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From our President Larry Western

So, let's be clear. In golf, I'm more of a hacker than a golfer. But I had a great time at our SLEAC Golf event. It was great to get together with co-workers who I've known for years. We were socially distanced and mostly behaving, and it was a good day to be on the golf course.

What a shame that we couldn't have had our full slate of events this year, and enjoyed getting together with our friends. After all, this is what SLEAC is all about. Further in this newsletter, you'll read about more bad news. Although you know what I'm referring to (Christmas Dinner/Dance), read on to get the details.

Our subsidy from Imperial Oil is still on hold, but of course most everything is being cancelled, and nobody knows the future. Your committee have been very vocal in asking about these things, and have been assured that we will be one of the first to know of any decisions that have been made.

Covid-19 isn't going away anytime soon. So please obey all the guidelines coming from the various levels of governments, stay socially distanced, wear your mask, and when in doubt, be cautious, or just stay home.

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From the Editor:

What a year we are in – like nothing any of us have ever experienced ourselves. A cousin of mine has done a lot of family genealogy and reminds us that we lost 2 relatives as a result of the second wave of the Spanish Flu. Keep yourselves safe!

Did you know that ...

We have a wonderfully healthy and active club!

Thanks to our very active planning committee, we are able to host several different events for our members each year, where we get to enjoy each other's company as we participate in these events.

A question raised at the Annual General Meeting about how many members we currently have was timely and helpful for us to see how healthy we are.

As of this past planning committee meeting, we have **406** members, who are eligible for subsidies from the company. We absolutely rely on the subsidy so that we can offer so many different, quality events over the course of the year.

Please remember that it is the combination of paid membership AND participation in at least one club event during the year that allows us to get the subsidy funding.

So, kudos to all of our members for helping to make our club healthy.

And welcome aboard to our new members!!

Imperial Sarnia now on Social Media

SLEAC also has a Facebook page! Check it out!

Upcoming events

Christmas Dinner and Dance	Sorry, not this year
February Valentine's lunch	This will be evaluated when the planning committee meets in December
Annual General Meeting	Very tentatively planned for June 10, 2021, including the VPP presentation of On Golden Pond

Member News & Information

Has Anything Changed?

Help us to keep our club records up to date.

Do you have a new address, phone number or e mail address?

Send the new information to:

Carol Barnes

307 Tawny Rd

Sarnia, ON, N7S 5K1

Phone: 519 542-6159

E-mail: md.sleac@gmail.com

Keep us up to date

When words are hard to say, sometimes a card is the best way to reach out. Outreach cards for sympathy and illness can be sent to members or family. Please forward this information to Sharon Sharp, 519 383 7578,

email Admin@sleacweb.ca or ssharp1015@gmail.com

so that cards may be sent in a timely manner. Thank you

Web site

Our web site is running and reliable thanks to Ric Cudmore! On the web site are links to photographs, events and other information.

http://sleacweb.ca

Future Event Registrations

Cheques must not be dated any later than the cutoff date for an event. Cheques dated for day of event will not be accepted.

Transportation and accessibility

Please note that registrations for our events will include a line that you can fill in if transportation is needed or if you can provide a ride to the event. The committee members organizing that event will make an effort to link those that need a ride and those who can provide one.

For all of us, please remember to watch out for each other and offer assistance if needed to members with restricted mobility preferred accessibility.

The dilemma of your SLEAC Planning Committee

We want to assure all of our club members that we want to continue to host events for all of us to enjoy. We have met on our regular schedule this year to continue to evaluate and consider what we can do.

Within our families, gatherings for birthdays, weddings, and all manner of reasons for celebrating have been affected by Covid-19. None of us can be sure what this will mean for Thanksgiving and Christmas time. We are all looking to better times ahead.

So far, following the new Covid-19 rules of engagement, we have been able to hold our annual golf tournament.

But everything else has been essentially cancelled.

That means no fall event.

That means no Christmas dinner/dance.

That means we will be considering the Valentine's Day lunch when we meet in December.

So our planning dilemma continues.

However, we are hopeful for the future.

Hold the date of June 10, 2021 for our annual general meeting, and the VPP Presentation of On Golden Pond.

Please keep yourself safe and healthy!

Fuel Discount Program

As Imperial celebrates its 140-year anniversary in 2020, we have a lot to be proud of – including the strong brand presence we have established through Esso and Mobil in Canada. We hope you share our pride, and will continue to act as advocates for the company and our retail brands with friends and family.

We are thrilled to share that qualifying employees and annuitants can now receive a 10 percent discount on purchases of fuel at Esso and Mobil stations in Canada through our Brand Ambassador program. The discount is delivered in the form of a statement credit, administered exclusively through the President's Choice Financial Mastercard®.

If you already have a PC Financial Mastercard®, please complete the steps below to receive your discount.

Log on to Managing Your Benefits and click on the PC Financial splash page hyperlink to register your credit card for the discount.

Complete the registration form by filling out your 9 digit IOL benefit ID, date of birth, and credit card information.

Confirm you have read the terms and conditions prior to submitting the registration form.

A message will confirm if the registration was successful. If it was not successful, please try to complete the registration again.

If registration was successful, it may take up to four weeks for the discount to come into effect (though it is typically activated within a few days). The discount will be shown as a credit on your monthly credit card statement.

For more efficient and contactless fuelling, load your PC Financial Mastercard® into Speedpass+, using these instructions (https://www.esso.ca/en-ca/speedpassplus).

If you don't have a PC Financial Mastercard®, you can use this link

(<u>https://www.pcfinancial.ca/en/campaign/other08</u>) and click 'Apply now' to apply for a card. With a new PC Financial Mastercard®, you can also get a welcome offer of 20,000 PC Optimum points*.

In addition to fuelling at Esso and Mobil-branded sites, we encourage you to be advocates for our brands with friends and family. Here's how:

Share information on the quality fuels that Imperial manufactures for sale at Esso and Mobil service stations. Encourage your friends and family to download the Speedpass+ app to streamline their fuelling experience. Tell your friends and family about the company's 140-year history in Canada, including the Esso brand's long-standing support for hockey in the country.

Provide feedback on your visit through the Speedpass+ app or contact customer service (nacc@exxonmobil.com) so that we can continually improve the customer experience.

We truly appreciate your support of the company and our brands. If you have additional questions on the program, please see the attached program FAQ or email us (nace@exxonmobil.com).

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Qualified candidates for the fuel discount include full time employees, part time employees, annuitants, employees on leave and expatriates.

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Golf tournament photos – September 17, 2021 at Widder Station



Sarnia Lambton Esso Annuitant Club Newsletter

United Way of Sarnia Lambton Update

If you are an annuitant who has supported the local United Way in the past, you will have received information in the mail about this current campaign. However, if you have not donated or are a new annuitant (hooray!), you may not get this information. So, we are sharing a little information here for our SLEAC members

The 2019 campaign was a success! Our annuitant donations reached \$74,500 and combined with employees and the Imperial corporate donation, over \$454,000 was raised. Together, Imperial was once again United Way's largest contributor raising approximately 24% of the entire Needs Target. THANK YOU!

The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton depends on your support in 2020. Your generosity means that our friends, families and neighbours can take comfort in knowing that nonprofit human care service agencies in Sarnia-Lambton will continue to provide essential and life-saving services.

The United Way and many local donors stepped up during the Covid-19 pandemic to help those struggling because of the pandemic, but the needs that the United Way funded pre-COVID will be here long after. Your donation to United Way will go directly into the 2020 fundraising campaign which funds 18 local agencies focused on three impact areas within our community; supporting local youth, families which includes mental health, and support services for seniors.

If you have already planned a donation, Thank You! If you haven't, please consider donating to the 2020 United Way campaign. You can visit www.theunitedway.on.ca to contribute online.

Your donation will have a lifelong, measurable impact.

If you have read this far!

Since so many things are cancelled, we would like to consider a few things to do this fall.

Photo contest – with all the beautiful fall colours coming out, there are great opportunities for our photographers. Get out there and snap up some shots to capture some of that colour. And send your best photo in to be judged by our committee in December. Best photo will win a nice prize!

Email your photo to Jim at Bobjim5159@gmail.com

Recipes – have you tried something new during this unusual year? Share your favourite new favourite recipe! We may even have a prize for the best one. Email your recipe to Jim at Bobjim5159@gmail.com

And finally, you may have a memory related to your last 'career' that others may find interesting.

For example:

My neighbour Bob was a cook on the Imperial freighters (including the Imperial Sarnia). I ran into Nate Smith, the Captain of the Sarnia, a few years ago; he recalled that he would warn his crew as they were coming into port to absolutely not brag about their cook – Nate did not want to lose him!

By the way, Bob has the model of the Imperial Sarnia that Captain Nate had commissioned.

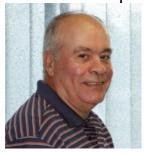
Email your memory to Jim at Bobjim5159@gmail.com



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Our next planning committee meeting will likely be a zoom meeting on December 3, 2020 at 10 a.m.

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