



Monday, April 17, 2017



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: I will be available this week during lessons to accept membership renewals. Or, you can leave your cheques in the membership mail slot in the draw room. So far, we have 115 full members signed up and 17 social members. There were 29 people sign up for lessons. There is a sign-up sheet if you want another name tag. Cheryl Baker, Membership Director



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you want to volunteer but don't know who to contact, please let me know and I will direct you to the right person. We need a few more to come out on Monday mornings to help with grass cutting and weeding.

parkvillelbcmembership@gmail.com Cheryl Baker, Membership Director

GAMES INFO: A reminder to please sign-up for openings in the mixed pairs leagues on Tuesday & Wednesday night, as well as the mixed triples league on Thursday evening.



The Monday afternoon cut-throat league is filled, but please, if you are interested, sign up on the waiting list. It would be great to start the season with full leagues.

Also, the opening tournament is filling up and is almost filled, but PLEASE sign up on the waiting list if you are interested as we usually need replacements by the tournament day. Ken Bucyk, games committee chair

KITCHEN NEWS: Just a heads up to let you know that we have posted our first sign-up sheet for help in the kitchen during the Kick-Off Tournament on Saturday, April 29th. We will serve coffee, tea & goodies and it will be a brown bag lunch. Thank you all, The Kitchen Committee

UMPIRE COURSE: A course to train new umpires will be held Wednesday, May 10 in Nanaimo. Anyone wishing to become an umpire or wanting further information can contact either Keith Baker (kcbaker73@shaw.ca) or Rod Tester (rgtester@shaw.ca)



UMPIRE'S CORNER: While officiating at an Open Mixed Fours' tournament last season I noticed five players standing in the head at the far end of one lane. When the Skips had delivered their final bowls I stepped onto the green and said, "Gentlemen maybe you could tell your waiting players to stand on the bank?" One replied, "Certainly, it was getting a bit confusing." The other replied, "Yes I will do so but Mr. Umpire, you have no Law to support what you are asking!"



The Law in question is 12.1.2, which needs careful reading. Members of the team which has the mat must be behind the jack, members of the team which does not have the mat must be both behind the jack and away from the head. This might be difficult after 10 or 12 bowls have been bowled as stepping onto the adjacent lane is prohibited (Law 12.2). Players are only REQUIRED to stand on the bank if the jack is in the ditch. (Obviously) Law 12.1.2.3.

Standing on the bank is an obvious answer and this is what we are taught to do, it is part of the polite, respectful manner in which we play bowls, but it is a voluntary gesture of courtesy to the player who is actually delivering a bowl, not legally enforceable.

Geoff Woollatt

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