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Monday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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President's Message

Submitted by Gord Kruger Evergreen Club President

Greetings Everyone!!...So May is here...the month of warmer rains, greener grass, songbirds singing.....well wait a minute now, for it seems that the songbirds ain't what they used to be and that is most unfortunate. Many, if not most of us, can reach back and remember when we were awakened by those wonderful sounds of songbirds singing us awake. It was a warm and cheery beginning to the upcoming day. But that seems so lost in today's world because over the last twenty plus years our songbird population has taken a beating. There are a number of reasons which include things like habitat loss, collisions with glass in today's high rise world, toxic pesticides, and insect declines causing food shortages....but the biggest killer by far??..."CATS". Environment Canada studies estimate that that roaming cats are responsible for 200 million songbird deaths per year, and that's just in Canada. And if we look globally, cats are responsible for the extinction of 34 species of songbirds. Frightening statistics, so I thought I would pass some of this along. Keep your cats from wandering folks and don't be proud of Mitten the Kitten when she brings home a trophy. Enough of the bird news but remember.....you can help!!

Our Executive team said goodbye to one of our Directors this past Tuesday evening. Wayne King has retired from the executive and with the benefit of a fine meal and good company we celebrated his retirement.

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MAY 2024

The Evergreen Club Monthly Newsletter



Camera Club Winner Theme : Black & White

Photography by Beth Millar

DATES TO REMEMBER

Closed Victoria Day Monday May 20th

EG Executive Committee

Mon. May 13th 10:00 am

Activity Club Reps Meeting

No meeting this month

Friday Night Dances

May 3, 10, 24, 31 Rotary Hall 7:30 pm

Comox Valley Concert Band

Sun. May 12th 2 pm Conference Hall

Evergreen Club Closed

Monday May 20th

New Members' Welcome

Fri. May 24th 10:30 am Craft Room

Rock & Roll Revival Concert

Sun. May 26th 2 pm Conference Hall



EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

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Each of our Activity Clubs has a volunteer representative (aka the "Rep"). For names and contact information for an Activity Rep please contact reception.

Activity Club Reps: Please submit your newsletter reports for the June newsletter by Wednesday May 22nd.

Send newsletter reports to
Janet jhutchinson@courtenay.ca
Producer/Editor

President's message continued...

Wayne has given many years of service to the Evergreen Club an we thank him for his service. Coming on to the the Executive Committee is Maria Raeli. WELCOME Maria....we wish you the best. Janet will introduce Maria in this newsletter.

I would like to reflect for a moment on our recent Volunteer Luncheon. First of all, many thanks to our gal Cathy for organizing and putting on a great luncheon. Our guests (THE VOLUNTEERS) enjoyed a great meal and a great social afternoon. The bean bag competition was a great addition and the entertainment, provided by Elvis Presley's long lost brother Greg, was most satisfying. A well done event enjoyed by all that attended.

And do not forget the two big fundraisers coming up this month. The Comox Valley Concert Band is coming by for a Mother's Day Concert on Sunday May 12th and the "Rock & Roll Revival" concert will be held on Sunday May 26th. Details for both of these events are contained in this newsletter.

And before I go I have this to say..."Blessed are those that can laugh at themselves, for they will forever be amused".

ADIOS my friends....gk



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Cover Photo

The Camera Club encourages members to expand their horizons as well as show off their work by holding an internal competition every two months. We have a set subject, albeit usually one with many interpretations. We each select five images from those submitted and the nine with the most votes are then displayed in the EG Lounge for a month. All those visiting the centre are able to vote for their favourite. The theme showcased in this newsletter is "Black & White". The 1st place and 2nd place winners are used for cover picture of The Evergreen Club's newsletter.

Thank you for your contribution to the Evergreen Club

2024 Contingency Fund

- Bridge \$100
- Friday Dance \$500
- Camera Club \$500
- Canasta \$100
- Drama Club \$500
- Meet & Greet \$150
- Floor Curling \$500
- Bean Bag \$100
- Carpet Bowling \$500
- Quilters \$500

2024 Evergreen Club Memberships

\$35 January – December 2024
You can get an Evergreen Club membership online at the City of Courtenay or call or drop by the Lewis Centre or the Filberg Centre.
Lewis Centre 250 338 5371
Filberg Centre 250 338 1000

EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

A NOTE FROM JANET

Ah, it's May...do you think it will be warm enough for my first ocean swim of the year? If we get a few hot days I will definitely jump in. I have received so many submissions for the newsletter that I am going to write a shorter note this month. I am glad so many members are actively participating in supporting our newsletter! May is bringing us several special events and functions at the Evergreen Club. On Friday May 10th there is a very interesting "Board Game launch". Come check out this new Dice Hockey game, developed by two of our members (details p.8). Then on Sat. May 11 at 11 am we are hosting Square 1 Travel & Cruise for a special presentation about cruising with Holland America. (See below) These two functions are free.

The Evergreen Club has two big fundraisers in May. The first is the annual Mother's Day Concert with the Comox Valley Concert Band on Sun. May 12th. This is always a fantastic concert. At this event we offer complimentary tea, coffee and cookies after the concert. (Details p.4) Next up, on Sun. May 26th, is a delightful Rock & Rock Revival. This concert has been planned for many months so come enjoy music from the 50s & 60s presented by a wonderful group of singers and musicians. (See article on this page.) On Thur. May 30th we are hosting the **Taiwanese Acrobatic Troupe** as special lunch guests - come meet these wonderful youth from Taiwan. Special thanks to Cathy for organizing a great Volunteer Appreciation Lunch in April. Cathy planned a lovely event with entertainment and prizes for our amazing volunteers. Cheers, Janet

Square 1 Travel & Cruise & The Evergreen Club
present

HOLLAND AMERICA IS COMING TO TOWN Saturday May 11, 2024

11 am -1 pm Filberg Centre, Conference Hall
Highlighted Fully Escorted Trips

Alaska Cruise, Coach from Courtenay Sept. 2024
Canada & New England Aug. 2025
Refreshments will be served. DOOR PRIZES too!

Please RSVP to Square 1 Travel
by calling 250-334-0355 or
Email: square1travel@telus.net

Rock and Roll Revival Sun. May 26th

Do you love the music of the 50's and the 60's?

Well, we have a treat for you! Come on out for the Rock and Roll Revival Concert on Sunday, May 26th, at 2 pm (doors open at 1:30 pm) in the upper Filberg Centre's Conference Hall.



The Singing Sistas will be returning to entertain the audience with Doo-Wop and Motown. The group features the fine vocals & harmonies of Heather Sprout, Heather Rapin, Maureen Faust, June Munro & Holly Davidson. They will be accompanied by Kelly Thomas, a well known musician in the valley. Spend't, a local rock and roll band, will be playing many of your favourite tunes. Randy Faust, lead guitarist and vocalist, joined by guitarist Bruce Crawford, drummer Rick Brulotte and bass player Jeff Mobley have played many concerts on Vancouver Island. Elvis will be in the building too! You will be enchanted by the music and the humour of Greg DeSchutter, a well-known singer and entertainer who has appeared in a number of shows in the community.

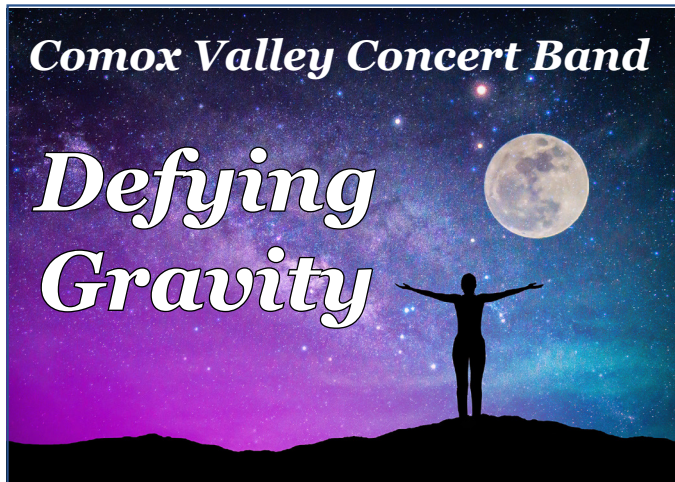
Get your tickets early as we have sold out in the past. Steve Rossner from the Eagle will be MC-ing this event. Tickets are only \$10 from the Filberg Centre's office. Tickets will also be available at the door. There will be a concession and a 50/50 draw. An area will be put aside for those who wish to get up and boogie. All proceeds support the Evergreen Club!

An Introduction: Maria Raeli

Hello my name is Maria. I am honoured to be asked to join the Evergreen Club Executive Committee team. I have lived in the Comox Valley for eight years having moved here from Toronto. I was not aware of how beautiful Vancouver Island is, whales, oceans and mountains, what's not to love? As my children started school I was introduced to volunteering and fundraising, I was president of the PTA and held every position at two schools. I enjoyed the recreational aspect of creating fundraising events. I liked it so much that I enrolled in a college course in recreation leadership. After I graduated I started working at a recreation centre where I programmed for children and seniors. Next I moved onto working for the Catholic District School Board as a job coach retiring from that position at 55.

After 15 years of volunteering and 15 years of a career in recreation & education here I am back to volunteering at 67. I'm very excited to be an Activity Club Rep, to be on the Special Events Committee, to join other clubs and now to serve on the Executive Committee.

EVERGREEN CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS



Comox Valley Concert Band

Defying Gravity

Sunday, May 12, 2:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall

Coffee, tea and cookies included.

Everyone welcome!



\$15 Tickets available at the door or in advance
at the Florence Filberg Centre office

Info: www.comoxvalleyconcertband.com

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club



Rock and Roll Revival

music of the 50's and 60's

Sunday, May 26, 2:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall

Have a Rock and Rollin' Good Time With Performers,

**The Singing Sistas with Kelly Thomas,
Spend't and Elvis. Featuring the Cool Cat MC
Steve Rossner from the Eagle!**

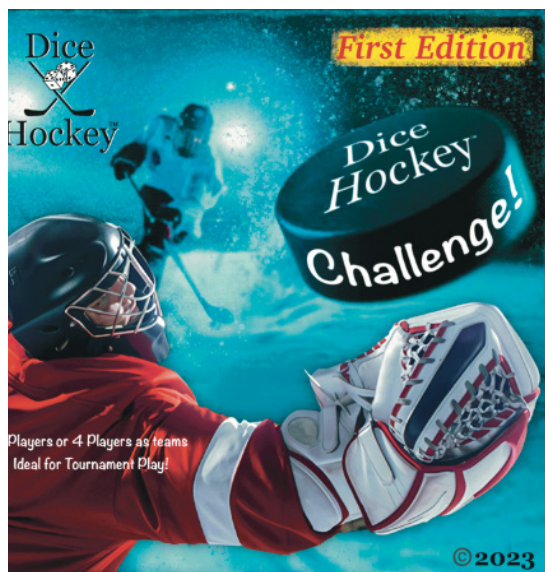
Concession Available & 50/50 Draw. Everyone welcome!

\$10 Tickets available at the door or in advance
at the Florence Filberg Centre office

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club

Dice Hockey Launch Party!

Friday, May 10, 1:00 pm Evergreen Lounge



Armchair Hockey at its best!

Come out and see the new board game
created and designed by club members
David Leverton & Anna Doyle



Evergreen Club Presents...

Seniors' Ball

Saturday, June 8

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall

Professionally DJ'd music from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

Dress up in your best and dance the night away at this
elegant event. Wine, beer, cider, non-alcoholic drinks
and snacks available for purchase.

Tickets \$15/members, \$20/non-member

Tickets available in advance only at the Filberg office
A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club

Evergreen Club 250-338-1000 or visit www.evergreenclub.ca

CATHY'S CORNER



This year's Volunteer Appreciation Event was another great opportunity to celebrate our MANY volunteers. We treated our hardworking volunteers as a thank you for everything they do for the club.



Also a thank you to the Executive Committee for volunteering at the event. The Executive stepped up and did everything from set up to clean up and everything in between. Of course, the Executives are all volunteers as well.

Also, a big thank you to our resident Crooning Custodian- Greg DeSchutter. As usual, your performance is such a gift our events. If you have not had a chance to thank your rep, kitchen volunteer or any of our many other EG volunteers, please do so. A few words of appreciation can make someone's day.



Thanks to our Tax Volunteer Team!

Did you know the Evergreen Club offered our annual income tax preparation for community members again this year? Our volunteers served over 300 people!

A very special thank you to these dedicated volunteers for preparing the income taxes (Mike, Rick & Carol) and to our greeters (Eunice, Andrea, Shirley & Kim) who handled the crowds with cheerfulness, patience and efficiency!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been meaning to start giving back to the club by volunteering? Than perhaps 2024 is the year! There is always a new way to contribute. Please contact Cathy if you are interested in becoming a volunteer. Feelings of satisfaction are included.

Backstage Crew The Drama Club is looking for a few people interested in helping out as the backstage crew. These are non-acting positions, and are very valuable part of the Drama Club. No special skills required.

Kitchen Callers Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that does not take up a lot of your time? Kitchen callers will help fill last minute cancelations of our kitchen crew. Callers are on a rotating schedule and are the caller of the week 1-2 weeks a month. When they are the caller of the week they will typically only receive 1 phone call a week.

Kitchen Volunteers We would love to have your help as part of our kitchen crew. Shifts start at just 2 hours and your commitment can be as little as once a month. We work around your schedule so we can fit into your life. Shifts allow time to sit and enjoy a coffee and muffin with the other volunteers and are great ways to meet new people and contribute to our club.

Please contact Cathy if you have any questions or are interested in any of the positions.

Cathy Audia Volunteer & Special Event Coordinator 250 338 1000 caudia@courtenay.ca

SPOTLIGHT ON AN EVERGREEN CLUB

Art Group for Real

As soon as the Filberg Center opened in 1988 the Art Group moved in. Of that original group there are still one or two members painting with us today. That is because when they applied to join the Evergreen Club, a slight fib was told about their ages, they were not quite 55. Oh well. Names have been changed to protect the guilty. So, we have been in residence from the very beginning of the Evergreen Club.

On average, 12 of us meet once a week, come rain or shine, or sleet or snow, and we paint, draw and create in a friendly and supportive environment. We are not a teaching group although there is always some helpful advice available, if asked for. We have many talented and knowledgeable artists who are often willing to share their expertise.

We bring our own supplies as we work in many different media, however we do have a storage space that has some 'spares' for when we leave brushes and paper at home. There is also a selection of art books available for inspiration. And a nice thing about having the craft room is that some of our group are not lucky enough to have 'studio/painting' space at home and so this is their opportunity to spread out and create.

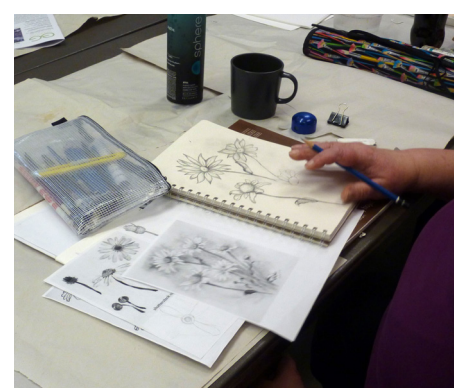
We are fortunate in that we can also display our art work in the Evergreen Lounge as that allows us to showcase our work in a public space, and hopefully it is enjoyed.

When entering the foyer of the Filberg Centre you will have noticed a mural of Courtenay, the glacier some daisies and some geese! This mural was created and painted by one of our original members Mariane Arnold. Marian also painted the art work that hangs above the serving area in the lounge. And talking of murals, two of our group, Jane and Peter, were involved in painting another mural, this one is at MARS, the animal rescue centre in Merville.

Another member of our group, Gordon, was involved in painting some of the scenery and props in support of the production of The Corner Store that was put on by The Second Stage Players last year. Longtime member Karen was once very involved with the Pearl Ellis Art Gallery and Judy who joined us more recently from 'back east' has shown in galleries in Owen Sound, Ontario and Buffalo, New York.

Many of our group have been painting for many many years, others, like myself, are newbies having taken up the brush in retirement. But our common interest is in creating art for ourselves and also for others to enjoy.

So what do you call a group of artists? Well 'a group' perhaps, or a 'collective', or a 'gathering'?? But whatever it is we are a collective group of artists who gather together and create in the company of fellow artists, and friends.



A smiling sun
means a surprise
hot lunch
special!



EVERGREEN CLUB KITCHEN NEWS & MORE

May Lunch Specials

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 	2	3 Tacos GF
6	7 Ruebens	8 	9	10 Turkey Shepherd's Pie
13	14 BBQ Hamburgers GF option avail.	15 	16	17 Quiche
20 CLOSED Statutory Holiday	21 Beef Dip GF option avail.	22 	23	24 Beef Stew GF
27	28 Macaroni & Cheese with Ham	29	30 Special Lunch Guests Taiwanese Acrobatic Troupe	31 Sweet & Sour Pork



Prospective & New Members' Welcome

Friday May 24th at 10:30 am

Join us in the Craft Room on the main floor, (tucked behind the lounge.) This will be the last session until September so this is your last chance to join us for a few months. We hope to see you there. Come a few minutes before 10:30 am to pick up your complimentary beverage from the kitchen counter. We will chat about the Evergreen Club and the ways to get involved. This is a great chance for new or prospective members to learn about the club, ask questions and meet Evergreen Club staff.

Food Services Hours

Monday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Daily Menu

Fresh sandwiches, soups, salads, baked goods & beverages. Take home frozen entrees & soups.

Hot Specials

Typically served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays starting at 11:30 am. \$7.50 each

GF = Gluten Free or GF option
Veg = Vegetarian or Veg option



The Members' Birthday Contest

Winner for March is **Penny Savin**

Pick up your prize at reception!

Is your birthday in May? Put your name & birthdate (no year necessary) on the birthday poster in the Lounge for a chance to win a prize. Check the names so you can wish a Happy Birthday to someone you know!

MORE EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

Birth of a Board Game

Evergreen Club members Anne Doyle and David Leverton have lived in Courtenay for almost 17 years. Like many other Evergreen Club members, Anne and David arrived from somewhere else, in this case New Zealand. David had been speaking at a local conference and the couple had been dividing their time between New Zealand and Yukon. They fell in love with the Comox Valley region and within months had resettled to Courtenay.



The pair, however, were not ready to retire and continued to follow their chosen career paths. David is a consultant and business executive, and Anne is a visual artist and designer. In the past, they have used their entrepreneurial skills to run several retail business ventures including two art galleries and a retail operation in the cruise ship port of Skagway, Alaska.

After over 40 years of marriage and all the life experiences Anne and David have shared together, they decided to take on a new venture: the creation of a board game they called Dice Hockey™. Like so many Canadian youth, David picked up his first hockey stick and laced on his first pair of skates at an early age. During the winter, he was either playing hockey in the local arena, playing out on a frozen pond, or playing on the street in front of his home. Anne never played hockey but was an aspiring artist from an early age who turned her love of art into a lifetime profession. The combination of Anne's artistic talents and David's understanding of the sport of hockey is the impetus behind the creation of the game.

The game is modelled after Canada's national winter sport and the different player formats are designed to be inclusive, cooperative, competitive and most of all, fun to play. The game combines strategic thinking, and skilful planning with the dynamic nature of the laws of probability and the age-old element of luck. It is armchair hockey at its best and includes all the elements you would find in a regular ice hockey game. You get to be the coach, offense, defense, and goaltender on every play. Anyone over 10 years of age who either loves hockey or is interested in learning more about the sport, will enjoy playing this new tabletop game. It is a great game for seniors and can be played year-round at home, at the cottage, in Dice Hockey™ leagues, or in group tournaments.

Anne and David are looking forward to launching their new game at the Evergreen Club Lounge, on Friday, May 10 at 1:00 p.m. to help support the introduction of the game to Valley residents and as a fundraising event for the Club. The couple will be demonstrating the new game for Evergreen Club members and will be available to answer any questions. David is hoping that this fall, the Club will be able to launch a new Dice Hockey™ League for interested members. To learn more about the new game please visit: dicehockey.com.



Miriam's Muse

This monthly column features wisdoms and jokes that serve as inspiration for Miriam Piikkila. Every month a joke or musing is copied from her scrapbook.

- When is a retiree's bedtime?
Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.
- How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?
Only one, but it may take all day.
- What's the biggest gripe of a retiree?
There is not enough time to get everything done.

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- **Evergreen Club**
- Friday Night Dances
- 7:30pm Rotary Hall
- Filberg Centre
- May 4th The Amigos
- May 10th Double Play
- May 17th No dance
- May 24th The Amigos
- May 31st Gord & Friends
- **Admission at the door**
- Members \$10 Non Members \$12
- Coffee/tea /cookies included.
- Non alcoholic beverages available for purchase.
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EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

The Art Group

Well, spring has sprung and the Art Group folk are busy painting flowers and seasonal landscapes. One or two of us have even spread their wings a little and have done some 'plein air' painting in the local park. Maybe you saw a small group gathered there a week or two ago. The rest of us are still opting for the sheltered comforts of the craft room on Thursday afternoons so do drop by and visit.

This past month our paintings were on display in the Evergreen Lounge, a few flowers, a tranquil harbour, a deserted beach, a shady walk, a spring babe and two peaceful landscapes. We hope you took a look and enjoyed. Cheers, Jane



Bean Bag Toss

Play Bean Bag Toss finished on Thursday April 25th and will resume in the fall! Thanks to everyone who came out to play, in this our first season! Lyle

Bingo

Bingo is held every Friday beginning at 1 pm. This is a social afternoon for those who enjoy getting out and playing bingo for fun! See you there!

Brazilian Embroidery

Join us in the Craft Room on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. Come see this beautiful style of embroidery. All embroidery styles welcome!

Bridge Thursday

Welcome to any new players who wish to join us. Thursday afternoon Bridge is in the back half of the Filberg Centre Rotary Hall 12:30 pm start.

Bridge Tuesday Night

Join us for Bridge in the Filberg Centre Rotary Hall at 6:45 pm.



Book Club

The Book Club meets the first Monday of every month at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre.

Some of the titles read and recommended by our members at our April meeting were:

The Therapist, Helene Flood
Unstoppable Us, Yuval Noah Harari
Wild Hope, Joan Thomas
Homecoming, Kate Morton
The Glorious Guinness Girls, Emily Hourican
A Long Petal of the Sea, Isabel Allende
The Last Devil to Die, Richard Osman
The Strangers, Katherena Vermette
Why Birds Sing, Nina Berkhout
The Mayfair Bookshop, Eliza Knight



Our next meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre upstairs in the Soroptimist Room. Joyce

Camera Club

Don't know your F-stop from an ISO? Can't find your camera's "ON" button? Worried you'll get arrested if you shoot RAW? If you answer "YES" to any of these, then the Evergreen Camera Club is for you.

We welcome all levels of photographers from shy beginners to seasoned pros. We meet in the Rotary Hall twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. From noon to 1pm we focus on photo editing and other advanced topics. From 1 pm to 2:30 pm we host our general meeting, where we discuss all things cameras and photography.

Come give us a try (and bring your camera).

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Canasta

We meet on Mondays from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in the Evergreen Lounge. New players are very welcome.

Carpet Bowlers

League play wrapped up on April 23rd with a delicious pizza lunch prepared by our super Alisha and her tireless kitchen volunteers. There were prizes, raffles and 2 fun games.

April 30th until the end of August will be everyone welcome drop in days on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1PM at no charge. League days will resume September 3rd.

No bowling days in May are Thur. May 9th, Tues. May 14th and Thur. May 16th.

Chess

Drop by the Craft Room on Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm. We need more players so come on out and have a game or two! All skill levels welcome!

Choristers

Join us Fridays at 10:30 am to sing. We have started rehearsals for our June show so I hope you will make it to all of them so we all will be up to speed for the show on June 21 and 22 at 1:30 pm I think this is going to be great show, you won't want to miss it. The theme is Memories of Love.



Cribbage

Come play crib on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Rotary Hall. Everyone welcome!

Cycling

Looking forward to summer cycling, our summer schedule is now set. We have rides now scheduled for such places as Denman, Hornby, Quadra, Parksville, Horne Lake, and beyond. Rides are between 25 and 50 km, easy pace, rest stops with lots of socializing. We especially like coffee and lunch stops. Regular and e-bikes welcome. We meet Monday and Wednesday 10 am at the Filberg with a 10:30 stop at Comox QF Wednesdays. New riders always welcome. Contact Ernie ejkimball62@gmail.com or just show up for a ride.



Cue Sports

The club has finished our Spring Snooker League. It was a fun time as well as competitive. Congratulations to all who participated. The final results, on April 12th, were Yellowball team playing Whiteball in a playoff for first and second place. The Yellow team won (Ken Carlson, Ken Lamb, Shirley Giroux & Lars Larsen). Thank you to Tom Lambourne for keeping us all on track. Cue Sports welcomes new members to come and check out the Club. We have two regulations snooker tables and a brand new 8 ball table. There are spare cues for use. The cost is 25 cents for 20 minutes to pay for the lights. Monday to Friday 8:30 - 4:30 and 6:30 - 9 pm weekday evenings (except Wednesday and some Fridays.)

Darts

Darts are played in the Rotary Room every Tuesday morning. It starts at 10:30 am sharp until 12:30. We ask everyone to be here by 10:15 so we can organize teams. It is a fun non competitive way to spend a Tuesday morning. No experience necessary. We have a great bunch of people. Costs \$1.00 per week.

Some high score this month:
Norma- 100, Gerry- 102, Lorene- 111, Annie- 112, Maria-114, , Lyle- 122, Kybor- 124, Linda-125, Maria- 130, Mary- 130, Brian- 140, Steve- 140'
High checkout: Bob- 45, Brian- 71, Linda- 54, Lynn- 71, William- 84, Dick- 50 (red bull), Norma- 46

For more information contact Linda MacMullen at 250-897-0646 or l.macmullen@outlook.com



Way to go John, scored a 180

Euchre

The Euchre group is a fun afternoon for all levels of player. And...if you want to learn a fast paced game of luck and chance we are happy to teach newcomers. We'd love to have you join us Thursday afternoon at 1pm. Contact Lori Carter 403.512.8203 or lcartermaclean@yahoo.com for more information.

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Drama

The Second Stage Players are working very hard reviewing plays for our November performances. We are pleased that two new members have joined us to be stage managers and work backstage. The Drama Club is a fun and interactive group of 22 people. Of course, the audience is an important part of our fun and we look forward to performing for you in the future! Stay tuned!

Fabric Arts

It is always exciting to learn that a new member has come to us bearing an abundance of skills at a craft as yet unattempted by the rest of us. Enter Marg (a.k.a. Grandma) and her magic loom. Marg is a professional weaver. She once wove a tapestry 6ft wide by 8ft high, needing to work the upper section on a ladder. Over the years she has considerably downsized her projects, nowadays creating amazing little countryside scenes full of colour and texture. We welcome her and look forward to learning warp from weft at her side.

Fabric Arts wants to let everyone know that we have switched from our former September to May schedule and are now busy in the Craft Room 12 months a year. Hope you drop in.
9:30 to 11:30 Tuesday mornings.

Floor Curling

Floor Curling is finished for the summer months. We will begin playing again on October 2nd at 1 pm. Have a great summer!

FMI Dianne Bruon
grumpybearwear@shaw.ca
250-338-0940

Golf

Welcome to Spring fellow golfers. Finally the weather is warming up and soon we'll be able to doff our wintry clothes we've needed for those early mornings out on the course. The Park Golf Course is slowly drying out and we are liking getting a little more roll on the ball. A number of new folks have joined us and there is plenty of room for more new members to join us on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We tee off at 9:00 so please arrive a little earlier so as to allow time for you to pay your green fees and to give us time to do the draw for teams (but not earlier than 8:30 please).

The Park is providing 10 game passes which allows for some savings on their new pricing. You must be a member of the Evergreen Club to join the Seniors' Golf and we have a membership fee of \$20 which helps with the purchase of prizes for our tournaments. We are a very friendly group and we don't take our golfing too seriously so there is always plenty of laughter.

Please contact Joy at 250-941-2643 or Robert at 1-250-899-2617 for further information. We look forward to seeing you out on the course.

Friday Night Dance

May 3, Amigos
May 10 Double Play
May 17 NO DANCE
May 24 Amigos
May 31 Gord and Friends

We are happy and enjoy having our regular dancers come and enjoy the Live Bands who say they LOVE playing for us! We look forward to NEW Evergreen Club members joining us. Admission at the door Evergreen Members \$10, Non-Members are welcome at \$12. Music starts at 7:30 pm until 10:30 pm in the Rotary Hall with a Coffee Break at 9.00 pm.
Dance Reps Peggy and Mary

Genealogy

Our April meeting was very enlightening, and May is shaping up to be just as entertaining. The date of our next meeting is changed to Thur. May 23 in the Rotary Hall. Mona is going to give us a presentation on research notes/time line. This is an invaluable tool for all Family historians. This will probably be our last "in house" meeting until September, because in June we go out to lunch, and July /August we take a sabbatical. Please check our facebook page, Evergreen Seniors Genealogy Club, to stay up to date. Don't forget we like to socialize in the Lounge proceeding the meeting.

Gospel Sing Along

The Gospel Sing-along is now located upstairs in the Soroptimist Lounge. It's a friendly drop-in group, and everyone is welcome to come sing the old hymns and gospel tunes with us. If you prefer to just listen, that's fine too. We meet Thursday mornings from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Do drop in!

EVERGREEN CLUB

ACTIVITY CLUBS

Karaoke

Spring into spring with song at Karaoke on **Wed. May 8th**. Sing like a songbird or simply listen while others warble their favourite songs. Experienced Karaoke singer or completely new at it? Doesn't matter. Want to just enjoy the music and free entertainment and never sing or have any pressure to sing? You're more than welcome to join our friendly once-a-month group when we're gathering in The Conference Hall. We start at 1pm and end at 3:30 pm. However, it's cool with us if you want to arrive late or need to leave before the program ends. We always aim to present a safe laid-back atmosphere where everyone is encouraged to have fun! Sally is on stage to handle discs & get the background music & lyrics up on the monitor for singers. Allan sets up and operates the sound system so that singers sound their best. Sandy gladly answers questions, helps newcomers and keeps things going. Our group usually meets on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month, however, sometimes we get bumped to another date so it's always wise to check the Newsletter or call Allan or Sandy at 250-337-4063.

Heartstrings

Welcome, we are a group of guitar, ukulele (and other stringed instruments) and accordion players that get together for a fun time of playing and singing songs from days gone by to some more current (but not too current) songs. Members play a mix of electric and acoustic instruments, not too loud, so that you can't hear yourself, but loud enough to cover some of our mistakes. While we are not an instructional group, players with a fair knowledge of chording should be able to fit in. Chords and words are provided on an overhead projector for you to play along with. There is a \$2 drop in fee (your first session is free.) Spectators are welcome. Wednesdays at 9:30 am.

Improv Club

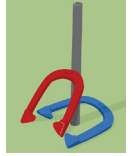
What is it? It's the act of improvising and composing without Preparation. It's not planned. It's spontaneous. It's fun. It's crazy, we laugh, we frolic. We come together in a safe space and we encourage one another to perform fun skits using our imagination and humour. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Questions please contact Maria : 250-897-0101

The "Jam"

Every Monday (except holidays) from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Rotary Hall. We use the website Ultimate Guitar (U.G.) to access any song an individual wishes, put it in their chosen key, put it on the screen for all to see (lyrics and chords), give them the microphone, and everyone plays along to their rendition of the song. We are averaging two choices per person each session. We have had guitars, ukuleles, bass, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, keyboard, a drum kit, soloists, and a wide variety of songs selected. To sing, it's preferred if you email the song title, the performer, your choice of key, and the U.G. version to jamezp@telus.net by the preceding Saturday. Jim will find your song and be ready for you when your turn comes. Bring your instrument (acoustic preferred) and play along at your own skill level. First visit free, and then a \$2 donation to help cover equipment costs. Spectators free & very welcome.

Horseshoes

The 2024 season of Horse Shoe pitching will start on May 7th at Lewis Park in Courtenay. Location- Horse Shoe pitches beside the tennis courts. Time- 1 PM every Tuesday. Cost- 2 Dollar drop in fee. Come out and enjoy a non competitive game with friends.



Knit & Crochet

The Knit and Crochet group has been busy producing many things, as usual. We have welcomed some new members to our group lately. We are now enjoying two days to knit and socialize. Tuesdays at 1 pm and joining in with the Friday Craft Group on Fridays at 1 pm. Come and join us for fun, knitting and get to know some other knitters.



Lacemakers

The lacemakers continue to meet in the Craft Room on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. We welcome anyone interested in hand made laces to join us.

Mah-Jong

The Mah-jong Club meets in the Rotary Hall on Tuesdays to start playing Mah-Jong at 12:30 pm. Please arrive by 12:15pm so we know how many tables we need to set up. Must be a member of the Evergreen Seniors Club. For further information call Marg 250-898-1158

Meet & Greet - Singles

April's Guest Speaker was Christine from the Comox Valley Hospice Society. She gave a well informed presentation on the programs and services that they offer. Easing the journey of dying and grieving. Our next meeting is Wednesday May 1st at 1 p.m in the Rotary Hall. Guest Speaker is Caroline, who will speak on a number of topics related to touring and travelling. And then answer questions from the group.

New members Welcomed
Elaine Kivela

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Mexican Train

Come to the Evergreen Lounge on Wednesday afternoons. We would like to start at 1pm so we ask that you please be here by 12:45 pm for a fun game of dominoes. New players welcome!

Quilters

The Quilters meet Mondays at 12:15 pm in the Craft Room. If you are in the building come & see what we do. We love visitors. Connie Watson

Recorder

The Trouble Clef Recorder Players meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm and play a variety of music in 3 and 4 parts including pieces from the Renaissance and Baroque eras, country dance music, and Canadian songs. New players are welcome as well as other woodwind and string players. If there is interest a beginner group may be formed. For more information contact Michael at miclayers@gmail.com

Scrabble

Do you enjoy learning new words while keeping your brain stimulated and engaged? From 1-3 pm on Wednesdays, join us in the Soroptimist Room for a few scrabble games! Equipment provided - all you need to do is show up and have some fun. Some of us may have a bite to eat in the Evergreen Lounge before starting play so please feel free to join us - "newbies" always welcome! We do not usually meet during the summer months, but operate the rest of the year.

Texas Hold'em Social

Social poker games are held every Friday afternoon in the Rotary Hall starting at 12:30 pm. Come play your hand!

Slo Pitch

Hello Ballplayers!

Welcome to all the new players that have come out so far. We have had a little rain bump in the schedule, but things are moving along. Teams are gradually being formed, as well as some practices to help get everyone warmed up.

There is still room for new players, so if you, or someone you know is interested in coming out~ we are at Lewis Park on Tuesday's and Friday's at 9:00 am. See you on the field. League Director, Heather Dyas

FMI: 250-465-8503 or hmdyas@outlook.com

Social Dance Club

Join us in the Conference Hall on Mon. May 13th & Mon. May 27th, starting at 12:30 pm for an afternoon of dance! We have the whole room to move in and great music from Linda's playlists with a wide variety of styles. Come enjoy dancing on the ballroom floor!

For more information contact Alan Box 250-941-6067



Table Tennis Monday

5:30 pm to 8:45 pm

Table Tennis provides a welcoming place for players of all levels. Doubles and singles can be played. Join us for a fun day of play on Mondays. Drop in anytime between 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Rotary Hall. Paddles and balls provided. Come out to see if this game is for you. First time free after which you must have an Evergreen Club Membership and pay a whole dollar for two hours of fun. FMI contact Louise 250 338-2718 or louisedragonrider@gmail.com

Table Tennis Thursday

Come and enjoy a fun filled 2.75 hrs of intermediate to competitive table tennis. If you haven't played for a while, are familiar with the game, then some instruction can be provided within the first hour of our evening. Our Thursday Night Table Tennis group is for intermediate level and above players. This game, as a physical activity, has few equals. As quoted in the 2023-08-05 Globe & Mail Weekend Opinion, "Studies have shown that this is one of the best sports for the brain... since playing ping pong requires all sorts of rapid-fire decision making and processing of different types of information, it stimulates very disparate parts of the brain..." Table tennis features a mix of aerobics, strategy, quickness and coordination.

Our Thursday Night has a highly structured play format, beginning with a one-hour Warm-Up, followed by 1.75 hr of competitive win/lose game playing, both singles & doubles, depending on our numbers. For those not interested in competing in a win/lose game format we dedicate one or two tables for their play, numbers permitting. To join you'll need a 2024 Evergreen Club membership. There is a drop-in fee of \$1.00. We have paddles for those without. Balls are provided.

For more info contact Dave Semple
mobile: 250-898-1224,
or by email: 4sempledave@gmail.com



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Trivia Club

The Trivia Club meets Thursday afternoon at one p.m. in the Soroptimist room. The third Thursday is spent off site to enjoy the hospitality of our members. We plan to meet over the summer and are looking forward to challenging each other with some little known facts.

Ukulele Club

When folks think about the ukulele they more often than not think Tiny Tim singing Tip Toe Through The Tulips in his falsetto voice, on the Ed Sullivan Show, back in the 60s. I believe his quite strange rendition had the unforeseen consequence of placing the ukulele in the same closet as the kazoo, the jaw harp and the washboard. Well fortunately 50 years later and the ukulele has come out of the closet. Tip toeing through tulips is long gone and the ukulele is now dancing with stars. Stars like, Willie Nelson, The Beatles and Leonard Cohen. A ukulele revival is upon us folks. Come and see for yourself.

Although we are not a teaching group many of our songs have just a few simple chords that you can easily learn from our web page. We play and sing as a group so no one hears your missed chords and flat notes. We play from music displayed on a large screen so no fussing with sheets of music. We even have ukuleles you can try at our club practices before deciding to buy your own. Checking us out is free. To join you'll need to have an Evergreen membership. Drop-in fee \$1.00. We play the second and fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 3:30 pm and ending at 5:00 pm.

For more info contact: Terry Hall comoxterry@gmail.com



Walk & Talk

Come and join us for casual walks on trails around the Valley. We like to talk while we walk and we often continue the talk at coffee afterwards. All walks start at 1:00pm, every Thursday.

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| May 2nd | Bevan Townsite Trail, alongside upper Puntledge River. Meet in Canadian Tire Parking lot for carpooling. |
| May 9th | Wildwood Trail. Meet at Vanier Sports Complex for carpooling. This trail has an uphill section. |
| May 16th | Dingwall Steps and Duck Pond Walk. Meet near Tim Hortons in Home Depot parking lot. The walk will start from there. This walk includes stairs and some uphill sections. |
| May 23rd | Williams Road Forest Trail. Meet at Vanier again for carpooling. |
| May 30th | Lighthouse Trail, Bowser. Meet in Canadian Tire parking lot for carpooling. |

Maree 250-702-9666 mclepine08@gmail.com

Whist

Here we are awaiting spring and all the exciting things that come with nice weather. Our whist card club is enjoying some good cards and fun as well. We meet on Monday night at 6:45 pm to start play at 7:00 pm. Then comes the excitement of twenty hands to try to get a part of the prizes, and if that doesn't work then, it's down to the draws. Not to forget the snacks and refreshments to follow, with some great social chatter and friendly gossip. What more could one ask for?

So come out and join our club to have some fun. The cost is \$2, to get all that and your night is over by 9:15 pm. Judy and I hope to see you out to challenge yourself. If you play cards this is your chance to shine and enjoy a night out.

See you soon, Norm

Writers' Group

Our group is growing and anyone interested please join us on the last Monday of the month which is May 27th 12:30-2pm upstairs in the Soroptimist Room.

Margo 604-908-8202
margorob@shaw.ca



LIKE and Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates, events and news.

Our page is called The Evergreen Club at the Florence Filberg Centre.

EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBERS' DAY TRIPS

Registration for **NEW** trips opens on **Tues. May 7th**

Milner Gardens & Tea House

NEW

Date: Friday, May 17th 2024

Depart: 10:30 am Upper Florence Filberg

Return: 3:30 pm Upper Florence Filberg

Cost: \$65.00 includes bus, driver tip and admission to Milner Gardens.

Milner Garden is a seaside garden on 28 hectares of unspoiled natural beauty perched on the edge of an oceanside bluff in Qualicum. We will start our day in Camellia Tea Room and enjoy a leisurely lunch. This quaint tea house is a heritage building built in 1931. Enjoy selections from the menu which will include options like freshly baked scones, soups, sandwiches and desserts.

After lunch we will enjoy a stroll through the gardens. If a volunteer is available we will receive a guided tour of the gardens as well.



Strathcona Park Explorer

NEW

Date: Saturday, May 25 2024

Depart: 9:00 am Upper Florence Filberg

Return: 3:45 pm Upper Florence Filberg

Cost: \$125.00 includes bus and bus driver tip, & buffet lunch.

Let's explore the great wild north, Strathcona Park. As we make our way North we will stop for a comfort/rest stop in Campbell River. Then we head inland for the scenic drive to Strathcona Lodge. Strathcona Lodge is a remote wilderness retreat which boasts 160-acres of secluded waterfront, beaches, hiking trails all nestled on the shores of Upper Campbell Lake. At the lodge we will enjoy a buffet lunch and a chance to walk one of the trails along the picturesque lake. Heading home we will make another quick comfort stop.

Denman Island Home & Garden Tour

NEW

Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024

Depart: 7:45 am Upper Florence Filberg

Return: 5:30 pm Upper Florence Filberg

Cost: \$150.00 includes bus, bus driver tip, ferry, Home and Garden Tour as well as lunch.

Come along with us for a day of exploring Denman Island. We will be taking in the Home and Garden Tour which promises to be an extraordinary journey through 12 unique homes and gardens. Mid-day we will enjoy a meat, cheese and crackers board for lunch at Corlan Vineyard & Farm. This is a not to be missed tour for those home and garden lovers.

Sail to the Symphony

PRISMA Festival Concert Powel River

NEW

Date: Saturday June 29, 2024

Depart: 9:15 am Meet at the River Ferry Terminal (Little River) to walk on the 9:55 ferry

Return: 6:45 pm Arrive at Ferry Terminal to walk off

Cost: \$115 includes ferry, lunch and concert tickets

Travel by ferry for an exquisite afternoon in Powel River at the PRISMA Festival. Experience Mahler's Symphony No. 1 in D Major: Titan, plus the thrilling final round on a Concerto Competition! Lunch, ferry and concert tickets included. We will meet at the Little River ferry terminal, walk on and be bussed to the theatre for buffet lunch and the 2 pm matinee performance. We will take the 5:15 pm ferry home and will be back by 6:30 pm.

Please bring your own water, and pack any food/snacks needed for travelling. Dinner is not provided so pack a snack for the trip home or purchase food on the ferry. Park or arrange to be dropped off & picked up at the ferry terminal.

General Day Trip Information

Registration Register at the Filberg or Lewis Centre in person or by phone. Registration for **new** trips start on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Add your name to the waitlist if a trip is sold out, we often have room for more people at the last minute. Must have a current Evergreen Club membership.

Cancellations: less than 30 days before the trip date cannot be refunded unless the seat is filled from the wait list.

Be Comfortable! Bring water, snacks, or a blanket. No scented products please. Wear your Evergreen Club nametag!

EVERGREEN CLUB MAY ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Check the newsletter, bulletin board or your Activity Club Rep for changes or cancellations.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (most weeks)
Cycling Group Meets at 10:00 am Filberg Centre	Slo Pitch 9:00 am-12:00 pm Lewis Park Starts April 16 th	Heartstrings 9:30 am Rotary Hall	Brazilian Embroidery 9 am -12 pm Craft Rm	Slo Pitch 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lewis Park
Canasta 9:00 am - 11:30 am EG Lounge	Fabric Arts 9:30 am Craft Room	Cycling Group 10:00 am Filberg Centre	Bean Bag Toss Sept - April	Golf at "The Park" in Comox 9 am
Table Tennis 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Rotary Hall	Crib 10 am Back Rotary Hall	Golf "The Park" in Comox 9 am	Gospel Singalong 10:30 am Soroptomist Lounge	Bingo 1 pm Back Rotary Hall
Hand Quilters 12:15 pm Craft Room	Darts 10:30 am Front Rotary Hall	Mexican Train 1 pm EG Lounge	Camera Club (1st & 3rd Thur.) 12 - 1 pm & 1 -2 :30 Front Rotary Hall	Choristers 10:30 - 12 noon Front Rotary Hall
Social Dance Club 2x Month (see p. 13) 12:30 pm Conference Hall	Mahjong 12:30 - 3 pm Back Rotary Hall	Chess 1 pm Craft Room	Art Club 12:30 - 3:30 Craft Room	Texas Hold'em 12:30 pm Front Rotary Hall
Book Club 1st Monday 1 -2 pm Except stats	Horseshoes 1 pm Lewis Park Starts May 7 th	Scrabble 1 pm Sept - May Soroptomist Lounge	Bridge 12:30 - 3:30 pm Back Rotary Hall	Friday Craft Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge
Writers Club Last Monday 12:30 pm Soroptomist Lounge	Carpet Bowling 1pm Drop in Conference Hall	Improv Club 2 nd & 4 th Wed 1 pm Rotary Hall	Trivia 1 pm - 3 pm Soroptomist Lounge	Lacemakers 2nd & 4th Friday 1:30 - 4 pm Craft Room
The "Jam" 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Rotary Hall	Stamp Club (2 nd Tues) 12:30 pm Soroptomist Lounge	Meet & Greet (Singles) 1st Wednesday 1pm Rotary Hall Sept -June	Euchre Club 1:00 pm EG Lounge	Fri. Night Dances Rotary Hall 7:30pm See p. 8 for schedule
Drama Club 3 - 5 pm See p. 11 Conference Hall	Knit & Crochet Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge	Karaoke Conference Hall May 8 th 1 pm	Walk & Talk 1 pm See newsletter	
Whist 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Rotary Hall	Recorder 1:30 pm Craft Room Sept -June	Floor Curling Native Sons Hall Grand Hall 1 pm Oct-April	Genealogy Club 3rd Thurs 1 - 3 pm Conference Hall Sept - May	
	Ukulele Group (2 nd & 4 th Tuesday) 3:30 Rotary Hall	Supper Club Monthly See bulletin board in EG Lounge for info	Table Tennis 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm Rotary Hall	
	Social Bridge 6:45 pm - 10 pm Rotary Hall			

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