



# The Phoghorn



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## **Saint John Probud Club—Host City For Rendezvous 2008 (Only 480 days left!)**



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**(Meetings held on third Wednesday of the month at Saint John Rotary Boys & Girls Club on Paul Harris Street)**

### **Next Meeting**

To be held **Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 10:00** a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club.

It will be our special Christmas meeting. Entertainment will be by the “**Saint John String Quartet** “ who have become a Christmas tradition for the club and as a bonus this year Santa is sending us “ with our own Clarence Blois “**The Banjo Barons**”. We will also have a traditional Christmas Luncheon provided by those eminent Chefs of the Boys and Girls Club. Cost \$10 per head.

### **Last Meeting**

President Dave Fraser opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with the singing of O Canada by the 55 members present. Clarence and Ray then led the sing song in their usual inimitable style, although our singing was not quite up to usual standards as we were only 55 strong. Wes Cosman introduced Reg Best as a guest and after relieving him of his 20 bucks President Dave duly pinned him and welcomed him to the Club. Welcome Reg. Bill Brydges will no doubt inform you of your duties in due course.

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were duly read impeccably by Robert Taylor deputizing for Lorne McGuigan and seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Treasurers Report**

In Treasurer Ed Creaser’s absence, Carl Thompkins reported we had \$1898.25 with still a considerable number of members not having paid their dues for this new year 2006/2007 .Ed will be pleased to receive your dues by cheque only as this obviates issuing receipts Dues can be mailed to our address on the Phoghorn banner

### **President’s Remarks**

**President Dave Fraser** reported that Bill Bambury is going in for a hip replacement shortly, We all wish him good luck so if you hear of anyone sick please inform Dave. It was reported that our resident Viking Torbjorn Bordevik was in Norway getting a new supply of dead fish and Schnapps. However he deputized Fred Shillington to help Ian Thompson with the 60/40 extortion and they did a grand job. The winner this month was Bill Nase who donated his prize of \$116.75 to the B&GC. Gordon Moulard, acting unpaid house manager, solicited for lunch and despite the dearth of numbers decided to order 19 lunches just to be inconsistent.

### **Rendezvous 2008**

Have you looked at additional webpage for Rendezvous 2008 on our website? Besides displaying our spanking new RV logo, it also includes the interest survey, which has been circulated to all clubs in Canada. Members can download the survey in MS Word format and on completion send by email. fax or post to the address given .We are as interested in your opinions as we are in those from other clubs, so complete the survey “Catch the Wave “. Only 480 days left before Rendezvous 2008.

### **Volunteers Wanted**

Member Neil McKelvey, who is also on the board of the Mission to Seafarers, is still seeking volunteers to drive the Mission van picking up seamen from the various berths and transporting them to the Mission building on the west side where they can avail themselves of the services offered. This is a part time voluntary job. If you are interested, contact Neil at 652-6912 or 632-2770, or by e-mail at [nmckelvey@smss.com](mailto:nmckelvey@smss.com). Neil got one volunteer from the last ad but I’m sure he could use more. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 after some jokes from members, which were so corny or didn’t measure up

to the high ethical standards of this publication, that they best go unmentioned despite the mirth and groans of members present.

### Speaker

After the coffee break President Dave Fraser introduced our speaker, our own Don McGowan, who spun a fascinating tale of the Saint John built ship "Lizzie Troop" of the famous Troop fleet. He told of her ultimate demise as a wreck on a small Island near Okinawa, Japan and his subsequent visit to the island as a result of his obvious diligent research of her history. This presentation was extremely well received and a tribute to Don's research and interest in this fascinating period of Saint John's history and maritime traditions. *Meeting adjourned for lunch.*

### Now for the Funnies

The three wise men arrived to visit the child lying in the manger. One of the wise men was exceptionally tall, and bumped his head on the low doorway as he entered the stable.

"Jesus Christ!" he shouted.

Joseph said, "Write that down, Mary; it's better than Clyde!"

A Sunday School teacher of pre-schoolers was concerned that his students might be a little confused about Jesus Christ because of the Christmas season emphasis on His birth. He wanted to make sure they understood that the birth of Jesus occurred a long time ago, that He grew up, etc. So he asked his class, "Where is Jesus today?" Johnny raised his hand and said, "He's in heaven." Mary was called on and answered, "He's in my heart." and Robert, waving his hand furiously, blurted out, "I know! I know! He's in our bathroom!!!"

The whole class got very quiet, looked at the teacher, and waited for a response.

The teacher was completely at a loss for a few very long seconds. He finally gathered his wits and asked Robert how he knew this, and Robert said, "Well.....every morning my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door, and yells 'Jesus Christ, are you still in there?!'"

Did you hear about the Scottish Santa who, when he came down the chimney, asked "Anyone want to buy some toys?"

Once upon a time there was a flock of angels with long flowing beautiful hair. But lo and behold, due to improper eating habits and advanced age, all their hair fell out. They soon saw the light and purchased gorgeous, extravagant wigs, which were even more golden and more flowing than their original hair. One day, there came unto the angels very bad tidings. They lost their financial security and were reduced to a penniless state. In utmost misery, they fell to their knees and prayed for a solution. Suddenly, the clouds parted and a thunderous voice gave forth the following, "Hock the Hair, Old Angels."

#### Up At The North Pole

Saint Nicholas is the main Clause.

His wife is a relative Clause.

His children are dependent Clauses.

Their Dutch uncle is a restrictive Clause.

Santa's elves are subordinate Clauses.



**Santa, I promise I  
was good all year  
except for .....**

A man's wife has an artificial leg. Shortly before Christmas, he buys her a new prosthetic and hides it in the closet. Unfortunately, she finds it and confronts him with the artificial limb. "This wouldn't, by any chance, be my Christmas present, would it?" she asks. "No, of course not." responds her husband. "It's just a stocking stuffer."

**A sincere good wish to all Phoghorn readers this holiday season from  
President Dave Fraser and yours truly Ralph Wood, Editor**