

Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre Society

Annual Report 2010

The Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre was founded by a very vital and active core of seniors. They formed as a non-profit society in 1976 and had the vision and foresight to establish their own Centre. In 1992 the property on Trail Avenue in Sechelt was donated to the Society and the Centre was completed the following year. Thus the Centre was built and financed by the members with assistance from a sharing community.

The Sechelt Seniors' Activity Centre believes that providing physical, intellectual and artistic programs of high standard will assist the community's seniors, through their participation, to improve the quality of their lives.

We believe the Centre does this by:

- Providing stimulating and enriching mental and physical activities.
- Providing an environment for companionship and support in an effort to help seniors maintain healthy, fulfilling active lives
- Providing healthy and nutritious meals in a friendly and welcoming environment at affordable prices
- Encouraging active participation through volunteer involvement, utilizing the skills and abilities of individuals, in the provision of services to our members

President's Report to the Membership

My first year as President was a most interesting experience. Prior to filling the post I reviewed some Seniors Activity Centre's across North America and noted that many had a Lounge where members comfortably socialize. As a result, one of my first projects was to create a comfortable functional member's Lounge. Members were keen and their interest and donations made this project possible.

The Kitchen Committee requested the purchase of a washing machine and dryer to make washing table cloths, dish towels and aprons a more practical function. Previously, laundry items had always been taken home and washed by members. This was an added job for members, especially after special event functions. The overflow of donations from the lounge project allowed us to purchase a new washer, dryer and iron.

The Crafts Group were also seeking a new locking sliding glass front display window in order to properly set up and redesign their Crafts. They held a Christmas Craft Bazaar which raised funds for the window purchase with the added monies donated to the Centre to assist with the overall operation. The overall Bazaar brought in \$1,647.00, which more than covered the purchase and installation of the new window. Thanks to all the Crafts members for their work in creating their special crafts.

We held several successful fundraising activities which included a Gary Fjellgaard Concert, a St. Patrick's Day Dance, and a 50's Dance. Thanks to our fund raiser, Mo Farn we were also able to get another Cruise raffle underway. The winner will be chosen at the St. Patrick's Day Dance.

I thank our many Volunteers who ensure that the Centre is a vibrant and welcome home away from home for its members. Much of the credit for our success can be given to the caring support and assistance from our volunteers. You help us provide more than 50 activities, the lunches Monday to Friday and the front desk assistance for our members.

Our volunteer Board of Directors also contributes a great deal of time and knowledge in assisting with the management and running of the Centre. They serve one day per week as Director on Duty and attend monthly Board meetings as well as serving as liaison on one of our numerous committees.

As we analyze our past and present it is apparent that the manner in which the Centre is operated needs to be reviewed. This year, we made a start on that process by undertaking a major revision to our Constitution and Bylaws. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of David Bowie, Andrea Smith and Barry Yee, a revised Constitution and By-Laws was approved by the Board and the general membership.

To date we have been able to get by with the assistance of volunteers. However, our membership demographic limits the number of volunteers and the type of duties and responsibilities they can handle. Many of our volunteers offer their time and assistance to more than one organization. We run our operation primarily with the support of volunteers and three part-time staff: a cleaner, a cook and an office/rental coordinator.

More paid contract workers may be required in the future. An administrator with the sound management skills, work experience and cultural awareness to properly manage the Centre is a key ingredient to ensure our continued success. It is difficult to attract a volunteer with these skills so we may need to consider making this a paid position.

We are the only Seniors Centre in Canada that does not receive substantial monetary subsidies from the Municipal Government. Most other municipalities provide significant financial assistance to operate the services we offer to the community. Sechelt is a retirement community.

The majority of tax dollars and revenue utilized by the District comes from one major source: Seniors. We may need to consider approaching the municipal government to re-think their position on co-sharing our expenses.

We also need to work on helping the community realize that this is an Activity Centre, not an old folks' home.

Sincerely,

Douglas Smith, President

Secretary's Annual Report 2010

My goal for this year was to continue trying to improve the Board's electronic efficiency and record-keeping and to continue using email and the Internet to improve communication between the Board of Directors and the membership.

My efforts to accomplish this goal included:

- Circulating minutes and agendas for Board meeting to all Board members.
- Maintaining a complete membership email list and used it to send updates about Centre activities at least once a calendar month.
- Maintaining the information binder in the lobby containing minutes, financial reports and monthly e-news updates
- Assisting with the editing and printing of the monthly newsletter – the Seashell Echo.
- Printing tickets for various special events and raffles.
- Keeping the Centre's webmaster apprised of necessary changes to the information on the web page.
- Doing miscellaneous copying and document creating for various activities and committees as required.

David D. Bowie
Secretary

The Reports from the Standing Committees and Activity Groups are incorporated in Appendix A and Appendix B.

Treasurer's Annual Report 2010

The past year has been one of the busiest years out of all 4 years as Treasurer. What a way to go out.

The following is what comes to mind, Cruise Raffles, 50's Dance (no rock around the clock though) a new Bus, Furnace, Lighting for Stage and our beautiful Lounge. Also the Membership has increased with new Activities. Keep up the good work.

I would like to thank the Volunteers who were always there to do what had to be done. The Counters, Val Thorsteinson , Erika Wright, Bridgette Horn and especially Mike McCarthy and Christa Haas who were always close by to guide me in the right direction.

I have enjoyed my years as Treasurer. It has been a great experience and hope to keep on helping in any way that is needed.

Maureen Heaven

Treasurer 2007 - 2010

Auditor's Report

I have reviewed the financial records of the Sechelt Seniors' Activity Centre for the year ended December 31, 2010 and performed random checks of source documents. I believe that the 2010 Financial Statements are a fair representation of the Centre's financial activities.



Moira Leishman, B. Comm, AMIS

January 25, 2011

2010 Financial Statement

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SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE SOCIETY

Balance Sheet (Cash basis) As at 12/31/2010

ASSET

CURRENT ASSETS

Sunshine Coast Credit Union	-2,094.52
Equity Shares 'B'	61.52
Equity Shares 'C'	14.03
Credit Union - Gaming Acc...	25.00
Credit Union-Org.Investmen...	16.70
Equity Shares "C" Gaming ...	0.12
A/R from Claytons/IGA	44.26
Prepaid Insurance	1,747.00

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS -185.89

CAPITAL ASSETS

Seniors Bus	82,341.22
Less: Accumulated Amortiz...	<u>-7,200.00</u>
Seniors Bus: net	75,141.22
Building Contents	80,364.13
Building	1,185,000.00
Land	415,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS 1,755,505.35

CONTINGENCY FUND

Term Deposit#19-Mar.30/12	25,907.13
Investment Savings Account	7,123.92
Term Deposit #17-Oct.20/10	0.00
Term Deposit #18 Apr20/12	26,537.81
Term Deposit #14-Mar3/11	<u>33,763.03</u>

TOTAL TERM DEPOSITS 93,331.89

TOTAL CONTINGENCY ... 93,331.89

TOTAL ASSET 1,848,651.35

LIABILITY

LIABILITIES

Deferred Grant re Vaudeville	8,091.00
Prepaid Rentals 2011	1,615.00
Prepaid Membership for 2011	5,700.00

TOTAL CURRENT LIABI... 15,406.00

TOTAL LIABILITY 15,406.00

EQUITY

SURPLUS

Retained Earnings	1,839,261.04
Current Earnings	<u>-6,015.69</u>

TOTAL SURPLUS 1,833,245.35

TOTAL EQUITY 1,833,245.35

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 1,848,651.35

SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE SOCIETY
Income Statement (Cash basis) 01/01/2010 to 12/31/2010

REVENUE**INCOME**

Bridge Duplicate	5,809.52	
Bridge Saturday	2,264.90	
Bridge Upgrade	1,417.85	
50 - 50	732.20	
Bocce	12.50	
Pickleball	332.85	
Carpet Bowling	4,250.52	
Computer Activities	158.00	
Square Dancing	651.55	
Crafts	424.70	
Crib/Darts	673.00	
Exercise	9,213.92	
Games Room	1,136.11	
Painting	149.90	
Play Reading	412.05	
Poker	837.40	
Qi Gong	2,790.70	
Quilters	675.10	
Paper Mates/SAM	318.00	
Table Tennis	498.00	
Tai Chi	674.00	
Chair Acting	397.90	
Yoga	2,249.00	
Genealogy Group	110.00	
TOTAL ACTIVITIES		36,189.67
Gain on Disposal of Bus	7,837.00	
Bar Income	2,246.55	
Bus Income	19,633.00	
Copy Machine	126.15	
Donations Received	940.00	
Groceries Slips	460.00	
Kitchen Income	49,625.25	
Membership	23,955.00	
Foot Clinic	170.00	
Rent Income	23,542.03	
New Horizon Vaudeville	0.00	
Interest Income	3,178.22	
Christmas Lunch 2010	1,405.77	
Special Events	31.00	
GST Refund	3,326.00	
Travel Refunds & Commis...	1,570.50	
Fundraising	0.00	
Quilt Raffle/Racoon	391.71	
Bazaar	1,674.12	
Cook Book Income	50.00	
New Years Lunch	1,110.00	
New Year's Eve Murder My...	185.00	
Grant Income(Coordinator}	4,400.00	
Furnace Grant Income	25,000.00	
Misc Income	50.00	
Cruise Raffle Income	2,850.00	

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SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE SOCIETY
Income Statement (Cash basis) 01/01/2010 to 12/31/2010

OTHER INCOME		173,757.30
Garage Sale	348.85	
Fjellgaarrd Concert	940.00	
St. Patricks Dinner	2,874.00	
Lounge Fund	11,526.90	
Table Rentals (garage sale)	264.30	
Silent Auction (June 4)	2,996.10	
July BBQ Income	900.00	
50's Dance	1,252.02	
Mandate Tours Income	172.07	
TOTAL FUNDRAISING / S...		21,274.24
TOTAL INCOME		231,221.21
TOTAL REVENUE		231,221.21
EXPENSE		
EXPENSES		
Office Coordinator		21,921.00
Advertising		212.23
Bar Expenses		1,207.61
Bus Expenses	16,424.87	
Amortization - Seniors Bus	7,200.00	
TOTAL BUS EXPENSES		23,624.87
Computer Activities / Training		732.43
Computer Administration / ...		1,905.09
Copier		2,548.79
Pickelball Expense		553.34
Instructor Expense		4,388.75
Misc. Expense		10.71
Volunteer Appreciation Exp...		1,058.56
Hostess Meals		1,883.33
Insurance-Bldg.-Content-Li...	10,728.96	
Directors Liabilities	1,748.04	
TOTAL INSURANCE		12,477.00
Cook Contract	24,335.50	
Food Products	21,218.30	
Kitchen Supplies	3,005.54	
TOTAL KITCHEN EXPEN...		48,559.34
New Horizon Vaudville Exp...		0.00
Facility Upgrade		39,988.77
New Years Eve Murder Mys...		0.00
Contract Cleaner	19,650.00	
Maintenance Services	4,508.97	
Maintenance Supplies	4,420.45	
Contract Cleaner Rental	810.00	
TOTAL CONTRACT/ MAI...		29,389.42
Office Expense		3,261.40
Over 80 Tea		27.93
Special Events Expense		787.68
Rental Security		1,235.00
Alarm System	320.96	
B. C. Hydro	7,256.55	

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SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE SOCIETY
Income Statement (Cash basis) 01/01/2010 to 12/31/2010

Terasen Gas	6,140.17	
Waste Disposal	636.45	
Fire Protection	453.00	
Sewer, Water	667.45	
Telephone	2,142.29	
TOTAL UTILITIES		17,616.87
New Years Eve Lunch		966.60
Cruise Raffle Expense		1,065.40
Fundraiser Expense		254.56
Travel Expense		177.94
Work Safe/WCB		722.67
HST Paid		8,021.78
GST Paid		1,756.71
Fjellgaard Concert	870.54	
St. Patricks Dinner Expense	1,844.06	
Lounge Fund Expense	6,958.18	
Table Rentals (garage sale) ...	43.96	
Silent Auction (June 4) Exp...	369.74	
July BBQ Expense	794.64	
TOTAL FUNDRAISING/S...		10,881.12
TOTAL EXPENSES		237,236.90
TOTAL EXPENSE		237,236.90
NET INCOME		-6,015.69

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Communications

Communications this year included the Seashell Echo (newsletter), The Coast Reporter, C-VUE FM radio, and some advertising in The Local.

We now have four sponsors throughout the month, for our weekly Coast Reporter column– **Pharmasave, Sechelt Insurance, Sunshine Coast Credit Union and South Coast Ford**, thereby dividing the cost.

C-VUE FM radio features weekly information re the Centre, Wednesday morning (11:00 - 11:15 am) broadcast. This segment is sponsored by **Super Valu** (SunnyCrest Mall) to which we add our thanks.

The newsletter 'Seashell Echo' is produced monthly. The Echo is also published on our website to allow members to download directly. This year, we have sold space in the Coast Reporter to advertisers: **Mandate Tours, Investors Group**, and the **Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites**.

The 'feedback' is most encouraging. It is sincerely hoped this column/ad, newsletter, will stimulate further participation in our programs and hopefully encourage new memberships

Respectfully submitted
Joan Fleetham

Constitution Review

The Constitution Committee consisted of the directors Barry Yee, Andrea Smith, David Bowie with input from the rest of the directors. The results of the committee effort in updating the Constitution to the present can be read in the Senior Centre foyer and at the website. <http://secheltseniors.com/>

We realize the results of the Constitution are not perfect as we were looking for a greater input from the membership. In the coming new year 2011 we would like the membership to look over the updated Constitution and if one sees any major revisions that is needed to please submit in writing to the committee detailing the required revisions.

The Constitution Committee would like to thank all the assistance from everyone that have given input and worked on updating the Constitution.

Financial Advisory

As per the Bylaws, this Committee's mandate is to advise the Board on general financial policy.

Ad hoc Committee: Vice-president and Chair: Andrea Smith
Directors: Wilma Lorimer, Joan Fleetham, Rick McGowan
Member at large: Moira Leishman

Other Members: President Douglas Smith, Treasurer Maureen Heaven, Mike McCarthy

Number of meetings this year: 10

This Committee held its first meeting April 28 as a grant priorities meeting and a subsequent report was presented by Andrea at the May 11 Board meeting. The rest of the FAC meetings took place after Sept. 21 with an expanded ad hoc committee whose task was to define the Committee's objectives for the Board.

This committee has now completed this task to be presented at the Jan. 25 Board meeting, and which was to:

- establish a policy of general goals and functions
- establish specific goals for 2011
- establish a financial management manual

With direction from the Board, our main function of review and analysis of the Society's overall financial functioning and well-being has just begun. We look forward to doing more of this important job next year.

Submitted by Andrea Smith, Chair

Fundraising/Special Events/Grants and Donations

Being responsible for all these areas makes it difficult to report accurately as the different categories blend into one another. However, 2010 has been a very successful year, with several activities and fundraising events. Grants and Donations have been good, but when you look at the overall budget more has to be done to ensure we operate in a surplus position. With all the fundraising action in the past two years we are still struggling to operate within the budget. The ongoing expenses of the Centre are increasing and this will increase as the building ages, and activities increase. This would indicate that we need to increase one or more of (a) Annual Dues (b) Activities Fees (c) Rental Fees. It should be noted that most Grants are for a specific purpose and in most cases require some financial input from the Centre.

I look at it this way: The general operation of the Centre has to be maintained from our regular revenue sources. Grants generally are to provide extra services or upgrades. Following this guideline ensures we do not become dependent on grants being available.

Don't be fooled into thinking it is easy to get Grants. They can be very complex and the paperwork can be horrendous. Applications made (and refused) in 2010 include:- Westjet, Leon & Thea Koeler Foundation, Telus, BC Ferries, BC Hydro, Allegiant Air, Air Canada, Several Cruise Lines, and several Banks.

I try to balance Events between actual Fundraising Events and Events which are affordable to all Seniors. An example of this is the Xmas Lunch which is not expected to make money, and Life members traditionally have been invited free of charge as a small token of the appreciation for the past services they have contributed. However I have tried a number of different things this year, Olympic events on the Big Screen, a return to Pot Luck Suppers, Events at other locations (Summer BBQ), and outside caterers. All appear to have been successful. Here is a review of what has taken place in 2010. I hope members are satisfied with the program.

EVENTS

January

- Garage Sale. (Fundraiser. profit approx \$300.00)
- Fjellguard Concert (Fundraiser. Not particularly successful. only made about \$100.00. Better have them pay rent)

February

- Olympic Games Opening Ceremonies . (Pot luck supper successful. about 90 attended. Not a fundraiser)
- Olympic Games Closing Ceremonies. (Snacks. Successful. About 70 attended. Not a fundraiser)

March

- St Patricks Day Dance (Fundraiser made \$1040. Very successful. Catered for 160. Coast Fiddlers entertained.)

June

- Silent Auction. (Fundraiser. made \$2,620.00. Successful)
- Lounge Official Opening. (Not a fundraiser. very successful, combined with membership drive.)

July

- Annual Members BBQ (Held at Magellans Restaurant. Successful. About 90 attended. Not a fundraiser)

October

- 50's Dance (Fundraiser. Very successful, with Jim Taylor. Profit approx \$800.00)

December

- Xmas Lunch (Not A Fundraiser. 25 Life members free. 180 attended. Entertainment Susie Francis & The Versatiles)
- New Years Eve Lunch. (Not a fundraiser. Golden City catered. 110 attended Price \$10.00)
- Xmas Bazaar raised \$1600.00

GRANTS / DONATIONS

- **District Of Sechelt** Grant in Aid towards Rental Coordinators salary. \$4400.00
- **Sunshine Coast Community Foundation.** Grant towards Lounge construction. \$5000.00
- **New Horizons For Seniors(Furnace)** \$25000.00 Grant towards purchase and installation of new Furnace
- **New Horizons For Seniors (Seniors Performing For Seniors)** \$14,300.00 Grant to upgrade stage/lighting/acoustics/ drapes and to form a Seniors Vaudeville production group, to perform for Seniors and others throughout the Sunshine coast. Group is in rehearsal, and we have installed Spot Lights, Lighting Board, Mirror Ball , Stage Mikes. Still working on curtain closures, backdrop, Stage 3ft Extension, and Lighting Booth as funds are available.
- **Royal Bank.** \$500.00
- **Sunshine Coast Credit Union** \$500.00
- **Donations To Lounge Fund** \$11,526.90
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- **50/50 Draws** Approx 800.00. (Does not show accurately on statements as some of the 50/50 goes into a specific event or is earmarked to a specific purpose) very successful thanks to Joe Clitheroe.
- **2011 Cruise Raffle** Started in 2010 but draw is in 2011.
- **2011 Silent Auction** Started in 2010 but will take place at St Patrick's Day Event March 17th.

In review it has been an extremely busy and successful year for fundraising and Special Events. Members can see from the list that there is a lot of work, and this cannot be done by one person, or even a small group of people. Each event that involves food and entertainment can take up to 12 volunteers. In most cases this has been done with little problem but there are time when we are short of volunteers putting lots of extra pressure on the organizer. Make a point of volunteering for at least one special event in some way per year, otherwise there could be fewer events.

No-one can complain about the variety, quality, level of entertainment, or frequency of the Special Events in 2010. I owe a great deal of gratitude to that small core of volunteer helpers who helped make it happen. I was in charge, but it was these people who have to be acknowledged.

Maurice (mo) Farn
Director/Special Events/Fundraising/Grants

Kitchen

The goal of this committee is to coordinate the functions of the kitchen by assisting the cook in the preparation of meals, Monday to Friday; by providing trained volunteers who will assist the cook with sandwich preparation, soup and table service. The Cook reports directly to the President but becomes an essential member of the Kitchen Committee Team and works closely with that team.

In this endeavour we meet monthly with a set agenda. The members of our committee number four with the Board Liaison and the Cook in attendance. Frances Marie Menzies joined our committee as Board Liaison in January. This year, in June, our two Kitchen Co-ordinators Judy Maclsaac and Sharon Shorter retired from the committee.

The challenge of staffing the kitchen and training our volunteers requires stamina and a light-hearted spirit which both these women have in abundance. Many thanks go to each of them for their contributions. They were replaced by Anna Cavalier and Sahra Hailey.

In addition to our committee we have 54 active volunteers who staff the kitchen for approximately 3 ½ hours, 180 days a year. With a minimum of 3 people per shift, this equates to over 700 shifts. We are deeply indebted to those volunteers who commit themselves to this task.

Early in the year we undertook a Visioning Exercise which helped us to identify our strengths and challenges. Our strengths are that we provide delicious and nourishing food at affordable prices; provide quick efficient table service to our patrons; provide opportunities for members to volunteer to increase their involvement in the Centre; foster community among the Seniors by sharing food together; provide a convenience to those attending meetings or activities at the Centre; are open Monday thru Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 10 months of the year; pre-post menus in the monthly newsletter; train our volunteers; and email contact with volunteers to encourage and thank them for their participation and to make them aware of kitchen changes. Our challenges are a lack of volunteer self-sign-up which leads to an abnormal workload for the Kitchen Co-ordinators; the fluctuation of commitment of volunteers who have health concerns with themselves or their partners and who travel intermittently throughout the year; and back-up if the Cook is absent.

While we are not responsible for the financial operation of the kitchen, our Treasurer, Mary Mellis, does keep a running account of our revenues and expenses. By the end of October this year the kitchen showed a profit of almost \$1200.

With respect to the request for Board recommendations/suggestions we would invite the Board to adopt a collaborative approach when working with committees. A “top down” style is outdated in today’s working landscape. Using the Kitchen Committee as an example, the members would prefer questions such as “Is it possible for you to?” and “What works best for you?” as ways to enter a collaborative dialogue. We feel this is most advantageous for all when working with a volunteer-run organization. In closing the success of the kitchen can be attributed directly to the efforts and skills of Laura, our Cook, who prepares each day, each week, ten months of the year delicious and nutritious meals for our Seniors. She is constantly sourcing out new additions with an eye to the bottom line. A deep felt thanks from the Committee.

Respectively submitted,

Karyn Burney
Anna Cavalier
Sahra Hailey
Mary Mellis

Maintenance

This past year we have replaced three **furnaces**; two on the roof and one in the mechanical room. This has been a major cost to the centre and taken much of Ron's time through the bidding and installation process. We are still, at the time of this writing, working with the contractor to balance the heating system throughout the building. **Air conditioning** is now part of the auditorium system.

We received a grant to cover a portion of the roof top units.

A **new lounge** has been created by partitioning the pool room and removing the small pool table. Major carpentry, electrical, painting and finishing work was necessary to complete the job. The lounge area is being enjoyed by many of our members for conversation, reading and general relaxation.

A clothes **washer and dryer** have been installed in the janitor's room to facilitate in house washing of the tablecloths etc.

Some upgrading of the **stage area** has been done, such as, installing special lighting, adding a remote sensor for DVD control, and replacing the faulty projector.

The **auditorium** floors were stripped and refinished and the chairs steam cleaned and all carpeted areas shampooed.

The back **parking lot** lines have been repainted. (Front lot to be done in 2011)
I would like to thank Jim Coffin, our contract cleaner, for the superb job he has done this past year.

Some maintenance and upgrading items to be considered in 2011

- Replace the hot water tank with a more efficient system.
- Replace kitchen chest freezer (presently in the pool room) with an upright freezer.
- Repair or upgrade the rooftop heating and air circulation system servicing the kitchen.
- Garden retaining walls are in bad shape. Some need replacing and others just require painting.
- Painting the outside of the building.
- Replace the faulty stage curtain control system.

Looking ahead to 2012

- Storage is a major problem. A building extension toward the back parking lot is being considered. Major fundraising is necessary to enable this much needed upgrade.
- The kitchen cupboards and shelving are in bad shape and should be replaced.

Budgeting should be in place to replace the kitchen dishwasher as needed.
Paint the Craft room and Dr. Farish room.

Other items to be mindful of in the near future

- Replacing the auditorium floor tiles.
- Replacing the folding tables and stacking chairs.
- Upgrading the auditorium lighting.
- Replacing Kitchen fridge and freezer.

The maintenance committee has been a committee of one, but I am very pleased to report that Bill Brown is now taking over some of the duties as I ease back.

Ron Atkinson, Chair

MEMBERSHIP

1. Committee: The current committee was convened on March 11, 2010. Committee members are Barbara Lightfoot, Judi Wilson, Anne Stuart, Dorothy Fraser (Board liaison), and Joanne Rykers (chair). The mandate of the membership committee is to promote and maintain membership of the Centre.
2. Goals for 2010:
 - a. Increase membership through renewals and more first time members,
 - b. Increase membership among “younger seniors”, i.e. the 50 – 60 age group.
3. Membership report (Anne Stuart)
 - a. Membership as of Dec. 31, 2009 was 993. Membership as of Dec. 31, 2010 was 1189, an increase of 196. (For reference, the membership for 2008 was 1074.)
 - b.
4. Activities
 - a. The committee met 6 times during the year
 - b. We lobbied the Board and President to change the Centre name to one that appeals to a wider age range.
 - c. Membership Drives: We conducted three membership drives at Trail bay mall, one in April, and two in September.
 - d. We held an Open House at the Centre on Oct. 2. This inaugural event was very successful, with an attendance of 200 members and guests, a money making quilt raffle, and inspiring participation from the activity groups.
 - e. Quilt Raffle: The Quilter’s group generously donated a quilt for a raffle to assist with the membership drives. The draw was held during the Open House, and over \$600 in revenue was raised
5. Financial Report: None - the committee does not have a budget.
6. Goals for 2011:
 - a. Continue with membership drives
 - b. Hold another Open House
 - c. Focus on activities to increase membership in the 50–60 age group.

Joanne Rykers
Submitted January 10, 2011

Reception Desk Volunteer Coordinator

At the present time, we have approximately 50 volunteers who man the front registration desk. Many of these people also volunteer in the kitchen as well.

With two shifts per day, ten people are needed each week. Quite a few of the volunteers only want two shifts per month whereas some put in four or five shifts. It is harder to find people to do the afternoon shift, for whatever reason.

We also have quite a few names that only volunteer if I am stuck and have to phone for a replacement, which makes for a lot of phone calls some times and because they are rarely there, do not keep up on procedural changes.

We have several people who I feel, if approached one on one privately and given details, would become a director and do an excellent job for the center. Just asking "would you become a director" leaves people unsure and I would guess they would automatically say "no".

All my training is done during a morning shift so all volunteers I have trained are familiar with handling lunch cash. There are a few who do not feel comfortable doing that so will take an afternoon shift. At the present time, I have no new names to contact.

Julie Towle

Room Rental Coordinator

Rental of rooms increased from 179 in 2009 to 197 in 2010, with an increase in revenue of \$2,500. Due to activity events and space not available, we had to turn down several potential renters, resulting in lost revenue.

Rental fees are waived for the flu clinic; income tax assistance; SNAG. Meeting rooms and fundraisers; Saturdays and the month of November were the highest in demand.

Accolades to Mike McCarthy and his security team; Jim Coffin for a superb job in cleaning after each function and Laure Keno for accommodating renters requiring our kitchen facilities.

Security

The security function, both weekly routine and rentals, ran smoothly in 2010 with a minimum of alarms and no break-ins. We had one minor act of vandalism with a rock thrown in the alley through the kitchen window.

We have a group of seven (7) dedicated members who ensure the Centre is secure and that the alarm is set after activities finish – Monday through Friday. These members are Joe Clitheroe, Ton Donkersloot, Jim Fitzimmons, Steve Lee, Vern Mathaus, Bruce Yarwood and myself.

Jim Fitzimmons and Bruce Yarwood share the assignments for those rentals where a security presence is required. Gwenda Thain and Vivian Waterhouse have been added to the team to learn to open and close of rentals which do not require full-time security.

Mike McCarthy, Chair

Website {www.sechelt seniors.com}

The website continues to be popular and well used by members and visitors. Some statistics follow but I have tried to keep them to easily understood facts.

Since the start of the site in 2003 the server records that there have been over 41,000 unique visitors. (Note: When tracking the amount of traffic on a Web site, “unique visitor” refers to a person counted only once during any visits within a specified period of time and on the Centre site this is set to 6 hours)

Some other statistics that may be of interest:

For all of 2010

Unique Visitors	4,419	Up about 3% over last year
Total Visits	10,396	Up about 6 % over last year
Number of pages viewed	60,313	Up about 6%
Busiest Months	October and November	But pretty even most of the year
Length of visits	32% are longer than 2 minutes And the average visit is 10 minutes and 15 seconds	This is long compared to other sites and indicates some real study of content is done. (Are the jigsaw puzzles that tough?)
Most Often Visited pages in descending order	Home page Calendar - what is happening Travel - bus and other Fun - jigsaw and jokes ad_docs - Echo and papers photos - all of them links - getting other places	It appears that raw information (bus, menu, Echo, calendar) is in a close competition with photos of Centre people and events. The photos are viewed often by family and friends who do not live on the Coast providing them with good news about “Gramps or Grandma” as indicated by some emails received and by the IP addresses recorded on the web server. Members who are ill at home keep up on events this way too.
Operating System	Windows – 89.8 Mac – 7.2%	Macs have gained some ground
Browser	MS Explorer – 78.5% Firefox – 10.1% Safari (Mac) – 6.2%	
Made the site a Favorite	67.7%	Extremely high percentage

There seems to be no doubt that the site is used and the use is growing. In your webmasters view, however, the site could be made an even better experience for members and be even more used with some changes.

Just a few suggestions are:

1. Find an overall web person who is active at the Centre to relieve the President or Secretary and take on submitting material to the webmaster regularly. It is easy and fun and certainly would involve the person in all aspects of the Centre.
2. Get each and every activity to choose just one reliable person to submit information and photos to the web. What about posting regular reports of winners of bowling or bridge tournaments (folks who are ill and miss an event will be up to date) or pictures of folks on one of the bus excursions or at any regular event - not just special ones. The more current the material then the more relevant it is for all.
3. Submit items for the calendar through the web person so that it is easy for members to check when events or meetings are on.

Just in November your webmaster re-designed the site to have a 'new look' which we hope you are enjoying. With the new design a minimum sized type is used to go easy on our 'senior' eyes.

Your webmaster only charges a nominal amount for the hosting of the site and the use of the software involved. Proceeds go to support pure charity sites that have few or no resources. In 2010 the 'fee' was reduced from \$75 per annum to \$70.

But for the re-design job the workload for your webmaster has stayed fairly steady the past year. I have software that tracks time spent reasonable well (it ignores very short jobs) and in 2010 average time spent per day, every single day, was 21 minutes for a total time for the year of 128 hours or about 16 eight hour days. I would be happy to see these numbers go up. I always appreciate feedback from the members and hope that you all enjoy the website.

Submitted January 11, 2011

Bob D'Arcy

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18-Movement Qi Gong

Formerly the Tai Chi Class, now 18-movement Qi Gong class. Up until June 2010 we met 2 days per week, Monday & Friday from 9:30 – 11:00 am as the Tai Chi class in the crafts room. We have changed our activity from Tai Chi to Qi Gong and our location from the crafts room to the main auditorium and meet on Fridays only from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Our attendance averages approximately 10 persons.

Our aim is to improve or maintain our quality of life through health related exercise.

\$2 per person per class is submitted to the Centre.

I will strive to make the class as interactive as possible. My objective for the year is to move the class forward to the level that any one of the continuing participants will have the ability to conduct the class in my absence.

Don Robb, Instructor.

Bridge

Monday Upgrade: This activity is designed to provide instruction in basic social bridge for members who wish to learn or upgrade their skills. Attendance varies from 16 to 24 members. User fee revenue was \$1,500 during this year. Instruction was by Mike McCarthy until November when Peggy Malcolm and Charlie Jensen took over and will continue in 2011.

Saturday Social: This activity collects an additional \$1 which is paid out in prize money to attendees. Attendance average is +/- 20 members with user fee revenue of \$2,300. Gwenda Thain oversees this activity with the assistance of Fay and Mike McCarthy.

Monday and Thursday Night Duplicate: This activity provides a more competitive bridge for members where scoring of results are compared to other pairs playing the same cards. Monday night is overseen by Jean and Russell Tkachuk with attendance from 20 to 30. Thursday night is overseen by Fay and Mike McCarthy with attendance from 16-24. User fee revenue was \$4,500

Gwenda Thain: Chair
Mike McCarthy: Co-Chair

Bus

The Bus Committee consisted of the Coordinator, Marilyn Oseen, the Board Liaison, Ron Atkinson, and five drivers: Bill quarry, Kathleen Dufour, Dena Nichobly, Barb Bell and Richard McGowan. Meeting were held on the first Wednesday of each month to arrange bus trips.

In January the membership approved the capital expenditure necessary to buy a brand new 21 seat bus to replace the twelve-year –old bus, which was starting to cost too much to maintain in a safe operating condition. Maintenance costs for the new bus totaled \$257.03 for one oil change and the mandatory bus inspection.

During 2010 there were 44 bus trips:

- 12 Casino trips
- 7 shopping trips
- 2 to Powell River
- 14 trips to special destinations, such as Harrison Hot Springs and Squamish

For 2011 the Committee is looking forward to organizing even more trips for our members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Oseen

Carpet Bowling

We had a good year of carpet bowling in 2010 with an average of 18 bowlers, and also some new members. This is a fun activity, with gentle exercise. Come and give it a try. We welcome everybody. Our activity days are Monday and Wednesday all year starting at 1:15 pm.

Many thanks to all who helped to set up and take down. Also thanks to Jim and Jean who took over when Anne and I were on vacation.

Our objective for 2011 is to encourage new members to join us.

Chairperson
Joe Clitheroe

Chair Acting

Format

This activity was new in 2010, formed by SSAC member and veteran professional actor Louise Phillips, who is also a member of the long-standing Play Reading Group. The intent of the Chair Acting sessions, led by Louise Phillips and ex-CBC producer Dagmar Kaffanke-Nunn, was to provide theatrically inclined members with techniques for building character in scene study.

In order to keep stress to a minimum and enjoyment to a maximum, and to accommodate concerns such as mobility and memory issues, the activity involved only essential movement and culminated in a rehearsed reading for the public. The group started working in the Craft Room but attracted enough members that it moved in Week 2 to the larger adjoining room, where the performance was also held. The group sessions ran for 12 Sunday afternoons, 2-4 pm, February 7 to April 25, 2010.

Numbers

Initially 22 members registered for Chair Acting. Some joined SSAC in order to participate in the group. Several dropped out due to shyness, or time conflicts, but on average, 15 or 16 members participated each week.

Special Events

The final Sunday afternoon was devoted to a performance as a demonstration of a Centre activity: this took the form of a rehearsed reading, using minimal costumes and props, of 6 short scenes from different plays, involving 18 members in the cast and 3 backstage. We did not tally how many people were in the audience, but it was about 40

Challenges faced

Members decided they would like to perform for an audience at the end of the 12-week session. In order to ready them for a show, we abandoned scene study in favour of rehearsals. This proved too much for two group leaders to handle, working with 16 actors in two short hours once a week. We were pleased with the results, but have altered our plan for 2011 (see "Objectives for 2011," below).

Finding an appropriate performance space remained elusive. The SSAC auditorium is acoustically impossible for seniors with reduced vocal capacity. Even for an actor with strong lungs and a trained voice, the echoes are a challenge. We felt we could have accommodated (and publicized to) a bigger audience if we had had access to a bigger, but technically better-equipped, venue.

Revenues raised (estimated)

Actors + leaders: $17 \times \$2 \text{ per week} \times 12 \text{ weeks} = \408
New memberships for approx 6 people = $6 \times \$20 = \120

Donations made to special events

Six members donated their time at the SSAC Open House in October 2010, where they demonstrated short scenes.

Recommendations / suggestions

1. We would like assistance with materials, in particular the use of a photocopier for scripts, for our weekly sessions. These costs are currently borne by group leader Louise Phillips.
2. We would like to form an acting group under the aegis of the SSAC.
3. Technical improvements to the auditorium, such as sound-system enhancement and partitions to manipulate the size of the audience, are desperately needed to accommodate spoken-word performances.

Objectives for 2011

- We would like to approach Chair Acting with a stronger commitment to scene study, as opposed to scene study / rehearsal combined. We would like to mount a performance as a separate activity from Chair Acting.
- We would like to plan 3-hour sessions for 12 Sunday afternoons (as opposed to 2-hour sessions).
- We would like to contain the group size to 10 in order to have “quality time” with all participants. Most of the 2010 actors have already expressed a commitment to return in 2011: rather than discourage interested members by limiting the group size, perhaps other members with relevant theatre experience could share the leadership role. If not, we could look at splitting the group into spring and fall sessions.

Respectfully submitted by
Louise Phillips
December 7, 2010

Computer Orientation and Training

The year 2010 had 40 participants over ten months Jan to June and September to December all taking basic computer training classes held in the Dr. Farish room with instruction covering areas of basic computer skills to those with more advanced needs. (It should be noted that our training is only available for Windows based PC's, not MACs.) We have been able to upgrade our four PC's this year, one PC with Windows 7 and three with Windows XP.

The training classes are now only offered on Thursday mornings of each week (except holidays) from 10 am to 11 am. The Tuesday sessions were discontinued in the early part of 2010 owing to declining enrollment.

Training class instruction was provided by Phil Green for the Thursday sessions and the Tuesday sessions were instructed by Dave MacKenzie prior to the Tuesday session cancellation.

The program generated \$70.00 in revenue for the year arising from the \$2.00 fee charged per one hour session. (This amount does not include the \$2.00 which is collected on the honour system for those utilizing the 'open' use of the IP 4 PC.). It should be emphasized that while the revenue generated for these training classes is small, computer training is considered an integral part of the service provided by membership dues.

It should be noted that as an additional service to our members we have made our #4 computer available 24/7 for those who may wish to use it, with the normal fee of \$2.00 charged on the 'Honour' system. The other three PC's are password protected and thus are only available on the day(s) listed for training.

We have promised in the past to try and provide some specific computer training courses to meet the needs of our members but were unable in the 2010 year to find a volunteer with the suitable skills to create and develop a specific program. We do however need members to come forward and submit any ideas they may have for a course/program that would enhance their computer abilities.

We continue to maintain a wireless router at the Centre thus enabling those who rent the Centre's facilities to have wireless Internet connectivity to suit their needs; also to facilitate those who bring their laptops to a computer training session. The wireless connection "guest" account is not password protected and is openly available.

We have faced some challenges over the past year, mostly as a result of declining enrollment in the training classes, and the loss of one of our instructors. The 'Chair' of this program Phil Green, provides regular 'maintenance and updating' service to all the office computers and the four PC's in the training room.

As the Chair of the Computer Orientation and Training Program I would like to thank all those valued members who participated in the training offered by the Center and who thus helped in achieving success of the program this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Green,
Chair, Computer Orientation and Training Program.

Crafts

Objectives For The Year.

To meet once a week and make articles and crafts to sell at the annual Christmas Craft Fair. We meet on Thursday mornings and also put in many, many hours at home, making things.

Craft Members.

We have 10 members. We would like to see more.

Expenses

Some monies that are made from selling crafts from the Centre's showcase, we use to buy supplies. The rest goes to the Centre. ALL money taken in at the Craft Fair goes towards the Centre. Last year we raised \$1, 388.40. This year \$1,700.00

Special Events

12 artificial flower arrangements were made for the kitchen tables.

Donations For Special Events

We make a hamper for the Elves Club. We donate gifts for the raffle basket and bake goodies for the bake table at the Fair.

Objectives For The Coming Year

To meet every week and make crafts to sell at fairs that we might have, during the year. Keep the craft's website updated.

Darts

This is a recent addition to the curriculum at SSAC. George Burton resurrected this fun activity in late spring, when it was quite well attended. However, summer intervened, George became sick and passed away and attendance dropped dramatically. We meet every Friday from 1 to 3 pm in the Farish Room with anywhere from 2 to 8 players. There are two dartboards so we can accommodate many more. There are extra darts for anyone who wishes to try this activity before purchasing their own set. All participants must be members of SSAC and a drop-in fee of \$2 is requested for each session.

Our objective is to have fun and learn a skill (sometimes we even hit the spot we are aiming for). It is exercise for the normally sedentary and a perfect reason to get out of the house.

Occasionally (not often) we have been requested to give up our room for a rental – a bit frustrating for some.

We would be thrilled to attract more players (we are all amateurs) in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley McCaughtrie

Exercise

The members meet every between 10 am and 11.15 am, Tuesday and Thursday from January till the end of June, and again from September until the end of December with a Christmas Break in between.

For the first time this past year we had one class a week during the months of July and August. Our previous instructor, Joan Frembd, volunteered to lead these classes. We had an enthusiastic group of 25-28 faithful members participate. Since it was a volunteer effort by Joan, the intake of these classes went completely to the Seniors Centre.

The members still enjoy the classes led by energetic and youthful Jaquie Allen. We have a steady group of 38-42.

Submitted by Eva Wall.

Friendship Tea

The Friendship Tea has met on the first Tuesday of each Month in 2010
We enjoyed having the opportunity to visit with old acquaintances, and welcoming many new members at our informal Friendship Tea.

The tasty treats provided by members of our group, and the varied table settings created by Jean Griffiths have been appreciated by all who attended. We invite all members to come and join us for tea, coffee, and companionship on the first Tuesday of each month in 2011.

Leena Wright

Genealogy

The Genealogy group meets in the Craft Room, 1pm-3pm, on the 3rd Wed. of every month except July/August/December, with an average of 6-8 attendees each month.

Two people managed a show and tell table at the October 1st Open House.

We have no special objectives for the coming year, We will continue to meet as we do and get on with our searches for family history

In a nutshell : when this group first started, we had no place to meet. We all belonged to the Seniors Center and decided to meet there. We have no executive at all - no president, secretary, treasurer etc. One of us collects the \$2 and turns it in to the office. Very simple and that is how we will keep it.

Life Membership Committee

This year a discussion was held about sitting board Members by the Life Membership Committee.

The result of the discussion was a motion was moved, seconded and all were in favour "that sitting Board Members cannot be nominated for Life Memberships as since the Board has the final approval this would be a conflict of interest." The Committee agreed to have this added to the Nomination Form for New Year 2011 as part of the criteria.

A question of whether it would be proper to give an automatic Life Membership to a President who has served two full terms? The majority of the members present agreed

that they would prefer to see them being nominated and governed by the same criteria as the General Membership.

This year's Life members asked our present Board of directors to revisit our policy that was in place since 1984 of allowing the family of members who have passed on to hold a memorial or celebration of life in the Centre free of charge. This was again granted.

Nominees recommended and accepted for Life membership for 2010 were Muriel Fenwick and Pat Hegan.

Sincerely,

L.B. Hewitt

Pickleball

This Activity began September 9/10 and continued through to December 8/10. Initially, play was held 2 days a week, but the group was not attracting sufficient players so was changed to once weekly on Wednesday afternoons (3:00 – 5:00 pm) and this turned out to be a good choice.

The centre accommodates two courts which allow play for 8 individuals at a time and with a format for rotating players, everyone attending had plenty of playing time.

Unfortunately, placing the court lines on the floor each week was an issue for the group but once it was decided that the tape used to mark the lines could be left down, setting up for play became much easier and quicker. It is hoped that a solution for more permanent lines will be reached by the time play resumes in January 2011.

Overall, Pickleball has become a hit for all those attending regularly and the Centre has been extremely accommodating which contributed to the success of this activity.

Our goals for the next year will remain the same – to promote, teach and play – just for the fun of it!

We played for 14 weeks with an average attendance of 10, generating almost \$300 in user fees

Submitted with thanks,

Karen Renfrew and Dennis Regnier

Play and Poetry Reading

Background

This activity is thought to have started in March 1994, making it one of the oldest if not the oldest group in the Seniors Centre. The original members had taken an Eldercollege course on English literature given by retired professor Jan de Bruyn who directed the group until he moved to the Okanagan. The participants, who had first met at Capilano College but who migrated to the Seniors Centre because the College became too expensive, then adopted a less-structured, informal approach which is still the current model, the only organizational necessity being the requirement to find plays to read. Playsets are borrowed on inter-library loan from Vancouver Public Library.

These are supplemented by the members' own copies of the plays of William Shakespeare or by the modest library that the group maintains at the Centre.

Originally called Reading for Pleasure this title well describes the approach taken by the members today. Ten members are enrolled in the Group with an average attendance of five. We meet every Friday from 10am to 12 noon with an

Our principal challenge is to ensure that plays or poetry are available for reading. We borrowed 29 play-sets from Vancouver Public Library in 2010.

Recommendations: The activity fills a need for a significant number of members, and has done for some 15 years. It should be continued.

Goals: Continue to provide a forum for those interested and perhaps attract a limited number of new readers. The ideal number of participants is constrained by the difficulty of finding enough copies of suitable plays available on loan from Vancouver Public Library or from other libraries that participate in the inter-library loan system.

Submitted by Peter Gawn

Pool Room

Our objectives are to increase use of the pool table and develop a pool room atmosphere. The members of the Pool Room committee are; Bruce Yarwood (Chair) Joe Clitherowe and Steve Lee

With only one table and limited seating the pool room is not doing as well and does not have the necessary appeal. This year we lost the small pool table and some space due to the construction of the members lounge. The pool room format has been destroyed and has not yet been re-established. However, the committee is working to create more seating space and start a time sharing opportunity for members

Since this is a daily drop-in activity it is difficult to report on the numbers using the room.

We participated in the October Open House and put on a good show.

We recommend using a pool room reservation system and appeal to the users to respect the honour system of user fees or front desk to handle pool room user fees if honour system does not work.

Our objective for the coming year will be to encourage more usage and further development of the Pool Room.

Qi-Gong

The Qi-Gong exercise Group is still lucky to have Betty Jeffries as their leader. She has been volunteering her services for many years. We are a small but faithful group of about 25-30 and meet every Wednesday from 10 am to 11:15 am.

There are very few cancellations because of snow or sickness. The classes relax us and are so good for our health. We are trying to recruit new participants by inviting a friend along to the class. We are looking forward to having a good year in 2011.

Submitted by Eva Wall

Quilting Group

This activity takes place in the Craft Room on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm with breaks only for Christmas and whenever the centre is closed.

There are usually 7 to 9 members present, but we are not exclusive and welcome newcomers at any time. We provide our own materials and equipment and pay a fee of \$2 every time we meet.

This year we made a single bed quilt to raffle for funds for the centre, and as a reason to bring the public to the open house in October, when we participated as a group – demonstrating different aspects of quilting to attendees.

We certainly would like to attract more members to this activity and increase our skills in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley McCaughtrie

Radio Group

The radio group is comprised of local amateur radio operators who volunteer to build, maintain, and operate the Dr. Reve Farish memorial Radio Station in the Seniors' Activity Centre. The station is licensed by Industry Canada under the call sign VE7FJK with Robert J. Leduc as the station sponsor.

The station is activated each Tuesday morning from 09:00 to 10:00 in order to test equipment and participate in the coast wide radio networks of that day. The networks originate from station VE7SCE situated in the emergency room of the SCRD building on Field Road. This network responds to calls from Gibsons to Pender Harbor, including a similar emergency station at St. Mary's Hospital.

No fees are charged to participate in the group. All costs associated with station VE7FJK are covered by the Sunshine Coast Emergency Program and the Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club Society.

The kind cooperation from the Seniors Centre Executive is appreciated.

Robert. J. Leduc
December 3, 2010

Square and Round Dancing

We have had an interesting year holding onto the small group (16 to 24) dancers who continue to enjoy the music and exercise on the second and third Wed. of each month.

We do not have a caller teacher any longer so we dance to pre-taped CD's and are having fun and laughing a lot dancing to a variety of callers. As with all other groups, we rely on our volunteers to keep it going by preparing a dance schedule and supplying the goodies for the rest of us.

At present, we are limited to being able to include only dancers who have some experience dancing Mainstream. Our objective is to have the group dance to the Plus level again which would require some upgrading and review for many of our dancers.

In any event we are enjoying our evenings together and that is the main idea.

Submitted by Ron and Diane Atkinson

Stamping and More

The Stamping and More has 14 members who meet twice monthly for the making of cards and paper products. We make cards for our own use; have donated cards to the Seniors Craft Group for their sales at the Centre. We have also donated cards to the Halfmoon Bay St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary and made a donation to the hospital building fund in memory of a member's son's death.

We appreciate being able to use the centre and all its services.

Yours truly,
Florence Tait.

Table Tennis

Table tennis meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., with an average of 8 to 10 players attending. A great game for all ages. Come out and give it a try. Lots of fun and laughter. For more information, call Gen Page at 604-885-2338.

Tuesday Duplicate Bridge Lessons

This program seems to be very well attended and has brought in new members, and I find most of the morning class stay for lunch which helps out the Centre. When I began the bridge it was updating your duplicate Bridge Skills and most importantly it wasn't Drop-in Bridge.

I will start the bridge lessons again on March 21st, 2011 and end on April 18th. This time I would like to have a sign-up sheet to confirm that people will be attending on regular basis. The book "25 Bridge Conventions" by Barbara Seagram is required for the lessons.

Sincerely,
Judi Wilson

Yoga Annual Report 2010

Yoga is every Monday morning, 9.30 am till 11am, held in the Robson room (big hall). 2010 saw more people attend, averaging 18. Many new people in September, lots of new yogi's! We hope to keep the user fee at \$4.00. This is only possible with enough attendees. Our instructor is fully qualified. \$2300.00 was raised in 2010, and after instructor expense, the centre made approximately \$1,020.00

The group sets up the tables and chairs for the Monday lunch.

Joan Frembd, chair