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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 3

Burns' Trophy Day

9 AM 3 X 10 ends

Wh./CC; \$5.00; Bring Lunch

Sunday, June 11

Dunbar @ Ladner

11:00 AM 2 X 10 ends; Wh./CC;

\$5.00 Bring lunch

Wednesday, June 14

N Delta, LDR, @ Tsaw.

9:30 AM 3 X 10 ends

Wh./C; Bring lunch

Fri., Sat., Sunday June 16, 17 18

Prov. Jr. Championship

Thursday, June 22

Mixed Pairs Trophy

9:00 AM 3 X 10 ends Wh./CC

\$5.00 Bring lunch

NEW BOWLER'S TEA June 25

10 AM 2 X 10 ends

Casual Bring Lunch



once again to those who recently joined our lawn bowling club.

Our last newsletter contained some important information about basic club activities. For those who did not receive the newsletter, the information is included in the final page.

In the future, a short explanation of the month's activities will be included in that month's newsletter. As well, check emails from Gayle Waddell, our Games Director, for final details of events and regularly check your spreadsheet to sign up for events.

Should any questions arise, please ask another bowler for clarification or a member of the Executive Committee.

LET US BOWL!

Now that you have finished your lessons, you are encouraged to participate in **ALL** club activities. Trophy Days, visitations, aggregates, leagues, and even competitions, are a time to enjoy ourself. Every time we bowl we try our best. That is all that is asked of you. Come out and have fun. The more you bowl, the better you become.

OPENING DAY

April 30 was the Ladner Lawn Bowling Club's official opening day. As you can see, it was not the warmest day of the year, but we enjoyed being back on the green and welcoming back old friends-Denise Cheng, Lyn Stanley, and Ivy Tam.

Our opening bowls were thrown by Jack Sutton, Enid Scherer, and Barbara Sutton-our lifetime members.

After playing a 10-end game, we joined our friends in the clubhouse for a hot cup of coffee and goodies prepared by Kerry Derbyshire.



AGGREGATE TOURNAMENT

On May 6, our club participated in the Aggregate Tournament Day. We did not spend the whole aggregate with one team. Instead, after each game, new draws were made and new teams formed. It was an interesting twist to the day.

Barbara Sutton won with the most points, Gayle Waddell came in second, and Stuart McDermid was third.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you, Gayle Waddell, for organizing the event.



Barbara Sutton receiving 1st prize money from Gayle Waddell, event organizer

COMING EVENTS

BURNS' TROPHY DAY

For many years the Burns family were active members of our club. Lennie and Frank bowled as long as their health allowed. Their son, Wayne, daughter-in-law, Martina, as well as their son, Thomas, all joined, making it truly a family affair.

The trophy for which we play was established in honour of Frank's wife.

A NOTE: Frank was the designer of our score boards.

Date: June 3 **Time:** 9:00 AM

3 X 10 ends **Cost:** \$5.00

Dress: Club Colours/whites

Bring a lunch

MIXED PAIRS TROPHY

The Mixed Pairs Trophy is a one day event where we play for a trophy. A draw establishes pairs. **All** are welcome.

Date: June 22 **Time:** 9:00 AM

3 X 10 ends **Cost:** \$5.00

Dress: Club Colours /whites

Bring lunch

NEW BOWLERS' DAY

Don't forget to attend our New Bowlers' Day. It is important to welcome our new bowlers and to make them feel part of the club. Come and enjoy a day of bowling with a small ceremony during the lunch break.

Date: June: 25 **Time:** 10:00 AM

2 X 10 ends **Dress:** Casual

DUNBAR AT LADNER

It is our turn to host the Dunbar Lawn Bowling Club. This is a friendly event, designed to enable clubs to experience other greens and to become acquainted with other bowlers. All levels of bowling are invited to play, and bowlers of the same levels bowl against one another.

Date: June 11 **Time:** 11:00 AM (Be there by 10:30 AM) Bring lunch

2 X 10 ends **Cost:** \$5.00

Dress: Club Colours/whites

Feeling down about my thinning hair, I told a friend, "Soon I'll never need to go back to the beauty salon. Whenever I vacuum, all I pick up is my hair." A glass-half-full kind of gal, she responded, "Well, then you won't need to vacuum either."

VISITATION TO TSAWWASSEN

North Delta and Ladner Lawn Bowling Clubs are invited to join the Tsawwassen Lawn Bowling Club on their new green. This is a friendly event with members of each club on each team. You will be paired with bowlers at your skill level.

Date: June 14 **Cost:** Free

Time: 9:30 AM **Bring lunch**

Dress: Club Colours/Whites

PROVINCIAL JUNIORS

This is the second time our club has hosted the Provincial Junior Championship. Those in charge of the last event were most impressed with our level of professionalism. Let us bring this same professionalism to these games. Please volunteer your time when asked.

As well as volunteering your time, it is worthwhile watching the juniors compete. Countless hours of coaching and practice brought them to this skill level.

SOME MORE CLUB ACTIVITIES

TRIVIA NIGHT



On May 13, Bob Maxwell hosted another semiannual Trivia Night.

Again, our brains were tested to the max with questions that took us back in time and some that made us wonder where he got his questions. Most times, someone in the group came up with an answer.

As usual, the prizes were a bit unusual, but appreciated.

We are looking forward to the next one in Fall-plenty of time to study up.

CENTENNIAL DAY



On May 22, the Ladner Lawn Bowling club celebrated its 106th year of existence. It all began at Kirkland House and then moved to its present location. There have been many transformations over the years, but the club has remained a welcoming, inclusive place for those who join.

Congratulations to the winners of the day: Garry Parenteau-skip, Mary Taitt-second; Carol Michayluk-lead.

Second place: Steve Mann-skip; Pete Cullis-second; Brian Jones-lead

Third place-Paul Banns-skip; Marion Freeborn-second; George Schurman-lead

Fourth place- Gord Oikawa-skip; Betty Stacey-second; Dianne Kuleza-lead



Skip-Garry Parenteau; Second-Mary Taitt; Lead-Carol Michayluk



A visitor who came to see what was going on and left after giving its deposit of approval.

BASIC RULES AND ETIQUETTE

When we were introduced to the sport of lawn bowling, our coaches taught us the basic rules of the game as well as basic etiquette. As you participate in bowling activities, you will become aware of the duties of each position as well as more advanced rules and etiquette expectations. This knowledge is important to learn, especially when we play with other clubs and enter competitions. As the year progresses, various items of which we should be aware will be brought to your attention.

SOME BASIC ETIQUETTE

1. When it is time to bowl, promptly place your bowls on the rink, wish all players good luck.
2. Never applaud or cheer the opponent's unlucky shot or wick.
3. Stand well away from the person on the mat so as not to interfere with their delivery.
4. When a person is delivering a bowl, those in the head should stand still so as not to distract the bowler.
5. When the set is finished, seconds help to gather the bowls for the losing lead to rake.
6. Before changing ends, place the bowl of the skip whose rink it is on the mat.
7. When changing ends, **walk down the middle** of your rink so as not to distract a bowler about to deliver a bowl. Do not stop to chat.
8. Thank those who bowled with you at the end of the game.

SOME BASIC RULES

1. The player first up to bowl must place the front of the mat at least 2 meters from the rear ditch. Failure to do so can cause you to lose control of the mat.
2. Stand on the mat until the **bowl comes to a stop**. If the bowl comes to rest near the edge of the rink, stand behind the boundary marker the **farthest from the bowl** and indicate if the bowl is in, out, or on the line.
3. If you are not in control of the rink, stand at least **1 meter** behind the person delivering the bowl and **2 meters** behind the person in charge of the head.
4. Carry equipment appropriate to your position. Seconds must have a measure, a cloth for placing counted bowls, and chalk to mark a toucher; skips chalk for marking touchers.
5. Pay attention to the skip's instructions- the length of the jack, whether to bowl forehand or backhand, etc. Skips pay attention to those delivering bowls.
6. Do not advise the skip on what to do unless asked. **The skip is the boss!**
7. Do not have a running commentary about how others bowl.
8. Show respect to all bowlers on the rink. Do not yell at, criticize, or embarrass team mates in any way. Remember, everyone is trying their best. Encourage rather than criticize.
9. Warn the other players when a "drive" or take-out-shot is planned so that they are able to safely move out of the way.

REMEMBER

As are all sports, lawn bowling is a game of concentration. It is also a social game. While not on the mat, it is okay to quietly talk amongst yourselves. However, refrain from having conversations with players in adjoining rinks. It is against the law of the game to interfere with or distract a player in possession of the rink.

SOUTH BURNABY AT LADNER

On May 28 we welcomed the South Burnaby Lawn Bowling Club for a club visitation. Because of the May Day Parade, we had our first game at 11 AM, had lunch, then played our second game. As always, we enjoyed visiting with old friends and making some new ones. Thank you, Kerry, for the coffee and cake and Gayle Waddell for organizing the event.



SOME FACTS ABOUT LAWN BOWLING

What does "jack" actually mean?

There are several suggestions: something that is cast or thrown; something that is small or inferior; colloquial names are white, kitty, sweetie, block in crown green bowls.

Shakespeare was an enthusiast.

He was a member of a bowling club, his plays littered with references to the sport.

Lawn bowls was a royal favourite.

King James 1 was a fan of lawn bowls, condemning football and golf but encouraging bowls.

A 16th century distraction

King Henry V111 was a bowler. However, he banned the game for those not wealthy because trades people were spending more time at recreational events than practicing their trades.

Bowls for people who are blind

A string is run down the centre of the rink . Wherever the jack lands it is moved across to the string and the length is called out by a sighted marker. When the bowls are rolled, their distance from and relation to the jack is called out, allowing for adjustment.

An ancient Egyptian game

Historians believe that the game developed from the Egyptians. They played skittles with round stones. Artefacts were found in tombs dating 5000 BC

Tassie Beginnings

The Beach Tavern at Sandy Bay in Tasmania was the venue for the first recorded game of bowls in Australia. It was played in 1845.

Bowling with a disability

Lawn bowling is a sport that can be played with almost any disability, including those in wheelchairs.

Sir Francis Drake is said to have been in the middle of a game of bowls in Plymouth Hoe on July 15th, 1588 when he was informed that the Spanish Armada was approaching. In response he declared, "We still have time to finish the game and thrash the Spaniards, too". The legitimacy of this story is still debated, although there is no doubt that he did go on and defeat the Spanish.

OUR WEB PAGE

Our new web site is up and running (**PLEASE TOTALLY DISREGARD OUR OLD SITE**) and is absolutely amazing-both professional and informative.

Go to www.ladnerlawnbowlingclub.ca and check it out. Almost everything you need to know is on the site

Again, thank you to Frank Gauvin and all those who contributed to its creation. We are truly fortunate to have such talented and creative members in our club

VISITATIONS

Throughout the bowling year, we plan visitations with other clubs. They are not competitive, rather a way to get to know other bowlers and experience other greens. Members of all levels are encouraged to participate-you play against bowlers at your level. Half the visitations take place at our club and half at another club. Then, next year, there is a switch.

If we are the host club, we pay \$5.00 to cover the cost of the dessert. When we are guests, we do not pay.

When we travel to other clubs, some members like to car pool. If you are a guest in another vehicle, it is suggested that you offer to pay \$5.00 to the driver of the car.



AGGREGATES

We have 3 aggregates: Men's, Women's, and Mixed Aggregates.

The draw **begins 15 minutes** before the game starts. Put your name tag on the draw table on the position you play **before the draw begins**. If you cannot arrive on time, please phone **604-946-6722** and ask that your name tag be placed on the table. Better yet, ask a friend to do it for you.

Once the draw begins, late comers will not be included. As your name is called, you choose a number from a bag. That is the green on which you play; then put the name tag back on the board. There is a slight cost for each game with a portion of the money going to the club and a portion given as prizes at the end of the season.

There also is a Mixed Tournament Aggregate. It follows the same format as the other aggregates, only it is a one day activity. A draw is held before the game, 3 games are played with a lunch break between the 2nd and 3rd games. Prizes are given out when the games are finished.

THURSDAY PAIRS LEAGUE

- A league requires you to make a commitment to bowl every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM.
- You and a partner sign up and pay \$10.00 each.
- You play a different team each week in a round robin-depending on the number of teams. Points are given and at the end of the league, prize money is awarded.
- It is understood that it is not always possible to commit to every Thursday. Therefore, there is a spares list. You can contact someone on the list that is at **your level. There can only be one substitute on a team and the same spare can only be used twice on the same team.**
- If you do not feel that you want to commit to every Thursday evening, please put your name on the spares list.