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2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: Bruce Russell

As Vice President, Special Projects, I have the challenge and pleasure of assuming the primary responsibility for fundraising which, as can be seen from our Financial Statements ("Donations – Grants") is critical and essential to our survival. Thanks to the assistance of our directors, a wonderful BAF (Bowen Island Golf Club Annual Fundraiser) committee and support of our members, last year's event raised a remarkable \$43,000, which demonstrates the importance of this single event.

More broad based member support for our 2016 BAF would be appreciated by way of a \$300 jhs (joint hole sponsorship), either as a single/couple or in concert with your friends and neighbours. Support as a **Patron**, at \$50/single, or couple, is also an option and of course entry as a participant for this September 10th fun event is also welcome. Those interested in a jhs please speak to Terry Boss (proshop@bowengolf.com), at the pro shop, or Bruce Russell (brucer@gulfpacific.ca).

Members need not bear the sole burden of a jhs, we encourage them to speak to: neighbours; friends; non-members; their employers/former employers; service providers; contractors or subcontractors building or renovating their Bowen residence or the one next door/across the street.

SCHOLARSHIPS ~ In my capacity as Chairperson of the BIGC Junior Scholarship Committee, I am pleased to advise two (2) \$750 scholarships were awarded this year as follows: the **BIGC – Penny Moul Scholarship** to **Charlie Welsh** and the **BIGC – Herb Paterson Scholarship** to **Grady Huskisson**. Congratulations. Thanks to the generosity of many members our Junior Scholarship Fund has grown to \$43,000 which is professionally and independently administered by the Bowen Island Community Foundation. Because of the Foundation's involvement donations to the Bowen Island Golf Club Junior Scholarship Fund qualify for an income tax receipt.

2016 BANTAM PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ~ Our club is honoured to have been asked to host this event on August 22nd (practice round) and two 18-hole rounds of play on August 23rd & 24th. This is another feather in our collective golf caps and a great opportunity to “showcase” both our course and the community. Thank you to the many who have already offered their homes as billets. We look forward to further members’ support by further offering their volunteer services during the practice rounds and tournament play. The community is encouraged to participate as spectators as the players, both boys and girls (14 years and under) from BC, the rest of Canada and the USA shoot par or better! This will be a fine display of golf.

MEMORIAL WALK ~ Thank you to those individuals/families who have chosen to remember a loved one by way of having their name on the Memorial Walk rock which is located just beyond the 8th green. This is a fitting way to remember any member/individual who both loved the course and believed it was an important community amenity. We welcome our newest addition, Marilyn Harris.

NORTH DECK ~ You have likely noticed the recent “completion” of the clubhouse north deck. We are grateful for a donation of materials by an anonymous member, while volunteers provided the labour. We now require some additional tables and chairs for which donations are welcome. Table (\$150) and chair (\$75) donors will have their names entered in a draw for two (2) choice Vancouver Canucks tickets; 2 chances for a table donation and 1 for a chair. Please advise Bruce of your support interest by way of the attached.

10TH ANNIVERSARY ~ Again, thanks to everyone who recently helped us celebrate our 10th anniversary (May 13, 2016) on May 20th. On a personal note, having been on the Board since 1997, and president “*for a while*”, there are so many people in the community to thank (members and non-members) for their unwavering belief, confidence and support of our collective endeavour to turn a 77-year old dream into a reality. This is not just any public golf course, it is award winning and spectacular in so many ways. A special thank you to my wife Dorene for her support, patience, wisdom and sacrifice of time. As well, thank you to our past and current directors; it has been a pleasure to work with you as a “team”, along with our donors/members, which is the only way we could have succeeded. It was truly a team effort. Now, onto the next 10 years!



Bruce