

SKAL INTERNATIONAL TORONTO CLUB # 151



NEXT EVENT:

Tuesday, May 28
Toronto Cricket Club
141 Wilson Avenue, Toronto
12 pm – Lunch

***BULLETIN: Tuesday April 23, Waterside Inn, Port Credit
Joint meeting with the Hamilton Skal Club & Toronto North Skal Club***

The April Meeting took place at the Waterside Inn, located in Port Credit. This was a joint meeting with the Hamilton Skal Club and Toronto North Skal Club. The dining room was packed with members and guests. Toronto Skal President Sue remarked that we were totally full and that there wasn't enough seats to accommodate everyone but the Inn quickly resolved this situation - all of our 85+ members and guests were seated comfortably.

The Skal toast was done jointly by Madame Presidents: Toronto Skal President Sue Webb and Hamilton Skal President Tracey Nurmi.

Toronto Skal President Sue then introduced the Guests from the Toronto Club:

Skal Member	Guest
▪ Jennifer Waver	Janet Pacini
▪ Ed Bennington (now semi-retired)	Frank Valeriani
▪ Rita Polegri	Kumar Pahwa
▪ Stuart Morcombe	Craig Marsh
▪ David LaFayette	Lisa Ulrich
▪ Sue Webb	Denise Hefron

Afterwards, Toronto Skal President Susan Webb mentioned that we had **three Skal Life Members** joining us that evening – **Mary Heron, John Kennedy and Paul Leon.**

Membership Committee Update

Brent Bowes, Chair of this year's Membership Committee spoke about the recent special evening to attract potential new members to join the Toronto Skal Club. This special cocktail event took place on Tuesday April 16 at The National Club. A video and a Power Point presentation were shown. **Six (6) dedicated new members will be joining the Club with the hope of other new members coming aboard later in the year.**

The **Dinner Menu** consisted of a starter mixed green salad with goat cheese & grilled asparagus, walnut vinaigrette in a savory shell. The main entrée featured roasted garlic & sage stuffed pan seared chicken with crispy honey mushrooms, a sweet pea risotto and a truffle jus. The delectable dessert featured apple & strawberries in a phyllo pastry with vanilla frozen yogurt.

Next was the **50/50 draw**. First prize was won by Rolf Schwarje, VP of SICAN. Kimberly Hartley took home second prize.

Skal Golf Tournament Update

Kimberly Hartley, head of this year's Golf Tournament Committee, advised that the event will take place again at the **Lionhead Golf & Country Club on Monday August 12**. Rates for Toronto Skal members are \$125 (other Skal club members \$ 150), guests \$ 190 and the event includes: lunch, golf with a shared cart, a buffet dinner and more. Hole sponsorships are available at \$350. We are expecting 100 participating golfers to attend. A flyer was handed out on each table with all of the pertinent details.

Congratulations were in order for the Hamilton Skal Club.

They were presented and won the SICAN award for Outstanding Small Club of the Year. Hamilton Skal President Tracey Nurmi and Grady Little from the Hamilton Club accepted this award from Rolf Schwarje, VP of SICAN.

Inductions – New members

Next on the evening's agenda were the inductions. Wolf Paunic, Vice President of the Toronto Skal Club introduced each new member.

First up was Andrea Mendelsohn, who was thrilled to finally join our "prestigious Club", especially after being in Canada for the past twenty years.

The next member to be inducted was Duwayne Moore, who coincidentally works with Wolf and is the fourth member of the Trav Corp to join the Toronto Skal Club.

2013 Upcoming Scheduled Meetings & Venues:

Please note that the June meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 19 at Woodbine Racetrack. The thoroughbreds only race on Wednesdays – Giddy Up!!

- Tuesday, May 28th Lunch Meeting at the Cricket Club – Visit Britain host
- ***** Wednesday, June 19th*****, ***Woodbine Racetrack***
- Monday, August 12th Golf Tournament, Lionhead Golf & Country Club
- Tuesday, September 24th Toronto North Club Joint Meeting, Delta Chelsea Hotel
- Tuesday, October 22nd Venue TBA
- Tuesday, November 26th Venue TBA
- Thursday, December 12th Christmas Gala & Silent Auction, King Edward Hotel

Wolf Paunic, Toronto Skal Vice President spoke about this year's 2013/14 roster booklet and the opportunity to support our Club and advertise in the booklet.

Prizes:

Once again, Raffle Tickets were sold as members and guests checked in. Three raffle prize winners are selected at each meeting and prizewinners are still eligible to win one of the year's Grand Prizes that will be awarded at our Gala event on Thursday December 12. One of this year's Grand Prizes is a one-week All-Inclusive stay at an Occidental Resort with roundtrip air provided by Air Transat.

The evening's Three Raffle Prize Winners were:

1. Michael Pepper, won 2 passes at the Plaza Premium Lounge, thanks to Brent Bowes
2. Scott Barker, won a massage, thanks to Tom Buecking
3. Mary Heron, won a King Edward Hotel package that included a one night stay with breakfast, thanks to Jeff Waters

Toronto Skal President Susan Webb and John Graham from the Hamilton Skal Club did a joint farewell Skal toast.