

BCGREA Branch 900 Meeting – April 15, 2026
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Auditorium

Darcy McGifford (Co-Chair) welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:30. 18 people were present.

Linda Sankey of the South Okanagan Similkameen Brain Injury Society was introduced as the speaker for our meeting.

The Society was founded in 1989 by a group of brain injury survivors and family members. The goal of the society is to improve lives by supporting individuals affected by traumatic brain injuries (such as concussions and brain injuries sustained in an accident), acquired brain injuries (such as stroke), mental health conditions as well as those with housing needs.

Services include education, resources, advocacy, and support to both the individuals impacted by these conditions as well as their caregivers and families. They do not provide medical intervention, but help individuals make connections to the appropriate treatments and resources. The Society is currently involved in some research and pilot projects with ICBC. The preliminary results have shown that individuals that are provided support that the Society can give them are progressing through their rehabilitation much faster. The Society is a registered charity and relies on grants and donations to provide these numerous services to the people of the south Okanagan.

This very interesting presentation was very timely as May is Stroke Awareness Month. (If you are looking for more information on this Society, check out their website sosbis.com.)

After a quick coffee/chat break, Darcy called the business portion of the meeting to order at 11:40.

Treasurer's Report: Beth reported that currently the bank balance is \$2,380.49. (The memorial donation has not been processed as of yet.)

Membership Report: provided by Bill. The report was not available at the meeting, but will be attached to the minutes.

New Business: Larry send in the following information:

A reminder for members interested in the 55+ games scheduled for September in Kamloops, entries are now open, several of our members have competed in the past couple of years. For further information contact Larry Martin at fs-lemartin@shaw.ca.

Anyone interested in "giving it a try" pitching horseshoes behind the Penticton Seniors Centre will be starting soon. Two free sessions are available with no obligation to join the Penticton Horseshoe Pitching Club. We can arrange for you to give it a try with a group or individual instructed by Larry Martin.

A reminder from Darcy that the RCMP Musical Ride is scheduled for Osoyoos on Sunday, August 23, 2026. Check local media for more information.

Health and Wellness:

We wish Frances Munro a speedy recovery. (A card was available to sign and wish her well.)

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 28, 2026: Spring Outing at the Penticton Lawn Bowling Club, then lunch. Please contact Beth (beth_peachfest@hotmail.com) or Darcy (250-493-8234) if you are interested in attending

Have a safe summer everyone!
Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.



BCGREA BRANCH 900 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEETING April 15, 2026

VALID FROM February 16, 2026 TO April 12, 2026

Current Membership

Members	Shared Couple	Total
247 (246)	28	275 (274)
Life 20+ Years	Honorary	Associate
56	6	1

Membership Changes

New	Resigned	Deceased	Transferred ¹
0	0	0	1

¹Transferred – during the previous calendar month(s)

Membership Communities

Osoyoos	Oliver	Okanagan Falls	Kaleden
17	22	9	11
Penticton	Naramata	Summerland	Keremeos
134	4	42	19
Princeton	Peachland	Other BC	Outside BC
1	4	8	3

Details

Description	Total	Opened ^①	Delivered ^②	Blocked	Bounce
Minutes (Prev Meet) BR900Mar2026Minutes	193	152 79%	39	0	2 1.0%
Notice BR900Mar2026Notice	194	143 74%	49	0	2 1.0%
Benchmarks		46%			0.5%

Members without email addresses	26
Invalid Emails (list of members attached)	2

New Members

Members Transferred In

FirstName	LastName	Email	Phone	City
Naomi	Yamamoto			Naramata

Members that may have invalid emails [based on last campaign bounce]

ToName	ToEmail	TypeDisplay	Campaign	Reason
Ruth Manning	rufusmanning@shaw.ca	Mass email	BR900Apr2026Notice	Bounced Address
Doreen Delores Hecimovic	ddsmart@telus.net	Mass email	BR900Apr2026Notice	Bounced Address

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- ① Opened - Clicking the email: The core action is the recipient opening and viewing the email.
 - ② Delivered - The receiving server has acknowledged and accepted the email. At this stage, the email is in the recipient's server's queue to be placed in their inbox or spam folder.