



September 26, 2016

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AWARDS NIGHT: A reminder that tonight is the night. Doors will be open at 5:00



with No Host bar and nibblies. Food will be put out at 6:00ish. Please bring all your food offerings to the kitchen so that we can put everything out at the same time. Awards will be done after we have eaten. Dana.

GREEN AERATION AND TOPDRESSING Tuesday 10 am to 3 pm

I would appreciate as much volunteer help as possible on Tuesday September 27th to remove cores from the green by shoveling them into wheel barrows and moving them to the area of the former Bocce courts. We will then shovel topdressing sand from the shed into the spreader, our contractor will move and spread it on the green, then back to the shed for reloading. So please mark your calendar to contribute some of your energy **for any amount of time on Tuesday.**

I estimate we will move off about 30 barrows full of cores and bring on the equivalent of about 60 barrows of sand. Sounds daunting, but with a large number of people we can work for a while, take a break while someone else steps in, then come back in and relieve someone else when we are ready. We can get it done without wearing anyone out.

A couple of us will be there early operating the aerator (coring machine). Our contractor is scheduled to arrive at 11 am., so if we can have all the cores off the green by 11 that would be great. He estimates it will take him about 4 hours to complete his work, it may be longer due to the distance between the sand shed and the green. **So we will need many people before 11 to clear the green and a steady supply of people to fill the hopper on the spreader, until at least 3 pm.**

So please come out at any time **between 10 and 3 on Tuesday.** Stay as long as you wish, take breaks and don't overdo it, there is no prize for the most cores or sand

shoveled. I would love to be overwhelmed with the number of people who show up. This is a very significant operation to improve the grass health, smoothness and speed of our green for 2017 and beyond. We'll do something very similar in April.

When the topdressing, (which will include bentgrass seed mixed with the sand) is complete it will be worked into the surface by dragging a metal grill with the garden tractor. That particular job will go to the highest bidder! With a few days of nice weather the green will go back to green, from the ploughed field it will resemble about 10 am Tuesday morning.

We will also need to borrow some tools from you please. Several **wheel barrows will be needed** to shovel the cores into, the club only has two. At least three or four loaners would be most helpful. If transportation is a problem give me a call and I'll have your wheelbarrow picked up and returned to you.

We will need lots of either straight edged **shovels or snow pushers** to pick up the cores from the green, round edged shovels will work for loading sand. The club have a few of all these tools but not enough for a job like this. Put a distinctive label or mark on any tools you bring, so that you take the same ones home.

Thanks, hope to see lots of you at the green on Tuesday.

Martin

SURVEY: Just a reminder to fill in and return your survey as soon as you are able. We are hoping to receive some great ideas on how you would like the club to move forward and ways we may improve your experiences as a member.

AGM 2016: The 2016 PLBC Annual General Meeting will be held on **November 5th** at 1:30 at the clubhouse. A copy of the minutes from the SAGM will be sent out with this MMM.

If you are not able to attend, you may have someone vote on your behalf - Please forward your Proxy form (also attached) to a member of the board before or at the meeting.

The agenda for this meeting will be made available closer to the meeting date. A reminder to all our organizers and board members, that you will be expected to give a report on your activities for the past year. Please forward an electronic copy of your report to me (I prefer it in the body of an email, it makes it easier to reformat for the minutes) before 5 November. The email address is parksvillelbc@gmail.com

PHOTOGENIC: If you haven't answered Chuck's email regarding his photo taking, please do so as soon as you can. Many of you have answered (just over 100 of the 220 club members) and that is great. He just would like to know if you mind having your photo taken or not (he notes in his email that unless you are a tournament winner, only you will see the photos he takes of you). Reply to Chuck at ceebee71@shaw.ca



WEEKLY WINTER ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW:

Starting during October in the clubhouse.

- Monday:** Mahjong 7 pm (open to public) - first day is Oct 3rd (\$1 per night)
 - Tuesday:** Short Mat 1 pm (members only) - first day is Oct 11th (\$1.25 per day)
 - Wednesday:** Crib 1 pm (open to public) - first day is Oct 12th (\$3 per day)
 - Wednesday:** Darts 7 pm (members only) - first day is Oct 5th (\$1 per night)
 - Thursday:** Bridge 1 pm (open to public) - first day is Oct 13th (\$3 per day)
 - Friday:** Short Mat 1 pm (members only) - first day is Oct 14th (\$1.25 per day)
- (Fee subject to review by PLBC board. See the Winter Activities calendar included with last week's MMM for more info on all the game dates from October to March)



MAHJONG UPDATE: Mahjong starts next Monday, Oct. 3rd at 7:00pm. Cost is \$1.00. Don't forget to bring your set if you have one. We will be welcoming quite a few new players this year. Also, please refrain from wearing any scents as there are a number of allergy sufferers among our players. Going to be a great season of mahjong. Debbie, Jack, Brenda & Wayne



DARTS NIGHT: Darts begins on Wednesday, Oct. 5th and starts at 7:00pm. Cost is \$1.00. Bring your darts if you have them (if not, there are plenty of club darts to go around). You'll have a great time throwing around pointed objects while listening to some great music and enjoying a chat and a nice cuppa. Andy and Tex.



UMPIRE'S CORNER: **Failing to play.** If the result of an end has been agreed or the process of deciding the number of shots has started, a player who has failed to play a bowl (deliberately or accidentally) will lose the right to play the bowl.



If a bowl has been played by each team before the players discovered that one of them has failed to play a bowl in proper order, that player will lose the right to play the bowl (p.43).

ODDS & ENDS: Part 3 - The game abruptly lost its popularity during the American Revolution. On July 4, 1776, with the Declaration of Independence, the Colonies were rent apart. Those still loyal to the British Crown fled to Canada, were imprisoned or killed, and their property confiscated. This wartime hysteria swept all thing British with it, including bowling greens. Greens were plowed up, converted to camp grounds, planted with flowers or trees, and hidden as much as possible. To the Canadians we owe the preservation of Bowling on the Green in America. With peace, the game spread across the continent to Vancouver, and grew in popularity. In time, friendly games across the border began, and eventually old animosities were forgotten. Now you know! Len Canning

MONDAY MORNING MESSAGES: This will be the last of the weekly MMM editions until it starts up again in March/April 2017. There will, of course, be the occasional issue when there is some information that needs conveying to the membership. Enjoy the off season and remember the club's winter activities to pass the cool winter days and nights and help keep you in touch with your fellow bowlers.

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