

SKAL INTERNATIONAL TORONTO CLUB # 151



NEXT EVENT:

Tuesday March 25

Venue TBD

In support of the upcoming NAASC in Halifax

BULLETIN: Tuesday February 25

The National Club

The February Meeting took place at The National Club. The Club was founded seven years after Confederation and has been in its present home at 303 Bay Street since 1907. It remains a favourite downtown meeting place for Canada's business and political leaders.

The Skäl toast was done by newly minted Toronto Skäl President Paul Leon who proceeded to list the attending guests:

Skäl Member

Guest(s)

Stephanie Anevich

Lynda Sinclair

Ron Tereshyn

Tommy Tereshyn

Toni DeFino

Allison Ferguson

Terrilyn Kunopaski

Karine Lefebvre

Brent Bowes

Sal Buccellato & Rhonda LaFosse

Val Saunders

Melissa Kenny

Afterwards, Toronto Skal President Paul Leon mentioned that we also had **Skal Life Member Mary Heron along with a visiting Skaleague from Argentina, Hugo Maggi.**

Toronto Skal President Paul Leon spoke about the upcoming NAASC in Halifax:

This conference takes place May 1 to 4 with a golf tournament kicking things off on April 30.

NAASC Single Attendee prices = \$1,275 (<http://skalhalifax.ca>)

This includes airport transfers in Halifax; accommodations; breakfasts, opening reception, lobster lunch, dine around, Pier 21 luncheon, Saturday night Gala, Halifax Hop on-Hop off Tour, Peggy's Cove Tour along with transportation to all off site venues.

- *The Toronto Skal Club is pleased to offer a 50% discount on the registration fees.*
- *The 1st ten Toronto Skal members to sign up will pay \$637.50*
- *Special prices are also available for members who want to bring their spouses or partners.*
- *Roundtrip airfare to Halifax is extra, however, Air Canada is providing us with special prices.*
- *Look for further details on the NAASC Halifax in an upcoming email.*

2014 Skal Inductions

Brent Bowes inducted three new members: Doreen Lynch, Dan Joyce & Lori King

Susan Webb spoke about the recent Skal survey with the following notes:

- 68% of Toronto Skal members responded; this is an incredibly high percentage
- 1st choice of charity – Toronto Daily Bread Food Bank
- We received a great number of recommendations for new members to join our Club

2014 Upcoming Scheduled Meetings & Venues:

- Tuesday, March 25 In support of NAASC in Halifax; Venue TBD
- Tuesday, April 22 Co-hosting with the Hamilton Skal Club; Venue TBD
- Tuesday, May 27 Luncheon; The Cricket Club
- Tuesday, June 24 Gossip Restaurant
- *Monday, August 11 Toronto Skal Golf Tournament; Lionhead Golf & Country Club*
- TBD in September Co-hosting with the Toronto North Club; Eaton Chelsea
- Tuesday, Oct 28 Venue TBD
- Tuesday, Nov 25 Venue TBD
- *Thursday, Dec 11 Christmas Gala & Auction; The King Edward Hotel*

Membership Committee Update:

Brent Bowes, Chair of this year's Membership Committee showcased a video on the merits of joining Skal.

- We want to increase this year's membership by 20 people
- Currently, the Toronto Skal Club has over 90 members and we are the largest Club in Canada.
- The ability to "***do business amongst friends***"

Incentives for Membership Referrals:

- *\$50 VISA gift card for 2 membership referrals that result in approved membership, or*
- *\$100 VISA gift card for 3 membership referrals that result in approved membership, or*
- *\$200 VISA gift card for 4+ membership referrals that result in approved membership.*

The Skal Golf Tournament:

Kimberly Hartley, chair for this year's golf tournament advised us that once again, Lionhead Golf & Country Club will be the venue for our annual tournament. The tournament will take place on Monday August 11 with a 12:30 pm tee-off.

Prices are as follows:

- \$125 for Toronto Skal members
- \$150 for other Skal Club members
- \$190 for each guest & non-Skal member
- \$65 for dinner only

To register, please email Kimberly@travelsolutionsbydesign.com or mikehannah@rogers.com

Golf Tournament Available Sponsorships:

- \$350 for Hole Sponsorship
- \$500 for Hole Sponsorship plus 1 golfer
- \$650 for Hole Sponsorship plus 2 golfers
- \$800 for Hole Sponsorship plus 3 golfers
- ***\$900 for Hole Sponsorship plus 4 golfers***

Other sponsorship opportunities exist such as lunch, wine, logo golf balls, prizes, etc. Please email Kimberly@travelsolutionsbydesign.com

The **Dinner Menu** started off with a delicious Mushroom soup. The main entrée featured Cornish Hen accompanied by forbidden emperor's rice along with a medley of grilled vegetables. The mouth-watering dessert was Crème Brulee with strawberries, raspberry and blackberry toppings and side biscotti. Red and white wines were served as well as coffee and tea.

Prizewinners:

A) 50/50 draw:

1st prize Suzanne Christie

2nd prize: James Nienhuis

B) Raffle draw:

1. Michelle Pinard, won passes at the Plaza Premium Lounge, thanks to Brent Bowes

2. Janice Ketchen, won a Corporate Parking Pass at Pearson International, thanks to the GTAA

The evening closed with Toronto Skal President Paul Leon conducting the farewell Skal toast.