

Message from the President

January 2021

Welcome back everyone to the second half of our 2020/21 season! I hope that you are all well rested after the break and ready to safely get out and photograph.

We have had quite the year so far and I would be remiss if I didn't point out that as a club, we have adjusted incredibly well to the circumstances that we find ourselves in. If you had said to me this time last year that we would be in the middle of a pandemic a year from now I would have chuckled and said (under my breath of course) that you were a conspiracy nut. No chuckling from me now.

When everything shut down in March the Board made the decision to follow suit for the sake of our members. It was so hard for everyone, but we needed to protect our most vulnerable members and their families.

The club went two months without doing anything official but there were some members that stepped up and filled the void, that kept our creative juices going. To you I say a huge thank you!

We then had a Zoom meeting with North Shore Photographic Society and our Zoom committee was born. They did such a wonderful job in getting us up and running again and I will be eternally grateful to them for all of the hard work they did getting members trained and comfortable using the Zoom platform for our meetings and workshops.

So now we find ourselves having regular meetings in our pyjamas (at least I do, wink – wink), as well as workshops and special presentations with our fellow BC and Yukon camera clubs, all online. We will continue this way for the rest of this season and hope that next year we will be able to meet in person once again.

There is a survey that will be coming out to members shortly. It is not like the ones sent out that last few years that only focused on certain activities of the Club. This survey will cover all Club activities. With the information that we collect with this survey we will be best able to determine what the current interests of members are. This will allow us to continue to offer what our members need. I encourage you to take this survey and thank you in advance.

So, keep an eye out on the website to see what new things will be coming out our club and please stay safe.

Teri VanWell, President