



Monday, May 15, 2017

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GAMES INFO: **1.** A reminder that this Monday is the first of our Food and Fun Nights. For those who signed up, we will eat @ 5:00pm and then bowl once everyone is ready to go. PLEASE PUT YOUR TAG IN AFTER YOU HAVE REPORTED IN AND PAID FOR YOUR MEAL. Tea, coffee and dessert will be served after our 10 end game of 4,3,2,1.



2. The sign-up sheet is posted for our annual BOWLYMPICS and it is your chance to be receive a coveted gold, silver or bronze medal, sponsored by RBC Wealth Management. The draw is 4 players per team, and teams are drawn JUST prior to starting. Please sign up if you haven't yet. Join the fun and be a part of the tradition.

3. Our first club trophy tournament, the mixed triples, will be held on June 3rd and 4th. The sign-up sheet and conditions of play will be posted on Monday morning, and we hope to see all of our rinks full for this competition. The teams will be made up prior to the tournament and the skips will contact their players with the details. Check your calendar and sign up.

Ken Bucyk, games committee director

CLUB CLOTHING: Repeated FYI..... The order sheets for shirts, vests and jackets with the club name or crest are up on the message board. If you are unsure what size to order, just ask around to see if you can try someone's on. If you order the jacket with your name on the sleeve, please be very sure of the size as there are no returns. Unfortunately, the white shirts previously available have been discontinued. I have found one similar and a picture is attached to the order form. Payment is due when the clothes come in. Any questions, please call. Sandi Mitchell.

KITCHEN NEWS:

1. The Social Committee met on May 10th to discuss lunches for the Open Tournaments during the June/July period. A volunteer list for the June 3rd & 4th Club Mixed Triples Tournament will be going up in the next week. If you can spare some time in the kitchen, either day, it would be most appreciated. We will also be looking to a couple volunteers to do the BBQ duties on the Saturday.

Thank you, Linda Kummer, Social Director

2. There will be a brunch on Monday, May 22nd, at 11:30 until 12:30, before play begins. The cost will be \$6.50 per person and will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes (real maple syrup), and coffee. I would like everyone to sign up before Saturday (sign-up sheets are in the sunroom) so that we have numbers to buy the correct amounts of food. You do not have to be playing to come to the brunch. Brunch will be rain or shine. If you cannot make it into the club, please give Dana & Clare a call, 250-248-5627, and we will put your names on the list. We will collect payment at the door on Monday. Thanks, Dana.

THANK YOU from Nanaimo LBC: When our Nanaimo Club was faced with the possibility of cancelling the Janet & Derek Shandley Open tournament on May 6 & 7, the Parksville LBC came to our rescue. After all the logistics were worked out between the two clubs, the tournament was relocated to Parksville and their hospitality was nothing short of awesome.

Our thanks go out to the PLBC Board and Games Committee for their help and cooperation. To Geoff Holland and Rob Mathews for preparing the greens. To Ken & Carol Bucyk and Geoff Holland for being there early to set up the greens. To

Ron Davies for being there early Saturday morning to warmly welcome the tournament participants. To Bill Jarrett and Dana Atchison for looking after the liquid refreshments. And to the long list of members who worked the kitchen: Wayne Larocque, Ray Dobson, Diane Cruickshank, Carol Barr, Penny Bhanji, Dee Ryan, Gerda Veld, Kathleen Motley, Hilary Lansdowne, Ed & Carol Russell, Dolores Adams, and Lenny Jarrett. Not only were all these Parksville members deprived of the use of their club, they were also there to look after the needs of the tournament participants.

Our biggest thank you goes out to Parksville members who were deprived of the use of their club for the weekend. We would welcome them to visit our club at Bowen Park and participate in our draws anytime.

Bernice Urbaniak, President, Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club

UMPIRE'S CORNER: Law 56.5 provides for the "re-spotting" of jacks that



have been forced out of bounds on either the nearest of the Three-spot positions (Law 56.5.2) or on the One-spot position (Law 56.5.3). Both systems are authorized at all levels of play indoor and outdoor. The Conditions of Play for each tournament **MUST** specify which system is to be used and the green or carpet must be marked accordingly. Outdoor re-spot positions are marked by pins pushed into the ground. They must be reset for each day's play as the

lane centre lines are usually changed overnight by the Groundskeeper to spread the wear and tear of the green around the mat positions. Indoor, the re-spot positions are painted on the carpet permanently.

So why do we not see the Three-spot positions in use? I suggest it is simply a practical matter. Setting up One-spot markers on 8 outdoor rinks in two directions requires at least two persons and will take maybe half an hour early in each morning of play. To accurately place Three-spot marks (that's 96 pins!) would require three persons and take an hour. Umpires are often asked to participate in this activity although it is not listed as a specific Umpire responsibility. Clubs have to appoint 'volunteers' to "pin the green" and it is not a popular task! So it comes down to the practicalities of getting the job done on outdoor rinks. Indoors, Qualicum's three

lanes have the Three-spot positions permanently marked and they are usually used. The Vancouver six lane indoor facility only uses the One-spot marks.

May I just add one other thought, if you are asked (or volunteer) to take out the pins after play, please count them very carefully, 32 or even 96, and have them recounted by someone else. A pin accidentally left in the ground can cause serious damage to the blades of some very sophisticated mowing machines!

Geoff Woollatt

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