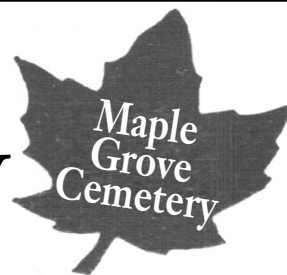


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Queens Man Hopes To Improve Local Sports Club

By Sammy Naranjo

Sully Bermudez, current treasurer of the sports club, Dominicano de Queens since the beginning of this year, is the official candidate, representing the Plancha Amarilla (Yellow Iron), last year's winner, as directors of the institution. Within the club there are two parties, the other being the Plancha Azul (Blue Iron). Each of these "irons" is composed of 16 members; as a comparison it is like the Republicans and Democrats.

Bermudez's position as a treasurer has allowed him to have an excellent feel of the work involved as he has learned to manage the organization of the club along with its needs and those of its members. In addition to his charisma and interest in the progress of the institution, he has earned the support of his co-workers to take the reigns next year.

The Queens Courier had the opportunity to speak candidly with Rodriguez and he explained his plans for 2006.

The Queens Courier: Mr. Bermudez, why do you wish to run for President of the Club?

SB: As treasurer I worked well and tried to get along with the partners. I learned how to manage the club the way the partners wanted it managed, specifically knowing what were the club's needs and try to do it the best way.

The Queens Courier:

If elected, how would you manage the institution?

SB: I am very enthused to occupy this position because I would follow in the footsteps of the two previous presidents which have resulted in economic benefits for the club, which



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Sully Bermudez is an active member of the Dominicano sports club in Queens. He is running for president of the organization and has a great deal that he would like to accomplish in that position.

is why I would continue with the same course of action of these two directors.

The Queens Courier:

What were these benefits?

SB: Well, after their terms were completed, they left a total of \$10,000 each and the idea is to use the money towards big projects that we have in mind in a near future.

The Queens Courier:

What projects are we speaking of?

SB: I want to contribute a small grain of sand, work-

ing hard as I have been doing this whole time, finding a better union between all of us. My projects include the ownership of our own building for the benefit of all of us. Of course it will take us approximately 10 years to fulfill this dream.

The Queens Courier: What other benefits do the partners bring

SB: Well as a club we offer the rental of the space to our members at a very economical price. In the sports area, we support the baseball teams and we take

the winners to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic free of charge, where they have the opportunity to play various games with the teams of that country.

Bermudez informed us that the institution has been established for 24 years and actually has 300 active members who pay an annual membership of \$10. He clarified that all the money that is collected in the club is done through parties, raffles and other activities. They also receive the support of some mer-

chants that help the Hermanos Unidos de Queens club by giving them uniforms and equipment to practice this hot sport.

Once elected president for the year 2006, one of Bermudez's projects is to orientate those people who qualify for citizenship by helping them complete the paperwork required to present to the government.

Another project is to provide education to those members who wish to learn computers through Jose Peralta's computer school which is equipped with 20 modern computers.

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— Sully Bermudez