

Connections

... created by and for members of the eQ Resident Club

July - August 2019

Updates from your Advisory Board

Further to discussions with eQ management, the Board is pleased to report the following with regard to issues raised by members:

Feedback received from the contractors responsible for the construction of the outdoor courts indicates that, barring any unforeseen challenges and with the cooperation of continued favourable weather, **the courts should be completed by month end.**

eQ management is well aware of the problems in the ponds caused by an abundance of algae. eQ has been in consultation with experts and is currently working through potential solutions in order to resolve the issues and restore the ponds to their natural and desired state. Residents will have noticed that one of the fountains is now back in working order.

Resident Club members are reminded that **club facilities are for the use and benefit of members** and their guests. Fobs should not be loaned and guests should preferably be accompanied by a member. When exercising in the gym, please remember to always wipe equipment after use. Swimmers are also encouraged, as much as possible, to bring their own accessories to the pool. If you must use the noodles provided, please exercise caution and care as several have been damaged (or destroyed!). Additional noodles and accessories will be purchased shortly for both aqua-fit classes and for general use. We are also hoping to acquire proper storage bins.

As always we thank everyone for your consideration and cooperation.

Connections

Starting with this issue, **our newsletter is now known as Connections.** The new name reflects the goal of our newsletter to keep our members up to date on activities and coming events of interest; to highlight recent activities, to provide useful information on local issues; and to provide an update on what the Board is doing to help make our neighbourhood an interesting place to call home.

July Gift Cards

Once again, two lucky members will receive a gift card to the Fireside Grill, courtesy of the eQ management group.

Following a random draw, our winners are:

Craig Calvert- 276 Royal Landing Gate

Jennifer Lynn Wallace- 3 Wycliffe

Gift cards will be delivered shortly.!

Enjoy!

Get to know Plants and Shrubs Better!

Are you looking to add colour around your house?

Floral Design Greenhouse & Garden Center is pleased to host an Open House for all eQuinelle residents Friday July 26, 6:30pm - 8pm.

Light refreshments will be served. Inge van Stralen, the new Greenhouse Operations Manager and trained Horticulturist will be on hand to discuss plant species, offer advice and answer any plant and landscaping questions.

Location: 2860 Donnely Drive, (behind the New Rideau Restaurant)

No reservations needed. Just show up and enjoy an informational evening.

In case of rain the event will be rescheduled

Meet Inge

Inge van Stralen completed four years of horticultural college in her native Holland and immigrated to Canada in 1984. With 30 years of experience in horticulture, greenhouse operations and landscape design, Inge is excited to take this small retail nursery to the next level. With the help of her two sons, the business is expanding to include hard landscaping (stonework) and small pools.

For the remainder of the season, Inge is extending a 15 to 25% discount on their already competitive prices of plants, shrubs and trees.



Karaoke Night at eQuinelle!

Monday July, 22 7 PM

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Bridge Club



We have lots of fun playing social bridge on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m., with Friday reserved for experienced players.

We also have an Equinelle Bridge page now on Facebook. If you are interested, find it on the Resident Club Facebook page and ask to join.

EQ BOOK CLUB



The eQ Book Club meets on the third Thursday of every month in the library, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, to discuss books, authors, and ideas.

Book selections for the current season are posted on our website.

For additional information, please contact Elisa Lane at: elisalane5@gmail.com

Mah Jong Anyone?



Interested in playing Mah Jong? Looking for American Mah Jong players with a basic knowledge of the game (using the 2019 card) for a weekly get-together on either Tuesdays or Thursdays at 1pm for

2 hours in the Residents Club card room.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Beverly Hugenholtz at bevhugenholtz@gmail.com or Michele Houle at houlmichele2@gmail.com

Writers' Circle

Anyone interested in writing, from vignettes to poetry, to kids stories, to full manuscripts, is invited to join in. We share our writing, critique each other's work and experiment with writing challenges for fun. Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, September 10th starting at 1:30 PM, in the card room.



For more information please contact Nancy MacLean: livewiremac@gmail.com

Hand and Foot is looking for interested players

Hand and Foot is a variation of Canasta and includes teams of two or singles playing against one another.

Presently Hand and Foot is on Thursday at 7 p.m. Alternatively an afternoon gathering could be set up. For more information please contact either Barb Davidson (barb.davidson@hotmail.ca) or Brenda Colebrook (brianandbrendac@sympatico.ca).



**Your Advisory Board
is working with the
eQ team to host a
member appreciation
event
in the coming
months.
Date and details to
follow shortly.**

Pickleball News

On Saturday, June 15, several eQuinelle (eQ) Pickleball players took part in the Smiths Falls 'Paddle Battle' tournament. Teams representing eQuinelle were...

- **Mens Doubles:** Rob Longpré & Steve Heath; Wes Webb & Michel Pelletier
- **Womens Doubles:** Pearl Webb & José Van Zijl; Penny Pepin and Nancy Longpré
- **Mixed Doubles:** Linda MacLeod and Michel Pelletier

This 'Paddle Battle' tournament was the first annual Pickleball event for Smiths Falls and volunteers did an amazing job of organizing over 140 players on a total of 13 courts spread out in two arenas, with each team playing a minimum of four games.

The brackets were determined based on a self-rating of skill level. Unfortunately for eQ, "age" was not a consideration and there were lots of young players registered. Not only was it the first time for most of our players to self-assess their level of skill, it was the first time competing outside of an eQ tournament. We saw some amazing games and lots of very talented Pickleballers. While all of our players made eQ proud we are particularly delighted that **Nancy Longpré and Penny Pepin brought home a bronze medal**, winning their final games against two local players from Kemptville. It wasn't just the players that thoroughly enjoyed this event. The eQ team had our own cheerleading section which certainly was the largest of any cheering squads in attendance and they definitely won the gold medal for being the loudest and most supportive.



Bronze medal winners - Nancy Longpré and Penny Pepin



Brad Latta (spectator), Rob Longpré and Steve Heath between games

In anticipation of our outdoor courts being built this summer, eQ players are also playing at Riverside Park where some of the tennis courts have been set up as

dual-purpose courts for Pickleball games. We will be ready to play outside here at eQ as soon as the courts are ready!

Lastly, on June 28-30, **Linda MacLeod also participated in the 2019 Canadian Nationals Pickleball Championships** in Kingston, ON. Over 530 players from North America were in attendance to play. Almost 1000 matches played over the 3 days. Linda played in both the Womens Doubles and Mixed

Doubles based on skill level and age. Her partners were new teammates: Annie from Bath, ON and Grant from Belleville, ON. They spent only one day to get to know each other and connect on the court prior to participating in the tournament. While Linda didn't bring home a medal, she played extremely well, winning many of her Mixed Double matches, then Linda & Grant's run ended, two matches away from a Bronze medal. Linda reported that this was another extremely well-organized sanctioned event with some incredibly skilled players. Linda's next event is the **Eastern Canadian Regional Championships** being held July 20 – 21 at the Nepean Sportsplex.



Linda MacLeod and Michel Pelletier, in play



José Van Zijl and Pearl Webb

WHISKY A-GO-GO

After an initial Whisky Tasting evening in October of 2018 there appeared to be sufficient interest to plan a second event early in 2019. That took place on the 2nd of June to a sell-out crowd of 24 whisky aficionados. Mac Campbell again hosted the evening, in the small activities room. From feedback and comments received from the first tasting event, a theme of “Five Whiskies Under \$60 Worth Owning” was developed. Whiskies were selected from Canada, Ireland and Scotland and carried the evening. Another sell-out crowd enjoyed a couple of hours of tasting, conversation, and friendship again hosted by Mac.

Delicious snacks were provided by the Fireside Grille and both events were ably supported by Courtney and her staff. Many thanks to Rick Milks for his support as well and his generous donations of door prizes which were much appreciated by the groups.

Mac has said that he is willing to host another event in the Fall time-frame, so keep your eyes open for the event announcement once a date has been confirmed.



ELVIS AND SIMON

He was a cultural icon in the 1960's, a singer, an actor and a soldier. No, I am not referring to Bruce “Almighty” Robinson, the person who brought him to the eQuinelle Resident Club on Saturday, June 22nd, but to The King—Elvis.

Elvis was in the house with his British-Invasion buddy, Simon Clarke, who together with Elvis (Paul Anthony) put on a night of entertainment featuring memorable songs from the 60's. You can read more about this duo at <https://simon-clarke.weebly.com/>.

Bruce was helped by Tim and Susanne McLoughlin to arrange the event. There were approximately 105 attendees. Rick Milks and his team prepared the meal and the venue creating an enjoyable evening of dining, dancing and fun. The superb meal had something for everyone. There were many positive comments about both the entertainment and the meal.



Apart from the professional talent, we were regaled with a rendition of one of Elvis' hit singles “Are you Lonesome Tonight?” sung by our own eQuinelle “Heart Breakers” (Penny Pepin, Al Laschinger, Lise Robinson and Bruce Almighty). You can enjoy a repeat interpretation at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f5H9vBZVH8>.

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WINE TASTING

On Tuesday, June 18th resident Sommelier Louise Boudreau kicked off the first of three wine tasting events in the Fireside Grill. Each of the events will showcase six LCBO new release wines - 3 whites, and 3 reds, and feature a variety of grapes and vineyards from different countries.

The sold out event on June 18th, themed "All About The Wine", had 28 Resident Club members learning the finer aspects of experiencing wine and picking their favourites. Participants were coached on aspects of evaluating and experiencing wine: examining the wine's colour and hue; and identifying elements from the smell and taste. Participants enjoyed meeting new resident members and discussing their experience throughout the evening.

Wines tasted at the event were:

- Albarino, Casa Monte Pio, Spain;
- Gavi, Marchesi di Barolo, Piedmont, Italy;
- Chardonnay, Catena, Argentina 2017;
- Pinot Noir A to Z, Wineworks, Oregon;
- Shiraz Blend, Family Tree Red, Henry of Pelham, Ontario;
- Grenache/Shiraz, Sister's Run Cow's Corner, South Australia 2017

The Catena Chardonnay from Argentina was voted best white and the Sister's Run Cow's Corner Shiraz from South Australia, voted best red.

These wines will be served in the Grill at cost plus corkage while supplies last. Participants overwhelmingly voted the event a big success with the majority of participants indicating an interest in future tastings.



Michel Pelletier and Derek Best each won a fine bottle of wine from the door prize draws. Special thanks to Rick Milks, General Manager, who treated the group to complementary plates of cheese and cured meats. His staff very efficiently set up the venue and provided water service. Kudos to Louise, co-presenter Cathy Lalonde, and Louise's wine group ladies for making this event such a resounding success.

The remaining two events of the season will be held in the multi-purpose room, as the Grill proved to be too noisy. As the event is limited to 28 members, priority will be given to members who have not previously attended.

... submitted by Sue Hinxes

Tuesday, July 30, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

The Fireside Grill management, our local eQuinelle sommelier Louise Boudreau, and her Wine Tasting Team, are once again collaborating to host the second wine tasting events of the summer.

For more information see the resident club website, or email louiseboudreau100@gmail.com

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eQuinelle Golf Committee

... Submitted By John Polak

The golf season is in full 'swing' and once again this year, despite a particularly challenging winter, our course maintenance crew is working tirelessly and doing an amazing job to ensure that eQuinelle remains the best award winning course in the area. Be sure to salute them when you cross paths on the links!

We salute this season's first hole in one: congratulations to **Jasmine Kim** on her first career ace achieved on hole 13 on June 16th: well done!

We also congratulate the following members who have successfully qualified for our 2019 Intersectional Teams:

The ladies play on July 14 at the Kingsway Golf Club in Aylmer Qc.

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| Danelle Ethier | Peggy McPhail |
| Susan Legault | Kerri Seabrook |
| Gini Purnell | Patti Henry |
| Jasmine Kim | Cathy Lalonde (Alternate) |

The men represented our club at the Canadian Golf and Country Club on Sunday July 7. Our guys made us very proud once again handily winning their division. Our eQ team scored an impressive 51 points out of a potential 60, defeating Canadian (36), Glengarry (20) and Nationview (13).

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| Owen Henry | Nolan Gill-Anderson |
| Derek Maclean | Ryan Crouse |
| Logan Henry | Shawn Perry |
| Jason Mourato | Ben Brayman |
| Jason Allen | Marc Ethier (Alternate) |
| Kevin Byrd | Andy McWilliams (Alternate) |

Congratulations to our men's team, and best success to the women!!

Every season, our dedicated golf staff make every day at eQuinelle a pleasant and positive experience for all. Once again this year, the golf committees will host a Staff Appreciation Event on August 13th.

Volunteers are needed to make this the special evening that all workers deserve.

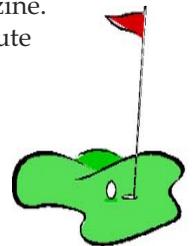
Why not consider helping out this year.

The email address to respond to to volunteer is egolfcommittee@gmail.com



Our golf course is widely recognized as among the best groomed and maintained courses in eastern Ontario. These acclaims are due to the dedication of all members of the eQ Golf Team. The on course crew is expertly led by course superintendent Chris Vollett. Chris is the subject of a recent interview conducted by Flagstick magazine. Be sure to check out the article and to salute Chris the next time you see him! Well done and sincere thanks Chris!

<http://flagstick.com/profiles/chris-vollett-equinelle-superintendent-profile/>



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W E L C O M E

On behalf of the membership, we welcome the following new resident club members:

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- ☐ Julie & Peter Bisdee
- ☐ Cathy Collyer
- ☐ Elizabeth Richer Dewitt
- ☐ Mel and Judy Glustien
- ☐ Alexandra Halkett
- ☐ Albert Hum
- ☐ Bernadette & Dave MacDonald
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- ☐ Julie & John Robinson
- ☐ Leslie Jane-Skinner
- ☐ Anne & Bryan Walsh

If you are a new member and have been missed, please let us know by sending an email to info@equinelleresidentclub.com. We'll be sure to include you next time.

Help us Welcome Newcomers to eQuinelle

Are you a Resident Club member who loves meeting and helping newcomers? Do you want to share what excites you about living here, and assist new residents in accessing club activities and using its website? **Join our team of volunteers as we are currently looking for two more Welcome Ambassadors.**

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge our generous contributors who help fill our welcome bag: Fireside Grill, Equinelle Pharmasave (Neveen Hanna), Brewed Awakenings (Kika Smith), Geronimo Coffee House (Terri and Lee), Yazdani Dentistry, Epicure (Kim MacDonald), Avon (Joan Valdstyn) as well as instructors Carol Arnoni, Mary Moore and Christiane Charron who offer complimentary classes.

For additional information, please contact Susanne McLoughlin at fetchsusanne@gmail.com

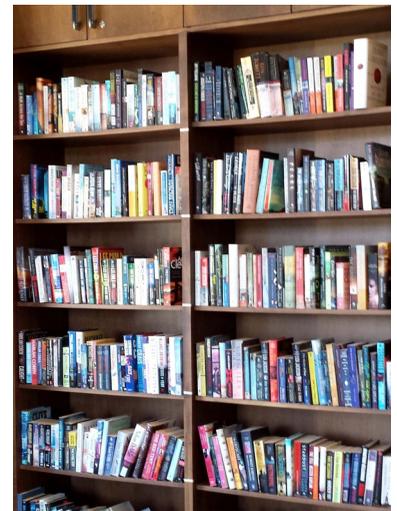
Library News

We are pleased to announce that **audio books are now available in the Library** for members who wish to borrow them. Thank you to Diane Turcotte for her generous donation

Please refrain from dropping off your book donations in the Library until our fall and spring donation days. Due to lack of space, we prefer to receive donations just twice a year, when our volunteers will be on-hand to organise them.

Notification of the next donation date, in October, will be sent to members in September.

The genres we seek are popular fiction, non-fiction and biography.



If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact marymaccuaig@hotmail.com



Our Resident Club kitchen is a nice benefit. whether hosting an event or just dropping in to make coffee, let's all remember to clean up after ourselves, keep things orderly and be mindful of the next users. Staff, caterers and maintenance workers have also been reminded

... Thank You All



WHEN YOU JUST WANNA EAT OUT, WE GOT YA!

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Thank you to everyone who contributed pictures for the Summer newsletter.

- Fatherine Allen*
- Angela Kennedy*
- Murray MacLeod*
- Christina Soucie*



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THU - SUN
18 - 21
July

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MONDAY
22
July

Karaoke at eQuinelle

FRIDAY
26
July

Floral Design Open House

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THU - SUN
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August

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