



The Phoghorn



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Next Meeting will be on **December 14th** at our usual venue and will be our Christmas Luncheon with entertainment by the Saint John String Quartet. **It is being held a week earlier than usual!**

The November meeting convened at the Boys and Girls Club, with about 45 members in attendance.

President Tor Bordevik welcomed members, then invited a moment's silence for Remembrance Day.

Following O Canada, Clarence Blois led a sing-along.

Minutes of the meeting of October 21st were approved on motion of Robert Taylor, seconded by Brian Mitchell.

New Members: Fred Shillington introduced his brother Jim, retired from Coastal Bearings; he joined and was pinned by the President. Also Dr. Doug Brien was pinned, although Tor hesitated on exactly how this should be done, considering Doug was Tor's doctor for many years.

Member News: It was reported that Rev. Lloyd Lake is in hospital; Bill Brydges will investigate and report. Duane Lister is back home from hospital but has more paralysis. Dave Ellis is in Florida.

Member Profile: Barry Beckett consented to an impromptu profile: he was born in Norfolk, England prior to World War II. He graduated from St. Andrews College in Scotland, emigrated after six years teaching in UK, and worked for 33 years at UNBSJ as Chemistry professor and Registrar.

Atlantic Regional Meeting: David Fraser reported on the meeting held at Moncton Coliseum on October 27th. There was considerable sharing among the Clubs represented, and discussion of the merits of mixed vs single-sex Clubs. The Halifax Club is currently the only one in NS, but they are working on forming another in the Valley. It was reported that the big-city atmosphere at Rendezvous 2011 in Vancouver was not as well received as the ones in Ontario cottage country and in Saint John. A further Regional meeting will be held in the spring.

Finances: Don Mitchener was absent, but left a report indicating a balance of \$1676.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reported that our membership has fallen from a high of 187 to 131; thirty have not paid for two years. He made available an updated list.

Phone Committee: Gordon Graham offered (or was coerced?) to chair this committee

House Committee: Clive Douthwright booked 20 for meat loaf lunch.

Phoghorn is back; there was no time for Ralph Wood to supplement the Alleged Funnies.

Coffee Break.

60 / 40 Draw: Guest Speaker Dr. John Steeves drew Frank Setchell's ticket; Frank gave \$100 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Tor Bordevik introduced Dr. John Steeves, Associate Dean of the Dalhousie Medical Faculty in Saint John. Highlight points re the new Medicine program in NB:

- Four groups of 30 spend years 1 and 2 in Saint John, then half stay in Saint John and the other half are split to Fredericton, Moncton and Mirimachi.
- The program is centered in the former Saint John College building.
- American accreditors rank the four NB facilities among the best in North America.
- Video conference lectures are archived until exam time.
- Clinical skill development starts early.
- There is rotation to rural practices.
- Mentor physicians: matchings occur early in Year One.
- Programs reaching out to the community – e.g., research subjects, simulated patients, patients with chronic diseases.
- All curriculum is now patient-centred; studies are integrated, so that no longer do students study

everything about the lungs (for example) and then move on.
Don Shaw thanked Dr. Steeves. Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00.

Phoghorn wishes all members Seasons Greetings and a Healthy & Prosperous New Year filled with joy and mirth that only the world famous "Funnies" can bring.

The following jokes are for those times we all love when you're entertaining grandchildren, they love these.

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!

What do you get if you cross Santa Claus with a detective?
Santa Clues!

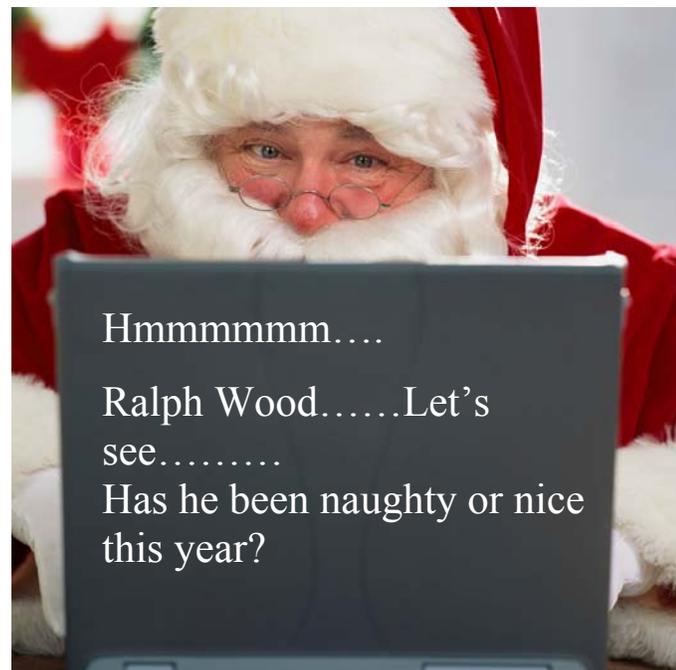
Knock knock!
Who's there?
Snow.
Snow who?
Snow use – I've forgotten my name again!

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
Deep pan, crisp and even!

Now for the Adults

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!"

An 80 year old man was having his annual checkup and the doctor asked him how he was feeling.
"I've never been better!" he boasted. "I've got an eighteen year old bride who's pregnant and having my child! What do you think about that?"
The doctor considered this for a moment, then said, "Let me tell you a story. I knew a guy who was an avid hunter. He never missed a season.
But one day went out in a bit of a hurry and he accidentally grabbed his umbrella instead of his gun." The doctor continued, "So he was in the woods and suddenly a grizzly bear appeared in front of him! He raised up his umbrella, pointed it at the bear and squeezed the handle."
"And do you know what happened?" the doctor queried.
Dumbfounded, the old man replied "No."
The doctor continued, "The bear dropped dead in front of him!"
"That's impossible!" exclaimed the old man. "Someone else must have shot that bear."



"That's kind of what I'm getting at..." replied the doctor.