



The Phoghorn

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Next Meeting: Our next meeting on June 19th at the Boy's and Girl's club starting at 10am will be a special meeting to discuss further the future of the club and to see the results of the recent survey of members. Please make a special effort to attend this important meeting.

In view of the importance of the meeting there will be no invited guest speaker.

Minutes of May meeting: The monthly meeting was held at 10am at the Boys and Girls Club, with Acting President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 30 members in attendance. Following welcome and O Canada, Gordon Moulard led a sing-along.

Minutes of the April 17th meeting were approved on motion of Robert Taylor, seconded by Don Shaw.

Guest: Don Shaw introduced Harold Mays, retired well-known driving examiner in Saint John.

Member News: The meeting was asked if anyone knows how Rev. Lloyd Lake is doing – no one replied.

Finances: Don Mitchener reported that the picture hasn't changed from last month.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reported he has 107 on his list, of whom 79 have paid for this year. He noted that our falling attendance is not fair to the Boys and Girls Club or to our speakers who expect more people. We need to contact those who haven't paid over the summer and ask if they intend to continue.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright booked 15 for meat loaf lunch.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood actually had one not-bad joke in the Phoghorn this month, and one at the microphone.

Club Outing: Don Shaw reminded members of the tour of the new Diamond Jubilee Cruise Ship Terminal next Tuesday May 21st at 10 a.m. No pre-registration is needed.

President's Comments: Tor noted that membership and attendance have decreased markedly, and there is little interest shown by members to fill Executive positions and to further develop our Club. At a meeting yesterday the Executive decided to give the Nominating Committee another chance to fill the Executive positions. The Executive will also survey members re their interest in continuing the Club. Discussion of survey results and of future plans will be held at the June 19th meeting rather than a guest speaker.

Member discussion raised several points:

1. We need more activities to keep up interest.
2. We should seek members from retired members of Rotary, Kinsmen, and other service clubs.
3. We might consider rotating the January and February meetings into the summer months.

60/40 Draw: The Guest Speaker drew Bob James' name. He donated his \$71 winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Bob Youden, past Chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, was introduced by Don Shaw. He has been consulting with the NB Government about ways to reduce their \$800 million deficit. He noted the closure of mills and mines, etc. which also causes small businesses (10 or fewer employees) to fall on hard times. One in three NB workers is on EI at least once a year. There is an influx of foreign workers while 12% of NB workers sit idle. An aging population places more demands on health services. Four in ten schools are half empty, and many are aging and in need of upgrades. Delays at Point Lepreau during and after the refurbishment have been costly to NB Power. There is no government help for small businesses, which accounts for half of our work force.

A question and answer period followed. Tor thanked the speaker.

Now for the part you've been waiting for "Those Fabulous Funnies".....

As an old salt myself I thought I'd pass on this report from the depths of the ocean.

What is life like under the sea?

Is it a dogfish eat dogfish world?

Is everyone united for a common porpoise?

Or do they all split off in their own special groupers?

Well, one tragic story indicates it's not so perfect down there.

There was once a brilliant sturgeon on the staff of the community health fishility. He was in fact one of its flounders. Wiser than salmon, a fin fellow who would never shrimp from his responsibilities, he was successful and happy and always whistled a happy tuna.

One day one of his patients, a mere whipper snapper, started trouting around telling everyone the sturgeon's treatments had made him more eel than he had been and the conched him with a malpractice suit.

Well, the sturgeon was in a real pickerel. The board chased him off the staff and demanded his oyster. But fortunately the case smelt to high heaven so the judge denied the plaintiff's clam.

The board tried to hire the sturgeon back but by then he had hit the bottleneck pretty hard. But what's really shad about the story is that the sturgeon ended up on squid-row.

Freddy Fish and Sam Clam were the best of friends, and did everything together. One day, though, both perished in a freak mishap. Freddy Fish went to heaven, and immediately looked around for his best friend. Not finding him, he asked St. Peter where Sam was.

"Sorry, he didn't make it in." "You mean he's down there?" asked Freddy. "Yes."

"Well, I want to go see him!" "This is highly unorthodox," said St. Peter. "I'll ask the big guy." Moments later St. Peter returned and said: "You can go, but you can only stay for one hour."

"Great!" said Freddy, and grabbed his harp before anyone changed their minds. He went to the elevator, and went down. When the elevator doors opened, Freddy saw a huge sign:

SAM'S DISCOTHEQUE

He went in, and discovered that it was run by his old friend. They sat down and reminisced about old times, and had a few drinks. Time flew by, and when Freddy noticed his watch, he saw that he had fifteen seconds left to return. He jumped out of his chair, yelled a goodbye to Sam Clam, and raced to the elevator. The elevator doors opened in heaven with only one second to spare. St. Peter was standing there with a stopwatch. "You just barely made it," said St. Peter. "I know," panted Freddy, out of breath. "But I have to go back there!"

"What do you mean!?!!" asked an incredulous St. Peter. So Freddy Fish says (* groan *):

"I left my harp in Sam Clam's Disco!"

Why don't blind people like to skydive?.....Because it scares the hell out of the dog.

Did you hear the one about the man who opened a dry-cleaning business next door to the convent? He knocked on the door and asked the Mother Superior if she had any dirty habits.

I don't usually pass on news like this. I know how busy you all are but sometimes we have to pause and truly remember what life is about...so pass on this sad, sad news. There was a great loss today in the entertainment world. The man who wrote the song "Hokey Pokey" died. What was really horrible is that they had trouble keeping the body in the casket.

They'd put his left leg in and.....well, you know the rest.

Have a great summer guys, a sincere wish from all at the Phoghorn!