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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the President's Desk:

May is one of the loveliest months of the year in the Shuswap and we hope this year is no exception. With spring heating things up, the gardens are in full bloom, golfers are hacking, pickle-ballers are batting and more people will be bowling bocce balls.

With our A.G.M. and volunteer appreciation evening behind us, we can turn our attention to what's coming up next at Cedar Social Centre. Early in the month we will have our famous Pig Roast on May 6th, with Dave Johnson's delicious BBQ recipe on tap. You have one day left to buy a ticket. For those who have already done so, enjoy!

Next up is our open house on May 11th to celebrate our 50th anniversary. You can refer to the next article for the details.

At about the same point, our golf course project will ramp up with reconstruction of holes #6, 7 and 8 greens on the upper area. The new greens will be larger, re-shaped and re-sloped to make play more enjoyable. During construction, golfers will be restricted to the lower golf area where holes #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9 are found.

Our ladies' group, "Chicks with Sticks", will start its weekly play shortly, and the men's "Match Play Series" will as well. Meanwhile, bocce will provide greater value with the combining of indoor carpet bowling in the

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\$45 (not including the CHCA membership fee).

Over 50 members attended the Annual General Meeting of C.H.C.A. on April 8th . The board reported on a successful 2023 fiscal year, resulting in a surplus of over \$40,000. The treasurer reviewed the financial statements for 2023 and made motions to move several allotments of funds into reserve status for future capital expenditures. Thank goodness we have this surplus as the pickle ball court resurfacing will require over \$30,000 and the parking lot renewal over \$100,000 in the next few years. Earning a surplus each year is a necessity as grant funds are increasingly difficult to generate in the post-COVID era. The motions were passed.

Progress on various projects was reported and a demonstration of our new website received a very positive response from the audience. Several amendments to our constitution and bylaws arose from the Strategic Plan Review and were presented to the members in attendance. Following debate, all but one were passed, with the last one tabled until fall, following further review by the board.

Lastly, I closed the meeting with an announcement that I would not be standing for re-election at the Fall General Meeting. I wanted to announce this now to give our current board and members a lot of time to find a new president. After serving on the board since 2014, it's time to move on and for fresh perspectives to come from others to address the organization's future.

I want to thank all the volunteers at all levels for their tireless efforts to make Cedar Heights Community Association such a success and a community leader.

Bryan Lowes

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



C.H.C.A. 50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE



There is only a little over a week to go, so be sure to mark your calendar for the Cedar Heights Open House & 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come and see what we have to offer. If you want to inquire about a program or event, there will be leaders and participants who can answer your questions. When you visit, you'll get a free draw entry for our door prizes, a light lunch and

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community leaders. This is a FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY EVENT!

For added community flavour, you will have the opportunity to speak with our local FireSmart Program representative to learn more about this important tool to help protect your home from wildfires. Also, you can help support the Sorrento Foodbank; we encourage you to bring non-perishable food items and we will see that they get delivered. In fact, we will have a donation bin available at the Cedar Heights Centre from May 1 up to Open House day, May 11.

If you have an idea for an activity that could be considered, especially from our younger families new to the area, let us know what you think. Maybe we can work something out.

If you have any special historic materials related to Cedar Heights, please contact Blair Holmes at blair909@telus.net.

Finally, we wish to send a big shout-out to all the volunteers who will be helping showcase our Cedar Heights Community Association.

CEDAR HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the course is now open, but with some upcoming closures.

It was a very nice winter for promoting the growth of snow mold and moss. The spots on the greens from the snow mold will disappear when it gets sunny but the moss has to be sprayed out with ferrous sulphate. As a result, the greens will have dark patches as the moss dies off after the treatment, which should take place by the first week of May.



Around the second week of May, we will be aerating, re-seeding and sanding the greens on the lower level of the course. This should smooth out the parts of the greens formerly occupied by the moss and will aid the percolation of water into the root zone.

Beginning on May 6th, we will be rebuilding the first two greens on the upper level. Therefore the upper level will not be playable until well into July. We will be building two new tee boxes on the lower level to allow for nine distinct holes playing to just six greens in the meantime.

We will be aerating, spraying and fertilizing the lower level in early May as well, at which time the course will be closed for 24 hours. We will advise of the exact date when we know it; watch for reminders on the website, Facebook and

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All in all, we will be taking a short step back before we take the next big steps forward. In the meantime, do come out and play or just come and take a look at Area 7....grass should be starting to appear as soon as the weather warms.



Through the second and third weeks of May, we will need a small number of volunteers who can help with tee box construction and greens re-construction. If you think you have time to help out, please send an e-mail to Dean's address, below. You will receive a call once we know our exact schedule of work on the course.

On the morning of Thursday, May 9th, we will be aerating and re-sanding the existing greens. If you can help out, please leave a message at (250) 675-4929 or send a note to Dean.Wallace@shaw.ca.

WEBSITE LAUNCH

The new Cedar Heights website should be launched in the first week of May. Besides having a very modern design, the website features the ability to purchase CHCA memberships, program season's passes and event tickets online. No more inconvenient trips to the office to do that, although you still have the option of doing so.



Our development group (Bryan Lowes, Lynne Lowes, Sharon Hornseth and Dean Wallace) has spent so many months reviewing structure and content of the website that we now cannot see errors and flaws that might be obvious to new users. So when you have a chance to scroll around the site, let us know the places on the site that are confusing or unclear. Just send an e-mail to info@cedarheightscommunity.ca. In the fall timeframe, we will consider all of that input and make the necessary changes.

One of our major focus areas will be on improving the quality of our photos. I will be providing guidance in the June newsletter as to what makes a good photo for a website.

Thank you in particular to Sharon, who has taken the lead on figuring out how to edit the website and who is finalizing the e-commerce functionality. Without her, we still would be months from launch.

IT'S FIRE SEASON...AGAIN



The reports of early season wildfires are already coming in from around the province and Alberta. The long-term weather forecast is for another hot and dry summer, so the potential for fires will be high. After last year's crisis, nobody is taking climate change and its consequences lightly anymore. One of the results of the studies of the 2023 wildfire season is the fact that flying embers were the cause of most of the structural ignitions. This makes the work of the FireSmart program personnel even more important. You don't have to clearcut the lovely trees that are so abundant in our area. What you need to do is protect your own home and other buildings from the embers that can ignite them.

We will be hosting another FireSmart information evening at the Cedar Heights Social Centre on May 29th. You can learn how to protect your property at a reasonable cost and even get financial assistance for your project. Make a note in your calendar. This will be the 3rd year in a row that we have hosted this event, and each time the audience doubles. After last year's experience, it should be a packed house. Get there early. It will start at 7:00 pm.

WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for an individual to organize the Cedar Heights concession at the August 17th "Art on the Green" vent. The planning group will work with you to define what that concession will look like. As well, there will be helpers during the day to supply and work at the concession out on the golf course. And you will get to meet a whole slew of friendly people on the day.



Send a note to info@cedarheightscommunity.ca if you can help us out.

BLIND BAY VILLAGE GROCER CARD PROGRAM

A new batch of Blind Bay Village Grocer cards is now available for purchase in the office. Last year, the proceeds from the sale of the cards covered our gas, electricity and water bills at Cedar Heights (about 17% of our centre operating costs). This is a cost efficient



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You can purchase the cards in the office (Tuesday and Thursdays from 1:00 till 3:00 pm) and Friday mornings after Keep Fit. Please note that **only cheques, cash or debit** are accepted for payment. We thank you for your support!

BOCCE BALL IS BACK!

The Cedar Heights bocce season is scheduled for start-up on **Wednesday, May 29th at 9:00 am**. In preparation for that, we will be taking the month of May for painting, moss removal and rolling the surface of the courts.



This year, we continue to offer a variety of **payment options**:

- A) **\$45** for the bocce and carpet bowling pass if you already are a C.H.C.A. member
- B) **\$100** for a C.H.C.A. membership plus a season's pass for bocce and for carpet bowling
- C) **\$3** drop-in fee if you are a C.H.C.A. member but you only plan on playing bocce and carpet bowling fewer than 15 times over the remainder of 2024
- D) **\$5** drop-in fee if you are not a C.H.C.A. member

Your season's pass will allow you to play bocce at your convenience in addition to the scheduled Wednesday session.

Donna Weich has stepped forward to take on the bocce coordinator's role. To help her set up for the season, please send a note indicating your interest in joining the Wednesday group to:

info@cedarheightscommunity.ca

or

weich.m.donna@gmail.com

SUMMER STUDENT RECRUITMENT

We are looking to hire a summer student for July and August in order to provide kiosk

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hours during June and early September as well. This position is ideal for someone finishing up high school or perhaps a year into college/university.

Send a message to info@cedarheightscommunity.ca or leave a message at (250) 675-2012 (the office) or (250) 675-4929 (Dean Wallace) if you know a young person in your neighbourhood, at your church or in your family who is looking for summer employment.

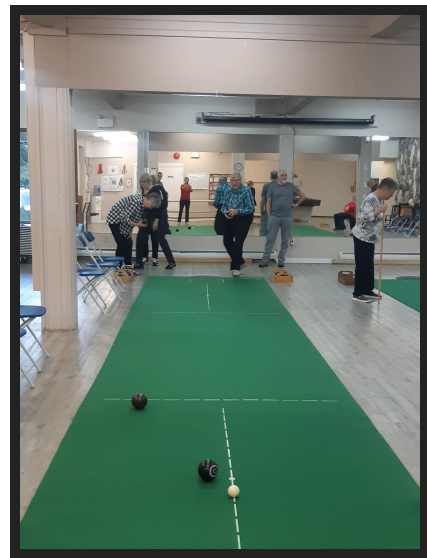


CARPET BOWLING

Wednesdays
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Our last day for Carpet Bowling is May 29

For more info,
Call or text **Jan at 250-804-5699**
or
Text **Sheena at 250-253-0820**



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

MEET MARVELLOUS MARCHA

Have you ever been to a potluck at Cedar Heights? If so, you've probably met Marcha and tasted delicious treats from her kitchen. Marcha makes the best homemade buns and brings dozens to make sure there are plenty for all, plus some to send home with folks.

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Marcha (along with Brian, Rita and Anne) out sorting through windfalls and picking off trees to ensure Cedar Heights has enough free apples for the apple pie-making fundraiser. Most ladies help out by making 4 lbs. of pastry for pies, but not Marcha; she makes 14 lbs. and then arrives to roll out more than 50 pie crusts.

For Christmas bake sales, we can always count on Marcha to donate dozens of butter tarts, dozens of mincemeat tarts and, of course, dozens of her homemade buns. But it doesn't end there! She makes delicious carrots cakes, endless plates full of her award-winning chocolate chip cookies, and mountains of shortbread and fruit cake cookies .

She donates not only to Cedar Heights, but also to our other local community halls. Marcha works tirelessly, quietly and humbly, always doing so with a great big smile. At 83, Marcha is a marvel who makes our community so special.

Please consider the gestures, great and small of someone you know in our CHCA family. Perhaps they regularly offer to drive friends to medical appointments. Maybe they organize neighbourhood clean-ups. And maybe they have an admirable skill/talent that we don't know about. If you know someone like this, please send a short write-up and, if possible, a photo to krishamaguchi@gmail.com



Mark your calendar! Connect with friends! Have fun!

GAMES NIGHT
May 3

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- Cribbage
- Spite & Malice (card game)
- Tile Rummy
- Backgammon

If you have one of these games, please bring it with you.

UPCOMING DATES:

June 7th.

TIME:

6:30 - doors open

7:00 - let the games begin!

COST:

\$3.00 for members

\$5.00 for non-members.

RSVP:

Contact **Vicki Coe** at **(250) 675-2141** if you are **planning to attend**, and if you can **offer one of these games** for us to play with (not a requirement to attend).



HAWAIIAN PIG ROAST MAY 6

See you in a few days for a fabulous feast!
Here's hoping you've bought your tickets! If not, they will be **available until tomorrow--May 2 at 3:00 p.m.**

TIME:

5:30 p.m. - Cocktails

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

TICKETS:

Cedar Heights Social Centre

HAWAIIAN PIG ROAST

Monday, May 6th, 2024
Cocktails at 5:30
Dinner at 6:00

Serving BBQ roast pork, salads, baked beans (vegetarian & regular) buns, condiments and dessert.

Members - \$40.00
Non Members - \$50.00

Tickets available until May 2!
at Cedar Heights Centre
on Tuesdays & Thursdays between
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

For info on reserved tickets & e-transfer for payment call 250 675-2012.
No table assignments

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DOGHOUSE TOURNAMENT

May 10th

Cedar Heights Social Centre is hosting a Doghouse Tournament for intermediate and experienced players. We will have prizes, snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks available.



Pre-registration is required. Call Vicki at (250) 675-2141 or email vickalinabb@gmail.com to register.

TIME:

5:30 p.m. - Doors

6:00 p.m. - Play begins

COST: \$10.00 per player

C.H.C.A. OPEN HOUSE & 50TH ANNIVERSARY

May 11th

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

COST: This is a **FREE**, family-friendly event!



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FIRESMART INFORMATION EVENING May 29th



TIME: 7:00 p.m.

COST: FREE!

LOBSTERFEST June 8th

Mark your calendar for our renowned Lobsterfest! Wade and Margaret Spencer are coordinating this scrumptious event.

TIME: 4:30 p.m. - Cocktails
5:30 p.m. - Dinner

COST: \$55 for members
\$65 for non-members

Cedar Heights Social Centre

Lobsterfest Saturday, June 8th

Cocktails at 4:30
Dinner starting at 5:30

\$55.00 for members
\$65.00 for non members

Cash Bar

Fresh Atlantic Lobster,
Garlic Butter, Salads, Buns, Dessert & Coffee

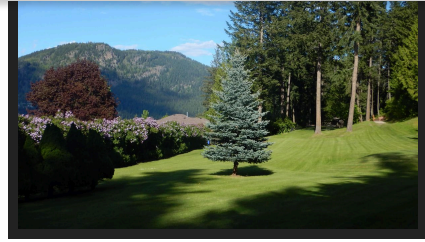
Please bring your own plate, cutlery, bib,
wet wipes and lobster tools.

Purchase Tickets on-line @
cedarheightscommunity.ca
or at Cedar Heights office
Tuesday or Thursday between
1 & 3
Tickets on sale May 7 - 28

GET INVOLVED

CEDAR HEIGHTS SOCIAL CENTRE

Cedar Heights thrives on the active involvement of its residents. If you have ideas, want to [volunteer](#), or [host an event](#), please let us know. Your contribution is what makes our community special.

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REBUILDING LIVES



Given the devastation from last summer's wildfire, resulting in hundreds of homes lost, the Mennonite Disaster Service has committed to rebuild four homes for our neighbours on the Shuswap North Shore. These are homes of people who otherwise have no means to rebuild as they had no insurance and are at an income level that would make it impossible.

M.D.S. is a strictly volunteer organization and relies on donated funds. This is a great opportunity to serve our neighbours.

If you are interested in volunteering for a day, please call Wes Janzen at 236-833-3114. If you can offer a week or more, please email Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org. Alternatively, you can contact Gord Shea at 250-319-0419.

MDS does not require you have any particular skills (we will train you) or any particular religious affiliation. All we ask is that you come with a willing and respectful heart. If you are not able to volunteer, donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Gord Shea for M.D.S.



Thanks again to Sheila Armstrong for her great collection of photos! If you have any photos from the events over the coming months, especially of the outdoor activities at Cedar Heights, please send them to krishamaguchi@gmail.com

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ensures that all the fun can continue. Things are looking great for the coming year!

51 members who have volunteered for all the various events, programs and administrative functions gathered at Cedar Heights Social Centre on April 27th. The organization hosted them in order to express its appreciation for their efforts, which have made C.H.C.A the envy of many. Thanks to those who volunteered to organize the event for the other volunteers, it was a fun afternoon. A variety of snacks and goodies were available, cooked up by Lynne Lowes and Rosie Dufresne, while Sharon and Willie Hornseth, and Mark and Lisa Minnie looked after registration and the distribution of the tickets for free beverages. Iris Bemister also helped in the set-up and food services. George Gillis provided his musical talents on the keyboard to enhance the mood.

President Bryan Lowes gave a short speech covering the range of volunteer services and what an impact they have had on members and the community. From canasta and carpet bowling to pie-making and snooker, from feasts like pig roasts, Lobsterfest, pot-lucks and Christmas banquets to bake sales and activities, the support of volunteers helps to make our lives so much richer and dispel the isolation and loneliness that retirees can fall into. Over one-third of our members volunteer at some point in the year. Some individuals, like our Keep Fit instructors, have put in a few thousand hours over the years to keep our physical and mental health vibrant.

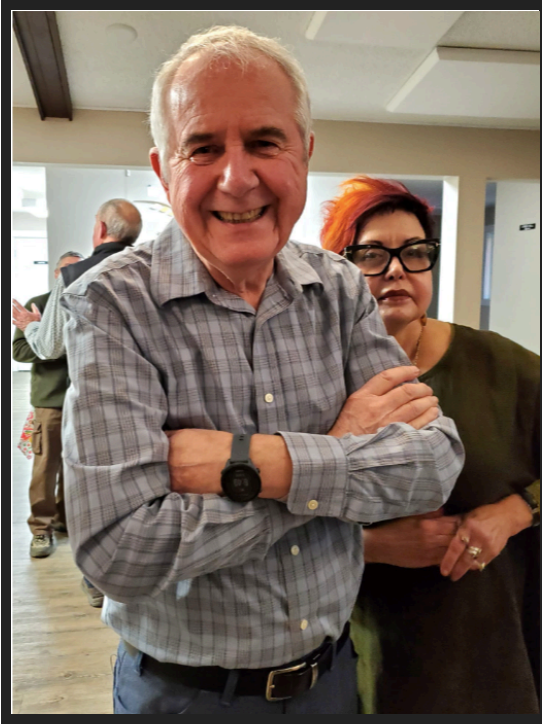
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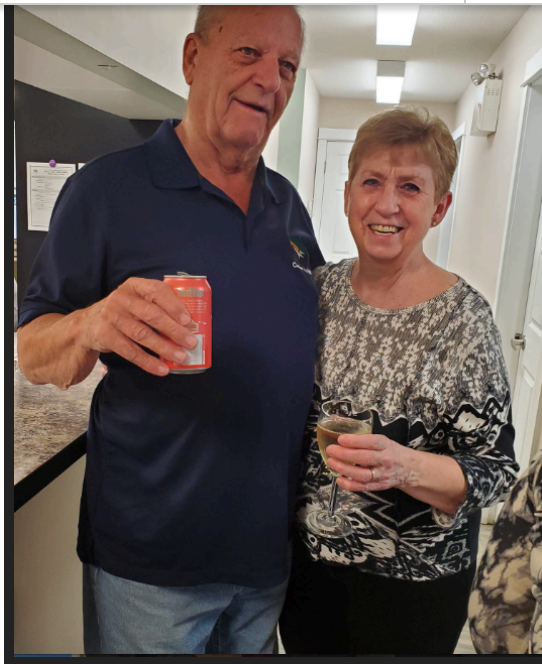


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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

DO THE SHU!

Do you want to know what's happening in the Shuswap? The Arts Council and the Chamber of Commerce have collaborated on a new community calendar called **Do the Shu** that replaces the Shuswap Culture event calendar.

Click [HERE](#) for a look at the upcoming events.



Contact Us: Have questions or suggestions? Reach out to us at info@cedarheightscommunity.ca or [\(250\) 675-2012](tel:2506752012).

Community Website: Stay updated on [news and events](#) by visiting our



April provided us with the opportunity to honour our enthusiastic and dedicated C.H.C.A. volunteers, but May is our month for honouring all our wonderful mothers. On a personal note, I'm so thankful to have both my mother and my daughter here with me in Blind Bay (and we'll be welcoming daughter #2 to Blind Bay next year!). So whether your mom (or someone who is just like a mother to you) is near, far or beyond, find a moment to think of her or tell her how much she means to you.



Warm regards,
Kris Hamaguchi
Editor

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