - ✓ Golf and Dinner combo
- Pricing yet to be determined but expect Golf & Dinner to be around \$60.
- Cut-off date for reservations is 15<sup>th</sup> of May with payment up front after that.



Additional details and prices will be published as soon as available.

### WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO DO NOW:

Contact *Booking Coordinator* Jim Clouston to let him know you want to participate. He needs to know how many of you are ready to get back into the swing of things! So please contact Jim so he can count you in. If sufficient interest is indicated by 15<sup>th</sup> of May the event will proceed and advance payment collection will begin thereafter.

Do it now!

**JIM CLOUSTON**

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### Help for Ukraine...

Many of you may be anxious to donate toward the crisis in Ukraine. This is good but beware that the scammers are out in full force using social media, text and email. Google has plenty of advice on the subject, however, for newcomers to avoid misdirecting your hard-earned funds or worse, identity theft, you could simply contribute via accredited links such as [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca) or directly to a local charity you are familiar with.



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For details  
Inquire in confidence to:  
**Donna Wallach**  
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## Treasurer's Report – Forbes Niemi

The financial gods favoured us with a modest surplus for the month of March.

<b>Opening Bank Balance</b>		<b>\$3,907.12</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership dues	\$40.00	
50/50 Net Proceeds	\$24.00	
Luncheon receipts	\$620.00	
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Luncheon expense	\$-527.00	
Operating supplies	\$-39.59	
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>\$117.41</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>		<b>\$4024.53</b>



## Membership Report – Donna Wallach

As of March 31<sup>st</sup> we have 169 members:

- 163 Regular members
- 2 Gold Lifetime members
- 3 Branch Honorary members
- 1 Donor member

**John Hudgin** will be moving end of May to Comox... He promises to attend our May luncheon to say goodbye.

**Vice President Stew Wallach** is recovering remarkably well from his brain injury and expects to attend the next luncheon.

**Secretary Jean Chamberland** is moving to Alberta in August so the search for a replacement is on again.

## Care Cards – Flo Ryan



January 2, 2022 - card to Helen Neufeld in hospital after a fall.

March 9, 2022 - card to Stew Wallach in hospital with bleeding in the brain.

April 4, 2022 - card to Herb Klumpp in hospital after a fall.

If you know of someone deserving a Get Well, Condolence or Congratulations Card please contact Flo Ryan at 250-542-6919 or email [fvryan@shaw.ca](mailto:fvryan@shaw.ca)

*By far the most expensive vehicle to operate is the Costco shopping cart!*

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