

W I N T E R 2 0 1 6

# Nanaimo Tae Kwon Do Club

## News & Updates

### Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who participated in Hot Dog sale fundraising at Country Grocer on November 20.

Despite the cold weather we had a great turnout and most important we had fun. Some children members absolutely shined as an amazing sales people! Bright future ahead of you!☺

We did absolutely brilliant and to my surprise we fundraised **\$447.15** in total. I can honestly share this exceed it all my expectations.

Thank you all!



### Message from the President

The holiday season ended and I hope that everyone had a great time. Many of you spend holidays with family, friends, love ones and shared the special moments. I hope all children found the gifts from Santa they were hoping for and enjoyed two weeks off.

New year started and with it many of us have established new resolutions. We all know what they are. So how about our club, what is ahead of us?

Well for sure we will continue in our fundraising efforts to stabilizing finances of the club, we will focus on the transitional period under new Society Act, making office operations more efficient, etc. We are looking forward to new challenges in 2017.



### Save the Date!

#### **Referee Seminar** Jan.28, 2017

Referee Seminar organized by Taekwondo BC from **10:00AM to 4:00PM**. Black Belts let Master Steve know if you are interested.

#### **March Belt Test** March 11, 2017

Next Belt grading will be happening in our Dojang. Pre- test will occur on March 8, 2017.

#### **Bottle Drive** April, 2017 (TBA)

First fundraising event will occur in this month. We are in the process of finalizing it. Start collecting those bottles.☺

WELCOME New Board of NTKD Club for 2016-2017  
Meet the Executive Team...



**Angelika Valchar – President**

She has been with the club for the past 3 years and joined the board last year. Her daughter and spouse are active members of the club. Angelika offers over 16 years in non-profit sector and management. In her day to day job she sets and maintains high standards, creates directions and builds employment programs into a reputable entity.



**Carl Butterworth – Vice President**

Carl came to Nanaimo Taekwondo on the recommendation of a friend. His two boys started taking classes and it wasn't long before Carl started as well. Now they're all separated by one belt level and are all having a lot of fun. In his spare time he works at VIU's Deep Bay Marine Field Station and helps his wife run Harbour Dance Centre in downtown Nanaimo.



**Rachel Mason – Treasurer**

Rachel holds Bachelor of Business and offers over 16 years of progressive accounting experience. Four family members are active members of our club. Both Reese and Callum are first degree black belts.



**Shawn Miller – Co-Treasurer**

I am Gavin Moffat's mom. I am a bookkeeper and have also operated a home-based childcare and worked for the BC Pension Corporation. I volunteer a lot! My husband Rob might say, I volunteer too much. I am your District Parent Advisory Council Secretary and past Treasurer. I have also volunteered with Dry Grad, Gavin's school PAC, and with other sports organizations, including the BC Summer Games. I love to work in organizations that better children's lives and am proud to be a Taekwondo Mom.



**Therese Maughan – Secretary**

Therese has been a secretary for the past year and has been a tremendous addition to the NTKD club in her role. Her daughter Sam is currently red belt. She is active in the community and is looking forward to the coming year and continued growth of the club.

**Directors:**

**Arlene Firomski, Miranda Short, James Whyte and Josef Valchar**



# IMPORTANT CHANGES and UPDATES from Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As you know our AGM is an opportunity for active club members to voice their views on club operation. I do need to say that this year attendance of members was on a weaker side.

I really hope that all members recognize the importance of this event. This is also an opportunity for the Executive team to hear from their members what changes they would like to see, what we need to pay attention to, etc.

Even though the attendance was not as expected, it still was a very productive meeting and great discussions occurred.

The first change is affecting the facility improvement fee that has been unanimously approved to be increased by \$10.00 per year, per family. **Therefore effective of Jan.1, 2017 all new members will pay \$50.00 for facility improvement fee.** Current active members will pay this increase in September when re-registering for the new fiscal year – 2017-2018.

The second change will affect every active member of the club. As you know we are a non-profit club trying to keep all costs to minimum. None of this would be possible without the dedication of the very effective board and few other club members. Our goal is to involve everyone.

Therefore at the AGM we had a very fruitful discussion around volunteering. This topic is not new. I have talked about the importance of volunteering in the last issue of our newsletter.

Since we still have mostly the same people giving their time we have introduced **mandatory volunteering hours per family. From Sept.1, to June 30 everyone will commit to 20 hours for the club.** This can be accomplished through fundraising activities, volunteering at special events, set up for special events, (Black Belts) supporting Master Steve during classes, etc. **In order to monitor the commitment we have implemented \$75.00 post-dated check for June 30.** Those who will complete the hours, the cheque will be returned. Those who will not meet the hours will be informed by mid June that the cheque will be cashed on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

Please provide postdated cheque to the office no later than January 30. If you do volunteer with the club please keep your records and get one of the executive team member to verify it by their initials.



# Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to all club members celebrating their big day in December, January and February



## December

Charlotte Wussow  
Samantha Maughan

## January

Dirk Wussow  
Pam Kapalka  
Angela Young  
Chase Corbeil

## February

Carl Butterworth  
Matthew Nguyen  
Reid Forrest