

NEWSLETTER

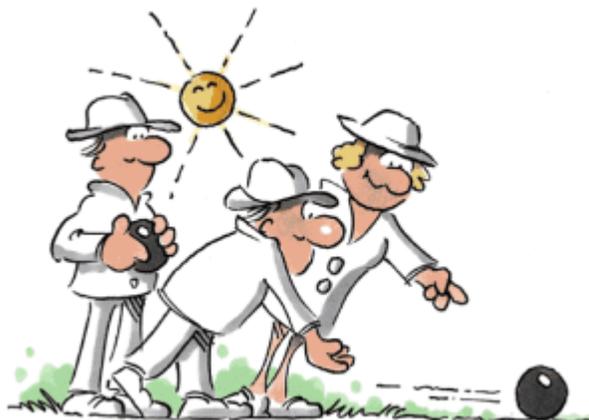


SPRING 2017

Dare we hope that Spring is here at last? It is getting warmer but the usual signs of Spring and Easter are not as evident as they usually are. The greens are three weeks behind at this point but we continue to hope for a May opening.

At least, in this issue there are some dates to remember, schedules and information, the Open House coming up and the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

Annie



COACH'S CORNER

The dates for Novice training have been set.

DAYTIME CLASSES

Lesson 1	Monday	April 10, 1 - 3 p.m.
Lesson 2	Wednesday	April 12, 1 - 3 p.m.
Lesson 3	Tuesday	April 18, 1 – 3 p.m.
Lesson 4	Wednesday	April 19, 1 – 3 p.m.
Lesson 5	Friday	April 21, 1 – 3 p.m.
Lesson 6	Monday	April 24, 1 – 3 p.m.

EVENING CLASSES

Lesson 1	Tuesday	April 18, 7 - 9 p.m.
Lesson 2	Thursday	April 20, 7 – 9 p.m.
Lesson 3	Monday	April 24, 7 – 9, p.m.
Lesson 4	Tuesday	April 25, 7 – 9, p.m.
Lesson 5	Thursday	April 27, 7 – 9, p.m.
Lesson 6	Monday	May 01, 7 – 9, p.m.

St Michaels University School will be having lessons on the following dates, all between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: May 3, 10,17. Fridays: May 26; June 2.

Drop in bowling is open to all members of the Club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1 – 3 p.m. Coaches will be on hand to give guidance as needed.

Floyd

On Monday afternoons, Annie will be holding training sessions for ladies who would like to compete in tournaments. These sessions are particularly for ladies in their 2nd year of bowling who have not yet started to compete but anyone is welcome. These sessions will be held for the first four or six weeks after we open.

JUNIOR PROGRAM

Training sessions for juniors will begin on Thursday, April 20 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. Saturday training will begin on April 22 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. The youth players are encouraged to attend both days whenever possible as the length of time we have available to prepare for the Provincials is not long. Not everyone will be competing in the Provincials, which are being held at GHLBC this year, but the training is fun and designed to improve play over the long term.

Annie

JUNIOR PROVINCIALS

GHLBC is hosting the Junior Provincials (July 7 – 9) this year and some plans are already in place. This is a significant event for our Club as it is the first time we have hosted a major Championship. At this point we do not know how many competitors there will be but it will probably be about 20. It takes a Club, not one or two people to put on a tournament of this importance so volunteers will be crucial. So far, Steve Foster is organizing the officiating and Dennis is doing the scorekeeping and draws. Mary Howarth is taking care of the catering and will need at least 8 people to help with breakfast, lunch, snacks and BBQs, and with coffee, tea, juice, etc. in between. The evening BBQs will feature the grilling skills of Dennis and Robin and the rest of meal will be prepared by the catering team. We will also need one or more people to volunteer to help keep things running smoothly while the coaches (Annie and Mary anyway) are sitting behind the competitors. This will be a time-consuming job but very necessary. We need people to go out and seek sponsorship. Cobs Bread has already offered to help and I have several other places which can be canvassed. I hope to get enough sponsors to feed the competitors free of charge.

That's all for now but please let Annie or Dennis know if you can help in any way.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, APRIL 2. 2 – 4 p.m.

Hosted by the Executive

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 23. 2 – 4 p.m.

BOWLS SOUTH ISLAND

We all know that we are part of BSI but what is it and what is its purpose? That is what the Presidents' Council has been discussing for a year now. It was determined that the Council had no idea what it was all about because the members changed every year with the change of Presidents. In view of this, it was decided that a new Governance model would be introduced which has one representative, not necessarily the president, from each of the eleven clubs in the District. Those representatives would serve for at least two years to provide continuity. The representatives have now been determined and will meet later in the year to start work.

I am the representative from GHLBC. In my view, **we are all BSI**. I am here to take any concerns anyone may have to the Council. I was 'persuaded' to be BSI's representative to Bowls BC and now attend bi-weekly video meetings.

BOWLS BC

What is Bowls BC? That is the question that we asked ourselves last weekend in Vancouver and agreed that **we are all Bowls BC**. The Board is there to promote and support the sport of lawn bowling, set policy, arrange workshops for training coaches and umpires, obtain grants, provide funding to athletes and a whole lot more. All this is done on behalf of the 4,408 bowlers in BC. Junior Development is one of the areas where work is needed and as Co-ordinator of Junior Development for Bowls BC I will be working to create a program which can be used by all clubs to start up and maintain training programs for young players.

Enough of the serious stuff.....



Jokes about German sausage are the wurst!

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

GOOD BOWLING!

