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**ANIMATION, DOCUMENTARIES
— AND A VERNISSAGE!**

By Anthony Kent

On Wednesday, October 17, more than forty Club members and friends met for a traditional Film Day, including lunch in the cafeteria and conversations with filmmakers and other old friends. In addition, at noon, we were privileged to celebrate the vernissage of works by our talented newsletter editor, Colette Gendron, which attracted much favourable comment.

We enjoyed delightful and amusing animation, a thought-provoking and intimate look at the lives of the young people featured in Andre Melancon's LES VRAIS PERDANTS (1976) thirty years later, and a cruise to the Three Gorges Dam, with remarkable insights into life inside the 21st Century Chinese dream.

The Executive Co-Producer of UP THE YANGTZE is Germaine Wong, who retired on October 12, became a Club member on October 13 and joined us after the screening on October 17, when she expertly handled questions about this powerful film in her own inimitable manner!

Film Days are still among the most popular Club activities, so please look out for upcoming events...



From now on, the Club Newsletter will be distributed electronically to all our members with an e-mail address. We will



continue to send the paper version by mail to members without e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, but have not received an electronic Newsletter, please contact us at info@nfbclub.ca



The NFB Club
Committee
wishes you a Happy
New Year
**Health,
Happiness
and Prosperity!**



NEW CLUB, NEW FORMAT, OLD FRIENDS!

By Anthony Kent

On September 20, we had wonderful weather for our Golf Day, at a charming new location in the Laurentians. Even the non-golfers loved the beautiful surroundings at the idyllic Vallee de Sainte-Adele Golf Club and - more importantly - the golfers praised the course!

This year we welcomed mostly Club members and their families, as well as a couple of NFB staff. There were fewer participants than in previous years, but everyone enjoyed their day at the golf club and our evening meal at a typical little Laurentian restaurant.

We must salute the prowess of the outstanding golfers in the two groups which finished the day with a Minus 4 - the foursome of Guy Gauthier, Claude Parent, Jacques Godbout and Jean Beaudin and the "fivesome" of Mike Mitchell, Ginny Stikeman, Roger Hart, Sue Gourley and Giles Walker.

With a few minor adjustments, we will repeat this winning formula next year - and hope to have an even bigger turnout!

THIS NEWSLETTER BELONGS TO YOU!

Want to comment on anything?

Want to publish an article in the newsletter?

Want to have some news about other members?

Want to suggest an activity ?

Wherever you are in the world, drop us a line.

We'd love to hear from you!

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REMAKE

So it's done! The NFB Club website has been re-vamped. We hope you like it, consult it and contribute to it – you're most welcome to do so!

First, let us render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, in this case **Guy Maguire**. He was the first to create and update the site. Much of the current content was taken from the old site, because it was important to keep the club activity archives and members' comments and stories. Many thanks to Guy and everyone who invested time and energy to provide the information for their fellow members: **Ron Jones** and **J.P. Olivier Fougères** for summaries of activities, for

example; **Marie-Pierre Tremblay** and her interviews; and many people who sent in travelogues, anecdotes and stories.

The site belongs to you and we'd love to have your articles, photos, suggestions for topics, recollections, news – anything you think others would like to read and see in the newsletter or on the website.

After refuelling, the ship sets sail once more.

Enjoy the trip!

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ENTER THE COMPETITION TO LAUNCH OUR CLUB WEBSITE!

How to participate?

Reply to the following question:

«Who is described as :

hooked on nature, images and words? »

Send your reply

by e-mail to: info@nfbclub.ca

or by mail to:

NFB Club ONF,
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Deadline: December 31, 2007

The draw will take place at the next meeting of the Club Committee, on January 3, 2008.

And the prize?

Rearview Back-up Camera!



Features

- 3½" screen
- Adjustable camera lens
- Can be used for hitches and trailers
- Vent-mounted display

PIERROT ET LE PAPILLON

By Jeannine Hopfinger

“Pierrot et le papillon” is a story that our colleague Valier Savoie wrote for his children when they were small and, each night, he would recount the story of a little boy that loved nature. No need to tell you that he would add different things as he went along. This story is very important in Valier’s life and that of his children. So important that Valier asked the artist Francine Jutra of Trois-Rivières to make a painting of “Pierrot et le papillon”

DEATH

Valier Savoie died on October 28 (1919 – 2007). Shortly before his death, his close friends were fortunate to enjoy a delightful lunch with him. Jeannine Hopfinger recalls this happy occasion.

I am telling you this because on September 18, Valier invited some of his colleagues (Jean-Jacques Chagnon, Pierre de Bellefeuille, Olivier and Gisèle Fougères, Roger Blais, Claude and Laure Pelletier and myself)

to lunch with him. For the past year Valier lived at the “Jardins Intérieurs” residence in Saint-Lambert. We were received in a great room situated on the 8th floor, with a magnificent view of the Saint-Lambert golf course. An aperitif was served, followed by a great meal with very, very good wines because, I must say, Valier knows his wine! Claude Pelletier practiced his old trade meaning he registered the story of “Pierrot et le papillon”

that Valier was reading to us, as he did to his children; he also registered the conversations around the tale. Who knows what may come out of all this?

We also thought of Jean-Théo Picard who was supposed to attend the luncheon with us.

What a beautiful day that was, good food, good wines, great friends!

Thank you, Valier, for everything.

