



**NEWSLETTER OF THE DELTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

## President's Column

### Consent / Consultation Process

In September, Grades 4 to 7 teachers whose classes exceed 30 students and Kindergarten to Grade 12 classes that have more than three students with special needs are entitled to a consent / consultation process with school administration. The BCTF and the DTA urge teachers to participate in these meetings even if the process seems to be a waste of time because of the lack of resources to implement any requested changes. Last June, the HEU won a victory in its challenge to the Liberal government stripping its collective agreement in January 2002. This happened at the same time as Bills 27 and 28 also stripped language from teacher collective agreements, language that guaranteed class size and class composition, support for students with special needs and non-enrolling teacher ratios. The BCTF is preparing a legal challenge to Bills 27 and 28. It is es-

sential for teachers to continue to participate in the consent / consultation meetings in order to demonstrate our resolve in regaining the rights stripped from our contract in January 2002. Also, the BCTF is grieving the "consultation" (or lack of) that is taking place around the province. Hard data is needed to continue the grievances around the "consultation" process.

If you are involved in a Consent / Consultation meeting in September, please ensure that the form accurately reflects your professional opinion about your classes. If you have concerns, make sure they are recorded on the form. DTA advice is to ensure that you have a Staff Representative at the meeting to act as a witness to the conversation.

As I reflect on the end of this school year, I continue to be impressed with the energy, enthusiasm and passion that teachers exhibit as they strive to do their best for their students in increasingly challenging times.



**DTA HONOURS RETIREES:** On Monday, June 9, the DTA held a celebration honouring teachers who have retired effective June 30. Retirees had the opportunity to share their retirement plans and their most memorable teaching moments.

The DTA wishes the following colleagues a happy, healthy retirement:

*Keith Adams  
Norman Buchko  
Maureen Church  
Frank Cloutier  
Elizabeth Dent  
Mary Jay Douglas  
Joan Dyson  
Lorraine Elcock  
Gary Fehr  
William Ferraro  
Sally Garton-Jorgenson*

*Debbie Gordon  
Doug Hampton  
Robyn Hansby  
Dianne Heal  
Elizabeth Hobart  
Martha Hoff  
Brian Holden  
Frank David Horvath  
Judith Isaacson  
Geraldine Jack  
Laurel Jensen*

*Cecilia Lee  
Dianne Lee-Wilkey  
Mary Lou Lexier  
Patricia Longworth  
Jackie Martin  
Dawn McDougal  
Dawn McGillivray  
Diane McRae  
Lorraine Nelmes  
Barbara Porco  
Tom Poulton*

*Ronald Rothwell  
Colleen Sawatsky  
Darrell Scodellaro  
Catharine Smith  
Marian Statz  
Carol Taussig  
Ron Uyeyama  
Sheryl Vasconcelos  
Heather Watson  
Rick Woods*



## REMINDERS:

- \* All receipts for reimbursement for the 2007-08 school year are **due by June 27, 2008**.  
*Please note—receipts for payment will not be accepted after this date.*
- \* You must apply and receive authorization for funding **BEFORE** your course begins.
- \* **No late applications will be accepted.**

## “Factor 88”

### Withdrawal from Long Term Disability Plan

Teachers aged 64 or whose combined age plus years of service equal “factor 88” are entitled to withdraw from the Long Term Disability Plan provided they have enough sick leave. The combination of short-term disability and 100 sick days will be sufficient to carry them through until they are either 65 years old or have reached “factor 90”. At this point they will be ineligible for long-term disability. Contact the DTA or phone (604) 871-1921 for an application form.

## 2008 Delta Teach-In

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Scottsdale Mall was transformed from a center of consumer products to a place of learning as three of our teachers from the North End held a Teach-In. Passers-by were treated to a range of activities and lessons ranging from Drama games, to Shakespeare, music and math.

Observers commented on how much education has changed since they were in school, and were quite fascinated with the pace and variety of lessons employed by teachers from all levels. Even more heartwarming were the smiles of onlookers as they realized how much fun the students were having as they went through their lessons.

Our teachers did a fantastic job of engaging students in less than ideal settings and kept students focused on tasks at hand despite the distractions. The DTA would like to thank the participating teachers, Greg Dennett, Elen Nikas and Adrienne Richters for taking their students into the Mall and allowing the public a brief glimpse at our classrooms.



## BCCT Zone 9 Election

Surrey teacher, Trish Kelly is the BCTF endorsed candidate in the upcoming Zone 9 bi-election. The DTA Executive committee endorsed Trish at its June 17 meeting. Ballots will be mailed out to members on August 22, 2008 and September 8, 2008 is the deadline for the receipt of all ballots. If there is an election the DTA encourages you to vote for Trish Kelly.

## DTA Golf Tournament

*By James Brown, SDSS*

Once again, the Delta Teachers Association hosted a great day on the links at the Tsawwassen Golf Club. This year’s event was hugely successful, with a 50% increase in teams competing, bringing the total number to 12. For the third year in a row, the South Delta team of Richard Kirincic, Steve Cowan, James Brown and (rookie) Brent Sweeney captured the coveted trophy with a total of -11; however the competition appears to be getting tougher, as there were a number of quality golfers in the field. A good time was had by all, with special kudos to “the Hellcats” who would have won the trophy for “most fun” if we had one! Thanks again to Richie K. for all his hard work and enthusiasm in organizing the event.



## WORKSAFEBC TELECLAIM

WorkSafeBC has launched a new claim process (**Teleclaim**) designed to improve service for workers and employers. The BCTF is advising members to use the service, if possible.

The **Teleclaim** process is designed to replace the Form 6, which is a worker’s application for compensation when a worker is injured and requires time off work beyond the date of injury. The telephone interview takes up to an hour and office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Use of **Teleclaim** to report an injury does not replace the Form 6A: *Worker’s Report of Injury or Occupational Disease to Employer*. A teacher is still obliged to complete this form and give it to an employer representative. This form is available online at WorkSafeBC.com.

Use of the **Teleclaim** system avoids claim suppression on the part of employers. Law states that an employer must submit a Form 7, *Employers Report of Injury to WCB*, within 72 hours. In the event that this does not happen, the **Teleclaim** process alerts WorkSafeBC to the incident immediately.