

NEWSLETTER



Winter 2017

Winter activities are still going strong and it doesn't seem that we will be leaving the cold and wet weather behind any time soon but believe it or not, soon we will be starting to think about Spring and the next bowls season. Over the winter, carpet bowls, mah-jong and bridge have continued for some of our members. Sadly, during the past few months we lost two of our members. Our friend Ray Vermette, who will be fondly remembered for his dedication to looking after the greens and his passion for bowls, passed away in December. Just recently we lost a long-time friend and fellow bowler, Megan Jacques, who was a regular presence on the greens and as well in the bridge group. We will miss them both.

SHORT MAT and a TOURNAMENT INVITATION

Several of our members play short-mat bowls in the winter, some in the league at Sidney and others at Oak Bay and Lakehill. From time to time there are tournaments which last for one or two days. **Coming up on March 18 and 19 (Saturday and Sunday) there is a Short Mat Triples tournament at the Sidney Club and players are invited to enter a team for this event.**

Nothing from the Coach or Umpire this time but something worthy of Floyd!

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, then it dawned on me!

CHAMPIONSHIPS

There have been some developments in the wonderful world of bowls over the last few months. First, Juan de Fuca was asked by Bowls Canada to host the 2017 Canadian Lawn Bowling Championships on behalf of Bowls South Island. While Juan de Fuca is managing the event, all clubs in BSI are asked to help in some capacity. Dennis and Annie, together with Steve and Jill are on the organizing committee and all have a responsibility for some part of the week-long Championships as well as ongoing planning. Gordon Head is being asked to take on one day in the kitchen, providing tea, coffee and goodies in the usual way. This will be done in conjunction with another Club. Volunteers will be invited to help with this. All clubs are being asked to 'adopt' a Province. This will entail meeting the players from their adopted Province and driving them to their hotel, which is the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Langford. I am going to suggest that Gordon Head adopt Saskatchewan, for the simple reason that we know some of the players who play in both junior and senior games. More information on all this will be forthcoming as the planning continues.

Second, somewhat surprising, but approved by the membership at the AGM, Gordon Head was awarded the Junior Provincial Championships, winning out over North Vancouver at the latest Bowls BC board meeting. This means that planning will start immediately and I will be looking for volunteers to serve in various capacities. Dennis and I will be Co-ordinating the event:

The dates are July 7 – 9, Friday to Sunday, and the greens will be fully tied up for the three days; there will also be a welcoming social on Thursday, July 6 from 4:00 p.m. till about 8:00 p.m. so that visiting players can try out the greens and enjoy pizza while getting to know each other.

We will need help in the following areas:

Umpires and Markers - Steve Foster has agreed to organize this.

Catering - we would like to make it possible for the youth players (about 20 – 25 probably) to have free meals. Parents and other spectators will pay for their meals. In addition to providing breakfast lunch and dinner, we will have tea,

coffee, soft drinks and snacks, both sweet and savory, available throughout the day - this will be the biggest part of the tournament in terms of volunteers involved.

Sponsors: we hope to have breakfasts donated by businesses (e.g. Tim Hortons, Thrifty Foods, Fairway Markets) and dinners (Burger BBQ and Chicken BBQ) also donated. Hot House Pizza will be approached for the Welcoming Social. For all this we will need to go and approach these companies – any volunteers? We will also need some fundraising activities in the next few weeks and some brilliant minds to come up with ideas for it.

Billeting: We have not decided whether to offer billets but that will come up at a future meeting.

If anyone is prepared to help with catering or fundraising please let Dennis or Annie know. dverge@gmail.com; abodley@telus.net

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We would like to put together a large team from our membership so that no-one gets overworked. Being part of an event like this is really rewarding (and the kids are super-well-behaved!).

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Dennis is looking for someone to volunteer to chair the Capital Projects Committee. This will involve assessing the Club's needs, priorities and projects for the future. (There will be a vote to determine the winning volunteer 😊)

This girl said she recognised me from the Vegetarian Club, but I never met herbivore!

Annie (sorry)