

# NEWSLETTER



*April 2018*

The Open House seems to herald the beginning of the bowls season, even if we won't be opening for another two weeks or so, and Sunday April 8 was no exception. Many of our coaches and Club members came to help welcome potential new members. We were able to spend most of the afternoon on the greens, thanks to the weather, which stayed clear and not too cold. Our visitors enjoyed a huge array of food and were able to spend enough time on the green to get a good feel for the sport. By the end of the afternoon, about fourteen people had signed up to join Floyd's training sessions. Mary and Mel Forster had a very busy afternoon running around taking photos so that we have a record of the event. The photos can be viewed on the website as well as tucked away in this letter.



**Opening Day April 28 ... See you there!**

## COACHES CORNER

Floyd's Novice Training begins on April 16 and continues for three weeks. Club Coaches will be on hand to help participants on the greens. Youth training begins on April 23. So far, we have not been able to establish a regular time for the youth players, due to school, work, and other commitments but as usual, things will work out fine.

We are bringing back the **MENTORING** program this year. All our novices will be assigned one of our coaches, who will work with them to improve their skills so that they will be ready later in the season to participate in Club tournaments.

A 'final final' copy of the Club tournaments and social events is posted on the notice board. Well, we hope it's final.

On Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30am, the greens will be available to anyone who wants to either practice on their own or train with a coach. This coaching can be arranged individually. On Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 1:00 pm, there will be social bowling with coaches on hand to help when needed.

Looking forward to a busy and successful season in 2018 and hoping that everyone has a great summer! Most important, HAVE FUN!

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## UMPIRE'S BEAT

Welcome to a new lawn bowling season! At present, our club has two Level 2 umpires (Svend Klausen and Steve Foster).

Please don't hesitate to ask either umpire if you have any questions about the rules governing lawn bowling. The following are a few reminders about rules of the game that may help you throughout the season whether you play socially or at a competitive level. Most of all, have fun playing the game.

### **Placement of the Mat:**

- The mat must be placed at least 2 metres from the rear ditch. The mat can be moved further up the green if the skip requests it.
- The mat must be centred in the rink (skip and lead work together to centre the mat).
- If the green ground sheets are being used, please place the mat so that it overlaps the ground sheet by two or three inches. The mat will slide around if placed entirely on the green sheet.

### **Delivery of the Jack:**

- The jack is delivered down the rink by the lead. The lead must help the skip centre the jack in the rink.
- The jack must travel at least 21 metres from the front of the mat (mat line) and must be at least 2 metres from the front ditch.

### **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 in to the jack by another bowl.

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

- Only one team is in possession of the rink at a time. After delivering your bowl, stay on the mat until your bowl 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 allow the opponent access to the mat from the right to deliver their bowl.

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## UMPIRE'S BEAT cont'd

### 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 adjacent rinks.
- If a bowler runs down the rink after their bowl, they must be behind the jack before their bowl comes to rest.

## ACCOLADES



The short mat season is over at Sidney.

Gordon Head had three teams in their annual tournament. All three teams ended up in the semi-finals. In the final game, Bud Randall, Gale Law and Sharon Randall ended up winning against our team of Steve Foster, Jill Foster and Floyd Ruttan.

The Monday afternoon league winners at Sidney were also a Gordon Head team – Svend Klausen, June Klausen and Elaine Ratcliffe.

At Oak Bay, Svend and June Klausen also won in the league and in competitions while Annie and Robin didn't do anything spectacular at all!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!**

**Opening Day ... April 28 ... GOOD BOWLING!**

# Open House Montage

Check out our website for more photos!



*The last end ...*

**As a new member, Jack wasn't quite up to speed with bowls club etiquette**

