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BOWEN ISLAND GOLF CLUB 2018 AGM VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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In my ongoing capacity as VP Special Project\$ the first part of this year's report reads like a repeat from past years due to our continued need to rely on grants and fundraising to ensure our total revenues exceed expenditures, which in a word is s-u-r-v-i-v-a-l. Rather than dwell on the "woe is us" and negative side of this continued fact of life, let's look at the positive side, and "yes", there is one.

We are most fortunate to have such a first-class recreational amenity in our community, or should I say virtually in our backyards! We can be thankful for: those pioneers who paved the way to develop the course; those who have and are dedicating hundreds of hours to maintain it; our members who support it, and those who must go after us to further maintain and sustain it which speaks to our need for some new, younger blood on the Board and in our executive positions.

Until such time as otherwise is the case, it is essential we continue to have our BAF (BIGA Annual Fundraiser) and are most appreciative and thankful for the committee that is organizing this year's necessary yet fun event so please, let's everyone support it in any number of ways. As we all enjoy playing the course and the social benefits that stem from it, let's all support it and not leave that burden to those who support it year after year. While not everyone can or chooses to play, all of us either as a single, couple or as a foursome @ \$75 each, can be a \$300 joint hole sponsor; or a \$50 per person/couple Patron; donate a prize for the live or silent auction or bid on the auction prizes, even in absentia. Please consider your support as a nominal increase in your annual dues. Giving from the heart is as important as from one's pocketbook so here's to everyone making our BAF committee's efforts a resounding success.

SCHOLARSHIPS ~ In my other capacity as Chairman of the BIGA Junior Scholarship Committee, I am pleased to announce the winners of our 2018 Junior Scholarships. Kai Rozitas is the recipient of the \$750 BIGC – Penny Moul scholarship while Payton Grundy is the recipient of the \$750 BIGC – Herb Paterson scholarship, both of which will be presented at our AGM. Both Kai and Payton are fine young men who enjoyed the course in their younger years and are now off to university. We wish them well.

We look forward to next year's graduating juniors applying for a scholarship, our fund for which is professionally managed by the Bowen Island Community Foundation which has a present capital balance of \$44,118, the interest from which funds the scholarship.

Your loyal \$ervant and VP,

Bruce Russell