

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2018

Looking back one year, the May 2017 Newsletter began “Although it is May, it feels more like March” ... so it was not a complete surprise when Opening Day 2018 arrived. After a week of record breaking temperatures, the glass fell! Some thirty members came to welcome in the new season but only eighteen braved the cold, wind and rain to play twelve ends. The mood on the greens was cheerful and everyone was upbeat. Judging by the noise, everyone had a great time.

Mary scampered about taking photos which you can view from our website (some of the photos are included on the last page for those who are not web browsers). Miraculously, the photos are not blotched with raindrops. The ladies and a gentleman in the kitchen put on a lovely tea and no one complained about having to go outside again. (A hot bath at the end of the afternoon was very welcome!)



**Have Fun &
GOOD BOWLING!**

WINTER WIND-UP



Our carpet bowling season was a great success with our carpets being used up to seven times a week, thanks to all those who volunteered to host these events. Some of our members bowled in the Sidney short mat leagues. Gordon Head won the Monday league play, taking the top three positions. Well done!



Floyd would like to draw your attention to our 'For Sale' items, including 'Used Bowls for Sale'. They are listed on the bulletin board in the Club House.

NOVICE TRAINING



A warm welcome to Anne Hanson, Barbara Dunn, Wayne Pfennig, John Kendrew and Richard Ratcliffe. Check out "the last end" for a chuckle! Also, welcome to those who joined us from other clubs!

On April 8, we held an Open House at which we had a good turnout of people interested in Bowling.

We started classes on April 16 with 8 students and, with good weather after the first day, seven finished the course. Five have joined the Club and we believe two more may join. Thank you to those people who recruited new members. We as coaches ask all members to remember their etiquette and have patience, tolerance and respect for our novices and other bowlers. It takes time and experience to learn how to bowl. We all come out to enjoy ourselves and have FUN.

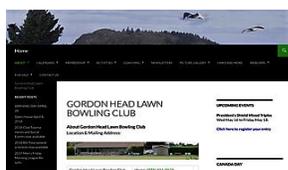
Thank you to all the coaches and helpers for their support in this year's training.

YOUTH PLAYERS



Max is training hard on every Monday and Wednesday in preparation for the Nationals in August. Luci is training on every Tuesday at our Club in preparation for the Youth Provincials and the Nationals. Both are also playing in a few BSI tournaments this season.

WEBSITE



Robin has been kept very busy on our Website this Spring. Membership online registrations went well considering that it is the first time this method is used, and about 50 people signed up this way. Registration for tournaments hasn't been as successful. It was hoped that everyone would use the Website to sign up for BSI and Club tournaments, thus making it easy to (a) sign up and (b) cancel without having a piece of paper covered with scribbles and crossings out. It makes things easy for the Games Chairs. Having some done one way and some another is confusing for everyone. However, it seems that the paper method is still popular.

COACH'S CORNER



We have a new coach! Congratulations to Anne Murfitt, who completed the Competition Coach course in April and followed it up a week later with the Club Coach course. Annie also did the Competition Coach Course. More of our members are doing the Club Coach course later in May so we will have plenty of help on the greens this summer.

SCHOOL VISITS

As a 'heads-up' for our members, below is a list of the times of school visits this summer. All coaches are requested to be there for at least one of the visits.

DAY	DATE	TIME	SCHOOLS, ETC.
Thursday	May 3, 24 & 31	1pm	Intercultural Society
Tuesday	May 8	7pm - 9pm	2nd Portage Inlet Rangers Will not interfere with anything as Yardstick starts on May 15.
Thursday	May 24, 31 & June 7	10:30am - 11:30am	St Michaels University School Should not interfere with Ladies' Morning as SMUS will only be using four rinks.
Monday	June 4	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Spectrum Community School Will not impinge on the Mixed Pairs Ladder.

UMPIRE'S BEAT



Steve has an interesting fact for those of us who are not aware of how the “Laws of the Sport of Bowls” get revised. Apparently, they are revised the year after the Commonwealth Games, so we can expect a Crystal Mark 4 Edition in 2019.

In the meantime, the rule concerning burnt ends is “*Re-spot the Jack*” which helps to speed up the games. However, clubs hosting tournaments can choose to replay or not replay the end provided it is made clear in the Conditions of Play. Most of the women’s tournaments use the re-spotting rule.



- **Wednesday – Friday, May 16-18 @ 1pm**
President’s Shield Mixed Triples
- **Sunday, May 27 @ 10am**
Presidents’ Cup Mixed Triples (Executive)
- **Monday – Wednesday, June 4-6 @ 6:15pm**
South Island Women’ Fours BSI
- **Thursday – Friday, June 7-8 @ 1pm**
Corby Men’s Pairs
- **Saturday, June 16 @ 5:30pm**
Pot Luck Dinner

OPENING DAY SNAPSHOTS



OPENING DAY SNAPSHOTS (cont'd)



Check out a few more photos on our website.

... the last end

New bowlers will have a chuckle:
"Good weight" = Lousy line
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"Good back bowl" = You're lucky you didn't put it in the ditch
"That's in their way" = That's in my way
"That could be useful up there" = That bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack
"Get it next time" = You sure didn't get it this time
"He's surprisingly good" = You're surprised that he ever makes a shot