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Our March breakfast meeting continued the string of successes we have enjoyed during 2008. Approximately 100 people attended and enjoyed an excellent breakfast.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Michael Brown. His topic was Alternative Energy Sources and his presentation was both enlightening and thought provoking. His experience and expertise were obvious from his opening remarks. He presented both sides of a number of difficult issues in an impartial manner and predicted what we could expect to see during our lifetimes and beyond.



Without in any way diminishing the importance of the ongoing global warming debate, he pointed out the divergent political realities that will shape the outcome. Irrespective of the merits or the arguments, no politician can win election or re-election on a platform that advocates reduction of their constituent's standards of living. Developing countries see the issue as one in which they might be denied access to energy that developed countries enjoyed. That will not be acceptable to their constituents.

At the same time our political leaders can be expected to react to the growing public sentiment that the subject cannot be ignored. That will lead to greater regulation and subsidies for various alternate energy sources.

He also drew our attention to the existence of natural feedback loops that have the potential to increase the amount of carbon dioxide. For example, the melting of the permafrost may well release huge quantities of carbon dioxide into the environment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS A Retrospective

BREAKFAST MEETINGS 2008

JANUARY - Richard Haskayne, "Northern Tigers, Building Ethical Canadian Corporate Champions"

FEBRUARY - The Honourable Harvie Andre, "The Politics of Climate Change"

MARCH - Michael Brown, "Alternative Energy Sources"

ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL EVENTS - Wine and Cheese reception at Kate Smith's former home followed by a matinee performance of the Palm Springs Follies

GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET - Palm Valley Country Club

WIND-UP DINNER – Desert Willow Golf Resort

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Golf Tournament

March 3rd was a great day by Palm Springs standards. In the context of a cooler than normal year it was fantastic. Sixty-six golfers teed off and enjoyed a fine afternoon of fellowship, tall tales and even some golf. After the round another 13 people joined us for a fine meal prepared by the Palm Valley Country Club. Doug Baldwin and his entire crew of Scotty Cameron, Stan Davison, Betty Stein and last year's Chair, Bryan Ledingham, did a great job in hosting this fun event. Since being revived a few years ago the golf tournament has become a highlight of the Club's year in the desert.



At the end of the event one team stood victorious. The winning team, with a score of 69, was presented with the team trophy and individual trophies to commemorate their victory. This year the winning team was (left to right) Ken Hallett (team captain) Gladette Ledingham, Stan Sailor and Betty Beard who are shown below admiring their winnings.



To all who came close, there is always next year.

Wind Up Dinner

Our Wind-Up Dinner was really special this year. Thanks go to Jay Sanderson (Chair), David Anderson and Ed Moul for putting together a memorable evening. The decision to choose a venue without an attendance limit was rewarded when 110 people took in the event. Thank you for your support. From the discussion level it was obvious that everyone had a good time.

Our thanks to the staff at Desert Willows for putting on an excellent buffet and their efforts to make our evening the success it was. The views across the patio from the dining room were truly magnificent.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

During his remarks at the Wind Up party our President David Stowe, as he has done during the year, thanked the directors and others whose work behind the scenes make possible the various events that we all enjoy. One such group is Stan Davison, our Breakfast Chair, and his team of volunteers who man the registration table at our monthly Breakfast meetings. Bette Davison, Mary-Anne Stowe and Scotty Cameron are regulars and our thanks go out to each of them.

With our recent growth and normal membership turnover, what may not be known is that there are three couples whose combined efforts on our behalf are really responsible for the continued existence of our club and its ongoing success. In closing out another year in the desert we want to acknowledge these people and offer our sincere thanks on your behalf for their efforts. I also know, having served on the Board, that each of the directors who have had the pleasure of working with these people echo these sentiments.

Martin and Evelyn Hopkins



Larry and Diane Tasse



Doug and Helen Morrice



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Home for Martin and Evelyn is Regina, Saskatchewan. They have been vacationing in the desert for more than 20 years and spending their winters here since about 1992. They first encountered the CCOD through a newspaper ad, came out and liked what they saw. Martin agreed to join the Board about 10 years ago and has served in many roles. He presently heads up the phoning committee that really helps the Club communicate with its members. The feedback we get indicates that you really enjoy the personal contact.

Evelyn officially joined the Board in 2007 and has done a great job as Secretary, organizing our meetings, preparing the agendas and minutes and generally keeping us all going in the same direction. Before 2007 Evelyn provided a lot of help behind the scenes.

Martin and Evelyn were the first people you likely met when you attended your first meeting. They have acted as the official greeters at the breakfast meetings for many years. Their warmth and graciousness help make that first exposure with the club an enjoyable experience.

Larry and Diane Tasse

Larry and Diane hail from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Like so many others they started vacationing here in the late 60s and have now spent 11 winters in the Desert. Larry first heard about the club hosting a Grey Cup party and decided to attend. That quickly led to meeting attendance, membership and service on the Board, starting about 1999. Larry originally served as Breakfast Coordinator. He has chaired the Special Events Committee for the last 5 years or so.

Diane came on the Board as Treasurer in 2001 and has served in that capacity since then. Her attention to detail is invaluable. Affectionately known as the “Money Lady” nothing gets done in the club without Diane’s involvement

Doug and Helen Morrice

Without exaggeration, Doug and Helen are the heart and soul of the Canadian Club of the Desert. Doug is the longest serving Director, having joined the Board about 1984. It can be truly said that if the Club has done something, Doug has probably been involved, if not leading the effort. The smiling lady at his side at all club events is Helen, who is always involved behind the scenes and sometimes in the front lines. Helen also provides the computer support that Doug relies on in his membership role.

Doug chaired the Club’s curling tournament. Yes we actually used to have a curling tournament. The rocks were shipped in from Los Angeles. He also has chaired the Golf tournament, has been Activities Chair and has been Membership Chairman for the last 5 or 6 years. The nametags we all wear at Club functions are prepared and coordinated by Doug and Helen, the Flags at the tables – same people.

Home for Doug and Helen is Edmonton, Alberta. They have been wintering in the Coachella Valley for many years and been supporting the Club throughout almost all of that time.

Without the efforts of these people the Canadian Club of the Desert would be a much different organization. We are extremely fortunate to enjoy, and grateful for all of, their efforts on our behalf. Once again thank you so very much.



Our President, Mr. David Stowe, chaired the evening and had the difficult job of choosing table order of the buffet. Ever the gracious host, David's table was last in line.

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