



Commander's Report December 10, 2014

Our Christmas Dinner/Dance at the Crofton Community Centre last Friday was a resounding success with 75 people attending. The Crofton Ladies provided an exceptional dinner and DJ Daddy Mack the music. Thank you to Administration Officer Colin and the Christmas Dance Committee. Special thanks are extended to our sponsors who continue to support our events: Lakes Marine, Classic Marine, and Danson Mechanical. Very special thanks were also extended to Morris and Bonnie Wadds for the donation of a High Seas Rescue collar which was sold at silent auction. Other auction items, door prizes, and special draws kept the evening lively.

Our Special Guests came all the way down from Courtenay / Comox and the Cape Lazo Squadron - VIND Commander Peter Bolton and VIND Secretary Diane Bolton. Visiting from the Mount Brenton Squadron of Ladysmith, we recognized VID Past Commander Bryan Loveless and VIND Past Commander Sue Loveless.

Bryan Loveless presented the VIND Rendezvous Bocce Trophy to Cowichan Squadron members Shelley Locke and Jan Burrell, who were part of the winning team along with Diane Bolton and himself. Those that stayed around far too long were witness to karaoke at its finest by one of our senior officers.

We have a number of special events coming this spring including the Fall Graduation Ceremonies and Special Member's Night at the January Bridge Meeting, the potential for a guest speaker and another Special Member's Night in February, and the AGM in April.

On the Training side, our Boating Essential class writes tomorrow. Our spring course calendar will soon be set. By the time we meet again in January, the first Boating Basics course will be underway. Our glitch with the fall Advanced Piloting course, which resulted in its deferment, has been resolved. With the capable Intervention by VIND Cdr Peter Bolton and Education Officer Alexa Stochmal with National, our original order has been recognized. So, our AP course is a go for the spring session. There are only ten spots available and seven students have indicated their interest so, if you want to take the course, act now.

Your Nominating Committee, composed of Jim Peakman, Ion Barnes, and myself, will soon start to cruise about looking for volunteers for the Bridge and our various committees, such as those for education, entertainment, and promotion, for next year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Jenkins, Commander