

October 2, 2017

Presidents Message

Hi Gang, I'm back.....

At our AGM on August 30th we added Collette Carlisle and Pat Wilson to our Board. On Monday, September 25th, your new Board met and elected our officers for the upcoming year. President - Charlie Loiselle, Vice President - Ernie McCormack, Secretary - Linda Chalifoux, Treasurer - Wynn Textor, Collette Carlisle - Director, and Pat Wilson - Director.

Dates for Tournaments were set as were the 2018 membership dues.

❖ **Singles Tournament 2018 dates**

May 14 to 17th, 2018 \$25.00/person. Banquet: Tuesday, May 15th \$TBA/person .

❖ **Mixed Doubles Tournament 2018 dates**

July 30, 31 and August 1, 2, 2018 \$25.00/person. Banquet: Tuesday, July 31st \$TBA/person.

❖ **Dues/Membership 2018**

It was agreed we need to raise our annual membership dues and put monies towards our equipment loan. Membership dues for the 2018 season (May to August) will be \$30.00.

Collette Carlisle will be a Director at Large and will chair a committee to handle our reception/registration table for open play and for tournaments.

Last year Collette, Sylvie Skretting and Lorna Shoults handled each a day for open play. Sylvie and Lorna have volunteered to help Collette again next year. Jan Jones and Linda Chalifoux had done reception for our tournaments. Linda will again be involved at tournament time. Now this is very important, these ladies need more help so please volunteer for this committee by calling Collette at 780-446-5637 or emailing her at gonessoutharizona@gmail.com. Several more helpers would make the burden much smaller for everybody.



Collette



Pat

Pat Wilson will be a Director at Large and chair a committee to organize and host special events. i.e., Crazy Hat Day, Club Championship, Battle of the Sexes, Novice Event, Strategy Clinic, Referee & Etiquette Clinic. New next year we will have a weekend tournament for members who work, own a business or are novice shuffleboarders. It will start Friday night and end on Sunday. There will be a 3 game guarantee. More to come on this later. Another event will be a strategy session hosted by Lynn Bell and Ray Jones. Lastly our own Bert Routhier has agreed to do a referee rules and etiquette clinic. And of course we will have the yearly club championship event again.

More information and dates of these events will be released over the winter. Pat will need help to do this so please call him at 780-467-3879 or by email at paddywilson@shaw.ca to volunteer.

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Your Board, On September 25th, decided to limit our tournament entries from 184 to 128 entries. So yours truly got on the phone this week and as I write this 114 people have told me to put their names on our singles tournament entry list. So far 40 are from outside our club and a whopping 74 are from GESA! I am proud of you and THANK YOU for your support. I am still manning the phones but if you read this and I have not called you yet, please call or e-mail me. This is huge and let's raise our numbers. I will keep you posted.

New - Dot Noad has agreed to become our media relations person with my help and her committee will also organize the hanging of posters around Edmonton. So Far Ken Ogston has agreed to help Dot with the posters and they will need more help. Contact information will be sent shortly.

New - Doug Noad has agreed to chair a committee of individuals who will manage the courts. I of course am volunteering for this too and I hope all my helpers from last year will contact Doug. Contact information will be sent shortly.

WEBSITE - Our club has a huge need to get a website up and running, as soon as possible. We have relied on other organizations to post our notices on their websites. We are growing and we need to get out on the internet highway. I am asking for someone who has the skill-set to build a website or does anyone know someone who might do this for us? Unfortunately we do not have the funds to pay for this so I am relying on our shuffleboard community to help us.

Please call me if you can help. 780-710-7590 or email me at charlie.loiselle@shaw.ca

Remember the more of you who volunteer the smaller the load for everybody.

Our club had a very good year in 2017 and I am hearing from people that our club has a very good reputation as does our facility the Ottewell Curling Club.

GESA is poised for yet another successful year in 2018 thanks to all of you!

Also a reminder to please save your pop bottle monies and spare change for our Pop Bottle Initiative. Presently we have \$214.10 in our fund. This money helps us subsidize our tournament prize money and has been extremely well received.



Linda

Charlie Loiselle **KEEP ON SHUFFLIN'!!!**
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Charlie



Wynn



Ernie