



Monday, May 22, 2017



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: The Board met May 15. We discussed several things. During the bowling season you will see some additions to the rock garden where you first come into club. We discussed how we can organize to get our Beachfest shifts lined up. There will be four shifts this year in mid-July to mid-August. Dianne Proctor will be heading the creation of volunteer teams for the event, so standby for details in June. We also discussed possible capital projects for the club this year. Planning is still in progress.

We plan to formally present our Life Membership Award and several long-term lawn bowling pins at our awards evening later in the season. For those who have never experienced the club's "wrong bias box" here is some background. The box is located on the outside of the east side of the clubhouse. In a club open draw, if you throw a wrong bias bowl (and who hasn't), the tradition is to go over to the box and place 25 cents in it. At the same time you are to loudly ring the bell which is located at the box. You may notice that other members seem to enjoy your plight. But know that they may be next.

Finally, Linda Kummer and the Group of 7 are planning a dinner at the end of the club mixed triples tournament (June 3-4). Current plans are for a roast beef dinner at around 6 pm June 4. Linda and her crew will have further details soon. There is a sign-up sheet at the club for the dinner as well as the tournament. For new members (and of course all members), the mixed triples tournament is always a lot of fun and the dinner is an occasion for all of us to get together socially. So we encourage folks to participate as we get this new season off to a great start.

Ron Davis, President

GAMES INFO: Bowlympics today: We have currently 57 members signed up for the 17th annual Bowlympics. There is no one on the waiting list. There is still room for 7 more people to come and join in the fun. PLEASE BE AWARE - the grounds crew will be giving the green some special TLC which may take them longer than normal. We will do the draw at 12:30 so I am asking that TAGS BE PUT IN by 12:30 so the teams can be created and we will get onto the greens as soon as we can.



The sign-up sheet is posted for the club mixed triples tournament June 3 & 4. Please join in. Teams will be drawn and skips will be notifying their team members of the details. This is the first trophy tournament of the year. Everyone welcome.

Ken Bucyk, games committee director

BOWLYMPICS BRUNCH: Today is the day. If you put your name down to attend Brunch, we will see you between 11:30 & 12:30 in the main dining room at the club. Come a bit early if you need a coffee, we will start to serve at 11:30 and remember to bring your wallets with lots of cash. Thanks Dana.

KITCHEN NEWS: Finally, summer weather! Our next big event is the Club Mixed Triples on Saturday, June 3rd & Sunday, June 4th. During both days, lunch is brown bag with coffee, tea & goodies available. On Sunday evening there will be a Roast Beef dinner. Cost per person is unknown at this time and will depend on the number of members attending. I should know the cost early in the week.



Also, I look forward to seeing our new members at this event so that they can experience a fun tournament. Please sign-up for both the tournament & the dinner. Is your partner an associate member? Bring he/she to the dinner as well. Just to let everyone know, the sign-up sheet for volunteers for the kitchen during this event has been posted. Thanks very much.

Linda Kummer, Social Director.

INTERCLUB INFO: The sign-up sheet for the annual Courtenay-Parksville Challenge will be posted at the club this Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.



This is a popular event so if you would like to be included please be sure to add your name to the sheet.

The actual challenge takes place from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm at our club on Thursday, June 8th. We require 10 ladies and 10 men to participate in this event. As there are games of singles, doubles, triples and fours it is important that at least 8 skips, including 3 ladies, and a good number of experienced thirds, are willing to play. Everyone will bowl 2 games. Further details are on the sign-up sheet.

Anne Holland, Interclub Co-ordinator.

GREEN MATS/GROUNDSHEETS: The request to use green mats is still on the chalk board at the draw room entrance. I am still waiting for the green surface to firm up, our continued damp and cool weather is slowing that down. One of these days, soon I hope, I will be able to erase the standing request.



When that happy day arrives it will not mean we can forget the green mats for the rest of the season.

The notice will be back on the chalk board following significant rainfall or irrigation.

Some bowler's deliveries involve lofting bowls, resulting in divots and scuffing of the surface even when the surface is quite dry and firm. Even if there is no notice to use green mats, it is everyone's responsibility to get out the green mats if **any bowler** on your rink is damaging the green. Please take this inconvenient responsibility seriously.

Thank you for your patience and attention to this. Martin Fereday, Greenskeeper.



GREEN INFO: Friday May 26th at 5pm, the green will be closed for fertilizing. Open again On Saturday morning. Thanks for your understanding. Rick Dolley, Master chemical mixer.



CLUB CLOTHING: I will be taking the order sheets down on Monday May 29th to place the order. Any questions, please call. Sandi Mitchell.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Playing membership: 182 full, 1 associate, 1 life, 1 junior; 34 Social members and 3 honorary. There are 3 people finishing up lessons this week. Remember email me if your contact information has changed so that I can let others know (e.g. email address and telephone number). Cheryl Baker parksvillelbcmembership@gmail.com

UMPIRE'S CORNER: The Conditions of Play have been referred to several times in recent weeks, maybe it is time to explain what they are and why you are so strongly advised to read them. The Crystal Mark 3 Edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls contains all the current unchangeable rules for the sport whether played indoor or outdoor. However, there are several places where the Laws offer alternative ways in which specific events arising during play can be resolved; dead ends, re-spotting the jack amongst many others. The Controlling Body for each Competition or Tournament must publish a document stating which rules are to be applied. They must also include details on such things as trial ends, time limits, number of ends, tie breakers and a whole list of items shown in Appendix A.1.3 of the Laws, without which the game cannot be completed. There is also a whole page of items at Appendix A.1.4 which may be included if the Controlling Body considers them appropriate. The document which sets out all this essential information is called The Conditions of Play.



The Controlling body for all our PLBC events is the Games Committee and, like most Clubs, they have established a Standard Conditions of Play document covering the vital items which are applicable to all PLBC events. It is on the notice board, read what it says or take a copy.

There are often additional items which the Controlling Body wishes to apply to specific events where special rules have to be applied to only one game, often to reflect the wishes of the Sponsor who provided funding for the tournament. These are commonly read out by the Chairperson of the Games Committee or by the Umpire before the start of play.

When PLBC sponsors an Open Tournament the reading out of special Conditions of Play is a useful way of advising visiting players the extent to which our domestic Conditions of Play are applicable to the Open Tournament. Beware, if PLBC acts simply as host to a District or even a Provincial Open Tournament played on our green, our Conditions of Play are not valid at all because PLBC is NOT the Controlling Body, NVIPR District or Bowls BC must publish their own Conditions of Play for the event.

The Umpire will always enforce the established Conditions of Play, better if you know what Conditions are applicable rather than wait for the Umpire to rule against you!

Geoff Woollatt

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