



Letter from the Pres... May 2008

Members of Evergreen:

The 40th Anniversary celebrations continue.

On Saturday April 26, 2008, the annual Club Championship dinner was the official "kick-off" for the year long 40th Anniversary. Founding members, David Foster, Mitch Hiddleston and Mike Jackson were in attendance along with their wives. David gave an inspiring rendering of the Club history in 1968. Mike followed with his rendition of a song about dogs removing their "rearends" and the subsequent confusion when the wrong "rearends" were put back on – or something like that. I was so busy laughing, along with the other 90 people in attendance, that the real meaning of the song was lost. Maybe Mike was making it up as he went along!!

Thanks to Charles Bristow and the many people that did the cooking, set-up and organizing of the dinner and entertainment. It just gets better every year. The comedian was great and the guitar playing and singing by Julian Taylor, Kevin Gillett and Tim Hunt got the crowd involved.

At the dinner, the annual Bob Withers Memorial award was given to Richard Martin. In her presentation, Brenda Withers congratulated and complimented Richard on his many years of support for the Club and the game of squash.

In addition, Ursula and Roland Haertl were acknowledged at the dinner for their 25 years of service to the Club. A carving was presented to them along with flowers and gift certificates.

The Club Championships were held at the end of April. Results: Ryan Herden Men's A, David Smortchevsky Men's B, Darren Farnworth Men's C, Rex Armstead Men's 60+, Cathy Brown Women's A, Jodi Meacher Women's B, Veronica Solsby, Women's C, Tim Martin and Doug Buchanan won the Men's Doubles and Marvin Mizinski & Cathy Brown won the Mixed Doubles. Phil Arthur, Scott Sibley and the many volunteers all deserve our many thanks for the successful organization and running of the tournament.

The new web-site is about to be launched. I have reviewed the format and content along with the other Board members and it looks terrific.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on May 29, 2008 at 7 p.m. A formal notice of AGM will be sent to each member. It is important that all members attend. The financial results for the last year will be reviewed along with the election of the Board of Directors and Officers for the following year.

With regard to the Board of Directors, the Club is always in need of dedicated people with varying talents. If you have some time and are passionate about the Club and its future, please contact Adam Radziminski and get involved.

Congratulations to Patrick Au and Gulshan Thobani for their involvement in the BC Winter Games in Revelstoke, B.C. The Vancouver/Squamish Region Team won the silver medal close behind the Vancouver Island Team that won gold. A proud moment for the Evergreen junior members that were on the team.

“David O’Brien’s drop-in” has moved to Monday night for the summer. Contact Dave if you want to get involved or need some clarification.

The “Summer Doubles Tournament” is in the planning stages. Watch the web-site and your e-mails for details and entry information.

Doug Buchanan is planning a “40th Anniversary Summer Golf Tournament” for Club members. I hear that the golf course on Bowen Island is under consideration. Details will be finalized soon and members informed on the web-site. As usual, prizes and volunteers are needed.

Patrick Au is the new Maintenance Director. With the many ongoing needs at the Club, Patrick needs volunteer help for everything from court cleaning to pruning the garden. Call Pat if you can help before he calls you .

Alicia Haneine and Phil Arthur are always available to help new and old members improve their squash skills along with personal training. These two individuals are valuable assets of the Club and I encourage all members to take advantage of their skills and dedication.

In concluding, I once again want to acknowledge the effort of the members of the Board of Directors. If any of you have any comments or concerns about the Club, do not hesitate to contact any of the Directors.

Thank You

Bruce Jamieson

President