



Annual General Meeting

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The **AGM** was held at the offices of Work-SafeBC on April 16, 2012. **Eighty (80)** members attended the luncheon and the meeting afterwards. The President, Maryanne Schulz, presented her report, an abridged version of which is contained on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter. The full version will be available on the web site, which is currently being updated.

Ishbel Kennedy, Director, retired her position.

Two Directors elected: Rae McInnes who will also update and manage the website.

Wendy Pantages who will take over the newsletter.

There are now **395** members in our association, including 10 new members in the past year and 3 reinstated members.

Current Executive

Maryanne Schulz	President
Ralph McGinn	Past President
Carol Christopher	Secretary
Carol Sallenback	Treasurer
Eldon Johnston	Director
Rina Luchin	Director
Margaret Perry	Director
Carole Peterson	Director
Rae McInnes	Director
Wendy Pantages	Director, Editor

Report from the President

A brief review of the previous year showed that all the organized social events proved to be a great success. Additionally, some other things were accomplished such as the news-

letter may be sent out to more members via e-mail, hence saving postage and handling.

The website is up and running, although it is a

work in progress. Visit us at www.wcbra.com

(which stands for Workers' Compensation Board Retiree Association). The password until the end of May is 2011Mem. After

Special points of interest:

- 2012 Calendar of Events
- AGM Lunch
- Treasurer's Report
- New Members

Report from the President cont...

June 1, 2012 a password will no longer be needed. The website has information about access to the current newsletter as well as archived newsletters, a Calendar of Events and several links to sites such as the Blue Cross coverage, travel insurance, BC

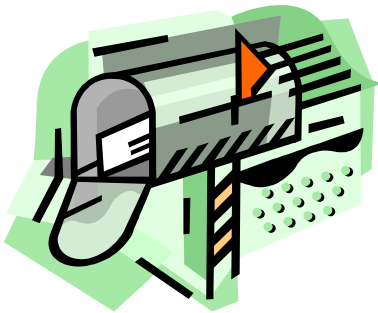
Pension Corp, and a link to the "B" Social Club where you can purchase discounted movie tickets and PNE tickets.

Access the website at

www.wcbra.com

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the opening balance at April 2011 was \$ 3,653.87. The balance as of April 2012 is \$3,931.09.



Mailbag

An e-mail from Barb Messenger advised that Scott McCloy and a few others are thinking ahead to 2017 when the BC Workers' Compensation Board (WorkSafeBC) will be 100 years old. WorkSafeBC is interested in obtaining or photographing possible historic items retired employees may have to share. WorkSafeBC is wondering if anyone might like to volunteer to review pictures and help identify who is in the pictures or be interested in participating in gathering history. Contact info@wcbra.com if you would like to help with this project.

An e-mail from Louise Cook advised that WorkSafeBC would like to connect with the Retiree Association to explore opportunities for WCB retirees to be ambassadors for WorkSafeBC in a volunteer capacity. This would entail working directly with WorkSafeBC, for example with Helping Hands-led events, or parades, or with

WorkSafeBC partners, such as the Working Gear Clothing Society. Contact info@wcbra.com if you would like to be a volunteer ambassador for WorkSafeBC.

BC Senior Living Association sent a letter extending an invitation to WCB Retirees to attend their first "Senior Lifestyles Tradeshow" on **June 16** at the Broadway Church, 2700 Broadway, East Vancouver. There will be 22 booths featuring Retirement Communities, Medi-Alert products, Pharmacy RX, Senior Services, Downsizing and Staging of homes and more. There will be education sessions and speakers throughout the day, and the best thing is it is FREE!!! There is also lots of free parking.

A DAY AT THE RACES

No doubt you've been following the exploits of Hastings Park's own successful 25 yr. old jockey, Mario Gutierrez, his horse, "I'll Have Another", and his win of both the 2012 Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, Kentucky, and the Preakness at Pimlico Race course in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Gutierrez and the horse are now at Belmont Park in New York to vie for the Triple Crown (a feat

which has not been accomplished since 1978) and is considered the greatest accomplishment of a thoroughbred racehorse. *Retirees who attended Hastings Race Day in past years may have seen Mr. Gutierrez ride or even bet on him to win.* He honed his craft at Hastings from 2006 to 2011, was the top rider in 2007 and 2008 and was among the top three riders for all six years.

Hastings Park Race Course is now on the map, and **these are the hottest tickets in town, folks!!**

Hastings Park Race Day

June 24, 2012

Buffet at Silks Restaurant

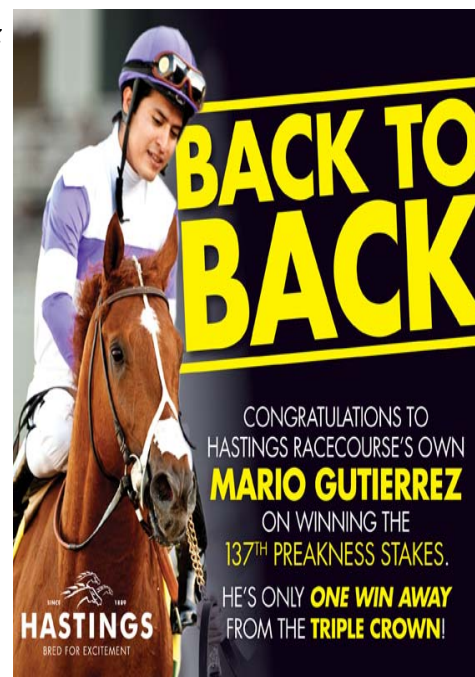
Time: 12:30

Cost: \$26

****Parking** is \$10 (If there is a scheduled event at the Coliseum on the same day, parking will be \$20). ****So far there is no event scheduled June 24.** If you park in the PNE parking lot, bring your

parking stub with you to Silks to receive a program *free of charge.*

Please contact **Rina Luchin** at 604-253-8547 or e-mail rluchin@telus.net no later than June 6, 2012. Payment of \$26 is to be made payable to **Carol Sallenback** at 2555 - 127 St., Surrey, BC V4A 6J8.



Deadline to sign up: June 6

Deadline for payment: June 10

Cruise to Indian Arm

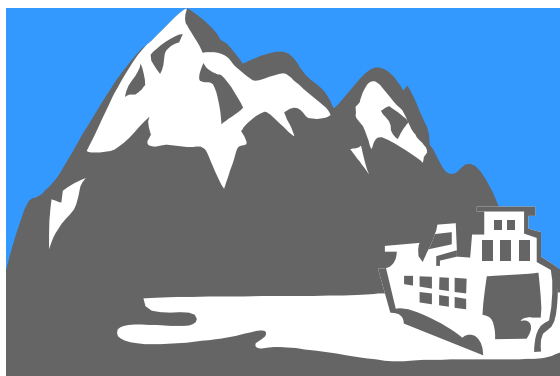
July 23, 2012

Where: Coal Harbour Quay (adjacent to the entrance to Stanley Park)

Cost: \$70.00 includes lunch buffet, tax and gratuity

Note: We need a minimum of **10 people confirmed and paid in advance** in order for this event to occur.

Contact: **Carole Peterson** at 604-513-5051 or e-mail her at carole_peterson@yahoo.com



DEADLINE:

Payment must be received by July 5

Bring: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, light rainproof jacket, camera and binoculars.

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Calendar of Events

June 16 - Senior Lifestyles Tradeshow – BC Senior Living Assn

June 24 - Hastings Race Day

July 23 - Indian Arm Cruise

October 15- Luncheon and Semi-Annual General Meeting, Board offices

December 12 - Christmas lunch at the Marine Drive Golf & Country Club

WELCOME MAT

Therese Brooks
Marilyn Ford
Gail Jordison
Larry Nelson
Wendy Nielsen
Joseph Pinto
David Roosa
Marian Strong
Joan Walley-Forseth
Diane Rice



Notes from the Editor



...my computer kept prompting me I was low on virtual memory. Virtual memory? I'm retired. My REAL memory is low!

As a new Director, I have volunteered to do the newsletter. I apologize for any delay in getting this issue out, **but I had some rather large shoes to fill taking over this task from Peter Hopkins.** Then in April and May my computer kept prompting me I was low on virtual memory. **Virtual memory?** I'm retired. My REAL memory is low! In any event, I was able to fix my virtual memory, increased my RAM, my computer has quit crashing, and everything seems to be back on track. Haven't found a fix for my own memory, though...

I'll try to get the newsletter out on time and keep members informed of planned social events. Currently using the *tried but true* format used by Peter Hopkins, I plan to change it up somewhat in future, adding more social events that might inter-

est you, a "mailbag" section containing letters to the editor or to the Assn, and hopefully pictures and profiles of some of our members.

I think there is a tremendous untapped talent base that some of our members finally have the time to explore, such as newly discovered interests in drama, painting, music, ceramics, pottery, gardening, flower arranging and various sports activities. I'm hoping they'll share some of their interests with their former co-workers and friends, and this newsletter will serve as a conduit. I encourage readers to contact me with pictures, profiles, or just to drop a note at wpantages@telus.net.

Wendy Pantages, Editor