

Looking Back

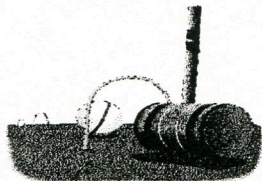
The Lions Bay Historical Society meets once a month. The volunteers devote their time to meetings and keeping our history updated. Each summer the members get a well-deserved two month break.

Our chairperson, Tony Cox, suggested we have a get together and invite our spouses for a game of croquet and dinner. To find a flat lawn in Lions Bay is a challenge, and to pick a date and hope for a sunny and warm evening was another. When we arrived at the Cox residence on July 31st, it was indeed a beautiful, balmy summer evening. Not only did we find a flat lawn, we found one almost perfectly cut that resembled Wimbledon, or the lawns in Newport, Rhode Island. It must be that old-fashioned lawnmower and Tony's know-how combining to achieve such a straight line result.

The ladies were requested to wear long skirts and hats, and slacks for the men. We truly looked like a group of croquet players from long ago. Thanks to Silvie's dress-up boutique, the evening was a complete hit.

While sipping on a chilled glass of rosé, tasting scrumptious appetizers and enjoying a private garden tour by our host, we patiently waited for the game to start. Tony and Noel seemed eager to show us the real game with rules that made us feel like pros. The game continued for a couple of hours, while laughter and loud cheers echoed from the garden. I am still puzzled how my husband Rudy and I could be winners of a game we knew so little about. We assume the Brits must have shown us the correct rules. For the Swiss to win might have been a disappointment, but surely Tony will practice hard to avoid repeating a loss to the Swiss Rovers! A very special thank you goes out to our beautiful hostess Valerie Cox, to Tony for the vision and the wine, to Mark Cox for doing a great job as our private wine butler and to all the ladies for the fabulous food. We closed the evening with Sheila's real English trifle, Chris' home-made port, singing with Frank Sinatra and Louis Armstrong and listening to the unusually loud and familiar sound of Harvey Creek. The sunset painted yet another gorgeous scene over Howe Sound and we departed from an evening of fun and friendship with the hope that next year will be another success story for the Lions Bay Historical Society.

Trudi Luethy



*From Left to right
Don Pollock, Valerie Cox, Chris and Anne Page, Suzanne Spohn,*



*Tony Cox, Noel Day and Carol Lamb
Kneeling:
Trudi and Rudy Luethy, Sheila Blake
Missing due to other commitments,
Vera and Brodie Deans, Bill Spohn.*