



Monday, May 1, 2017

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Welcome 23 new bowlers and 7 returning bowlers. Our membership is 177 full members; 1 life member; 1 Jr member; 3 honorary members; and 27 social members. There will be 4 more joining when they return from vacation. There are still lockers available 6 top row and one very desirable bottom row locker. The lockers cost \$15. Contact me if you are interested. Cheryl Baker, Membership Director parksvillelbcmembership@gmail.com.

WELCOME

GAMES INFO: 1. A reminder that leagues begin this week: Monday afternoon cut-throat ladder @ 1:30 (**note- a change of start time from last year**). Those who signed up for that league have received emails. As for the Tuesday & Wednesday night mixed pairs, and Thursday night mixed triples, if you signed up for these leagues you are in as all players have been accommodated. Please show up on the night that you signed up for and note that games begin at 6:30.



2. Our first "Food & Fun Night" will be held on Monday, May 15th. It will be a Panago Pizza night with the fun game being "4,3,2,1". The sign-up sheet will be posted on Tuesday, prior to the afternoon draw. Please come and join in the fun.

3. A special thank you to the members who came to the rescue of the games committee and filled many spots in the tournament on Saturday. We couldn't do anything about the weather but fun was still had despite the drizzle.

4. Members should be aware that in response to a request from the Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club to an opportunity to get some practice time for the upcoming tournament which they will be hosting this weekend at our club, they have been invited to use our greens on WEDNESDAY from 1 until 4. Our members are certainly also welcome to use the green along with their players that choose to come from Nanaimo at that time.

Further to the use of our club by Nanaimo, it should be noted that out of an abundance of concern for Nanaimo's unique situation, a feeling of a sense of urgency, and to be a good "citizen" within the district, all board members were not consulted prior to responding to their request and it was realized that more extensive consultation could have happened within our own club on the matter.
Ken Bucyk, Games committee director

OPEN TOURNAMENTS: The deadline for signing up for the following Open tournaments is May 12. We may need to hold playoffs so please put your teams together and send your entries to parksvilleopen@gmail.com for the following:

June 10/11 Qualicum Foods Ladies' and Men's Triples at Qualicum Beach.

June 28/29 Nexgen Men's and Ladies' Pairs at Port Alberni.

July 22/23 Royal Cdn Legion Men's and Women's Triples at Parksville

Tradition says that the winners (same team makeup) of last year's tournaments get an automatic entry to this year's tournament. Other entrants may require a playdown depending on the number of entries from the other clubs. If Playdowns are required, a draw will take place on May 15th and all games must be completed at least two weeks before the tournament.

Secondly, Qualicum Beach LBC has indicated that they are still seeking more teams for the McPherson Mixed Fours taking place at Qualicum on May 13/14. If you have not already entered and would like to place an entry please contact Mick Banks (250) 738-0531 mickbanksqblbc@gmail.com

Barry Conn, Parksville Open Tournaments Committee
(250) 586-6913

KITCHEN NEWS: Thank you to all those who helped out in the kitchen for our Kickoff Tournament. Well done!



On another note, during the May 6th & 7th Nanaimo Tournament, which is being held at our club, we will be supplying the coffee, tea & goodies. In preparation, we have posted a new schedule by the front door requesting your help during those two days. The shifts are in 1 hour periods, so that even if a member is bowling they may be able to schedule one hour of their break in the kitchen. Ladies or Gentlemen are welcome to volunteer.

Many thanks, The Kitchen Committee

ALSO:



The refreshment center will also need some people to look after it when the Nanaimo tournament takes place. I will place a worksheet up in the sunroom today so please fill in your names in the time slots that suit you best. The proceeds from this event will go to our club. Thanks Dana.

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: After two weeks looking at Laws that do not quite say what you thought they said, we are now going to look at two laws which say exactly the opposite from each other.



If the jack is forced out of play, either over the side lines or over the top of the ditch onto the bank, Law 20 says the end is dead and must be replayed, whereas Law 56.5 says the end **MUST NOT** be declared dead, the jack should be re-spotted and play should continue!

Law 19.4 acknowledges that two conflicting Laws exist and says that the Controlling Body MUST decide which Law is to be used in each competition/tournament. Their ruling will be published in the Conditions of Play.

Let us look at Law 20 first. Dead ends are replayed by raking all the bowls together, whether they have been played or not, and taking them back to the mat end. The mat is placed and the jack is bowled by the player who played first initially. This interpretation of the law is rarely seen at Club level because it slows the game too much, but it is an important facet of play at senior levels where Skips, seeing that the potential measurement of the head will go against them, deliberately try to force the jack out of play, hoping that they may fare better in the replay.

There is a provision in Law 20.2, if BOTH Skips agree, that if the majority of the bowls are already at the head end, the end may be re-played in the reverse direction. There is also a 'short cut' version of Law 20.2 which is often played at Club level. It is not covered in the Laws, so must be clearly described in the Conditions of Play. This version accepts that the end is dead (abandoned might be a better term) but calls for the end to be recorded as played with no score accredited to either team. In tournaments where competition points are awarded for winning an end, the Conditions of Play must also state whether an abandoned end is scored zero for each team or whether the points for winning the end should be divided between the teams.

We will move on to the Law 56.5 rulings on dead ends next week.

Geoff Woollett

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