

NEWSLETTER



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On yet a bright, sunny day, with the prospect of an afternoon on the bowling green, it is uplifting to look around at the lovely spring and summer blossoms on trees, shrubs and flowers all over Victoria. It is the sort of scene which makes one vow never to complain about the rain in winter when we have all this natural and cultivated beauty to enjoy at this time of year. We must remember this blessing when the wind lofts an umbrella over the hedge, when a bowl bounces over a hole in the green dug by a crow or hits the water sprinkler protector and takes an alternate route to the jack. Even when it rains for ten days in a row in November! Yes, it is great to be back on the greens, enjoying the lovely weather and the company of friends!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The bowling season is now in full swing. I trust that you all have been enjoying your choice of social, recreational and competitive bowling. I want to reiterate that your ongoing commitment to support what we are involved in makes it all happen. Everything that you do, big or small, contributes to our success. I want to thank you all for that.

Stephen Mah

UMPIRE CORNER

Some information that may be of interest to you:

* The umpire training for new level 1 (regional) umpires is in progress. Four new umpires have completed and passed the course and two more are at different stages of completing the course. The umpires who have completed the course are from Lakehill and Oak Bay.

*Bowls Canada has now published 'domestic regulations' associated with the 2015 version of the Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls. Each member nation can adjust some aspects of the Laws. Of particular interest are:

- o Canada has again approved the minimum jack length of 21 metres instead of the 23 metres identified in the Laws.
- o Skips can transfer the duties of marking the score card to another member of the team. However, they must make sure that these duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team. If the skips cannot agree on who should keep the score card, then the skips in both teams must keep the score card.
- o Shoes must be flat-soled with no separation between the front sole and heel (i.e. flat from toe to heel). Walking shoes and sports shoes are acceptable; sandals with a heel strap are also acceptable, as long as the back strap is firmly fitted when worn. Flat-soled wedge shoes (i.e. shoes that increase in height from toe to heel) are not acceptable.

* The first Markers' clinic has now been delivered by Ann Mathie (JDFLBC) and Steve Foster (GHLBC). There were 18 participants representing 5 different clubs in attendance. The next course will be held at GHLBC on July 20 from 6 - 9 p.m. Details will be posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

If you have specific questions you would like to see answered in this column, please send them to Steve Foster via email at sfvict@telus.net.

Steve Foster

WEBSITE

The only new addition to the website is a link to the Canadian Pacific LBC website which is worth a look as it is very good. There have been many favourable comments about the GHLBC from members of other Clubs which is very gratifying as a lot of time and effort have gone into it.

JUNIOR PROGRAM

The junior program began in May with two boys registering, both with a parent/parents/grandparent. One boy has finished his training and another will finish within the next week or two. The result of the program was very satisfactory as the Club has acquired one very promising young member so far. Congratulations to Arden Grew, who has mastered rules and etiquette, line and weight, and is fully qualified to take part in all social bowling at the Club! He has joined the Club along with his 'other' grandfather, Al Thomson. We welcome them both and look forward to seeing them enjoying their time on the greens.

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SOCIAL BOWLING TIMES

Men's Morning	9:15 a.m. Tuesday
Yardstick	6:15 p.m. Tuesday
Women's Morning	9:15 a.m. Thursday
Weekend Afternoons	1:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Twilight	6:15 p.m. Thursday
Extra Coaching	1:00 p.m. M/W/F

ARRIVE - **at least 15 minutes** before game time

TAG UP - bowling shoes on and bowls ready

It is very inconvenient when the board of tags is ready to go outside and at starting time one, two, or more members show up late. Juggling the board is an art form in itself, so please, folks, plan to be on time!

A POEM

This 'poem' has been unabashedly taken from the Oak Bay newsletter of April 2015! It was initially found posted on the wall of another club and found its way to Oak Bay. As we all know, in most clubs just a few members do most of the work and sometimes one of those workers is goaded into writing something like this. There are several versions circulating, but this is Oak Bay's edition.

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings and mingle with the crowd
Or do you just stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong?

Do you work with the committees and get right in and mix
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the cliques?

So come to meetings regularly help and care with your heart
Don't just be a member, but take an active part.

Think this over members, you know what's right from wrong,
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

SOCIAL CONVENOR

May not only brought good weather and the start of bowling but also a pleasant surprise on Mother's Day. The men graciously hosted the tea on Mother's Day for the ladies, complete with goodies and service. It was a treat that was sincerely appreciated by all the ladies bowling that day. Thanks to the following men who worked to make this event possible: John Hewer, Trevor Hayward, Bill Ward,

David Smith, Ray Vermette, Glen Shippam, Barry Ming, Jim Van Alstine, Stephen Mah, Robin Hittos, Brian Morin and Floyd Colins.

Lin Smith

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 13	Pot Luck	Hawaiian Theme
June 21	Father's Day	
July 1	Canada Day Bowls and BBQ	Hosts: the Brookes and O'Connors.
August 15	Salmon BBQ	Chefs: Connie and Dan Munro.
September 12	Chicken BBQ	Chefs: Grace and Glen Shippam.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations!

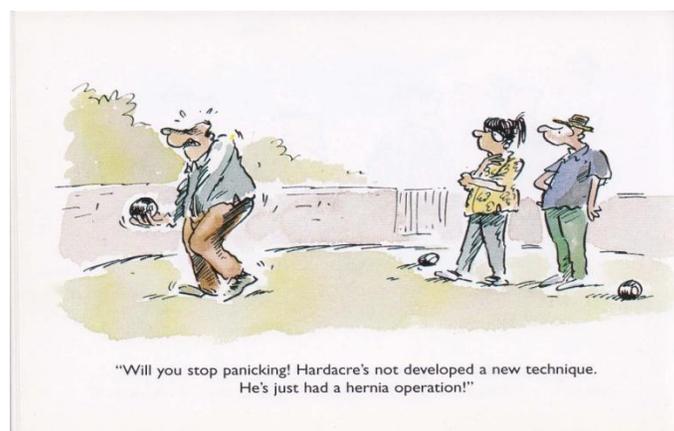
2015 Peace Findlay Men's Singles Tournament - Group B

Findlay Trophy - Winner David Gardner, Gordon Head

Findlay Trophy - Runner-Up Bud Randall, Gordon Head



Svend Klausen (We are very happy to see Svend recovered so quickly and bowling so well!)



2015 Rose Bowl Women's Pairs Tournament - Group A

Runners-up Josie Tan and Jill Foster, GHLBC

(Winners Ann Mathie and Sue Watt, JDFLBC)



Tournament season is well under way with something happening almost every day of this month. Several events are going on at GHLBC and it is good if club members come out to support our competitors. We have teams entered in the Bowls South Island Women's Fours, in the evenings of June 8,9,10. There are also some in-Club tournaments coming up:

June 4, 5 1:00 p.m. - Roni Frey Women's Pairs

June 17,18,19 1:00 p.m. - Hutchings Mixed Pairs

June 25,26,27 1:00p.m. - Corby Men's Pairs

CLUB CLOTHING

Gale Law has worked very hard on the latest order of club clothing and has just learned that the blue vests in size XL are not available. However, large is available. Also, the prices of the clothing have gone down and are as follows:

Polo shirts	\$34.50
Jackets	\$44.00
Vests	\$35.00

Tax extra, freight and embroidery included.

Thanks to Gale for taking on this task!

If you would like to order any clothing, Gale's contact info is:

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GOOD BOWLING!