

VRMNC Members' Survey - Analysis

The survey was completed by 140 members or 46% of the VRMNC Paid Membership as of February 2023

1. Would you be interested in attending a Chinese New Year function circa week of Feb 10, 2024? (5 did not respond)

61 Members voted yes or 44%

Type of Function (79 did not respond)

- Luncheon 20 voted yes or 33%
- Dinner 41 voted yes or 67%

Who should attend the Function? (79 did not respond)

- VRMNC Members Only 5 voted yes or 8%
- VRMNC Members with Spouse/Partners 41 voted yes or 67%
- VRMNC Members with Spouses/Partners and Guests 15 voted yes or 25%

2. No, I am not interested in attending a Chinese New Year function circa week of Feb 10, 2024? (5 did not respond)

74 Members voted no or 53%

3. Would you be interested in attending a Sikh New Year function circa week of April 13, 2024? (5 did not respond)

47 Members voted yes or 34%

Type of Function

- Luncheon - 22 voted yes or 47% (93 did not respond)
- Dinner - 23 voted yes or 49% (93 did not respond)

2 Members did not vote

Who should attend the Function? (93 did not respond)

- VRMNC Members Only – 6 voted yes or 12%
- VRMNC Members with Spouse/Partners – 29 voted yes or 62%
- VRMNC Members with Spouses/Partners and Guests – 10 voted yes or 21%

2 Members did not vote

4. No, I am not interested in attending a Sikh New Year function circa week of April 13, 2024? (5 did not respond)
88 Members voted no or 63%

5. Are there other celebrations that VRMNC should participate in? (list/comment)

- Christmas, summer solstice
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept 30
- Perhaps a function in the fall. eg: Autumn Bash / Harvest Cel. We have Christmas and Summer Gala's one in the fall would be a nice addition and balance to the year.
- Robbie Burns Day -- members only -- somewhere with scotch
- Continue with the lunches and speakers. Expansion of Golf groups if possible. Off island tours??
- maybe July 1st
- Christmas
- Summer Barbecue Christmas dinner & Dance Dinner pairing wines with the meal
- Marine Museum Tour Old Town museum tour
- Ukrainian New Years
- I don't believe VRMNC should actively participate in various cultural/ethnic celebrations because there are now so many of them it becomes a question of which ethnic or cultural events/dates should be recognized. I see this club as what it's description on the website details - a volunteer non-profit social club.
- The annual Christmas Dinner (with dancing if some wish to include) is an appropriate activity for including spouses. Otherwise, it's a men's club.
- St. Patrick's Day and (Gawd Forbid) yet another Robbie Burns Day Dinner in Victoria if there aren't enough already.
- Remembrance Day
- Support for Ukraine

6. Should there be more VRMNC functions that include spouses/partners/guests?

Yes 76 or 54%

No 53 or 38%

7. Please rank the top 6 Field Trips in order of your interest. Put the number of the Field Trip in the boxes below.

1. Helicopter Squadron, Victoria Airport 2. CFB Esquimalt and Naval History Museum 3. CFB Esquimalt Naval training simulator 4. Horticultural Centre of the

Pacific, Saanich 5. Visit First Nations reserve (Tsartlip or Lekwungen) to learn about FN history 6. Chinatown tour and visit Chinese temple 7. Government House 8. Viking Air tour 9. Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Victoria 10. Dominion Astrophysical Observatory 11. Downtown Victoria historical tours 12. Pacific FC soccer game 13. Ashton Armoury and Museum 14. Bay Street Armoury and Scottish Museum

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Second Choice CFB Esquimalt and Naval History Museum
Third Choice Dominion Astrophysical Observatory
Fourth Choice Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Victoria and CFB Esquimalt Naval training simulator
Fifth Choice Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Victoria
Sixth Choice Bay Street Armoury and Scottish Museum

8. I agree that VRMNC is an inclusive club meaning that our activities are accessible, dietary issues are addressed, new members are welcomed and all members are appreciated.

Yes 133 or 95%

No 4 or 3%

No Response 3 or 2%

Your answer about being an inclusive club was No! How can we improve?

- I can and do eat pub food, but I don't see a lot of options on some of those menus for people with stricter dietary requirements. I am ashamed to say that I have not checked if the various venues provide challenges or barriers for those with mobility issues. See #7 for my greater concerns.
- Less pubs
- The one club lunch I attended at the University Club (pre-COVID) offered no main course for those with celiac disease, that is, those who must eat gluten free. So, I've never attended again.
please show new members more inclusion. I went to a number of pub lunches, the only people who spoke to me were also new members, so I gave up going. I initially wanted to play golf but was told there was no space for new members, I believed that was the whole point of the group was to welcome new members. I therefore joined another golf group before eventually being offered a place, however by then I was playing with my other group on the same day. Not the best way to run a newcomers group!!!

9. If you have further comments or suggestions for the VRMNC Executive Committee, please enter them in the box below.

- I have been going on fewer and fewer rambles, because of issues with an arthritic knee and Parkinson's Disease. While I maintain my stamina for walking 2.5 hours, I am increasingly slower going downhill, particularly steep slopes of hundreds of feet of mud, rocks, and roots. Most members are accepting of my issues and are supportive, but I don't believe that's universal. There have been suggestions that some members who just want to walk should form their own walking group. The Tuesday hikes are clearly very challenging, and I know they're not for me, but I would appreciate as much detail as possible for the Monday rambles and what they will involve. Or a clearer definition of what kind of activity is considered normal for Mondays, and for whom it is suitable. When I take part, I would like to know I am capable of doing the activity and that I will not be detracting from others' enjoyment.
- Keep up the excellent work
- thank-you for all your efforts to make our club so successful! I am active in 3 special interest groups and join the field trips when I can.
- I think you guys are doing a great job.
- Continue efforts to have lunch meetings at Cedar Hill Golf Course Clubhouse!
- Tour of Amazon distribution centre.
- there are a couple of activities that I would like to start (eg: A weekly meet up for cycling -- road bikes) but I don't want to be the only leader (you need several leader eg 3 to handle vacations)plan and lead the ride etc) I need to reach out and see if anyone is interested in co- leading. Just post something as a possible new activity on the website.
- How about an actual activity like building something. Woodworking?
- The 2022 Xmas Dinner included a photographic opportunity for members and done by a member. The lounge area is not all that conducive given all the windows reflecting flashlight. That leaves the dining room and dance floor. Some 72 images were shared via DropBox with ability to download and ability to request a higher resolution. There were only two requests received so Executive should think about whether to do this again given the cost was two free meals (photographer and spouse). The previous Xmas Dinner in 2019 had a similar number of images and requests though there was no compensation. And it is a trying 2-3 hours.
- Have you considered the Monterey Recreation Centre for possible luncheon events? 1442 Monterey Avenue Victoria BC, V8S 4W1 250-370-7300
- This is an awesome club!
- Thank you for all the wonderful events being organized
- Fantastic club and includes activities for all needs and desires with extremely

compatible members

- Really enjoy activities and professionalism
- If possible, for a Field Trip a visit to the Institute of Ocean Science located on Patricia Bay at 9860 W Saanich Road, Sidney
- A terrific Exec Committee at present
- I'm a pretty new member to the Men's Club and have enjoyed a few activities so far, including today's wonderful tour of the Hartland Landfill. I'm impressed with the dedication of the people who are organizing the activities. Good for you. I look forward to meeting more members and getting more involved with the Club.
- Would love to visit and tour Victoria's new wastewater treatment plant. Would love to visit and tour Victoria's water supply reservoir.
- I want to take this opportunity to thank the very committed Executive and Activity organizers for their excellent work for the benefit of all members. Kudos to each of you.
- you are doing great work!
- Thanks for Exec for affording member input. I have indicated an interest in attending events next spring, but I may be out of town at that time. While I agree we are an inclusive Club; our membership does not reflect the diversity in current day Canadian society - but I suspect it reflects the Victoria age demographic.
- Thanks to all for your hard work. It is making a difference.
- Some spousal activities could include sporting events eg. Hockey, Soccer •
- Field trip to Victoria Water Treatment Facility
- Re. the above: Q4: Spouse, guest participation is good, it's about right now. Q5: they are all good, I just checked the ones I haven't done once or twice. Executive doing an excellent job on everything/. Thanks.
- Attending sporting events could be with partners.
- Institute of Ocean Sciences.
- Take the speakers luncheon back Cedar Hill Golf Course and adjust the price to making it more reasonable in price \$45.00 is a bit much
- Thanks for doing this survey!
- I appreciate the luncheons and the speakers. Continue with this activity.
- It's a GREAT organization.
- I think the club has a nice variety of activity options to meet various interests. •
- Excellent experience so far. I joined about 1 month ago.
- keep up the great work!
- I would love to have a tour of the Legislature with lunch.
- It's a great organization... appreciate the group very much
- Doing a great job and the consistent number of new members is proof of that.
- I listed all the tours I have not participated in. The others are excellent.

- Since I joined the club, more than 10 years ago.....i did this from our winter home in Palm Springs and am unable to get this link removed from my records. This causes problems almost every time I sign up for a paid event. HELP!!!
- I tried to attend tour of Hartland but the sign in wouldn't let me. Under Guests if I said 1 it said it must be 0, if I said 0 it said it must be 1. I tried many times and gave up. I couldn't get past this point
- Some of the pub events should be without tables with finger foods so that members have a chance to meet each other rather than just talk to the people on either side. Make a special effort to get new members to attend. I find I have had a chance to talk to only a small percentage of members. Maybe do a quick introduction for each member with one sentence about their interests. Might be interested in the New Year's events if I knew more people.
- A tour of the BC Emergency Management centre.
- No objection to inviting spouses on occasion, but this should be primarily a Mens Club. Too many events with partners may exclude some members who do not have a spouse/partner.
- I think the VRMNC is an incredibly valuable, volunteer run organization, particularly for men who have recently retired from Victoria or elsewhere.
- Would the events in 1 and 2 be those held by the respective communities in which VRMNC would participate or are you suggesting that VRMNC should hold independent celebrations?
- the executive are doing a wonderful job. Great work!
- Up Island golf trips were always very successful. Use surplus funds to subsidize luncheons.