

THE **Hub**

NEPEAN SENIORS RECREATION CENTRE

July and August 2011



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

By Sheila Pi - Greetings!

We held our Canada Day Celebrations early this year as the renovations to the Centre coincide with Canada Day on July 1st. From the enthusiasm of the crowd and the good time that was had by all, it was evident we are proud to be *Canadian*. This is a blessed country. **Long live Canada!**



Summer is here. We have put away our winter garb and now there is the freedom to discover, explore, and travel. As well, there are good books for summer reading at our library, in the public libraries and in local books stores. Whatever you do, enjoy.

Your Board of Directors have been very busy these past months working on the projects that I have alluded to in previous issues of the *Hub*. As the work on these projects is ongoing we would appreciate any help you can give us in any of these areas. Please feel free to approach any of the Board members if you can assist us. We now wear name tags around the Centre so it is easy to identify us.

We have had some very positive feedback on the presentation of the *Hub* and I would like to publicly thank Ken Hancock for his diligence and skill in doing this work.

Please review our *What's Up and Coming* section of the *Hub* for information and so you can participate. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

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PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S CORNER

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WHAT'S UP AND COMING

LUNCHES AT SIR GUY CARLETON SECONDARY SCHOOL - As of the new school season, the cost of the lunch is going up to \$10.50. The school has been covering the loss over the past two years, but they can no longer do this. This is still an amazing price for the wonderful three course lunch, including homemade rolls and coffee and tea.

The first lunch of the season will be on October 20th, at 11.30 a.m. The tickets will go on sale as early as possible in October, once the menu is received.

MILITARY WHIST - The next Military Whist will be held on **Friday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** The cost is \$6.00 and includes cash prizes and delicious refreshments. There might still be some tickets available. The following one will be held **on October 14th at 7 p.m.** Tickets for that one will go on sale on September 16th.

SLOTS TRIP - The next Slots Trip will be on **Tuesday, October 4th.** The bus will be leaving the **Seniors Centre at 4:00 p.m. and returning around 9:00 p.m.** Cost is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and it includes transportation, \$10 token voucher and a \$5 food voucher.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SUMMER CLOSURE -. The Nepean Sportsplex, including the Seniors Centre, will be closed down for a major electrical retrofit from Monday June 27 until Friday July 8. There will be no programs running during those 2 weeks.

We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. At least you won't have to deal with the construction!!!

SUMMER HOURS - Effective from July 10th to the end of August, the Seniors Centre will close on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. and will be closed all day each Saturday. On Sundays we will be open from noon to 4 p.m. for Duplicate Bridge.

ACTIVITY REPS MEETING - Mark your calendars now! The annual Activity Reps meeting will be held the morning of **Wednesday, September 14th.** More details will be given closer to the date.

OPEN HOUSE - Another date to mark on your calendars is **Friday, October 3rd** for our Annual Open House. A detailed flyer will accompany the September and October issue of the *Hub*.

OUTDOOR WALKING CLUB - The group walks Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am on the trails behind the Sportsplex. Although there is no charge to walk with the group, you must be a member of the Seniors Centre.

CYCLING CLUB - The group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 am, weather

permitting. We meet at Britannia Beach and cycle along the Ottawa River Parkway. This club is for cyclists who would like to bike 15 to 20 kms in a social setting. All cyclists are required to wear a helmet. If you are interested, please call the office for more information. There is no charge, but you must be a member of the Seniors Centre.

NEWS AND VIEWS

ATTENDANCE DRAW –

The draw takes place every two weeks on a Friday (unless there is a statutory holiday). All you have to do is put in a Loonie in the attendance draw box on the table outside of my office during the two-week period and register your name in the book beside it. Then hope your name is drawn from our list of *all* members. If no one wins within 10 draws, then on the 10th draw we will continue to draw numbers until we have a winner.



Please remember to put your dollar in before signing your name.

The results of the last five draws are:

April 15	Richard McMacdon – not registered
April 29	Barclay Frost – not registered
May 13	Karen Cardinal – not registered
May 27	Larry White – not registered
June 10	Peter Strecker – not registered.

Remember you have to play to win!

FREE NEWSPAPERS ON YOUR COMPUTER

(Courtesy of Rick Chiarelli) - Did you know that if you have an Ottawa library card and a computer you can get your daily newspaper, the *Citizen* or the *Sun*, plus other many, many other world wide newspapers, for free, under a City program? Here is what you do.

1. Go to the Ottawa Public Library website <http://bibliottawalibrary.ca>

2. Go to *digital media*. At the lower right hand side of the screen under the heading *today's papers*, click on the small picture of the newspaper you want to read (either *Citizen* or *Sun*), or select from a list of hundreds of others.

3. A sign-in page will appear. Type your library card number into the first blank space. Then type the password the Library has assigned to your library card (usually the last four digits of your home phone number) into the second blank space. Click *login*. It's that easy.

BOCCE - Due to low numbers, the Bocce tournament had to be cancelled. Unless more interest is shown, Bocce will not be offered this summer.

CANADA DAY BBQ - Another great time was had celebrating our wonderful country. Thanks to PrimeTime Living for donating the delicious desserts. Also thanks to the Golden Oldies and Friends for the thoroughly entertaining show. I hope you all have a fabulous July 1st.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED - At the Open House, the Volunteer Management Board will be looking to replace four of the Board members whose terms will be over as of December.

If you are interested and would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact a current Board member or Leslie Dondale.

OUR THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS -

We would like to thank the following organizations that have, over the last two months, voluntarily provided sponsorship of events, or other benefits to Members.

Boston Pizza: Discounts for the Seniors Centre: Nepean Location (613) 226 3374

Honeybar Products International : Fifty percent discount for all Members: Contact Annette Golding 613 762 8767 or heuriskien@rogers.com

PrimeTime Living Retirement Residences: Canada Day desserts: (613) 218 8082

FALL / WINTER PROGRAMS

Chair-ercise : Sept 12 to December 12, Mondays 9.30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. \$54.50 Barcode: 665823

Sept 7 to November 30, Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. \$54.50 Barcode: 665849

Sept 9 to December 9, Fridays 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. \$54.50 Barcode: 665867

Tap Dancing Level 1: Sep 12 to Dec 19, Mon

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. \$95.50 Barcode: 665956

Tap Dancing Level 2: Sep 12 to

Nov 19, Mondays 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. \$95.50 (must have some previous tap experience) Barcode: 665969

Tap Dancing Level 2: Sep 7 to Dec 14, Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

\$102.25 (must be registered in Monday's class) Barcode: 665976

Tap Dancing Performance Group: Sep 7 to Dec 14, Wednesdays 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. \$102.25 Barcode: 665979

Seniors Performance Stage Class: Sep 7 to Dec 14, Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. \$102.25 Barcode: 665980

Tai Chi: Sep 27 to Nov 29, Tuesdays. **Level 1,**

11 a.m. to noon, **Level 2,** 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Level 3,** 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. \$71.00 Barcodes: Level 1 665906, Level 2 665916, Level 3 665925.

Line Dancing: Sep 27 to Nov 22, Mondays 11 a.m. to Noon. \$43.25 Barcode: 404143

Nordic Walking: Sep 16 to Nov 4, Fridays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. \$51.50 Barcode: 665896

Wellness 101: Oct 5 to Nov 23, Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. FREE, but must sign up at front desk.

Wellness 201: Oct 5 to Nov 23, Wednesdays 11 a.m. to noon. FREE, but must sign up at front desk.

Registration starts on August 10 at 10 pm for both fall and winter programs. For dates, costs and barcodes for the winter programs, contact the Centre or check the Nepean Sportsplex Guide or the City of Ottawa Guide online at ottawa.ca. You can register here at the centre (starting August 11th), online or at any Client Service Centre or Community Centre across the City of Ottawa.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING UP TO:

CONTRACT BRIDGE ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠

By *Gopal Kunchur* - We had a great luncheon on 18th April with a big spread which included freshly cooked boneless skinless chicken, ham chunks, vegetarian pasta, salads and much more. Delicious desserts and fruits were offered with freshly brewed tea and coffee. Rose and Ferd prepared mouth watering bowls of punch with cherries floating on top. Our thanks to all volunteers for their enthusiasm and effort.

We have some on-going controversy about scoring methods. We now play 4 hands and North West pair moves to next table. Our present scoring method gives 500 points for a straight game and 300 points for two or more successive part games. Penalty for under-tricks is 50 when non vulnerable and 100 for vulnerable.

However the more scientific *Chicago Method* works as follows: Considering four hands played at one table; for the first hand no party is vulnerable, for the second play the North South pair are vulnerable, in the third round East West are vulnerable and for the fourth, both are vulnerable.

As we are all used to our present method of being vulnerable after scoring a game, to avoid further confusion, I **don't** recommend we change to the *Chicago Method*.

CREATIVE CRAFT GROUP

By *Donna Butler* - We are enjoying our new room, **Hall F**.



The Group has been working on the commissions of the Baby Quilt for Belgium and the Men Ties for the all men's choir. We also have been tying quilts for Victoria's Quilts; making hats for the newborns at the Queensway Carleton Hospital; sweaters for Head Start Children's Program at the Queensway Preschool; plus hats and mitts for the needy in the winter months.

We will be having our next sale at our Open House in October. Our cabinets in the Heritage Room have our items for sale all year long, so do have a peek if you are needing a gift. We wish to thank everyone for their donations of wool, fabric and knitting needles. For the most part we run on these donations.

We meet on **Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** We welcome new members.

CRIBBAGE

By *Ken Hancock* - On the first session of this two month period **Garry Hearty** achieved the very **Memorable Hand of 28**



and went on with his partner **Russ Allen**, to score the **incredible Memorable Round of 50**. In the following session **Ken Hancock and Shirley Hodgins** had a **Memorable Round of 41**, while at the end of May, **Nada Wolfe and Jake Enns** scored **46**

in their **Memorable Round**. At the beginning of June, surprised shouts during the first game signalled that the table of **Betty Irvine, Bob Jennings, Doris Latour and Dot Steel** had scored an astounding **64 points** in one round.

In mid April, **John Larsen** achieved the fifth **Perfect Afternoon** of the year, winning all eight games, followed in May by the sixth, achieved by **Jim Broughall** and then, at the end of May, by the seventh, achieved by **Ken Hancock**.

On May 5th, the table of **Agnes Simpson, Anne Stafford, Betty Lyon and Jim Broughall** completed a full game of 121 points in exactly four rounds, that is **four hands and four cribs with an incredible average of over 12 points for EACH hand and crib**.

Our current Champion Scorer Contender is again **Jake Enns**, but will he keep his position over the next two months against rivals Ken Hancock and Elsie Larsen?

We are pleased to welcome anyone wishing to join us. Simply show up in the Heritage room any **Tuesday or Thursday afternoon** around 12:45 p.m. and we will be happy to include you in the fun. We start at **1:00 p.m. and go on to around 3:30 p.m. at the end of eight games**.

EUCHRE NEWS

By Kathi Kerr - On May 10th the Euchre Club celebrated their yearly awards with a



luncheon of sandwiches, wraps, beverages and cakes (plus some delicious dessert donations from our members).

Shown below are this Year's Winners (2010-2011)



Left to Right: Joyce Mullen (Ladies High Average), **Shirley Spour** (Overall High Average), **Marry Wagner** (Bottom of Deck), **Harry Wolf** (Men's High Average). **Absent: Neil MacDonald** (Most Lone Hands).

Please, if you are able, keep collecting the outer milk bags (we received some more from the Nepean Cribbage club – thank you!!) as the crises in the world just seem to keep multiplying and they all need our help.

We meet to play organized **Euchre** every **Tuesday in Hall F at 12:45 p.m.** and the card playing starts with the ringing of the bell. **We end around 3:15 p.m. or soon after.**

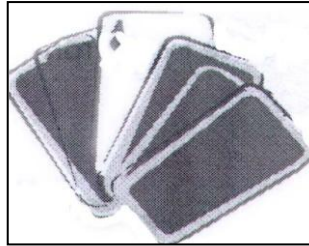
To allow the people that take Para Transpo, or other arranged transportation to finish all nine games before they have to leave, **we have started playing 5-10 minutes before 1:00 p.m.**

If everyone arrives before 12:45 p.m. this would give time for Judy to share her weekly info with us and still allow for an early start. ***If you arrive after game 1 has started you are asked to wait and join in for game 2.***

Looking forward in meeting, greeting and talking with you then.

500

By Lorrie Wilson -
Although we continue to meet for 500, our official season is over.



The high scorer for the 2010/2011 season was **Arnold Baldwin** with a great total of **5320**. The second place was **Bill Wilson with 5270**, followed by **Don Sullivan with 5250**. Great going, guys! The women will have something to aim for next season.

The 2011/2012 season kicks off at the beginning of October. If you are looking for a pleasant way to pass **Thursday** afternoon this summer, join us in the **Heritage Room at 12:45 p.m.**

FRIDAY FUN BRIDGE ☺ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠

By Wilma Matchett - On April 29th the Fun Bridge Group celebrated the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Hospitality Co-convenor Sheila Brown, who as shown in the photo, *royally* decorated the hospitality table, brought in copies of the photographs taken from the Internet and treated the group to some home-made scones.



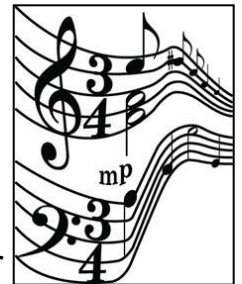
Congratulations to Ivy Dunn who, on May 13th, bid and made a 7 No Trump grand slam bid with the help of her partner, Mary Buchanan.

Evie and I greatly appreciate the assistance of Bert Bridgewater (who runs our weekly 50/50 draw), to Betty Lyon who regularly looks after the attendance fees, to Ann Grier who helps organize the table numbers and to all those members who come early to help make everyone comfortable and welcome.

Our hospitality convenors look after us very well and our thanks go to Evelyn Clarke and Wynn MacIntosh who were our convenors in May and to Mary James and Jean Graham for looking after us in June.

NEPEAN SONGSTERS

By Betty Usher - Another wonderful season has just come to an end for the Songsters. We had our annual concert last October at Centrepointe.



It was a success both financially (a sell-out!) and musically entertaining.

We've had sing outs at seniors residences and at nursing homes. We've entertained at our Centre's Open House and at the Christmas breakfast. We've enjoyed potluck lunches and coffee hours after rehearsals and some of us have enjoyed representing the choir at Senior Centre events. All in all, it's been an invigorating season.

Our membership stands at 70 singers and we average around 35 who participate in the visits to nursing homes and residences. Our closing sing-out was at one of our favourite places – Perley Rideau Veteran's Home. The vets, their families and staff pack the place; they sing along and given a chance, would dance up a storm. Thanks to both Sandra Vandenberg, our Director and Barbara Creech, Accompanist, who have provided leadership for us with skills and good humour.

Our season begins again on **Thursday, August 25th at 9.00 a.m. in the Heritage Room.** Newcomers are welcome!! In early September the tickets will be available for our Sunday, October 23rd concert at the Studio Theatre, Centrepointe. Choir members will have them for sale at \$12 each.

Have a great summer!!!

SHUFFLEBOARD
By Annie Smith - The main time period for Shuffleboard is the fall



to the end of spring, as in the summer many players go on vacation or are otherwise unavailable. As there have been really good turn-outs, it was decided that it would be a good thing to have an attendance prize.

So I checked back on individual attendances between October 1st 2010 and April 30th 2011, which gave a total of **51** Shuffleboard sessions. Our grand winner was **Harry Wolf** with an amazing **47** attendances or **over 92%** of the total possible. Congratulations Harry. For your dedication to our game you were awarded with a **\$20 gift certificate** for fishing tackle at your favourite fishing equipment store.

The runner-up was **Ron Taylor** with **41 attendances** (over 80%) and jointly in third place were **Lou Webb and Annie Smith** (me!), each with **38 attendances** (over 74%).

As this issue of the Hub was being finalized on June 13th we had our first *Shuffleboard Supper* of the year in the Heritage room after our Shuffleboard session. We all enjoyed wings, pizza and salad and a variety of beverages, plus of course lots of desserts.

Come and play shuffleboard with us at our fun afternoons of from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays on the concourse.**

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS
By John Flook - The Travel Club is suspending operation for the summer, however



the fall and next year's planning is well under way.

The *Meet and Greet* for the San Francisco trip will be held on August 29th at 1.00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. It should be noted that there is still space available for this trip.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Travel Club will be held at 1:30 p.m. September 12th, 2011 in the Heritage Lounge. A flyer advertising this event will accompany the September to October *Hub*.

After the AGM there will be the *signup* for the winter trip to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. The exact location and date has not been chosen, however the price will be between \$2,000 and \$2,500 for a 2 week vacation.

The Club is also planning a fall 2012 trip next year to Muskoka. This trip will be outlined at the AGM.

OLDEN OLDIES AND FRIENDS - On Saturday June 4th, the *Golden Oldies and Friends* performed two very entertaining shows in the new Centrepointe Studio. A lot of work and much practice went into the show entitled *Celebrate Life!*

The group is made up of tap dancers and singers from the *Tap Performance* and *Stage Performance* courses that are offered through the Seniors Centre. **Myrna Milligan**, the instructor for these courses, was the driving force behind the show. No doubt there will be an

even bigger and better show next year, if that's possible!

If you are interested in joining any of these courses, please check out the fall programming listed in the *Up and Coming* section of this newsletter.

The following poem was written by **Carolyn Richer**, one of the *Golden Oldies Tappers*. If you were at the show, you will recognize the titles of the songs that were performed.

Ode to the Golden Oldies

We are the Golden Oldies and tap dancing is our thing
For when our feet are gliding, our spirits they do sing!
We see ourselves as lively and well able to compete
With any group of seniors who are into any beat!

We often start out gently, **Walkin My Baby Back Home**
And then our tunes get perky as we quickly roam!
We want the thrill, the action, of the happy tappers feet
We **Live It Up** in black fringe dresses, short, sassy and sweet!
Don't be fooled by our gray hair as looks can be deceiving.
For no where can you get more oomph when our **Steam Heat** is steaming!

There is no music we don't love as long as it's got action
And when our gals do **At the Hop**, there's lots of satisfaction.

We've danced our way through lots of decades, raised our families too
But most of our friends don't recognize us when we're in our **Boogie Shoes**.
We love the songs, the Broadway shows, we've heard them time and again,
And so we don our yellow slickers and rejoice in **Raining Men**.

You may think we've done it all and should be sitting and relaxing
But who can sit when **Mama Mia** words are joyfully blasting?
We love to think of good times past and fun we had back then
But now we glide through **Joy to the World** and are revived again
And like everyone we know we have stories full of fun
Of days of our youth and lots of hoots and the **Crazy Thing Called Love**

And so our life keeps tumbling out, in stories from our feet
As we create a whole new chapter of fun and friends and glee!
And when the show is over and we hobble off the stage
We're glad we got up the courage to enjoy –despite our age!
The music is important; the feet are brave and bold

And we mean every word we hear while dancing... **Thank God I'm Old**.

MEMBER'S MEMORABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS -

The *Memorable Accomplishments* that we are highlighting in this issue are those of Members Jon Nielsen and Butch Carmichael.



Jon

Butch

For ten and twelve years respectively Jon and Butch have been active members of the Seniors Centre playing bridge and, in Butch's case, tap dancing. For many years they have also been partners in their tremendous clown performances for a wide variety of audiences. Here is what they have to say about this.

“Yes I think that you can truly say that our 27 years of working together as clowns has been a *Memorable Activity* for us both in our senior years.

It came about when we each joined the Shriners. As you know this is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. What is less well known is that one of their main ways of achieving these aims is through clowns. All Shriner Chapters provide clowns for an incredible range of charitable and community functions.

Their slogan is:

Smiles are Magic

So of course when we were each asked by our Chapter if we would like to join this group, we agreed and this was the start of us working together as clowns.

Now you don't just go out and do a clown act. There is a great deal of training to do before that. We both took the course at the *Shriners Clown College* in Boston and one of us, Butch, took further Shriners clown courses in Florida and San Francisco. One thing we learned is that when making up, clowns *always* start with a white face and a big smile, whatever costume is used.



Jumbo Jumbo

Karbuncle

After the formal training we went around with experienced clowns, watching and then imitating, as we practiced for working on our own. This we have done for many years now under our clown names of

Karbuncle (Butch)
and
Jumbo Jumbo (Jon)

We now have a wide range of routines that we select from to suit the audience of the day. These audiences range from three and four year olds at birthday parties and CHEO to seniors even older than we are at Senior's Residences and at Hospitals.

Of course we rehearse our sketches a lot, but try as we may, our routines do not always go *quite* as planned, so we have had to become quite adapt at *adlibbing!*

We perform at:

- Birthday Parties
- Canada Day shows and parades
- Santa Claus shows in malls
- Company picnics
- New store openings such as that for Farmboy
- CHEO fund raising, hospitals etc, etc

But the shows that give us most pride to do are those that we put on to collect funds for *The Shriners Burn Hospital* in Boston.

When children who have been burnt are released, they frequently have scars that require expensive makeup to help conceal. We help to provide the funds for this makeup.

It goes without saying that the most enjoyable part of our acts is making kids and seniors happy and, of course, this gives *us* lots of fun too!!

In closing we should like to share the *Clown's Prayer* with which we start our meetings."

As I stumble through this life, help me to create more laughter than tears, dispense more happiness than gloom, spread more cheer than despair.

Never let me become so indifferent that I will fail to see the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged.

Never let me forget that my total effort is to cheer people, make them happy and forget at least momentarily all the unpleasantness in their lives.

And, in my final moment, may I hear you whisper:
When you made My people smile,
you made Me smile.

This section of the Hub highlights various accomplishments that Members have achieved and which may be of interest to our readers.

So if you have had a Memorable Accomplishment in your life as a senior that you would like to share with our readers, write it up give it to Leslie or to our editor, Ken Hancock (613 225 6385), or tell it to Ken who will draft it up for you to review or modify.

SENIORS SMILES

Now This Is Planning!

An 80 year old lady was being interviewed by the local news station because she had just got married for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80 and then about her new husband's occupation.

“He's a funeral director,” she answered. “Interesting,” the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years.

After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she'd first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, later on a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked her why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained “I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!”

And So Is This!

Bob, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy and active widower, shows up at the

Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25 year old blonde who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm. She hangs onto Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all astonished.

At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, "Bob, how did you get the trophy girlfriend?" Bob replies, "girlfriend? She's my wife!" They're amazed, but continue to ask. "So, how did you persuade her to marry you?" Bob replies, "I lied about my age." They ask. "What, did you tell her you were only 50?"

Bob smiles and says, "Oh no, I told her I was 90!"

Smile at these paraprosdokians

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way so I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

War does not determine who is right -- only who is left.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. My desk is a work station.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather, not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.