

The Southern Yarn

October 2014

NEWSLETTER OF THE DOWN UNDER CLUB OF WINNIPEG INC.

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OCTOBER

Formal Dinner

Saturday October 25th, 6pm

Scandinavian Cultural Centre, 764 Erin St.

This is a new venue for us for this popular event, but the fine dining will still be a feature - Bonne Cuisine by Michael will be providing the culinary artistry. See p. 6 for details. The exec decided to try something new this year to help make this fun occasion more accessible to more members and friends, so please INVITE YOUR FRIENDS to join us.

NOVEMBER

Annual General Meeting

Friday November 28th, 2014

Scandinavian Cultural Centre, 764 Erin St.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. Consider taking a turn on the executive – all positions are up for grabs – or just turn up and lend your support to those who keep the cogs turning. It is a good forum for raising suggestions for Club Events or to catch up with mates. The Bar will be open and snacks will be supplied.

DECEMBER

Christmas Bingo Bowl Social

Saturday December 7th, 2014, 5 – 8pm

Windsor Bowling Lanes

Pizza will be provided by the Club. Santa is expected, so contact Margaret Munn by November 30th with childrens' names (12yrs and under)

RSVP

If you let us know you are coming, we can be ready for you! RSVP to 204-228-9959 or social@downunderclub.mb.ca.



Our annual wine and cheese night was combined with games. (Gordon, Norm, Jennifer and Peter.)

Next up: our Formal dinner!

Saturday, October 25th

Next up on our social agenda for the club is the annual Formal Dinner. This year we will have the chef come to us, so we look forward to seeing you again very soon!

Cost of the 2-course dinner is just \$28 per guest and \$35 per guest for the 3-course dinner. This is a bargain considering both costs include fresh baked bread, coffee/tea service, taxes and gratuities. (CASH or CHEQUE only).

Bring friends along for this great deal!

RSVP by Oct 15th: call Margaret Munn 204-237-1805 and indicate your choice of the Chicken or Lamb.

Check out the delicious menu on the back page of this newsletter!

Wine and cheese

September 27th was the date of this year's annual DUCW Wine and Cheese evening. Members enjoyed an assortment of cheeses while having fun with board games to the background serenading of Slim Dusty. The

first glass of wine was "on the house", so Charlie was kept busy in the bar. Thank you to Judy Powell for organizing the fine selection of tasty cheeses: Spiced Gouda, Herbed Goat, Notre Dame Camembert and Coombe Castle Saxonshires –

There is a cheese named Saxonshires
Its stripy appearance cause wonderment and awe.
Layers of cheese from five different counties
Yes we said five (and definitely not four)
Its creamy and smooth and mild to taste
Named after Saxons who once roamed the land
and ate this cheese without worry or haste.
We are sure you will enjoy this treat, whether
young or old
So remember our Ode.... and let it be retold!

(More online)

It was a fun night and a great way to relax with friends after that last bonus day of summer weather. Rumikub and Cross Crib, though new games to some, kept the competitive spirit alive.

Passing....

Past member **Garry Doyle** passed away recently - Read it online. A sympathy card has been sent to Marguerite on behalf of the Club.

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Charlie Powell



G'day! – What a pleasure it was to be able to relax with friends and a glass of wine after that last bonus day of summer, most of which I had spent doing yardwork. Fine cheese and fun board games made it even better. It's good that our Club still offers such opportunities! That is why I am also looking forward to the Dinner on the 25th – more great food, friends and fun.

Thanks to Jenny Gates for submitting that fine story on Gordon Keatch last month. As that was our last "Getting to know...(members)" column, for now, we are replacing it with a series of Getting to know other Kiwis and Aussies. So this month we start with that bloke on the AU\$50 note – who knew it was David Unaipon? No, neither did I until I saw the story in the Australian Geographic. See p.4 and learn just how famous he is. I will welcome your suggestions for other interesting characters.

Another huge contribution each month continues to be Murray Burt's Commonwealth Corner (p. 5) – a valuable and interesting summary of doings in the "family" – thanks again, Murray! Thanks also this month to Peter, Jenny and Judy.

Enjoy!

Charlie

Hi there,
It has been nice to have more than a week of great weather to close out September. My golf clubs were brought out of retirement for 2 more games these past 2 weeks, and that will probably be the last time they see daylight for quite a few months.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our "not so formal" formal dinner on Saturday the 25th of this month, and we are excited to be having it prepared by Michael, a well known Winnipeg chef who is renowned for his excellent meals, catering throughout Winnipeg. His monthly dinners at the Scandinavian Club get great reviews, and we are looking



president's ramblings

Peter Munn

forward to a very enjoyable time. It will be quite a formal presentation in the downstairs area, white linen table settings, and great lamb if that is your choice. Check the menu for the selections, and you must call Margaret at 204 237-1805 by the 15th to reserve your places. Pricing is shown in the menu in this issue, and please remember, just cheque or cash at the door for payment. The bar will be available.

We are looking forward to a good turnout at the dinner, it is a good time to catch up with friends if you haven't seen them for some time, so please pick up the phone, and make your reservation.

Peter

600-year-old canoe discovered

Sophisticated oceangoing canoes and favorable winds may have helped early human settlers colonize New Zealand, a pair of new studies show. The remote archipelagos of East Polynesia were among the last habitable places on Earth that humans were able to colonize. In New Zealand, human history only began around 1200-1300, when intrepid voyagers arrived by boat through several journeys over some generations. A piece of that early heritage was recently revealed on a beach in New Zealand, when a 600-year-old canoe with a turtle carved on its hull emerged from a sand dune after a harsh storm. The researchers who examined the shipwreck say the vessel is more impressive than any other canoe previously linked to this period in New Zealand. [More online]



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Interactive map sheds new light on Ludwig Leichhardt expedition

[By Elise Pianegonda, ABC News] An Australian National University (ANU) project has shed new light on explorer Ludwig Leichhardt and his landmark expedition through northern Australia in 1844.

The ANU has launched a new paper map, as well as an interactive digital map, showing the precise route taken by Leichhardt on his journey from Moreton Bay, in south-east Queensland, to Port Essington in the Northern Territory.

The new map corrects old maps that were up to 32 kilometres off. Today marks 170 years to the day, since Leichhardt set off on the journey with his company.

The map includes excerpts from journals kept by Leichhardt and three other members of his party as well as artworks by Bill Gannon and Katharine Nix.

A digital version of the map has been linked to the journals allowing users to take the expedition online. [More online]

WWI photos in farmer's fridge

[By Laura Hegarty, ABC Tropical North] Almost 400 photos taken by a World War I soldier during his tour of duty have been digitally developed after spending the last century in a sugarcane farmer's fridge.

Peter and Daphne Fuller from Proserpine in North Queensland say they always knew about the photos tucked away in a chocolate box in the fridge passed down



from Peter's grandfather, William Johnstone, but had never looked at them.

"Peter's mother had them stored away because her Dad told her that the subject of the photos was a bit sensitive and she shouldn't tell anybody... photos of planes and ships and troops and things like that," said Daphne.

"Peter's dad was a photographer and they had a special fridge that they kept the slides in so they wouldn't go mouldy." [more online.]

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source: NZ Herald, unless otherwise noted

NZ flag referendum likely next year - John Key

[ONE News] Prime Minister John Key has pointed to a likely referendum on the New Zealand flag in 2015.

The surprising remarks were made this morning. Mr Key had previously indicated a non-binding vote on the flag was likely only "before 2017".

"I'd like to get on with it, to me I'd like to do it as a 2015 issue," Mr Key told Radio Live.

"I'm obviously a big supporter of the change, I think there are a lot of strong argu-



ments in favour of the change."

We want a design that says 'New Zealand', whether it's stitched on a Kiwi traveller's backpack outside a bar in Croatia, on a flagpole outside the United Nations, or standing in a Wellington southerly on top of the Beehive every working day."

By law the flag can be changed by parliamentary majority but the Prime Minister says it is a decision for all Kiwis. [More online]



Nathan Adams' giant tuna could set record

World's largest tuna?

[HuffPost, By David Moye] New Zealand fisherman Nathan Adams caught a 738-lb bluefin tuna that is believed to be the largest ever caught with a rod and reel.

New Zealand fisherman Nathan Adams will never have to say "You should have seen the one that got away" ever again.

That's because it is going to be hard for anyone to top the 738-pound Pacific bluefin tuna he caught last month near Houhora, off the east coast of the country's North Island.

Experts find it amazing that he caught it in a small 20-foot tin boat using only a rod and reel, but the fact he had a premonition of catching the titanic tuna is impressive as well.

"It was pretty cool because when I first started fishing my dream, was to catch a bluefin tuna exactly like that," Adams told SkyNews. [more online]

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David Unaipon

Legendary Tales

You probably already know the face, he's on our \$50 note, but there is a lot more to David Unaipon than just his picture. Born in 1872 at the Point McLeay Mission on the Lower Murray in South Australia, David Unaipon would become a great inventor, an Indigenous rights advocate and Australia's first published Aboriginal writer!

Unaipon's fascination for science was kindled under the teaching of Mr. W. Hutley. Unaipon went on to develop many inventions including an improved hand-piece for sheep-shearing which was patented in 1909 with the help of Herbert Basedow, a former South Australian Protector of Aborigines. The two exchanged many letters which are now held in the Mitchell Library.



"Born between two great forces; Hea-thenism and Civilisation," Unaipon was influenced at a young age by the teachings of the Congregationalist church and was also aware of his Aboriginal spiritual ancestry. In trying to fuse these two halves, he became a great protagonist for Aboriginal affairs, and undertook wherever he travelled to preach and educate.

During 1924 - 1925, he journeyed through southern Australia compiling what became *Legendary Tales of the Australian Aborigines*. The manuscript was submitted for publication but Unaipon was not to be credited for it yet. Instead the book was sold to William Ramsay Smith, an anthropologist who edited the work slightly and published it under his own name in 1930 with the title *Myths and Legends of the Australian Aborigines*. The book was finally published in Unaipon's name, using his original title, in 2001. His original manuscript survives to this day in the Mitchell Library collection.

View an excerpt from the manuscript of *Legendary Tales*

His extraordinary lifetime of achievements was formally recognised in 1953 when he was awarded the Coronation Medal. He died on 7 February 1967 and in 1985 was posthumously awarded the FAW Patricia Weickhardt Award for Aboriginal writers. He was further honoured in 1988 with the establishment of the annual national David Unaipon Award for unpublished Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers, and an annual Unaipon Lecture in Adelaide. Finally, in 1995 he was immortalised on our \$50 note [source: State Library of New South Wales] [More online.]

A picture of David Unaipon in his book, *Legendary Tales of Australian Aborigines*. IMAGE CREDIT: State Library of NSW



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India pulls off space coup with brilliant satellite orbit of Mars

India triumphed in its first interplanetary mission, placing a satellite into orbit around Mars on Wednesday and catapulting the country into an elite club of deep-space explorers.

In scenes broadcast live on Indian TV, scientists broke into wild cheers as the orbiter's engines completed 24 minutes of burn time to manoeuvre the spacecraft into its designated place around the red planet.

"We have gone beyond the boundaries of human enterprise and innovation," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a live broadcast from the Indian Space and Research Organization's command centre in the southern tech hub of Bangalore.

"We have navigated our craft through a route known to very few," Modi said, congratulating the scientists... "and all my fellow Indians on this historic occasion." Scientists described the final stages of the Mars Orbiter Mission, affectionately nicknamed MOM, as flawless. [Sources: AP, ToF I]

Wrath of Khan changes mood in Pakistan

The hope that followed a closely-monitored election and the decorous installation of new government in Islamabad last year, seems to be disintegrating – with huge implications for Pakistan and its troubled terrorist-riven region, and the world.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif supporters, opposition demonstrators, police riot squads, the military and terrorists have clashed on the streets of Islamabad. No one is happy.

The action has, for the most part, been led by cleric Mohammed Tahir-ul-Qadri and his ally, cricketer-turned-politician, Imran Khan, the No. 3 party leader who has turned angry.

Whomsoever initiated the move to military mediation and how the military has played into the development of the crisis itself are questions that are at this stage difficult to determine. But senior politicians and constitutional experts have denounced it as a national disgrace that reflects badly on the commitment to genuine democracy across the political spectrum. [Sources: IFJ, Dawn]

Pakistani troops face protestors in streets, tangle with Indians in Kashmir

The outfit Crisis Watch wrote that continued mass anti-government protests in Pakistan have the potential to undermine the nation's fragile democratic transition.

Crisis Watch also saw the mood early last month as having the potential to raise fears of a military intervention and more. Protests leaders want Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's resignation, dissolution of parliament and new elections. After a mid-August assault on several key government buildings, the army joined the fray ostensibly to become mediator. Army chief General Raheel Sharif saw the job of a mediator and guarantor of any negotiated settlement to be his.

Meanwhile, India-Pakistan relations took a hard hit when forces of the two states tangled again over the Kashmir line of control. Civilian casualties were claimed by both sides and high-level talks were cancelled.

Commonwealth theme will focus on youth

They've made a choice. The theme next year for Commonwealth Day in March will target the younger set. Its title will be A Young Commonwealth.

This annual name selection decision is to establish a focus for activities undertaken during the ensuing year led by Governments of Commonwealth member states and by Commonwealth organizations.

Themes are agreed on about this time each year in a group think- consultation with reps of Commonwealth civil society. Their suggestion is then presented for approval by Her Majesty The Queen, as head of the Commonwealth.

Those aged 25 or under account for the most of the Commonwealth's population (about 2.328 billion, nearly a third of the world's people) and play a vital role at the heart of sustainable development and democracy.

Notice from the Commonwealth Secretariat in London says;

"A Young Commonwealth recognizes the capacity, contribution and potential of young people, particularly in 2015 when the world will define a new global development framework."

It is important that the profile of the Commonwealth should be raised, and for understanding of the impact of its work and values to be advanced.

"Our hope is that all members of the Commonwealth family will find appropriate ways of marking Commonwealth Day and of drawing attention to the new theme for 2015," Secretary General Kamallesh Sharma said.

Fiji election returns coup leader as PM

Frank Bainimarama, the previous Prime Minister of Fiji, was re-elected last month, in the first universally accepted national election since a military coup in 2006.

Prior to the election Bainimarama, formerly a naval commodore, was an Independent

but stood for the FijiFirst Party in 2014. The Social Democratic Liberal Party and the National Federation Party both got over 5%, the threshold for a party or independent to have seats in the parliament. Seven parties registered to contest the elections, with a total of 248 candidates nominated, of which two were independents.

FijiFirst Party took 59.20% of the vote. The Social Democratic Liberal Party, with 28.20% of the vote will form the official opposition in the 50-member Fijian parliament.

Monitored and approved by a Commonwealth Secretariat team of scrutineers, the election restores Fiji to diplomatic grace among its south Pacific neighbors. But it returns with a big new friend: China.

In New York last month, the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) formally reinstated Fiji to full membership status. [Sources AP, CS, NZHT]

A diplomatically awful oops moment in New Delhi broadcast

An Indian newsreader's blunder identifying visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping, on his high-profile first state visit to India last month, cost the newsreader his job and many blushes for the hosts. The TV anchor saw the president's first name, Xi, as the Roman numeral for eleven, XI, and called the visitor "Eleven Jinping" on air, in a report by India's public broadcaster Doordarshan. Coping with foreign leaders' names is a headache for newsreaders worldwide, but the status of this blooper hit harder than most.

Pistorius gets the word this month

Oscar Pistorius killed his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp after firing his pistol four times through a locked bathroom door in the middle of the night. He told the court, in his defence, that he thought an intruder was in there. Judge Thokozile Matilda Masipa, 66, who heard the 41 days of testimony beginning in March, found him guilty not of murder but of the lesser charge of culpable homicide which carries a penalty of up to 15 years in prison. He will be sentenced this month. But, as Roxann Gay wrote in The Guardian, "Hers is a verdict that raises the question – what does a man have to do to be found guilty of murdering a woman?" For the last few weeks there have been rivers of speculative commentary in the media.

Murray Burt writes this column to lift the curtain on our understanding of a third of the population of the world that doesn't get the news attention it deserves. How often did the media identify these countries as Commonwealth? Sad shortcoming.

Down Under Club's annual Formal Dinner

Scandinavian Cultural Centre, Winnipeg

menu

Mixed Field Greens with Shaved Jicama & Fresh Berries, sherry vinaigrette

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Roasted Ballotine of Free Range **Chicken**
stuffed with Cognac soaked dried cranberries,
fresh basil & delicate chicken mousse served with
an organic honey and apple thyme jus

or

Rack of Lamb en Croute with Shiitake Mushroom Duxelle
served with a Port wine and fig demi-glaze

Seasonal Potatoes & Colorful Array of Fresh Vegetables

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Dessert: Espresso Crème Brûlée served with fresh fruits

includes fresh baked bread, coffee/tea service, taxes and gratuities.

**Cost of the 2-course dinner is \$28 per guest
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