



# The Phoghorn



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Our next meeting will be at the Boys and Girls Club Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.00 am. Our speaker will be well known Realtor Hodges Hamm who will be talking on Succession in small local businesses.

## **October meeting**

The monthly meeting convened at 10 AM at the Boys and Girls Club, with Vice President Don Shaw chairing and about 35 members attending. (Past?) President Tor Bordevik skipped out to his homeland Norway. Don welcomed members, and there followed “O Canada”, with no sing-along after.

**Minutes** of September 19<sup>th</sup>: one correction was noted: John Cooke and not Ray Allan won the 60/40 draw. Robert Taylor moved and Ron Doucet seconded that the corrected minutes be accepted; motion carried.

**Member News:** Gerald Burke applied for membership, paid (by loan from his nominee!), and was later pinned. Sandy Gregory was reported to be in hospital. The Club needs a new Visitor; this function used to be done by Rev. Lloyd Lake. Francis Quinn and Bob McConnell were reported to be living in Shannex.

**Atlantic Regional Meeting:** Robert Taylor gave a brief report of the meeting held in Halifax on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Reports and ideas were shared among Clubs. The importance of good topics combined with good speakers in order to attract and keep members interested, was stressed.

**Member Profile:** Ron Bunn confessed himself to be old enough to have been born “under the dome” of the old General Hospital. His career was in accounting and software programming.

**Finances:** Treasurer Don Mitchener reported that dues for this year are coming in, and we have about \$1800 in the bank. There is \$24 owing to the Boys and Girls Club re the anniversary lunch last month, and Robert Taylor submitted a bill for \$189 for expenses of the Atlantic Regional meeting.

**Nominations Committee:** Brian Mitchell reported the committee is still seeking a President and a Vice President.

**Phone Committee:** Gordon Graham asked members to keep him notified of changes in address, phone number, or e-mail so as to be able to receive information re Club activities.

**Phoghorn:** This month Ralph Wood actually had something to say about the Phoghorn, namely that it is now being issued in three formats (Word, pdf, and Open Office) to help those who have trouble opening recent versions of Word.

**Member Award:** The Seniors Resource Centre nominated Gerry Burke for an award from the Atlantic Institute of Aging, recognizing his contributions to the NB Seniors Federation since 1968. (By the Secretary’s calculations, if he turned 65 in 1968, then that makes him 109 now, yet he claims he is only 91!) Gerry is also an Ambassador for Chateau Champlain.

**60/40 Draw:** Guest Speaker David Nickerson drew Dale Stevens as the winner. The Secretary, engrossed by the preceding calculations, failed to record the amount won.

**Guest Speaker:** Willard Buckley introduced David Nickerson, President of the St. Andrews Society, who also spoke to the Ladies Probud Club yesterday. David was with the Telegraph Journal as a photographer, and is now a Preplanning Counsellor with Brennan’s. The Saint John branch of St. Andrews Society is the oldest in Canada, established in 1798. It has produced many political and business and professional leaders over the years. Present membership is about 130 men; several Past Presidents were present, along with incoming President Laurie Hossack. The Society sponsors St. Andrew’s House in Millidgeville. Their two main functions are the St. Andrews Day dinner on November 30<sup>th</sup> and the Robbie Burns Night on January 25<sup>th</sup>, to which ladies are invited. They make regular donations to the Saint John Regional Library and the Saint John & St. Stephen Home. David had with him the President’s chain of office, the President’s Chair which was hand-carved in 1908 and on which Prince Charles sat during his recent visit, and several tartans. Further information

