

# NEWSLETTER



May 2017

Although it seems more like March, the bowling season has begun.....

This will be a lengthy newsletter filled with good advice from our contributing Umpire and Coach, important dates to put in your calendar, information on various matters and, of course, a little humour.

Opening Day on Saturday, April 29, was well attended despite cold and damp weather. It was good to see some of our new members out and we offer a warm welcome those who have joined us from other clubs.

A very good turn out of club members attended the Celebration of Life for Ray Vermette on Sunday, April 30. We all remembered a true gentleman who worked very hard for our Club in his role as Greens Chair.

## WEBCAM

A huge “thank you!” is due to Dennis Law who has installed surveillance security at the Club. Thanks are also due to Gale Law who got the ball rolling on this one. There is one camera inside the building and two outside, giving a good view of the green. Anyone who is interested in seeing what is going on inside and outside can go to the Website and click on “Webcam”.

Also new at the Club, is WiFi, which made it possible for the Webcam to be installed. Hopefully, if there is any vandalism planned this year by our mysterious annual visitors, we will be able to have good look at them!

The webcam pictures are refreshed every minute.

## COACH'S CORNER

### A FEW DO'S WHEN BOWLING

- \*Perform your duties, whether lead, second, third or skip in a manner that causes the other players a minimum of distraction.
- \*Be familiar with the rules of play.
- \*Concentrate on the game and be attentive at all times.
- \*Have on hand the equipment that you will need during the game.
- \*Make sure that you know the players' names you are bowling with and that you can identify the bowls being used.
- \*Keep perfectly still while a player is standing on the mat.
- \*Stand on the side of the rink away from the sun so that your shadow is not cast across the head.
- \*Adopt a position on the rink that does not obscure a player's line of sight to the rink markers and rink numbers.
- \*Last but not least, enjoy the game and have fun!

*Floyd Ruttan*

### DELIVERY SEQUENCE CHECKLIST

1. Pick up your bowl and step onto the mat.
2. Receive instructions from the skip.
3. Align your feet properly for the forehand or backhand delivery.
4. Check for correct bias.
5. Assume the correct grip and steady the bowl with the opposite hand if necessary.
6. Bend the knees slightly and choose a line of aim by visualizing the path of the bowl to the object.
7. Begin backswing and stepping-off action. Place the non-bowling hand on the forward knee to provide stability as you step forward along the line of aim.
8. Keeping the delivery arm straight, hips down and head up, swing the arm forward along the line of aim in a pendulum motion.
9. Release the bowl close to the toe of the forward foot. Thumb should leave the bowl first and the bowl should roll off the fingers.
10. Stay down until the bowls is released.

11. Delivery arm should follow along the line of aim in follow-through as the body moves forward off the mat and returns to the upright position.
12. Watch the progress of the bowl until it comes to rest. Check for wobble or bounce after release.

*Small joke:*

*Two antennae met on the roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was excellent!*

*Floyd*

### **ATTENTION ALL BOWLERS!**

The greens keeper has spent many hours to get the greens in good condition. Let us not ruin all the hard work by a few careless acts.

1. Wear proper shoes at all times on the green. Smooth soled, heelless shoes. No indentation bigger than 0.4 cm.
2. Walk **around** the green to get to your rink. Do not cross the green to get to it.
3. Place your bowls on the green – **do not drop them from the bank.**
4. **Do not bounce or lob your bowl.** Roll it.
5. Be careful when using the rakes or pushers. Do not dig them into the green.

*Floyd*



## **UMPIRE'S CHAIR**

As it is the beginning of a new bowling season I thought it would be useful to pass on a few reminders that will help during your game.

### **Delivery:**

- Most rinks will have a narrow draw side and a wide draw side. I suggest you choose the narrow draw for your delivery unless the Skip asks you to change.
- Don't change between forehand and backhand during an end. Continue to use the same hand for the entire end unless the Skip asks you to change.

### **Touchers:**

- A bowl is a toucher if it touches the jack on its original delivery even if it hits other bowls first.
- A bowl is NOT a toucher if it is a bowl that is at rest in the head (previously delivered) and is knocked on to the jack by another bowl.

### **Possession of the Rink:**

- Only one team is in possession of the rink at one time. After delivering your bowl, stay on the mat until your bowls comes to rest. The rink possession changes to the other team at that point.
- Once your bowl comes to rest, move off the mat to the left and the allow your opponent to access the mat from the right side to deliver their bowl.

### **Movement on the Green:**

- When changing ends, walk down the middle of the rink. Avoid walking down the rink-line as this could interfere with bowls being delivered on the adjacent rinks.
- If a bowler runs down the rink after their bowl they must be behind the jack before their bowl comes to rest.

## Other Things to Remember:

- If you place a towel on the green while delivering your bowl, place it behind the bowls yet to be delivered, **NOT** on the bowls.
- Skips - Do not touch bowls or drag your towel over the green when indicating to a player where you want their bowl to come to rest or what line you want them to take.
- Stand still behind the head or on the bank when someone is about to deliver a bowl.
- If a bowl hits the backboard and comes back on the green, it is a dead bowl unless it is toucher, then it is a live bowl.

*Steve Foster*



## 2017 Canadian National Championship

The 2017 Canadian National Championships are being held at Juan de Fuca from August 14 to August 19. There will be some awesome bowling by Canada's best bowlers. BSI is involving as many clubs as possible in this event. As such, Gordon Head will be providing volunteer flippers on **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**. What is the job of a flipper, you ask? There is one flipper on each rink whose job is to maintain the scoreboard during the game. These National Championships will involve Pairs, Triples and Fours from each Province, both men and women. As such, there will be 30 games ongoing at any one time. For each game, a flipper is required. The game times are 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. A volunteer lunch will be provided for all flippers each day. Gordon Head is asked to provide 17 flippers on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Another club will provide the remaining flippers for this day. This allows for a few spares to cover bathroom breaks, etc.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the notice board in the next few weeks for members to sign up to volunteer as flippers. Car-pooling can then be arranged for those who do not wish to drive to JDF. Further information will follow as to what to wear, what to bring, what time to be at JDF, etc.

Gordon Head is also being asked to provide baked goods during the National Championship. Gordon Head will also be asked for drivers to pick up players and their luggage at the airport and drive them to the Four Points by Sheraton on McCullum Road (past Costco). \$20 will be available to all drivers to cover gas expenses. More information will follow regarding the baking and volunteer drivers.

Any questions can be directed to Jill Foster (Committee Chair for the Nationals)

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*Jill Foster*

## **JUNIOR PROGRAM**

Two of our juniors have been training during the past two weeks. Max is back to get ready to defend his Provincial title and his sister, Stella, has taken up bowls as well and is showing great promise already. Arden and John will be back to play social bowls. The Juniors practice at 4 p.m. on Thursdays and 9:30 on Saturdays till the end of June, unless there is a tournament on at the club.

## **JUNIOR PROVINCIALS**

The Junior Provincial Committee met recently and now have a program in place for the event. At this time we are seeking donations of various items from local businesses and stores in order to be able to provide food for the players free of charge. We are also going to hold a raffle during the tournament and a 50/50 draw each day. For this we need a volunteer to take care of one or both of these things. We thought that three raffle prizes would be enough and will now be looking for suitable items to be donated. Please let me know if you are willing to take this on. The club members on the Committee are already doing an enormous amount of work, especially those involved in the catering service.

*Annie*

## **SUNSHINE LADY**

After many years of being our Sunshine Lady, Peggy has decided to pass the job on to someone else. We owe Peggy a huge vote of thanks for all her dedication to the position and for sending comfort and encouragement to numerous people on behalf of all the club members over the years.

*THANK YOU, PEGGY!*

And welcome to our new Sunshine Lady -- **JOY SMITH!** We know that Joy will do a great job!

## SOCIAL EVENTS

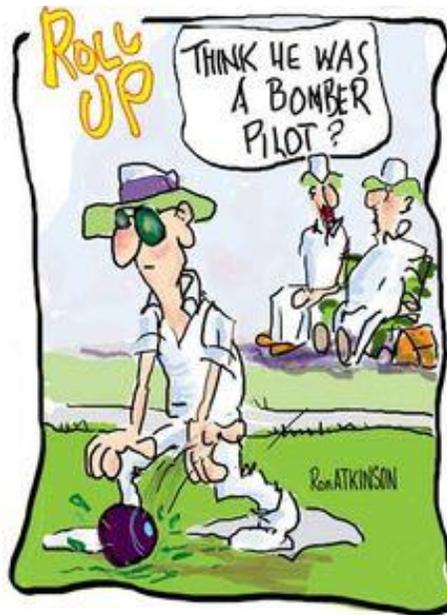
### DATES TO REMEMBER

**JUNE POT LUCK** Saturday, June 11. hosts: Lin Smith and Gale Law

**CANADA DAY** Saturday, July 1. hosts: Annie and Robin, Dennis and Gill

**SALMON BBQ** Saturday, August 12. hosts:

**CHICKEN BBQ** Saturday, September 9 – hosts: Gale Law and Dorothy Verge



*GOOD BOWLING!*