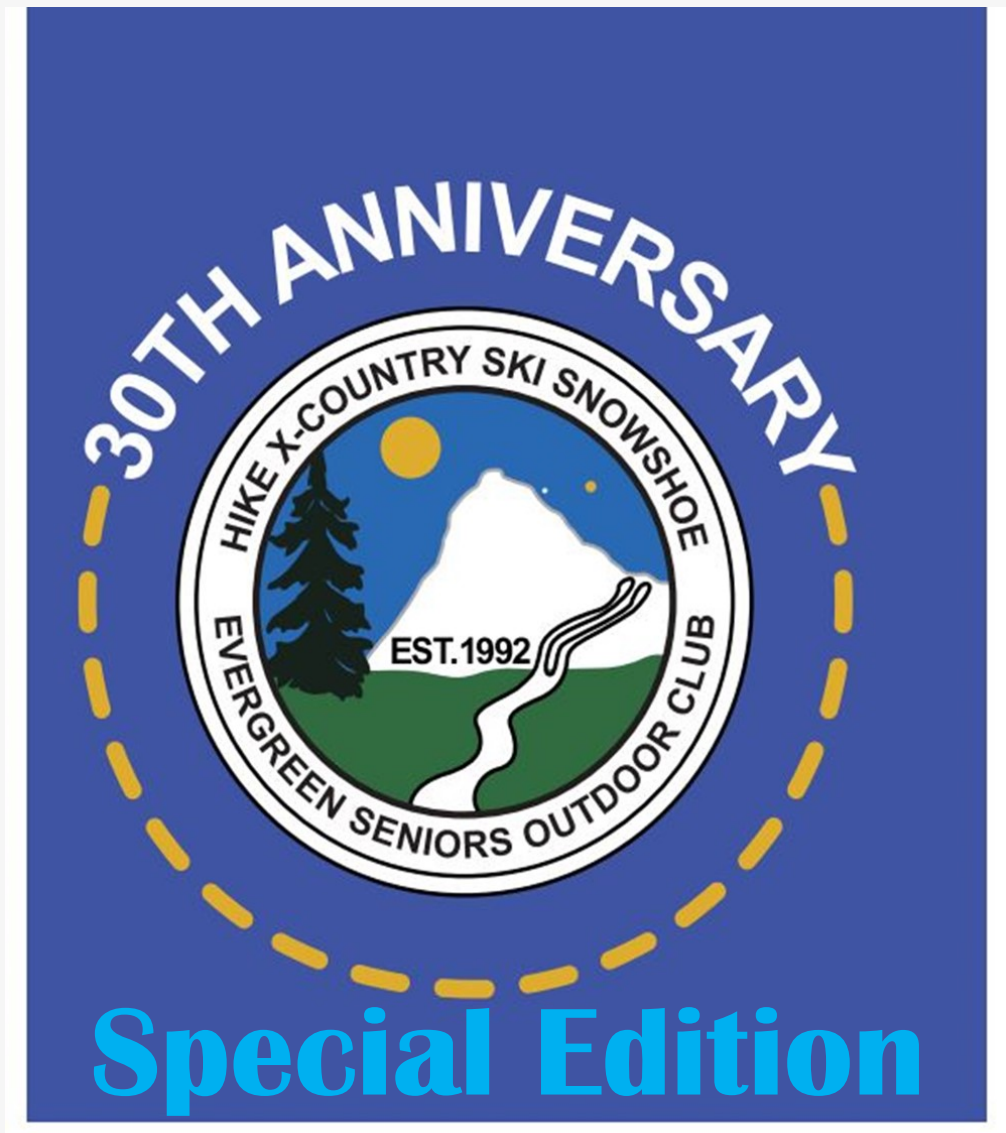


Celebration



Founding Members

Lucy Baradoy, Ken Brookes, Kathleen Hargreaves, Jerry Hargreaves, David Harvie, Sylvia Harvie, Catherine McGinley, Jerry McGinley, Jack Morrison, Bernice Morrison, Jerry Stride, Gloria Stride

Thirtieth Anniversary Luncheon

Today was a great day for a great club. The Evergreen Seniors Outdoors Club celebrated 30 years of Hiking, Skiing and Snowshoeing in Calgary and area.

The inspired idea of twelve founding members in 1992 has grown from a small friendly group dedicated to regular hiking to a much larger friendly group numbering 170, plus a waiting list.

The banquet on November 10, 2022 was attended by 140 members and past members and their guests. We were honoured to host founding member Lucy Baradoy as our special guest.

A slide show was presented starting with an excellent shot from an old photo album of the first board. Bernie Nemeth took the stage to highlight some of the favourite and amazing hikes that have been done across the years. The photography Bernie has gifted to us is stunning and I am sure the slideshow has given some people ideas of where they might like to hike.



The meal was outstanding and the venue friendly and welcoming. There was a beautiful cake to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the club. The cake cutting was done by long time member Francis Chapman. Sheila Perkins outdid herself with raffle prizes. Pictures are posted at: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AjKNyPhgmDW9-JpkvqxhHwpeyA7hag?e=x0RACU>

Members gathering at the most recent social.

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The Club

During our recent luncheon I saw pride in the people who shared when they joined, or told stories of who inspired them to take a hike. Our president, Peter Kubica, showed a picture of his first hike. He knew right then he had found his club.

Lucy Baradoy, a member of the first board of "The Club" recently reminisced about how they thought hiking as a group was a good idea. The group started out with 12 people. As the group size grew the idea of a bus was an important addition. Once it was decided to form a senior's club, the details needed to be put in place. The bus pick up was at 10th Street originally. Hiking at different levels was organized and something new was offered each week. Lucy found the club a great way to get out and hike. Later getting out to ski was added. It was good to hear Lucy admit that even founding members sometimes disliked the early start, but always came back happy for the fantastic day in Banff, Kananaskis, and areas surrounding Calgary.



Back in 1992 there was no internet, no cell phone, no website, and some people didn't even have voice messages. People had to be contacted by phone to set the destination and to confirm or cancel a trip. With today's technology, we may think our job is easier. However, organizing 170 members may be more of a challenge than the first hike.



It seems that seven people had a little idea that over 30 years has impacted many people. At that time they maybe did not know the importance of their idea, or the pleasure and security it would bring to so many people. An idea thirty years ago has grown, made it through a pandemic and continues to serve keen hikers, skiers and snowshoers in the Calgary area.

Volunteer Shout Out

For thirty years the EOSC has been run by volunteers. The board oversees all the working of the club, and over the years the board members have built the club into what it is today.

Thank you to the volunteers that organized the luncheon, Jennifer Aikenhead and Kim Tidswell. Thanks to all the helpers they had to make the event a great celebration of the 30 Anniversary. Your time and efforts and creativity are appreciated.

Weekly trip leaders and hike leaders are also an important part of the smooth running of the club. Thanks to those who have volunteered in the past, are signed up for winter hikes, and for those of you thinking about volunteering.

On a recent hike to Picklejar Lakes, one hiker needed to return to the bus and these two volunteers cut their hike short to return to the bus. Not to be left behind they also hiked back up and caught up to their group just in time for the lunch break. Evergreens look out for each other.



Thanks you to all volunteers over thirty years that make it possible for The Evergreens to hike, ski, or snowshoe 52 times a year. (Times 30 that is a lot of volunteers!)

The Last Word

Don't forget to hit the link to view the slide show and great collection of pictures posted by Bernie Nemeth. If you have pictures you would like to add to the collection contact Bernie.

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Watch for the regular Winter Newsletter in early 2023!