

Canadian National Mixed Pairs Lawn Bowling Championships

Parksville, British Columbia

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Welcome Bowlers to Oceanside

Congratulations on becoming your province's representative for the 2014 Canadian Mixed Pairs Lawn Bowling Championships. This year's tournament will be held in beautiful Parksville, British Columbia from September 7 – 13. This week-long event will be full of fun, excitement and challenges as players face off in round robin competition.

THE HOST CLUB

In 2005, our club hosted the Canadian Mixed Pairs with outstanding results and this year's event will be just as spectacular. The Parksville Lawn Bowling Club has a reputation of great volunteerism, strong competitors, active social members and a green that is the envy of clubs far and wide. It's a club that welcomes all to take part in a sport that can last a lifetime.

For more information about our club, and to check out the many activities and tournaments, please visit our website:

www.parksvillelawnbowlingclub.com



THE HOST HOTEL



Our organizing committee has made finding reasonably priced, comfortable rooms a priority. We have partnered with The Quality Inn Bayside in Parksville. This is a lovely site located along Parksville's beautiful beach with stunning views of the Coast Mountains, Strait of Georgia and the Sunshine Coast. ([Quality Resort Bayside Web Cam](#)). The hotel is a 5 minute drive from our club and its proximity to Parksville's downtown area

makes for a quick and easy walk. Participants in the championships can check out the accommodations and amenities here qualityresortparksville.com.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM HOST HOTEL

To facilitate your travel to and from the various venues, our transportation committee will make arrangements to pick you up from wherever you happen to be staying and deliver you to the green, the banquet and other activities. Arrangements can also be made to pick you up from the airport or ferry terminal.

SITES OF INTEREST

There are many wonderful places to visit while on the Island, and the Parksville/Qualicum Beach Tourism Association has a great website to help you plan your vacation time. We suggest you check out www.parksvillequalicumbeach.com as it is full of great vacation ideas for you.

Our boardwalk is a special treat on a warm summer's evening. The world famous [Goats on the Roof/Coombs](#) market is a 15 minute drive and the stunning beauty of [Cathedral Grove](#), home of some of the world's oldest and tallest trees, is 25 minutes away. The Globe and Mail has called the Oceanside area "Canada's Riviera" and it's easy to see why. [Rath Trevor Provincial Park \(Rath Trevor Beach Web Cam\)](#) is 10 minutes out of town, and is home to some of the warmest water in Canada. Its large, shallow bay is a memorable summer walk as you will see crabs, clams and gulls along this broad expanse of sand and salt water.

GETTING HERE

Parksville is located midway on the east side of Vancouver Island and getting here is relatively easy. People can fly WestJet to Comox and then rent a car to travel 50 minutes south on the Inland Parkway to Parksville. Alternately, you can fly in from Vancouver to Nanaimo via Air Canada which takes about 45 minutes. KD Air, a local carrier in Qualicum Beach, allows you to fly in from YVR in Vancouver to Qualicum, which is only 10 minutes away from Parksville.

If travelling on a B.C. Ferry is something you've always dreamed of doing, there are regularly scheduled ferries from Vancouver's Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay in downtown Nanaimo. You may also choose to come from Tsawwassen on the lower mainland and arrive at Duke Point at the southern tip of Nanaimo. The B.C. Ferries website is full of great information to help you plan your trip to the Island. Go to www.bcferrries.com for schedules, maps, prices etc.



SURROUNDINGS AND CLIMATE

Simply put, the place we call home is one of the most breathtaking places you'll ever visit. The Island attracts visitors from far and wide throughout the year to view thunderous winter storms, spring blossoms, herring runs migrating down the Strait of Georgia and beautiful bald eagles flying overhead. Orcas, harbour seals, sea lions, black Brandt geese and Dungeness crab are all part of the waterscape in Oceanside. Living in this marine climate means that temperatures are always moderate. It rarely freezes in the winter and summers are warm and mild.

Early September will be a great time for you to be visiting as the average temperature is 15 degrees Celsius with a high of 18 degrees Celsius and low of 10 degrees Celsius.

Our proximity to the Strait of Georgia and Mount Arrowsmith means that nights can be cool, so a light jacket or sweater will be perfect.

What to Pack for Parksville in September:

Shorts, t-shirts, rainwear, comfortable pants, sweaters, closed-toe shoes, sandals, sun hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, light jacket/sweater, umbrella and of course, your tournament play gear.

FOOD AND MEALS

Our organizing committee has worked hard to make sure your meals will be tasty, healthy and filling. We have put together an Athlete Meal Plan that will feature healthy, tasty lunches full of variety and quality throughout the week.

In addition to the catered lunches for round robin Play, the Athlete Meal Plan will also include:

- Opening reception: appetizers with the Meet and Greet on Sunday Night
- Coffee and tea throughout each day of play
- Banquet at the Parksville Conference Centre

OPENING CEREMONIES

Sunday afternoon will be available for practice and for shoe inspections followed by the parade of athletes and opening ceremonies. This event will be held at the Parksville Lawn Bowling Club. Our mayor, Chris Burger, will be on hand to welcome the athletes and there will also be provincial government leaders in attendance. Team pictures will be taken at that time, and the press will have the opportunity to interview players. This year's Opening Reception will give the athletes and the host club a chance to socialize with each other.

DRAW TIMES:

Our club has a beautiful green which is always in great condition even towards the end of the season. The details of start times are to be added after the number of players is confirmed.

Monday to Friday – Round Robin play with two games played per day Monday to Thursday and one game on Friday. If necessary there will be tie breakers on Friday afternoon.

Medal games on Saturday

- Bronze Medal Game at 9:30 am
- Gold Medal Game at 1:00 pm

Closing ceremonies will occur at 4:00 pm

CLOSING BANQUET

We will be hosting our banquet and silent auction at the spacious [Parksville Conference Centre](#). It will be held on the evening of Friday, September 12. This event is included in the Athlete's Meal Plan and tickets will be available to the public.

PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORS:

Partnerships are an integral part of any successful tournament. In Parksville, we are very fortunate to have a number of businesses who are committed to supporting Parksville in hosting the Canadian National Mixed Pairs Championships. We would like to thank the companies who have helped to make this tournament such a success.