

NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2018

March has arrived, not lamb and not lion, but there are signs of spring all around and the sun has begun to get a real feeling of heat. The trees are beginning to burst into blossom, daffodils and all the other spring flowers are blooming, and that means that it will soon be time to clean out the bowls bags, clean the bowls and get ready for the new season!

Speaking of preparing for the bowls season, some people have been planning for the events that mark the beginning of a summer on the green. This edition of the newsletter will serve as a preview of important dates for both bowls and social events.





COACHES' MEETING

Wednesday, March 21 at 10a.m. in the Club house.
Annie looks forward to seeing all the coaches.

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 25 at 2p.m.



Sunday, April 8 at 2p.m.



Once we finish the Novice Training, times will be set aside for those bowlers, new and returning, who would like to improve their skills. A coach will be available to lead these sessions which will focus on drills and practice rather than playing games.

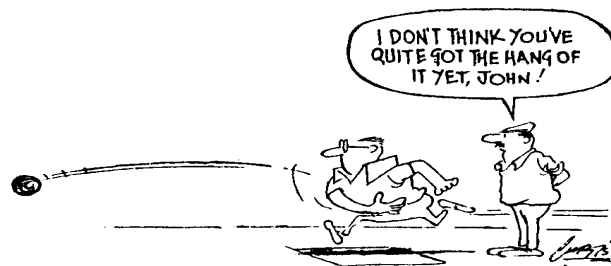
Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1 - 3p.m. will be for social bowling with coaches on hand to help when needed.



Bowls Canada is working towards a policy that will require all coaches to have these checks done if they are dealing with children or vulnerable adults. Also, there must be two adults present when coaching anyone under the age of 18. The check can also be done online.

NOVICE TRAINING for 2018

Many thanks to Floyd for continuing to lead the Novice training sessions!



Be prepared to have FUN!

Cost: \$15. Please wear flat shoes, with as little tread as possible to protect our greens. Otherwise, wear runners and we will tape the soles. Classes are held rain or shine. Schedule on next page.

NOVICE TRAINING cont'd

SCHEDULE

DAYS

Lesson 1	Monday, April 16	1 - 3p.m.
Lesson 2	Wednesday, April 18	1 - 3p.m.
Lesson 3	Friday, April 20	1 - 3p.m.
Lesson 4	Monday, April 23	1 - 3p.m.
Lesson 5	Wednesday, April 25	1 - 3p.m.
Lesson 6	Friday, April 27	1 - 3p.m.

EVENINGS

Lesson 1	Monday, April 23	7 - 9p.m.
Lesson 2	Tuesday, April 24	7 - 9p.m.
Lesson 3	Thursday, April 26	7 - 9p.m.
Lesson 4	Monday, April 30	7 - 9p.m.
Lesson 5	Tuesday, May 01	7 - 9p.m.
Lesson 6	Thursday, May 03	7 - 9p.m.



OUR CLUB TOURNAMENTS 2018

See page 6 for list.

2018 SOCIAL EVENTS



Sun. April 08	Open House	2:00p.m.
TBA	Opening Day	
Sat. June 16	Pot Luck Dinner	5:30p.m.
Sat. July 01	Canada Day BBQ & Bowls (Mixed)	1:30p.m.
Sat. Aug. 4	Salmon BBQ	5:30p.m.
Sat. Sep. 15	Chicken BBQ	5:30p.m.
Fri. Dec. 07	Christmas Dinner	5:30p.m.

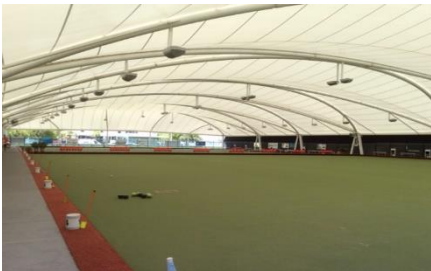


TRAVEL TALES

The Editorial Team invites club members to share their interesting travel tales in this new feature. First to start contributing to this column is Mary Forster.



Mary and Mel visited warm Albufeira, Portugal last November. They had a wonderful time meeting up and bowling with the U.K. bowlers they had met and stayed in touch with over the years. Then in early February, they left for Queensland, Australia, and have just got home ... reluctantly.



There are some 7,000 bowling clubs in the world. *"Bowling does take you everywhere"*. That's exactly what Mary and Mel seem to be taking in these days when they are out of the country. They utterly enjoy the fraternity and warm hospitality of the many lawn bowling clubs they visited over the years.



At the Mooloolaba Bowls Club on the Sunshine Coast, they were spoiled by the many hospitable Aussies they met and bowled with. Spoilt is an understatement when one can bowl under a dome (see photos) on a very hot day as well as when the skies opened, pouring rain that was beyond description! During their visit, they experienced a heatwave, followed by severe thunderstorms. What a sensible way to bowl under a dome, all weather! Needless to say, the club's Courtesy Bus came in handy when it poured buckets ... free rides back to their hotel!



Lawn bowling is run like a business in Australia. The club membership fee is low, but one must pay for a roll-up each time (AUD\$5 at this club). There are daily draws (two 12-end games) of the various formats. It costs AUD\$12 each to play, and the first and second winning teams get money from the pool! Mary and Mel did well and brought home some AUD\$90!



At this club, Mary learned that it was the opposing

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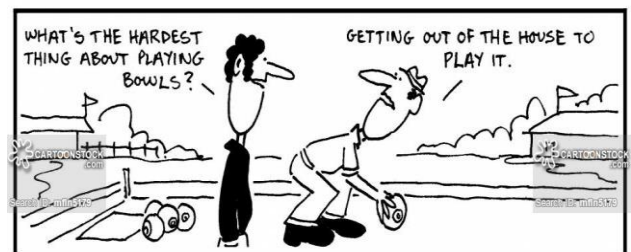
Skip that picked up the mat for the last bowler. She acknowledged that etiquette, but quickly told the Skip not to spoil her as she would be told off back in Canada for not picking up the mat after her last bowl. Rakes are not used in Australia. At the end of each end, it was very interesting to watch every bowler (except the Lead) helped to kick the bowls to the back. Apparently, this is THE etiquette!

The club has two all-weather bowling greens with seven rinks on each. Each rink has its own electronic scoreboard. There is a big timer between the greens and it buzzes loudly when time is up. The greens are running at about 16 seconds, a little faster than Albufeira. There is also a shorter green outside for barefoot bowling. Like most clubs they had visited in Australia, there are slot machines, a bar, and a great restaurant which serves delicious meals (Chinese and Western) in this facility.

Mary and Mel would like to share this text taken from the club's Members Handbook: *"NEVER LET YOUR CLUB DOWN. BE PROUD OF IT AND AT ALL TIMES PUT IT BEFORE YOURSELF. DO NOTHING IN YOUR ACTIONS, WORDS OR APPEARANCE WHICH WILL REFLECT AGAINST YOUR CLUB. DO YOUR PART TO ENHANCE ITS REPUTATION SO THAT IT IS KNOWN AS A FINE CLUB"*. Undoubtedly, many Mooloolaba Bowls Club members we met do live up to this tenet.

It was difficult for them to say farewell, but Mary and Mel will be back soon!

The last end ...



GORDON HEAD LAWN BOWLING CLUB TOURNAMENTS 2018

Ladies' Games: Gloria Burton burtong0@shaw.ca 250.658.8094

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DAY	DATE	CLUB TOURNAMENT	TIME
Mon - Wed	May 16 -18	President's Shield Mixed Triples	1:00p.m.
Sunday	May 27	President's Cup Mixed Triples	9:00a.m.
Mon - Wed	June 4 - 6	South Island Women's Fours BSI	6:15p.m.
Thu - Fri	June 7 - 8	Corby Men's Pairs	1:00p.m.
Wed - Fri	June 27 - 29	Hutchings Mixed Pairs	1:00p.m.
All of July		Mae Sheppard/Harding - Singles	Any time
Mon - Thu	July 9 - 12	Overflow Dogwood BSI	6:00p.m.
Wed - Fri	July 18 - 20	Beckwith Scotch Mixed Pairs	6:30p.m.
Mon - Wed	July 23 - 25	Sadler Mixed Triples BSI	6:00p.m.
Saturday	July 28	Novice Singles - Ladies/Men	9:00a.m.
Friday	August 17	Norm Story Skills - Mixed	1:00p.m.
Mon - Wed	August 20 - 22	Anniversary Mixed Triples	6:30p.m.
Mon - Thu	September 3 - 6	Falling Leaves Singles - Men	1:00p.m.
Thu - Fri	September 13 - 14	Waring Quaddie - Mixed	1:00p.m.