President's Message



February always seems to me to be the longest month of the year, but not so in 2021. As February departs and March arrives, it appears that we may have made it through the worst of winter unscathed. Just thinking about how fortunate we have been this winter, made me start reflecting on some of the quotes that reference March and weather. I am sure that most of you have heard these:

- March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb (interestingly not the other way around).
- A dry March and a wet May fill barns and bays with corn and hay.
- As it rains in March, so it rains in June.
- March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.
- So many mists in March you see, so many frosts in May will be.

And on March 15, we encounter the Ides of March. For those who are interested, here is a link to learn the history of this term. You might actually be very surprised. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ides_of_March.

Our Club Manager, Francis, continues to impress and has single handedly organized some wonderful virtual gatherings. Most recently, many members joined for a rousing game of Bingo followed by many playing Yahtzee. It was a wonderful sight to see, all of your smiling

faces as Francis resolved the anticipated technical difficulties and the rest of you navigated the nuances of the game. Get ready for a repeat game's night on St. Patrick's Day, when we are all able to claim that we are Irish and allow ourselves to become leprechauns and faeries for a day.

Looking forward, it appears that we are finally receiving some of the COVID-19 vaccines, so as they roll out, there should be less restrictions on social gatherings. Your Board will continue to monitor the situation and are looking forward to announcing an in person gathering of some sort in the next few months.

In closing, Barb and I ask that you remain strong, safe and healthy. We have collectively faced this pandemic and seem to be approaching the finish line, so let us not stumble.

George Filliter

Paddy was selling his pet python on eBay.

Some bloke rang him up and asked, "is it big?"

Paddy said, "Massive!"

The bloke says, "How many feet?"

Paddy says, "NONE, it's a snake ya feckin eeijit!"

Message from the Club Manager

We made it to March! Like many of you, this has been the first winter in over 30 years that I have not been somewhere warm. I seriously thought I would go mad, but so far so good!

We have had a lot of fun in February, with several club events; the continuing of our Seek and Find Clue Game, Chowder Night on Valentine's Day, Game's Night and recently the Cold Lobster Plate. Thank you all for participating and keeping the Club as viable as we can, in these COVID times.

We have some great plans for March and some plans in place for April. Such as a Club only (if we can get the numbers) Easter Brunch at the Pickle Jar restaurant in the Hilton. I will send out the menu soon. Since it is all about us getting the numbers, please let me know ASAP if you would be interested in this. If this goes ahead, I will also try to play an Easter Egg hunt, that you can play from your table. We are looking at 10:00 am on Easter Sunday.

Stay well my friends!

Francis Perry

March Events

Photos from February

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DATES TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR





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