



# SANDYCOVE ACRES

## RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

# Valentines Day

## FEBRUARY 2024

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**The submission deadline for the next Newsletter is:**

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> by 6:00 PM**

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Please email submissions for the Newsletter to [scanewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:scanewsletter@hotmail.com)

- In typing your submission, please use **Verdana, font size 11.**
- Use WORD, and do not use excel or .pdf. Omit putting into columns or any 'fancy' formatting as it causes problems when setting up the Newsletter. **Just leave the set-up to the Editor.**
- Please ensure all pertinent information, (date, location time, etc.) about the event is included in your submission.

# Happening at the Wheel

**FEBRUARY 2024**

**THEY'RE COMING BACK!  
CHARLOTTE & THE DIRTY COWBOYS**

**Saturday, February 24th**

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$15.00  
BYOB & Share the Wealth



**Tickets still available - call Liz Jones (after 9:00 a.m. and before 8:00 p.m.) at 705-436-5370**

**Ticket Pick-Up: Saturday, Feb. 10th** between 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Wheel Ballroom

**MARCH 2024**

**'ROCK & ROLL BINGO'**

**Friday, March 8th**

Doors Open at 3:30 pm

Do you know that tune? Is it on your card? Come on out and hear some great music while enjoying the company of your friends and neighbours.

Admission is just \$2.00 at the Door – Share the Wealth and BYOB & G

Please note that this is a **'Residents Only Event'**



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**YOU ASKED FOR HIM – WE GOT HIM!**

**DYLAN LOCK**

**Saturday, March 23rd**

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$15.00  
BYOB & Share the Wealth



**Tickets can be ordered starting Tuesday, Feb. 13th, by calling Liz Jones (after 9:00 a.m. and before 8:00 p.m.) at 705-436-5370**

**Ticket Pick-Up: Saturday, Mar. 9th** between 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Wheel Ballroom

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*We request that all tickets ordered be picked up on the applicable date. If you decide not to attend, please cancel your tickets prior to pick-up date by contacting Liz Jones (705) 436-5370- after pick-up check with Liz to determine if there is a wait list.*

Ticket Sales – Because we want to showcase the SCA Lifestyle to our friends and family, there are a limited number of non-residents tickets available. For this reason, we may limit the number of times a non-resident attends a dance.

For information on ALL WHEEL HALL Bookings, call Dave Jones at 705-436-5370

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# "IT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPOKE"

## FEBRUARY 2024



**Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Music provided by DJ Tony**

**This is now a ticketed event.**

**NOTE - TICKET PICK-UP Sat. Jan 20th (11:00-12:00) at the Spoke**

Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month for 2 hours of **Music & Dance from 3:00 – 5:00 pm** (doors open @ 2:30 pm). Mix and mingle as we welcome new residents, celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and any other special occasions. BYOB & G Share the Wealth

**Please note, this activity is for Residents Only**

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**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

(1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each month)

**Admission \$2.00**



Join us at the Spoke to play cards, games and darts (bring your own games and darts). Want to Play Darts? **Doors open at 6:15pm for Dart registration until 6:45 pm.** This will allow us to get the Dart Tournament started promptly at 7:00 pm.

BYOB & G Share the Wealth

**Please note: this activity is for Residents Only**

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**FEBRUARY DANCE – Sat. February 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 – 10:30 pm - Doors open @ 7:00 pm

Dance the classic rock of our newest entertainer – **Kevin Roderick**

Tickets are \$10.00 each BYOB&G and Share the Wealth

**Ticket pickup is Sat. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00-12:00 noon at the Spoke**

BYOB & G Share the Wealth



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## APRIL 2024

Coming up in **April**...Rock to the contemporary sounds of **Caribou Country**. Tickets are available now. **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$10.00. Ticket Pickup will be on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am-12:00 noon. BYOB&G. Share the Wealth

Please ensure that if you ordered tickets, they are picked up on the applicable date. And if you change your mind, and cannot attend, please call and cancel your tickets before the pick-up date. **Please do NOT give away your tickets.** Phone the ticket coordinator, Linda Moyles at 705-436-7949 to see if there is a wait list.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Should you notice any maintenance issues with the Spoke, please notify **Ted Moyles, Hall Director at 705-436-7949**. He will then do what's necessary to get the issue resolved. We ask that you do **NOT** go directly to Parkbridge, as we have to track these issues. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Again**, we ask that when you are finished with the tables, please wipe them down, so that the next group in the hall does not have to clean up after you. Also please ensure that any garbage/recycling is put out. If needed, please vacuum. Thank you.

For Event Tickets - please call Linda Moyles at 705-436-7949

For Hall Bookings - please call Linda Moyles at 705-436-7949.

**Please be respectful of volunteer's time and not call past 8:00 pm.**

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# "NEWS from the HUB"

## FEBRUARY 2024

Hub Dance/Party

Saturday, February 10

Featuring: "Brad James Band"

Tickets: Sue Brocklebank @ 705-436-9994

Tickets: \$15.00 – ticket ordering starts January 16 @ 10:00 am

Ticket pickup – January 27 @ 9:00 – 10:00 am (Hub Meeting Room)

BYOB (G) Share the Wealth



Hub TGIF - Friday, February 16 Happy Hour

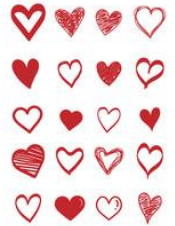
4:00 pm -6:00 pm (doors open @ 3:30 pm)

Valentine Month (Wear something Red)

Music by DJ "Rockin' Rick"

Admission is \$2.00 and for residents only

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## MARCH 2024

Hub Dance/Party

Saturday, March 9

Featuring: DJ "Rockin' Rick" (Celebrating St. Patrick's Day)

Tickets: Sue Brocklebank @ 705-436-9994

Tickets: \$10.00 – ticket ordering starts February 6 @ 10:00 am

Ticket pickup – Sat. Feb. 24 @ 9:00 – 10:00 am (Hub Meeting Room)

BYOB (G) Share the Wealth



Hub TGIF - Friday, March 15 Happy Hour

4:00 pm -6:00 pm (doors open @ 3:30 pm)

Music by "The Hub Committee"

Admission is \$2.00 and for residents only

\$share the Wealth – BYOB (G)

**NOTE: DJ ROCKIN' RICK WILL NOT BE PLAYING FOR TGIF IN MARCH – MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HUB COMMITTEE**

**TICKET SALES:** HUB event tickets may be ordered for a group of up to (6) people, if available. The ticket orderer must also provide the names of those people receiving the tickets to the Ticket Coordinator, including address information, if requested.

FOR EVENT TICKETS CALL SUE BROCKLEBANK @ 705-436-9994

FOR HALL BOOKINGS CALL CHARLES ASH @ 705-431-2260

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**HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023/24**

**Duties on HOA website <https://scahomeowners.com>**

**OFFICERS:**

President - Linda Morris  
 V. President - Dennis Rodgers  
 Secretary - Lynne Patterson  
 Treasurer - Linda Moyles

**DIRECTORS:**

John Bevand Ken Campbell  
 Brian Dusome Ted Gemmell  
 John Mogan RoseMary Reid

**2023 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION 2023**

Judging was done by members of the Home Owners' Association Board. Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who put so much effort into decorating this year in order to spread some light and joy to so many of our residents this Christmas Season. Our sincere thanks to Parkbridge for again donating the prizes for 1st and 2nd place winners for both North/South. Pictures on the HOA web site. <https://scahomeowners.com>

**WINNERS NORTH:**

1<sup>st</sup> prize - 5 Hickory Court - Chuck and Wendy Ward  
 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - 6 Main Street - Ross and Reneka Ferreri  
 Honourable Mention – 4 Hickory Ct – Franca & Marlene Ryan/Mancini

**WINNERS SOUTH:**

1<sup>ST</sup> prize – 14 Nature Trail – Ronald and Alice Lilley  
 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – 122 Linden Lane – Jerry and Doreen Barca  
 Honourable Mention: 24 Flora Drive – Brent McNabb & Scott Franklin

**February 12, 2024 (Mon) - SEMINAR**

**1:00 p.m. (open 12:30) Spoke**

**RECOGNIZING & PREPARING FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**Kim Oxley, Public Access Defibrillator Program Coordinator**

- **Recognize cardiac arrest & why good CPR is important**
- **Learn signs & symptoms & how to help someone having a heart attack/stroke**
- **Learn to apply public access defibrillator & how it works**
- **Ways to help remain calm to help paramedics**
- **Mannequins will be available to try hands only CPR compressions**

**HOA Members-Only**



1) To everyone who attended the HOA Forum on Above Guideline Increase procedures. Attendance was good and hopefully the PowerPoint presentation was beneficial in helping to make the process more understandable. This is not a straight-forward process with many factors that influence individual homeowners. If there are still questions feel free to send an email to the HOA [info@scahomeowners.com](mailto:info@scahomeowners.com)

2) To all the residents who attended the HOA Open House Wine & Cheese and to the homeowners who signed up for a Home Owners' Association membership.

3) Your membership allows us to deal not only with Above Guideline Increase (AGI) challenges, but also with other legal matters. The result of the HOA AGI challenges, reduces the amount that gets added to your rent.

**PEEK AT UPCOMING HOA EVENTS**

**MARCH 18/24 HOA MEMBER SEMINAR SPOKE 1:00 p.m.** (doors open 12:30) TOPIC TO BE CONFIRMED

**PEEK AT APRIL**

THERE WILL BE NO SEMINAR IN APRIL AS THE HALL COMMITTEES AND CLUB ORGANIZERS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

# SCA Veterans' Social Club

## Upcoming events



On Friday evening, **February 2, 2024** we will be entertained by **Elvis Priestley**, an award-winning Elvis impersonator. Please call Pat Laidlaw to order tickets. \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. **The February 2nd dance is sold out. Call Pat if you want to be put on the waiting list.**



**March 1st dance**, we will be entertained with the music of **The Flailing Shilaleighs**, a high-energy Irish Celtic Band. Dress up in your Irish colours and help us welcome in St. Patrick's Day. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Call Pat Laidlaw for tickets 705-431-7028. The **pickup date** is **February 17th from 9-10 am** in the Hub Meeting Room.

For **April 5th**, we welcome back a Veterans Social Club favourite, **Bill Dickinson**.

**Each month we share a short biography of one of our own Sandy Cove residents who served with the armed forces. This month is:**

### Cliff Ashdown (Interviewed by LL)

Cliff was born in Toronto on January 21, 1930. Cliff's father served in WWI with the 180<sup>th</sup> Sportsmen Battalion Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He survived the war and lived until age 91. Diane's (Cliff's wife) grandfather was killed at Vimy Ridge.

He joined the Cadet Services of Canada in 1942. In 1949, he left the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Cadet Corps with the rank of Bugle Major. Cliff joined the Reserves and immediately enlisted with the 8<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment and later transferred to the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. In 1951, he stayed on strength until 1973 and then went on Supplementary Reserve until 1983.

Cliff did his training with the Royal Green Jackets and the Queen's Regiment of the British Army. Cliff played the Last Post in every WWII cemetery in Northwest Europe, D-Day landing celebrations, Vimy Ridge and Menin Gate. One of Cliff's biggest honours was playing the Last Post at Canterbury Cathedral for their D-Day service in May of 1974. Cliff was the band president from 1973 to 1990.

He worked at A&P for 35 years and was a store manager for many of those. Cliff and Diane moved into Sandy Cove in 1994. They are both still very active. Diane was part of the Drama Club from 1997-2013 and was a part of the variety show for several years. Cliff joined the Vets Social Club in 1995 and was President for 7 years. He also served on the Homeowners Association for 5 years. Cliff's other passion besides music is stamp collecting and he still works one day a week at Northern Stamp & Coin. From 1983 to 2010, Cliff stayed on as a volunteer until he retired as Band Sergeant. That is a total of 59 years of service to his country.

This article was written in 2015. This month Cliff will be 94 years old.

*You don't have to be a Veteran to join the Veterans' Social Club, but the benefits are worth it. Our events include Remembrance Services for Peacekeepers in Angus each August 9th, the parade and Remembrance Services on the Sunday closest to November 11<sup>th</sup>. And of course, our dances on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month. Membership offers an opportunity to socialize with great people, tell stories with comrades-in-arms, and save on dance tickets.*

# CLUB ACTIVITY/NEWS

## **New Direction**

We are a group of Sandycovers who are trying to create a new healthier lifestyle and lose some weight along the way. We don't follow specific weight loss plans. We support each other in our journeys through open discussion, and specific topic discussion. Come out and join us, learn a few chair exercises, and get help from friends in the search for better health as we age. We have weekly and monthly prizes and incentives.

Meetings: Weigh-in 12:15 Fridays in the North Hall of the Wheel.

Meeting runs until 1:30

Cost \$5 to join/ \$3.00 a week.

For more information, call: Virginia Samson Smith, 647-200-4411 Or Donna Gimby, 705-431-4746.

Please note that none of us are professionals in the field, just friends and neighbors with the same focus. We do not promote or sponsor any professional weight loss groups (i.e., WW, Tops etc.)

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## **SCA** **SHUFFLEBOARD** **LEAGUE**

If you have a New Year's resolution to increase your activities and meet your neighbours down the street, I have exactly what you are looking for without leaving SCA.

**Shuffleboard** - All you need is your Parkbridge key to get in the front door of the Wheel (off Weeping Willow) and go downstairs to the courts. Come down Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 1pm to talk to one of our committee members and see for yourself where all your neighbours are having fun this winter.

We are in need of players, couples or singles.

If you need more info, pls. call Christine Hempey 705-436-2464

## **MORE JUNK MAIL**

When Don and I delivered the newsletters to the boxes around Sandycove last month, I found several boxes with your junk mail, candy wrappers and even a crunched-up tissue. Not sure if the tissue had been used or not, I have to hope not.

The box by the East Wheel parking lot was almost half full of your junk mail. That's where the candy wrappers were. Hey, if you want to leave me a candy that's okay, but really empty wrappers.



Please, please, please take your junk mail, candy wrappers and tissues home with you. The County of Simcoe is trying to figure out how come Don and I have so much junk mail in our bin toward the end of the month each and every month.

Thanks  
Kathy

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## **SANDYCOVE news & notes**

**SANDYCOVE news & notes** is an active, up to date private Facebook group for residents of Sandycove Acres only. It is a "No Frills" group, consisting of announcements concerning Sandycove and its residents, plus "community service" messages as well as posts to buy, sell, trade or give away.

There are NO daily greetings, NO jokes or puns, NO rants or raves, NO politics. If you would like to join SANDYCOVE news & notes = On the Facebook page, go to "Search Facebook" (upper left), select SANDYCOVE news & notes and answer the "Membership questions".

## **POP & BEER TABS MARCH OF DIMES**

Thank you very much everyone for saving your tabs and depositing them in the bins at the halls.

We collected \$56.40 from **GREENGO RECYCLING** which we forwarded to the March of Dimes. Copies posted in the Rec Halls.

Please continue to save all your tables. We will keep you posted.

Thanks again – Carol Bramwell/Bill Plume

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## **SANDYCOVE CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

**Feb. 8 - 2:00pm at the Spoke**

### **Speaker – Deborah Marshall**

Deb's faith journey has been slow and steady, with a few stalls along the way. Her oldest daughter died in 2017 at the age of 40, and her husband died in 2022.

Title of her presentation:

### **Faith and Living with Grief**

### **ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US**

Refreshments - bring your own mug

Contact Linda Pascoe 436-7325



## **A NEW BEGINNING**

**Create Art, Develop Personal Enjoyment,  
Enjoy Your Time, and the Camaraderie of**

## **THE SANDYCOVE ACRES WOODWORKERS CLUB**

**Request More Information and a  
Membership Application. Send an email  
to:**

**STEVE SILVA: [stevesilva@rogers.com](mailto:stevesilva@rogers.com)**

**or**

**GARY GRANT: [garygrant@hotmail.com](mailto:garygrant@hotmail.com)**

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**The Sandycove  
Men's Glee Club** is  
looking for a new  
**director.**

If you or someone you know can offer your services. please contact Ted Gemmell at 705-436-2087.

If we are unable to acquire a new director, we will have to consider discontinuing the group. This would be unfortunate after 35 years of entertaining both in SCA and seniors' residences.

## SANDYCOVE BILLIARDS CLUB

Attention all Sandycove Billiards Club Members!

The Billiards Club held their Scotch Double 8 Ball tournament on Mon., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> and all members who participated had a fun time!

Our next scheduled tournament will be a Singles 8 Ball Tournament and pizza will be offered for lunch.

DATE: Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

TIME: 9am – 2pm

LOCATION: The Wheel - Basement

Signup sheets for the February tournament were posted on the Billiards Bulletin Board in the Wheel basement on Mon. Jan. 15/24. You must be a member to play.

Members only: If you would like to become a member, please contact Cynthia LeBel at [cmlebel61@gmail.com](mailto:cmlebel61@gmail.com) (416-419-5828) or Rick Baxter [rickbaxter97@gmail.com](mailto:rickbaxter97@gmail.com) (647-968-2290)

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## Seniors Wish Valentine's Day Drop In

To help your senior wish team celebrate Valentine's Day come to the **Spoke on February 14 from 10:00-11:30** and join us for a hot drink and a muffin/cupcake and take home something special to celebrate the day.

Feel free to wear something red.

This is open to all residents that would like to drop by. If possible, please direct message me if your able to join us. Looking forward to seeing you

for more info call Linda Lewer - 705-436-3908

## LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON



**Wed. Feb. 21st,  
2024 at 12:00**  
Wheel doors open at  
**11:15am**

### MENU

Ham & Cheese on a Croissant, Salad  
Dessert,  
Tea & Coffee

**(Bring your own Mug)**

(Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate food allergies)

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Donna Wice – Historical Society

Share the Wealth – 1 strip \$2.00 or  
3 strips \$5.00

#### Luncheon Tickets \$15.00

Tickets can be purchased at the February meeting for next month

**(Police Presentation in March)**

Please phone Cairine Tessier 705-436-5237

**We would like to ask the Ladies if they could bring a feminine hygiene product to the February luncheon. All to be donated to the food bank, as there is a serious need for these products.**

Table numbers are now assigned to the tickets. If you wish to sit with a friend then please make sure you purchase your tickets together

**THIS EVENT IS FOR RESIDENTS ONLY**



# SANDYCOVE MEDICAL RIDE PROGRAM

Coordinator: Nancy Peters

**NOTE CHANGE IN PHONE NUMBER:**

**647-293-9910**

## **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS PROVIDING RIDES TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

**We are simply neighbours driving neighbours as a volunteer service. Please note that we do not carry special insurance on our vehicles. You take a ride at your risk.**

**Please give us at least 48 hours notice of appointments so that we have time to find you a driver. The farther in advance you can call to book a ride, the better.**

**If this program is going to continue to be in place, and thrive, I need more drivers. Please consider volunteering. It is only usually once a month or less.**

This is a personal phone number. PLEASE only call during reasonable hours. If no one answers, leave a message with your name, address, phone number and the details of your appointment. I will get back to you. A driver will call you to confirm your appointment details and establish a pickup time for your appointment.

**In the event of an Emergency, please call 911 as we do not provide this service.**

**NOTE:** Sandycove Drug Store will deliver your prescription as well as OTC goods for a small fee. And you'll get to see our very own Pat Laidlaw when she comes to deliver. 😊

**Regular Rides: This fee goes to the driver to offset their gas.**

Alcona/Stroud.....\$15.00  
Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre.....\$20.00  
Huron/Hurst.....\$20.00  
Barrie (RVH, Quarry Ridge, Lakeside).....\$25.00

**Longer Distances:**

Alliston/Orillia.....\$50.00  
Newmarket.....\$75.00  
Toronto.....\$100

**One way is the same charge as both ways.**

**Failure to notify a Driver of a cancelled appointment = \$10.00 Fee at Pick Up**

Parking fees incurred are your extra charge. As an alternative...perhaps you could buy your driver a coffee at the nearest Tim Horton's and make arrangements to call him/her after your appointment. 😊

Amounts are doubled on regular drives if they are over 2 hours. Questions about longer distances/longer appointments? Please discuss this ahead of time with the Coordinator so that there are no misunderstandings.

\*\*\*Drivers are unable to sign riders out after day surgery. You must make arrangements to have someone with you to sign you out or with the Doctor to sign yourself out.