

NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2017

With just a week or two to go in the bowls season we will soon be looking forward to enjoying our Winter activities. We had a glorious Summer which seemed set to go on for a few more weeks when we were plunged precipitously into cold and wet weather. Suddenly it is Autumn – although some stores would like us to think that Christmas is just around the corner – and with it comes cooler temperatures, more rain, short mat bowls, carpet bowls, Bridge and Mah-jong. The newsletter sort of fell by the wayside this Summer but now it will be a regular feature. I have enlisted the help of Mary Forster, who has a talent for producing club publications, so between the two of us we should be able to keep you informed and entertained.

Our Club had a very busy season this year with many members taking part in BSI and Club tournaments. In addition, we hosted the Provincial Junior Championships and the Men's Singles Provincial Championships. These provided some excellent spectating for not only our members but bowlers from other clubs. Tournament results plus photos are posted on our website and are too many to list here, but we will mention the amazing climax to the bowling season! At the Bowl for the Cure Charity tournament to raise money for the Cancer Society, the trophy winners were Barry Ming and his team! Congratulations to the Champs!



THE GREENS



This season we have used the groundsheets all the time to minimise the damage done by 'falling bowls' and it has been very successful. Unfortunately, we missed one day of weekend bowling recently when the greens had to be sprayed again for *Dollar Spot*. This disease spreads very easily, transported on shoes from one affected area to another. Cleaning of shoes before going onto the green may be something to look at in the future.

Apart from that, we managed to keep the greens in great condition, thanks to our Greens Chair, Al Thomson. Our Club received many compliments from visiting players.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Since the beginning of August there has been no break for tea on weekends because no one signed up to do it. The reason for this is that it is always the same people who step up to do tea and, after a season of many tournaments, these willing ladies are tired. At a recent executive meeting, this issue was discussed and some options were introduced, like assigning one weekend day to members; not having tea at all; volunteers would just make tea and coffee and serve cookies bought by the Club. Any ideas on this subject would be welcome.

LOYALTY CARDS



Members are encouraged to sign up for a Loyalty card from Thrifty Foods and/or Fairway. By using these cards, we raise money for the Club to use on the purchase of needed items; last year we installed the cabinet in the Club house and in previous years we have bought chairs and tables.

Rosemary Ward would be happy to provide you with a card at any time. You can reach her at:

rosemaryward@telus.net 250-477-2241

TOURNAMENTS AT GHLBC



A suggestion was made that in the future, some of our members might volunteer to run one of the Club tournaments. So far, Steve Foster has agreed to continue to run the Waring Quaddie and perhaps one more. Brian Morin will host next year's Sadler Memorial, and Dennis will run the Harding Singles and Falling Leaves Men's tournaments.

July 1st, while not a tournament, is an event and will continue to be hosted by the Verges and Annie and Robin. Dennis will be looking for members to step up and offer to run other tournaments.



SOCIAL EVENTS IN SUMMER

The Executive threw around some ideas for other social events in the Summer:

- ▶ Once a month Aussie Pairs evening.
- ▶ Barbecues once a month on a Friday evening – bring your own salad, etc. and something to put on the barbecue. The barbecue would follow two-bowl triples games starting at 4p.m. or 4:30p.m.

Any other ideas would be very welcome and even if it has been tried in the past and stopped being popular, it might be worth another try!

WINTER ACTIVITIES



Bridge: Every Wednesday afternoon at 1p.m. starting on October 4. Call Peggy Knapik (250-477-1574) or sign up on the list on the notice board.

BILL'S BRIDGE LESSONS start on Friday, October 13 at 1p.m. and end at 3p.m. The lessons will review bidding and introduce plans for the play of the hand.

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Carpet Bowling: Starts on Tuesday, October 10 at 10a.m. & 1p.m.

Please arrive a few minutes early to be ready for the draw. Random draw - one 10-end game, stop for tea

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Carpet Bowling (cont'd)

and goodies, then a new draw, and a second 10-end game.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY - 7p.m.

TUESDAY - 10a.m. & 1p.m.

THURSDAY - 10a.m. & 1p.m.

SATURDAY - 1p.m.



Mah-jong: Every Monday afternoon from 1p.m. – 4p.m. starting October 16.

Western version is played. Participation is free for GHLBC regular and social members. If you know someone who wants to join and who is not a GHLBC member, he or she can become a social member for \$35.00. Newcomers, please contact Sandra McConnell at skmcc@telus.net or 250-721-5526 to arrange for lessons. Everyone is welcome.



Annual General Meeting: Saturday, October 21 at 2:00p.m. (See last page for list of nominees for the Executive)

Christmas Dinner: Friday, December 8.



Whew ... the last end!

The 4 UPs in Bowls

Skips must be up

Thirds must measure up

Seconds must chalk up

Leads must shut up

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – LIST OF NOMINEES FOR THE EXECUTIVE

President: Dennis Verge
1st Vice President: Brian Morin
2nd Vice President: Cedric Trueman
Secretary: Sandra McConnell
Treasurer: Lorne Lewthwaite



Directors

Greens: Al Thomson
Men's Games:
Women's Games: Gloria Burton
House and Maintenance: Se O'Connor
Membership: Gail Ruttan
Social Convenor: Mary Howarth
Public Relations: Cedric Trueman
Head Coach: Annie Bodley-Scott
Junior Program: Annie Bodley-Scott
Newsletter: Annie Bodley-Scott
Website: Robin Hittos
Loyalty Cards: Rosemary Ward
Capital Projects:
Ethics: Svend Klausen

SANDRA would be quite happy if someone else would like to take over the position of SECRETARY.

LORNE would have the same sentiments about being TREASURER.