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MONTREAL ESTONIAN SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ ESTONIENNE DE MONTRÉAL

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RECENT EVENTS

On August 3, 2007, thirty-one golfers, including Rasmus Lumi, the Estonian Chargé d’Affaires in Canada, teed off at the scenic Oasis Golf Club in the **2nd Annual MES Golf Tournament**. By all accounts it was an even greater success than the inaugural event a year ago, with more than forty people in attendance at the awards dinner. The participant from farthest away this year was Peeter Tammark of Vancouver.

The winner of the \$1,000 student scholarship, sponsored by the National Estonian Foundation of Canada, was Ciara Raudsepp-Hearne, whose ball landed closest-to-the-pin on the Par 3 13th hole. Paul Lemay was the lucky winner of a \$100 gift certificate at ‘Le Gourmand’ restaurant, courtesy of Andres Pedriks of Royal LePage Elite.

The winning team was comprised of Matthew Raudsepp, Greg Halpin, Paul Lemay and Alexander McCooeye. Their MES sponsored trophy for the lowest team score can be viewed in the display cabinet at St. John’s Estonian Church Hall. Every golfer received a prize, ranging from medals to golf balls, umbrellas to Estonian DVDs, and even cases of Saku beer.

This event was so successful, that the Third Annual Golf Tournament has already been booked at the same venue for Friday, August 1, 2008. There were several first-time golfers on hand this year and we hope that this will encourage all those who think that you need to be a pro in order to play, to come out and join the fun. Photos from last year are on the MES website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our annual **Christmas Sausage Factory** will start on Friday Nov. 23rd and continue on Saturday, Nov. 24th when the pre-ordered sausages will be available for pick up between 1-2p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in this Estonian tradition please contact Ingrid Tärk.

The third annual **New Year’s Eve Party** will take place at a new and more accessible West Island location – the Roxboro United Church Hall (plenty of free parking) just off Sources Blvd. Our new caterer will dish up a sumptuous buffet with some Estonian delicacies and a few surprises as well! Cash bar as usual with free champagne at midnight. Vintage Wine is back for your dancing pleasure with the amazing Gary Sharkey as lead

singer. Known as the ‘Voice’, Gary wowed us two years ago and is sure to have everyone on the dance floor.

The early bird ticket price is \$85 per person until December 8, after which the price goes up to \$110 per person. The student/youth rate is \$45. So save some money and send your cheques to Anton Tikovt, before December 8. For more information or to book tables of 8 or 10, please contact Kersti Leetmaa.

The **final deadline** for the purchase of New Year’s Eve tickets is **December 17th**. Don’t be stuck home alone watching the ball drop – make your reservations now.

Learn a new language! The MES is organizing **Estonian Classes for non-speaking adults** in Montreal. The teacher is Enel Onu (a veteran of teaching Esto as a second language in the Ottawa school system). She will be in Montreal to meet potential students and interested individuals on Saturday, December 8th, 2007 at 12:00 noon in St. John’s Estonian Church Hall. This will be a preliminary get-together to assess interest and to discuss the needs and availability of all who are interested in learning and/or upgrading their Estonian language skills.

In the New Year, there will be an MES sponsored **Symposium**, titled: “The Future of the Montreal Estonian Community”. Organized as an ‘estates general’, it will involve representatives from the various Estonian organizations in Montreal, invited guests, specialized financial and legal consultants and the general public. Preliminary steps have already been taken to begin the process of preparing statistical, demographic, financial and legal dossiers.

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Membership in the Montreal Estonian Society is open to everyone. Our annual dues are \$10 and payment for 2007/2008 should be sent directly to Anton Tikovt. Also available are a few remaining fundraising **MES coffee mugs** (\$10) and **‘Ruberg’ DVDs** (\$15).

Please feel free to contact any member of the executive regarding questions about our activities. It is a pleasure for us to organize them on your behalf, and we hope that this will spark an interest in participating in our small and steadfast community.

With best wishes,
MES Executive

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