



# CENTRAL YUKOOTOK HERITAGE CLUB

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## COUNCIL NEWS:

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South Okanagan, Vacant  
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Kamloops - Vacant

1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President – John Barrowclough (Interim)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Gil Summerill  
Secretary- Wanda Fisher  
Treasurer -Ed Ewanchuk



## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:**

Greetings:

I hope you are having a good and carefree summer so far. Up to now, we have been spared too many smokie skies, and we keep our fingers crossed that the fire season will not be bad.

It was nice this spring to get a few lunches in. We had some good gatherings, and it was so good to see everyone socializing again.

Wanda and I will travel to Quebec on September 13-16 for the Presidents' Meetings. It will be good to get together with all the other Chapters across Canada and meet with everyone who we have not seen since May/June of 2018.

I am so looking forward to our banquet on September 28/29. I do hope you will support our efforts of putting this event on and help make it successful.

Regards,

Gary



### PRINCE GEORGE COUNCIL: ---submitted by Gwen Murphy

This last couple of months has been much busier with trying to get planning underway to enjoy another social, and also to begin this postal rail car opportunity with The **Central B.C. Railway & Forestry Museum**. We had a local meeting at which we set up a 'working committee'.

We have learned that our Past President is having a lengthy stay in hospital and we wish to send Noreen our greetings and best wishes! As well as to Pat Rogers, our newsletter coordinator, who is facing hip surgery later this month.

We are now in the process of lining up a phoning committee to let all our members and as many as we can notify, of an upcoming **SOCIAL, on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 4, at the Museum site.**

We have also been invited to take part in a Penny Day celebration on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope to display some postal history and information there. Penny was one of the last rail communities to actually receive mail dispatch by train.

### KAMLOOPS COUNCIL:

A luncheon was held on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at ON the Rocks Pub. We had a really good turn-out, with some members seeing others they had not seen for many years. The winner of the in-house draw was won by Audrey Sageon.

### VERNON COUNCIL: -----submitted by Wanda Fisher

We had a good-sized group come out to the Boston Pizza on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Lots of smiles. Diane Turner was the winner of the in-house draw.



We also held our BBQ for the first time since 2018! We had 22 people join in on a steak dinner on the outside patio of the Schubert Centre. The winner of the in-house draw was Brenda Blanchette. Sophie Kniaz won the door prize.



## SOUTH OKANAGAN COUNCIL:

A small group met at Zias on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> for lunch.. We will hold another luncheon in Penticton in the fall.



### \*\*\*\*\*CHAPTER NEWS:\*\*\*\*\*

\*An executive meeting was held on Thursday\*  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes are further in the newsletter



Picture to the left:

In the April newsletter we announced that Robert Leveridge was the winner of our beautiful Bear print. Robert wanted to share this photo with the print when it reached him by mail.

By now you will have received your Banquet Package for our banquet on September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping for a good turnout, especially from the South Okanagan, Kelowna, and Kamloops since driving to and from Vernon on the same day will be very doable. So, no excuses folks!

- Don't forget to mark your calendars for September 7 – 10<sup>th</sup> for the Camp-Out at Skimikin Lake.. Contact Willard Turner at [Tassie1978@icloud.com](mailto:Tassie1978@icloud.com) for full details.

The President's Meetings are going ahead as planned in Quebec City from September 13 -16. Gary and Wanda Fisher will travel there for this event which hasn't been held since 2018.

## CHAPTER 29 CENTRAL YUKOOTOK MINUTES MEETING JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

The meeting took place at Asian Avenue in Vernon. Present were Gary Fisher- President, John Barrowclough- Interim Vice President, wanda Fisher- Secretary, Ed Ewanchuk- Treasurer, Fred Stoll-President of Vernon Council and Pat Rogers who joined vis Facetime from Prince George.

Ed Ewanchuk reported that we had 199 paid members. The bank balance was \$9,017.90 and we had \$202.00 in donations.

Wanda passed out copies of the Prestige Lunch menus, and three pages from the proposed Banquet package.

Wanda reviewed the agenda for the general Meeting and Banquet in September. The event is shortened considerably this year. This will cut out an extra night's accommodation for the people who are coming from a distance. As well, it was felt that a mid-day meal rather than an evening meal was easier for people so that they can return home the same day.

The group decided on Chicken for the main entrée for the buffet, the two choices being Salmon or chicken. The cost of the buffet will be \$40.00 p.p. including tax and gratuity. It was agreed that the Chapter will subsidize the meal by \$20.00 p.p. This will cover a member and their spouse's membership dues, plus some. We felt that this was doable since we will not be paying for entertainment this year.

Wanda reported that the banquet package will go out to all registered members this year in order to try to attract new paid members.

The Banquet will begin on September 28<sup>th</sup> with a free desert and coffee meet and greet. The general meeting and Buffet lunch will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The packages will be mailed out the end of June.

Pat Rogers requested a complete Prince George registered members list as well as an up-to-date Chapter paid members list.

Gary and Wanda reported that a successful luncheon was held in Kamloops on May 27<sup>th</sup> and Vernon will hold their barbeque on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## TRIVIA--

The picture you see here is of a 'Truck Rodeo', that has been submitted by Gary Schmidt, a retired Letter Carrier from Prince George. It has been in his keeping for at least 41 years if our memory serves us right. Drivers competed from Northern B.C. including Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Terrace, and area.



Drivers were tested not only on their skill in their ability to navigate the pilons on a challenging and difficult course, safety, inspections, and rules of the road.

You will also note their appearance, 'dressed in their sharp uniforms,' with hat & tie. No doubt if we could see their shoes, had a high

polish as well. 'Brings back memories'

Quote from Gary – "This particular 'truck rodeo' was held here in Prince George. There were others afterward as I recall being in 'truck rodeos' in Victoria, Vancouver, etc. One interesting antidote, at least the one in Vancouver, after the meet was over, they wanted the drivers to deliver the trucks back to the depot on Georgia St.. I was following the others back but was stopped for red lights. I didn't have a clue where I was going. Good job it was later in the day, but eventually found it. Whew!!!"

