

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, a new season is upon us and I am looking forward to connecting with friends from last year and meeting our new bowlers. Please make the new bowlers feel welcome at the Club. Try to hold off from giving them too much advice as we want to support our coaches and the methods they are using.

The good news is that the Club has just received a New Horizons Grant of \$25,000 to replace our aging lawn mower and roller. This will help to keep future fees down and reduce our operating costs. An additional nine benches will be ordered this month, replacing some of the old free-standing wooden benches.

Have a look at the bulletin boards and the sign-up sheets for our friendly and fun Club Tournaments, which are open to all bowlers. Love to see all the tournaments full. Club tournaments cost \$5.

I just finished the first Saturday morning of bowling. The weather smiled on us and the greens were true, albeit a little heavy. Those of you who didn't come missed out on a great bowling day with delicious goodies and strong coffee.

Have fun and see you on the greens.

Pres. Brian Morin

Money talks.....but all mine says is "goodbye."

UMPIRE'S CHAIR by Jill Foster

Markers Clinic

There will be a markers clinic held at **Gordon Head LBC at 9:00 on June 23**. This is an opportunity for bowlers to update their certification or for new bowlers to become qualified as a marker. A list will be posted beside the door under the 'Information' section for everyone to see if they are currently qualified. I have highlighted the members whose certification has expired.

The reason to take the course and maintain your certification is so that you can be a marker both in the club and at other tournaments. Victoria is hosting the Canadian Youth Championships this year at Juan de Fuca so qualified markers will be required for this event.

If you would like to register for the Markers course on June 23 please email Ann Mathie at annma@shaw.ca

Etiquette

Etiquette plays an important part in the game of lawn bowls. It helps to make the game enjoyable for everyone including new bowlers and seasoned bowlers.

Here are some things to remember

- Shake hands at the beginning and end of a game
- Compliment a good bowl whether it is delivered by your team or the opponent's team
- Do not distract any bowler when they are on the mat preparing to deliver a bowl. Stand still and be quiet
- Admit a fluke with grace
- Do not thank an opponent for an unintended result of their bowl which results in your team's favour
- Avoid the desire to verbally encourage bowls which would give your team the advantage
- Do not stray onto neighbouring rinks (especially when using the rake) and walk down the centre of the green when changing ends
- Never criticize your opponent, your team members, or the green. If you have nothing positive to say, do not say anything at all
- Remain behind the mat or behind the head when it is not your turn to play
- Avoid obscuring boundary pegs or rink markers.
- Pay attention to the game. Save your socializing for tea/coffee break or after the game
- Learn the Laws of the Sport
- Share the task of gathering bowls once the end is complete
- Help clean up after the game
- **Be a gracious winner and a good loser**

Remember to keep hydrated, wear a hat, and use sunscreen.

COACH'S CORNER

Novice training has been completed and our five new members will be having a mini-tournament/lead clinic on Tuesday, April 30 at 1:00 pm. Thanks to the coaches and club members who have offered to take part with the novices as partners or coaches.

It's time for a few reminders for all members:

Tag-up times are 9:00 – 9:15 in the morning and 1:00 – 1:15 in the afternoon. This gives everyone plenty of time to get their tag up and it helps the draw master organize the games. Please arrive early enough to get your tag up in time. Don't expect to be in the draw if you are late. It is unfair to, and inconvenient for, the draw master.

After observing players at social bowls on Sunday, a little reminder seems to be needed. After delivering your bowl, stay on the mat until your bowl comes to rest then EXIT THE MAT ON THE LEFT so that the next bowler can step onto the mat from the right. This helps the smooth flow of the game.

Club tournaments get under way on May 7/8. All members are encouraged to enter the Club tournaments, which are fun and friendly events. The Club is sponsoring these tournaments with more prize money.

Coaching Clinics for Club Coach and Competition Coach are being offered:

Club Coach: May 31/June 1 at Victoria LBC - \$70

Competition Coach: May 01/02 at Juan de Fuca LBC - \$100

To become a Club Coach (Level 1) a bowler must have three years of experience.



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BOWLERS' BAZAAR

Annie has some items for sale:

Winwax	\$16 (a new citrus based polish which works well and smells nice!)
Crackerjack	\$18
Grippit Cloth	\$15
Measures	\$42

Floyd has several sets of bowls for sale:

1. Size 1 Henselite Brown \$30
2. Size 1 Henselite in Purple bag \$10
3. Size 2 Henselite Brown in Brown bag \$45
4. Size 2 Henselite in two Brown bags \$20
5. Size 3 Henselite Black in Brown bag \$25
6. Size 4 Henselite Brown in Black bag \$25
7. Size 4 Dunlop Black in Grey bag \$50
8. Size 6 Henselite Black in Beige case \$10
9. Size 6 Taylor Black in Green bag \$40
10. Size 7 Taylor Black in Green bag \$50

Anyone who wants to sell bowls or other equipment or even things that are not bowls-related can email their items and prices to Annie.



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WEBSITE

All Club and BSI tournaments are posted in their respective Calendars on the website.

A separate calendar has been created for National and Provincial tournaments.

Tournament results are posted regularly on the website. Members can post their own results, with photos, if they obtain user access from Robin or, in the future, from Angela Tessaro.



"I used to bury my bones.
Now I upload them to the cloud."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, May 4: Social Bowling at 2:00 pm

Happy Hour 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

(New members (novices) are welcome as guests of the Club.)

Tournaments in May

May 7/8 - President's Shield 1:00 pm draw

May 14/15 – Beckwith Scotch Pairs 1:00 pm draw

The next page features photos from the Open House on April 7. Happily, some of those there have joined the club and completed their training.

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