

SKAL INTERNATIONAL TORONTO CLUB # 151



NEXT EVENT:

Waterside Inn, Port Credit

Tuesday, April 23

JOINT MEETING with HAMILTON CLUB

15 Stavebank Rd S, Mississauga

6 pm – Cocktails

7 pm - Dinner

BULLETIN: Tuesday March 26, King Edward Hotel, Toronto

The March Meeting took place at the renowned and elegant King Edward Hotel in downtown Toronto with over 75 members and guests attending.

The Cocktail hour was bustling with Skal members and guests mingling and networking while enjoying a wide array of delicious hors d'oeuvres and a mouth-watering risotto bar.

The Dinner started off with a Welcome Greeting from our host, Jeff Waters, the General Manager of the King Edward Hotel.

Skal Toronto President Susan Webb then introduced the plethora of Guests that were in attendance:

<u>Skal Member</u>	<u>Guest(s)</u>
• Rita Polegris	Nicole Bursey
• Ed Bennington	Pauline Hussey
• Diane Pothan	Adam Pothan
• Susan Lawson	Janet Riou
• Suzanne Christie	Derek Lloyd & Dallyce Macas
• Brent Bowes	Marjan Kolaric
• Wolf Paunic	Duwayne Moore
• Joanne Gellately	Andrius Valiuis & Vik Kumar
• Toni DeFino	Sue Winiiecki
• Nilifer Mama	Cyrus Rustamajee
• Penny Martin	Tim Morgan
• Karen Cullen	Robin Ingle
• Stephanie Anevich	Carlos Quereda
• Susan Webb	Jeff Waters

Afterwards, Toronto Skal President Susan Webb issued the Skal toast and indicated that we had **two Skal Life Members** joining us that evening - **Paul Leon and Klaus Tenter**.

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 include: 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. Additional details will follow.

The **Dinner Menu** featured an "Ode to the First of the Season's Tapped Maple Trees." This eclectic choice of cuisine included a mouth watering main entrée of Maple and Mustard Drizzled "Northern" Fried Chicken accompanied with a Slow Roasted Ontario Cellared Root Vegetables along with a Corn and Jalapeno Gaufrette. The Maple Tree theme continued with our Dessert - a sumptuous Layered Sugar Shack Maple Tart with Oven Blistered Grapes. Toronto Skal President Susan Webb thanked the Chef and the Hotel's serving staff for the wonderful meal.

Membership Committee Update – Special Evening Planned

Brent Bowes, from this year's Membership Committee spoke about a special evening to attract potential new members to join the Skal Toronto Club. **This special cocktail event will take place on Tuesday April 16 at The National Club between 5 and 7 pm.** Brent also pointed out that there was Skal business cards on each dinner table – Toronto Skal members are encouraged to hand these cards out to potential new members.

Inductions – New members

Next on the evening's agenda was an induction. Stephanie Bishop initially introduced our newest member as the actor, famously known as the "six degrees of Kevin Bacon" - however, it really was Eric Bacon. Eric initially shied away from speaking but eventually said a few words.

Toronto Skal President Susan Webb told us of her recent visit to Winnipeg earlier in the month to help celebrate the Winnipeg Skal Club's 50th Anniversary. Toronto was the sponsor of the Winnipeg Club.

For Skal members planning ahead, President Susan indicated the year's upcoming meetings:

2013 Upcoming Scheduled Meetings & Venues:

- Tuesday, April 23rd Hamilton Club Joint Meeting, Waterside Inn, Port Credit
- Tuesday, May 28th Lunch Meeting at the Cricket Club – Visit Britain host
- Tuesday, June 25th Venue TBA. Business Networking meeting.
- 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

SICAN Report: Both Paul Leon and Pierre LePage, our SICAN representatives will be attending the SICAN NAASC Congress event that takes place in Sacramento, California from April 10 to 14.

Skal Toronto Website

Toronto Skal President Susan Webb asked all Skal members to please visit our website www.torontoskal.org and think about the areas they visit the most, whether its the meetings section; the monthly meeting photos or the ability to email fellow Skaleagues directly. One of this year's mandates is to improve and update our website.

Wolf Paunic, Toronto Skal Vice President spoke about this year's 2013 roster booklet and the opportunity to support our Club and advertise in the booklet. An upcoming email with specific details will be issued.

Prizes:

The **50/50 draws** were won by Karen Cullen (1st prize) and newly inducted Skal Toronto member, Eric Bacon (2nd prize).

Once again, Raffle Tickets were sold as members and guests checked in and 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. This prize will be awarded at our Gala evening on Thursday December 12. However, at each Skal meeting, there will be draws for prizes, and the **evening's three**

Prize Winners were:

1. Pauline Hussey, a guest of Ed Bennington won a massage thanks to Tom Buecking
2. Stuart Morcombe, won 2 passes at the Plaza Premium Lounge thanks to Brent Bowes
3. Eric Bacon continued his winning streak and won a Park'N Fly voucher thanks to Paul Leon

Each prizewinner will still have a chance to win one of the year's Grand Prizes.

President Susan Webb asked our newest member and winner of two prizes that evening, Eric Bacon to perform the closing Skal toast. Finally, after a couple of minor miscues, Eric rose to the occasion and admirably performed the closing Skal toast.