



# Tune-Ager Times

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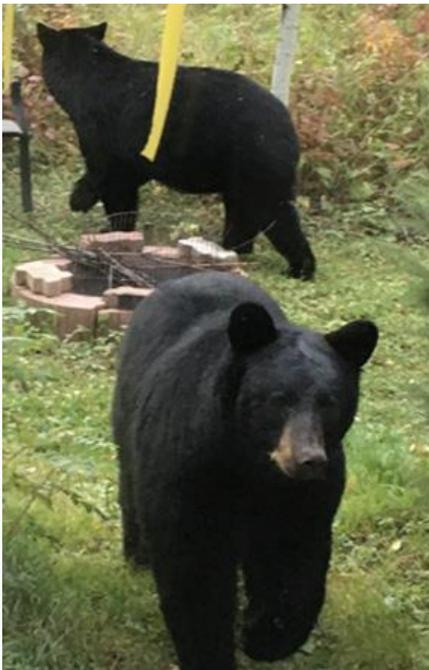
Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping safe. If it's not the COVID, it was the smoke what else can this year bring?

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting and those who helped us over the bumps in the road. What a learning curve we are experiencing. Again, thanks to Nora for taking over as President for the past 3 years under difficult circumstances when the incoming President had a family emergency. Thanks to everyone who does so much in big and small ways to keep us going.

On a brighter note we are having good turn outs for our virtual practices. Nick is leading and Katie is playing and it continues to be interesting fun. We are trying to get sectional leaders “safely” together. A few kinks to iron out but hey life is an adventure right now and we invite all to join us.

We had a great picnic at May's in early September and loved it so much we had another picnic in the park by the Marina. So good to connect in person.



Unfortunately, Iris Land our Snowbird is not returning this year. Had a great chat with her and she is going to Grimshaw where she can sing with friends. She had an interesting encounter with a black bear the other day. She was outside and about 14 ft away was this bear!

I don't know about you but if one is wearing re-usable masks, they come in such great colours that one could start a collection and have not only a sock drawer but a mask drawer. On this subject, I received an interesting article from one of our members regarding mask wearing

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/face-mask-covid-19-cases-rising-1.5735718>

I just want to clarify the paying of fees. Those actively participating will be asked to pay their regular fees (\$50.00) from now until January. Many indicated on the survey we sent out earlier that they would be prepared to pay fees even if they do not participate as they realize that money is tight. If you are not actively participating but would like to contribute you can mail a cheque made payable to Penticton Tune-Agers to Ron Oates, Treasurer, #104-115 Warren Avenue W. Penticton, B.C. V2A 7N5. The fees go to paying our Conductor and Choir Accompanist, purchase of music, membership fees eg. Arts Council and BCCF, facility rental and other expenses that we would usually incur during the year.

We are very aware that right now the orchestra is sitting on the sidelines and as we go on I hope we can figure out some way of a virtual orchestra or practice. We appreciate you all and know that many of you are practising in smaller groups. Can't wait for our next in person concert with all of us up on the

stage.

We want to make sure we keep in touch and share our news and updates. If you have any interesting news to share please contact Sarah or Jennifer and we will include it in our newsletters.