

The Whispering Woods



Note from the Editor



Welcome to the final edition of Whispering Woods for the currently appointed executive team. I truly hope that the past newsletter editions have given you some useful information on what is going on in the toastmasters world along with some light humour.

Please remember that this newsletter is your newsletter and it is only as good as the news/editorials that you supply for publication.

A special thanks to all those who have contributed during the 2005/2006 year. An extra special thanks goes out to somebody who has continuously added great value to this newsletter- This is our current president Darren Gilchrist. Darren has truly provided great material for us to enjoy.

☺ One other thing.....Go the Socceroos!!!!!!!!!!!! ☺

2005 - 2006 President's remarks

Hi fellow Toastmasters!

Thank you to all our club members for making our year such a success. It has been a great privilege to see people and our club growing during my tenure as President.

I'd particularly like to thank the leadership team (Marcel Raffoul, Peter Tohme, Thanh Duong, Charmaine Wells, Barry Gifford, Amy Huang, and Les Kent) for their wonderful work throughout the year. Without their efforts, our club would not be what it is today.

My Presidential motto this year was "Plan the work, and work the plan" Many

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members, and our club did that extremely well. Our club did fall short on the expected Competent Toastmaster (CTM) awards. However the vitality, enthusiasm and attendance to meetings; plus strong membership growth, and some great PR campaigns were positive successes we can all be very proud of.

I'd encourage you to set your goals for this year and take action to complete them. I know I will be. You will take great satisfaction in knowing you have accomplished what you set out to achieve!

I leave my role as President in the steady and very capable hands of Marcel, who will guide our club into 2006 - 2007. Please give him and the new leadership team your support.

Signing off...

Darren Gilchrist (2005 – 2006 President)

2006 - 2007 President's remarks

Where do you want to be in 12 months time? A year-older or a Competent Communicator?

The sun will rise again tomorrow but yesterday is forever gone.

Make every day count and work towards your goals because one thing for sure, the train of time will not stop.

World Cup Soccer is in full swing....here is some history of the sport!!!



There is documentary evidence that a game or skill building exercise, involving kicking a ball into a small net, was used by the Chinese military during the Han

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Dynasty - around the 2nd and 3rd centuries BC.

Earlier evidence - of a field marked out to play a ball-kicking game has been found at Kyoto, in Japan.

Both the Greeks and ancient Romans played a soccer-type game which resembled modern soccer - although in this early version, teams could consist of up to 27 players!

It is impossible to say accurately where and when soccer started - but it is reasonable to assume that some type of ball game - from which the organised sport we know today developed - has been played somewhere on the planet for over 3000 years.

Britain is the undisputed birthplace of modern soccer/association football. Scotland and England being co-founders of the organised game.

Football - as soccer is called in Britain - was a popular sport of the masses from the 8th century onwards.

But the game at that time was a war game!

There is a story which places the first football game in the east of England - where the locals played 'football' with the severed head of a Danish Prince they had defeated in battle!

In medieval times, towns and villages played against rival towns and villages - and kicking, punching, biting and gouging were allowed.

The object of the game was to move the ball to an agreed spot which had been marked out before play commenced.

Hundreds of people took part and games could last all day.

So violent did these matches become that many attempts were made by the authorities to ban soccer.

In England, King Edward III passed laws in 1331 to try and suppress football. In Scotland, King James I, in 1424, proclaimed in Parliament, "That na man play at the Fute-ball" (No man shall play football/soccer).

Good Queen Bess, Queen Elizabeth I of England, had a law passed which provided for soccer players to be "jailed for a week, and obliged to do penance in church."

But no law could stop the game in Britain.

It was too popular.

In 1815, the famous English School, Eton College, established a set of rules which other schools, colleges and Universities began to use. Later, these were standardised and a version, known as the Cambridge Rules, was adopted by most of England's Universities and Colleges in 1848.

But now, football was divided into two separate camps. Some colleges and schools preferred to follow rules drawn up by Rugby School - rules which permitted tripping, shin-kicking and carrying the ball - all forbidden by the Cambridge rules.

On 26 October 1863, eleven London clubs and schools sent their representatives to a meeting in the Freemason's Tavern to establish a single set of fundamental rules to govern the matches played amongst them.

This meeting created The Football Association.

The supporters of the Rugby School rules walked out - and On 8 December 1863, Association Football and Rugby Football finally split.

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In 1869 The Football Association included in their rules a provision which forbade any handling of the ball - so establishing the foundation on which the modern game stands.

Got something to say?

Don't forget that this is the Club's last newsletter for the current executive team so please let Charmaine Wells know what you would like to see in future newsletters.

[We also want articles!](#) If you'd like to see your name in lights then send your contribution to Charmaine.

Contact Charmaine directly or email cftm@au1.ibm.com

Trivia Time

See if you know the answers to the following. Answers available in the next newsletter:



- Q: Most Lipstick contain fish scales? True or False?
Q: Like fingerprints, is everyones tongue print different? True or False?
Q: Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats can have over how many descendants?
Q: Is it impossible to lick your elbows? True or False?
Q: Wearing headphones for just over an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by how many times?
Q: What is unique about all polar bears?

Answers to last editions Trivia questions!

- Q: $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = ?$
A: 12,345,678,987,654,321
Q: This is the only food that doesn't spoil. What is this?
A: Honey.
Q: How long can a snail sleep for?

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A: Three years.

Q: American Airlines saved \$X in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first-class. How much was X?

A: \$40,000

Q: What are the only animals that can't jump?

A: Elephants

Q: The cigarette lighter was invented before the match - True or False?

A: True

Upcoming events in 2006

(club) 17th July - Debate night

(club) 31st July - Storytelling night

(District) TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (TLI)!!!!
Various dates - check out
http://www.d70toastmasters.org/COT_June.htm

Great Web Resources!

1. Our web site is always updated with new information. Check it out !!!

<http://au.geocities.com/cumberlandforest>

2. Check out some Toastmasters speeches and promotionals on YouTube!

<http://www.youtube.com/results?search=toastmasters>

3. Expand your vocabulary - subscribe to "Word of the Day" YourDictionary.com!

<http://register.yourdictionary.com/cgi-bin/register.cgi>

Planned Schedule for 2006-2007 Whispering Woods

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The newly appointed Public Relations executive will advise you in the next newsletter of the schedule. Stay tuned!!!!

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