

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY
SOCIETY OF IVAN FRANKOУКРАЇНСЬКЕ ТОВАРИСТВО
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A Swinging Success

Beneath the sunny skies of the Country Meadows Golf Course on Sunday 11 September, thirteen foursomes were so evenly matched that the difference between the lowest score (-3) and the highest score (+4) was only 7 shots.

In the Texas Scramble format, two groups tied with a final score of 53 (-#). After using a tie-breaking system, the foursome of Michael Brandak, Daron Cohen, Steven DeGroot and Jay Hawkin won the tournament. Garrie Holmes, Tracer Lee, Jason Shen and George Yarmoluk were declared second. The longest drives were shot by Susan Lazaruk and Joey Wideski, while closest to the pin were Vicky Bkrich and Richard Thain.

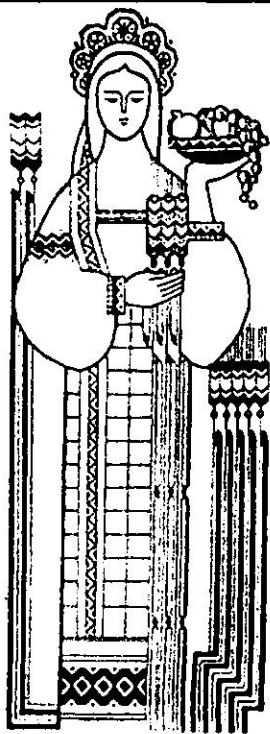
Kudos to our catering staff who, after a busy week, provided a delicious meal to a group of hungry and thirsty golfers. Thanks also to Tanya Zukewich, our bartender, who welcomed golfers at the course as they registered.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors – including our Society – every golfer received a prize in the post-dinners

presentations. Donors included: Amron Gourmet Meats (Blundell Centre), Camfil Farr AVC, Country Meadows Golf Course, Envirotech Air Inc, Golf Town (golf bag), Jersey City, Savage Creek Driving Range (25 tokens), Solaway Travel, and Jennifer Wyatt, LPGA Professional, Pacific Golf Academy (video golf instruction). Many of the golfers were very generous: Vera Adams, Robin Borody (Callaway driver), Dominique Daschko, Lesya Dawydiak, Katherine Grant. There were also many anonymous donors.

At the end of the day, the golfers clapped loudly when it was suggested to continue holding our annual tournament at Country Meadows. We acknowledge their courteous and professional manner. Let us hope the great weather returns for our 2012 tournament, the 75th anniversary of our Society.

by George Brandak



Ukrainian New Year's MALANKA ~ МАЛАНКА

Saturday 14 January 2012

Ukrainian Community Centre of Ivan Franko
5311 Francis Road, Richmond

Cocktails 6pm

Deluxe Buffet Dinner 7pm

Dancing to live music by S-Bahn

Champagne and Party Favours

Entertainment - Tropak Ukrainian

Dance Theatre and Dulcimer Ensemble

Door Prizes, Semi-formal

Free Parking

Tickets must be purchased
in advance for this popular
event

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Adults: \$65

Seniors (65+): \$55

Ivan Franko Library News

The Library and members' lounge are open Saturdays from 11am to 2pm where you can enjoy perusing and checking out fabulous books, and meeting friends for tea and conversation (practice your Ukrainian!). On your way out you can stop in the kitchen to pick up some borsch, pyrohy and holubtsi for a fast and delicious supper! The perfect "Ukrainian Connection".

Our recent acquisitions include the following titles.

NOVELS

***Stolen Child* by Martha Srkypuch**

... a story of a Lebensborn (a child kidnapped for her Aryan features by the Nazis to build a master race) girl's fierce determination to uncover her past against incredible odds.

***Children of Mary* by Marusya Bociurkiw**

... a powerful portrayal of three generations of Ukrainian women; focusing on the relationship between two sisters, Sonya and Kat, and the mysterious events of their childhood.

***Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer**

... an arresting blend of high comedy and great tragedy. This is a story about searching for people and places that no longer exist and the hidden truths that haunt every family.

***Who Killed Andrei Warhol* by Alexander Motyl**

... is an absurd tragicomedy that imagines and explores a friendship between artist Andy Warhol and a Soviet Ukrainian journalist who arrives in New York in 1968 to cover the impending American Revolution.

***Under This Unbroken Sky* by Sandi Mitchell**

... portrays a family forced to flee their beloved Ukraine in the middle of the night for Canada where they build a new life for themselves. Highly acclaimed, award winning book.

***The Good Angel of Death* by Andrey Kurkov**

... is a classic, first rate Kurkov yarn which is part satire, part surreal adventure, part heartfelt romance, part bibliopolic investigation following his main character as he sets out to Kazakhstan to recover an item of national importance.

MEMOIRS

***Orchards, Crossroads and Dreams* by Anna Tomiuk Kowalsky, transcribed by Roxanne Davis**

... Anna's story is a compelling blend of tender romance, high intrigue and the dogged pursuit of success and salvation which follows the fates of three very different Ukrainian - Canadian women.

***The Winding Path to Freedom* by Roman D Mac**

... experiences of a young guerrilla fighter in Ukraine's insurgency against Germany and the Soviet Union in the years 1939 through 1948.

My Grandfather's Mill, Journey to Freedom

by Andrew Melnyk

... traces the history of the the Melnyk and Tatomyr families beginning in Ukraine during the Second World War, their experiences in Displaced Persons camps, their new life in North America and re-establishment of links with Ukraine.

***Scratches on a Prison Wall* by Luba Komar**

... a gripping memoir of a young Ukrainian woman's encounter with Communism and Nazism, her imprisonment, torture, escape and flight to the West.

POTPOURRI

The Veselka Cookbook

... recipes and anecdotes from famous restaurant in New York City.

Treasury of Ukrainian Love Poems, Quotations and Proverbs

... a delightful collection of popular songs and poems in the original Ukrainian language with excellent English translations.

Ukrainian Travel, Culture Guide and Phrase Books

We also receive *The Ukrainian Voice* and *Ukrainian Weekly* for our members to enjoy.

The very exciting news for members of our society is that, thanks to Peter Chursky, we now have a "surround sound" home theatre capability in our mezzanine. Invitations for our next film night will be heading out soon.

For information about joining the Book Club or helping in the Library, phone Theresa at 604.295.0693

The Reading Room

About the Club

The purpose of the Book Club is simple: to read Ukrainian books in English translation, and books in English on Ukrainian themes and topics. Then, in our comfortable Mezzanine Library, the club has fun discussing characters, plots, settings, historical backgrounds and our own connections with these books.

Reading four books with four meetings a year has worked well. Book club members consist of an enthusiastic group of 14 women and men of varying ages, and professional and occupational backgrounds who travel to our meetings from as far as North Vancouver and White Rock, and as near as Richmond.

The ties that bring the book club together are our Ukrainian heritage, a love of reading, and the enjoyment of sharing our ideas.

What's up next?

We are concluding the fifth year of our highly successful Ivan Franko Book Club. Through our readings we have met unforgettable characters,



shared incredible experience and have travelled extensively in time and space. Our selections reflect a variety of genres: mystery, thriller, humorous and historical novels, memoirs, Ukrainian classics and poetry in translation, plays and film.

Some of the books reduced us to puddles of laughter, while others brought upon a stillness born of empathy and reflection. We did not always agree on each other's interpretations or evaluations of the books, but we certainly enjoyed the spirited discussions and learned a lot about what it means to be Ukrainian.

In September we met to discuss

Bequest by Anna Shevchenko, based on the legend of the lost Cossack (Polubotok's) Gold. This is a topic that continues to be discussed and debated in the three principle countries: Ukraine, England and Russia. Although it was at times difficult to separate fact from fiction in this political thriller, most members enjoyed the story and the character development. We did learn a lot about Ukraine's connection with England, France and South America! For example, did you know that Orly Airport in Paris was named after a Ukrainian?!

We are meeting on November 29 to discuss our current read, *The Sky Unwashed* by Irene Zabytko. This is an unusual and unexpected novel that is based on the true events of the Chernobyl power plant disaster 25 years ago.

Members and guests are welcome to sit in during our meetings, and are invited to join the club.

by Theresa Herchak

For information on the Book Club or Library, phone Theresa at 604.295.0693

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