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## **LIONS 19 A-6 OCTOBER 2007 BULLETIN**

### **My Zone Chairman's Travels**

To date I have had official visits with Egmont, Pender Harbour, Sunshine Coast and Gibsons Clubs (I found it very difficult doing an official visit to your own Club) all very fruitful with ideas, one more to go, Powell River in November.

When I attended the zone chairman's session in Longview, one of the themes was providing a succession for the position of zone chairman (pardon me, I still use the term zone chairman instead of zone chairperson) and what an honour it is to serve in that office. To be eligible, a member has to be a director of his own Club for a two year term plus a one year term as president or secretary. So I want all of you to think about running for the position for July 2008 onwards, also a Lion cannot serve as zone chairman for more than a two year term.

### **An Update on the Activities of the A6 Clubs**

#### **Powell River**

Monthly their members collect used eyeglasses and also sell Lions mints at various locations. The Club is busy planning fundraisers for December 2007.

#### **Egmont**

Still "plugging away" with a strong presence in their small community. Some members have been attending work parties for the two Christmas tree farms (a joint project of the four Lower Sunshine Coast Clubs).

#### **Pender Harbour**

Wow, this Club has things happening **BIG TIME** and a healthy balance in their bank account as well. The new soccer fields projects (currently being constructed by the Regional District) is well underway. It is expected that at least twelve truckloads of logs will be sent to market, net proceeds payable to the Club and least 300 loads of gravel and sand will be hauled in. Once the soccer field project has been completed the Club is hopeful new members will be procured once they see the Lions Park facility.

### Sunshine Coast

They have had small returns from the tailgate sales due to inclement Sunday weather. Also, the Club was a leader of the E Waste project but may be discontinuing this project due to new government regulations and diminishing returns. They are busy organizing an official kick-off for the community radio station (the main object is to train students to become radio broadcasters using BCIT criteria) and the Club has contributed a total of \$12,000 to this project, a huge commitment (the final \$4,000 installment was paid in October). One member, who is in charge of this radio station project, is attempting to organize a new Leo Club as a result of working with the high school students. Of course, the Club still operates the very profitable meat draws every Saturday at the local pub in Sechelt.

### Gibsons

They operated their concession trailer at the two day Fall Fair, poor return due to inclement weather. Planning underway for various recurring fall and Christmas donations. Another healthy Club with a sizeable bank balance in the project account. A good turnout of members attended three work parties (along with members from the other three Clubs) at the two Christmas farms. It is anticipated that there will be a strong demand for Christmas trees so 125 trees from a supplier will have to be ordered to supplement the supply of locally grown Christmas trees.

### Eagles in the City (BC Lions Society)

It appears that all five Clubs are interested in sponsoring an Eagle (if adequate Lions exposure is obtained) and this matter will be discussed further at the January 6, 2008 zone meeting in Gibsons. The Club contributions will likely be needed sometime in the fall of 2008.

Dates for everyone to please keep in mind:

- Sunday January 6, 2008 – zone meeting #2 in Gibsons (experienced Lions from outside our zone have been invited to give us a short presentation).
- Wednesday January 16, 2008 – official visit by DG Henry – a joint meeting of Pender Harbour and Egmont.
- Thursday January 17, 2008 – official visit by DG Henry with Powell River.
- Wednesday January 23, 2008 – official visit by DG Henry with Gibsons.
- Thursday January 24, 2008 – official visit by DG Henry with Sunshine Coast.

Respectfully submitted

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