



## President's Message

Christmas is almost upon us and our GM, freshly tanned and returned from Mexico, is hard at work.

Your “El Presedenté”, however, is yet again heading for the Holy Land. Freshly sauteed tongues of cod and The Captain awaits.

As we approach “The Season” many will celebrate in different ways. Festivus, Saturnalia and the Solstice are lost in time but we all look to what we find most joyful about the time of year. Whether you celebrate the religious birth of a saviour or the axial tilt of the planet, we wish you and yours all the best and a (safe, cautious) time with family and friends.

Jim Quigley



### **DATES TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR**

#### **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

An evening at Astrid and David Wade’s (7:00). Join your Club friends for some holiday cheer.

#### **December 16<sup>th</sup> (Note the site change)**

Delta’s Grand Ballroom, Holiday Buffet (5:30 drinks – 6:30 buffet meal). Carol Sing afterwards at the Delta.



## Some Updates

- We recently signed two reciprocal agreements with new clubs. One in London England (The Winchester House Club) <https://www.winchesterhouseclub.com/> and the other (Jodhpur Club) in Jodhpur, India ([www.jodhpurclub.com](http://www.jodhpurclub.com)). Both of these clubs are very nice and are linked with many other clubs around the world.
- The Hilton Gardenview Inn, here in Fredericton, has graciously given our Club a 10% discount on rooms as well as food in their restaurants. Just mention the Club when you are eating there. Soon the special room link will be available from our website.
- Over the past several years, I have done something in December that many friends have either wanted in on or wanted some recipes ... I have yet to do it for them 😊 but I am now doing it for you. It is called the 12 Cocktails of Christmas. I have attached the PDF here of the recipes for you to enjoy. Invite some friends over or take turns going to different house for the 12 days. ENJOY



## Message from the Club Manager

Wow, another year almost in the books! No one told me that once you retire the days seem to go even faster. What a year it has been, so many ups and downs, but I guess that is what living is about. It also seems like the COVID record is on replay! Hey, can someone smash that thing?

It has been a pleasure working with you all over the FAST/LONG 12 months, trying to keep things interesting, but yet safe.

As we begin the last month of 2021, I do hope things are “calm” enough for us to meet at two special holiday events. Astrid and David’s and the Delta, for a grand feast. Since the room is very big, if you wish to bring friends, by all means, invite them. If you are still not at ease with being out in public, we can put some tables well off to the side for your comfort. I do hope to see as many of you as possible.

I would like to take this time to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas/ Happy Holidays, good health and happiness, as we leave another trying year!

Cheers to 2022 and hopefully more normalcy!

Francis Perry



## Gin and Jazz at the Hilton

Even during this exhaustive pandemic era, Francis continues to plan interesting activities, creative events and dinners. On

November 19, a total of 14 members partook in a great evening of dining, creative gin

concoctions/libations, conversation and Jazz music at the Pickle Jar, Hilton Garden Inn. The music was soothing, and many requests were performed to our enjoyment and delight. Social distancing, masks wearing and respect for patrons' safety was provided. Our waiter "Gi" was charming and extremely professional. All in all, a great evening of fun.

Clifford Kennedy



## *DISPATCHES*

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