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COMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 2

Burns' Trophy Day

9 AM 3 X 10 ends

Wh./CC; \$5.00; Bring Lunch

To be rescheduled

Sunday, June 9

Ladner @ Dunbar

11:00 AM 2 x 10 ends

Wh./CC Bring Lunch

Thursday, June 13

Ladner/N. Delta @ Tsaw

9:30 AM 2 X 10 ends

Wh./CC Bring Lunch

Saturday, June 15

Mixed Pairs Trophy Day

9:00 AM 3 X 10 ends

Wh./CC; \$5.00; Bring Lunch

Sunday, June 23

New Bowlers' Day

10:00 AM 2 X 10 ends

Casual Bring Lunch \$5:00



to those who joined our club this year-the brand new bowlers as well as the seasoned bowlers from the Richmond Bowling Club. With all the extra enthusiasm you bring to the club it will be an exciting year.

Some of the important information about our club and its activities from our last newsletter is repeated for the benefit of those who missed it. Please review it.

Each month look for a short explanation of the upcoming month's activities as well as bowling tips. This, along with emails and the Google Spreadsheets, will help you to navigate our bowling activities. If you are still uncertain about an event, please ask another bowler or member of the Games Committee-**Bob Maxwell, Garry Parenteau, Barbara Sutton, John Cleary, Enid Scherer, Barry Abraham, Brian Jones, Paul Banns, Cheryl Smith, and Frank Gauvin.**

We encourage you to bowl as often as you are able. The more you bowl the more comfortable you will feel with the game-as well as the club. To attempt to meet everyone's needs, there are a multitude of scheduled events and open times. Just come out and have fun.

REMEMBER

that once you join the club and complete the lessons, you are able to enter all events.



AGGREGATES AND LEAGUES

A short explanation of aggregates and leagues.

An **aggregate** is where the participants are drawn onto different teams each week, and players receive the points accumulated by their various teams. It is not compulsory to attend. At the end of the season, bowlers who achieve the most points receive a small monetary reward. However, the main purpose of an aggregate is to encourage as many people as possible to come together for an enjoyable time bowling.

However, a league, on the other hand, requires a bowler to commit to the length of the league. Partners are drawn and over a certain number of weeks they play against the other teams at least once. Again, there is a prize for the winning teams.



Remember, dedicated club events and days are for those events only, not a time to practice.

LADNER AT DUNBAR

This year, it is our turn to travel for a visitation to the Dunbar Lawn Bowling Club. It is a friendly event, designed to enable clubs to experience other greens (grass here) and to meet other bowlers.

Members of each club play against members at their skill level. We play one ten end game, have lunch, then play another ten end game.

Date: June 9 **Time:** 11:00 AM
2 X 10 ends **No Cost**

Dress: Club colours, whites

Bring lunch

Check your emails and Google Spreadsheets for car pool information.

Definition of a Novice:

A new convert to bowls who confesses he knows nothing about the game and then becomes angry when you agree with him.

BURNS' TROPHY DAY

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

The trophy for which we bowl Frank established in honour of his wife.

Date: June 2 **Time:** 9:00 AM
3 X 10 ends **Cost:** \$5.00
Dress: Club colours or whites
Bring lunch
To be rescheduled

VISITATION TO TSAWWASSEN

The Ladner and North Delta Lawn Bowling Clubs are invited to join the Tsawwassen Lawn Bowling Club for a day of bowling. As are all visitations, it is a friendly event with members of each club playing opposite members at the same skill level.

Date: June 13 **Time:** 9:30 AM
2 X 10 ends **Bring Lunch**
Dress: Club Colours/whites
Check your email and Google Spreadsheets for carpool information.

WHAT TO WEAR

It used to be that white was worn to almost every event. Gradually, teams that travelled to bowl began to wear the same coloured shirts. It progressed to whole clubs wearing club shirts. Now, for the most part, we wear casual clothes.

However, if there is a club competition, a visitation, V & D event, or a trophy day, members are expected to wear white or club shirt, white -or beige-bottoms.

Check the Google Spreadsheets to see if club colours are required.

No matter the green, always wear flat, dedicated shoes.

MIXED PAIRS TROPHY DAY

The Mixed Pairs Trophy Day is a one day event where we play for a trophy.

A draw that takes place an hour before the event establishes teams of pairs.

All members are encouraged to participate.

Date: June 15 **Time:** 9:00 AM

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

Dress : Club colours/whites

Bring a lunch.

WEDNESDAY AGGREGATES

We continue to enjoy the Wednesday afternoon aggregates.. Thank you to Bob Maxwell for supplying us with a great variety of goodies. Thank you, Kerry, for looking after the tea/coffee And thank you to those who bring something extra.

Sitting down together and socializing after a game is the best way to end a day of bowling.



Instead of the John I call my bathroom the Jim!
That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning!!!

DID YOU KNOW ?

that in order to maintain an even wear on our carpet, designated club days are played north and south while all undesignated bowling is played east to west.

NEW BOWLERS' DAY

June 23 is a special day when we officially welcome new bowlers into the world of lawn bowling.

Come and enjoy a day of bowling and a piece of cake. Be sure to be there at least ½ hour earlier for the draw.

Date: June 23

Time: 10:00AM

2 X 10 ends

Dress: casual

Bring your lunch

When we were kids, we used to be afraid of the dark.

But when we grew up, the electricity bill made us afraid of the light!

AGGREGATE DRAWS

- Just a reminder, aggregate draws begin **15** minutes **sharp** before the game. It is a good idea to be there at least 10 minutes before the draw begins. No exceptions!

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman--already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet--who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

VOLUNTEERS

As has been mentioned many times, our club could not function without volunteers. Thank you to those who find little and big ways to make our club a better place. Something as simple as putting out the equipment before an event makes a difference. And we definitely appreciate your help when outside groups rent our greens for a special event.

The following is an illustration of what can happen if we all don't do what we can.

"Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to do and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

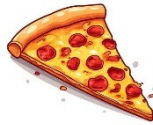
Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. And so Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

Thank you, Walter Dnistransky, for putting up the hooks on the women's bathroom stall doors and changing the toilet paper holder in one of the stalls.

GREEN CARE

To those who bowl on a regular basis, it has become apparent that there are several areas that have mystery stains. Our executive is doing its best to discover the source of the stains-internet research, contacting various carpet companies, inviting carpet distributors to view the stains.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT NOTHING IS ALLOWED ON OR NEAR THE GREEN-THIS INCLUDES FOOD, TEA, COFFEE, POP, BEER, WINE. ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED ON OR NEAR THE GREEN. ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED FOR GRIPPING YOUR BOWLS.



FRIDAY NIGHT SURPRISE NIGHTS

Before Covid, our club had an active social calendar. From time to time a Friday night of bowling and a barbeque was held- a fun way to spend a Friday evening. Now that we have warmer weather-hopefully-it would be fun to revitalize this idea. Instead of the Games Committee looking after this, it is an opportunity for members to organize a fun evening.



This would not be a major social event. If several members worked together, made a plan, and submitted it to the Games Committee, then the task becomes much simpler. The evening would begin with 10 ends of bowling followed by a get together. These events could be as simple as a wine and cheese, pizza night, or a burger night. Maybe your family has some fun get togethers that could be incorporated into our club.

Think about it. There are definitely some creative ideas out there.



IT JUST TAKES A MOMENT.....

We all would like to make perfect shots every time we throw a bowl-but that is not going to happen. Sometimes we go through a streak of frustration. New bowlers feel that they will never get the game; seasoned bowlers feel that they need a refresher course. All we need is a little encouragement -and patience. We all try our best.

When you change ends, skips let your team know when they made some great shots. Leads and seconds let your skip know how well they did.

A little encouragement goes a long way.

DID YOU KNOW ?

that you can extend the life of your measuring tape by slowly retracting the string rather than letting it spring back?

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?



CENTENNIAL TROPHY 1ST PLACE WINNERS

Mary Taitt -second, Alec Kwok-skip, Garry Parenteau-club president, Bessie Chum-lead

Thank you, Bob Maxwell and his helpers, for organizing the day.

Thank you, Kerry Derbyshire, for making sure we had coffee during the break and for the cake and delicious orange squares for lunch. You spoil us.

CENTENNIAL TROPHY

On Monday, May 20, the Ladner Lawn Bowling Club celebrated its 107th year of existence. Bowling first began at what is now known as Kirland House. Then a proper green was established. Over the last century, thanks to the many members who put hours and hours of caring into our club, it has changed and grown until we have our present club. It is one of the few clubs that is privately owned.

Congratulations to the winners of the day:

First Place: Alex Kwok-skip, Mary Taitt-second, Bessie Chum-lead

Second Place: Paul Banns-skip, Nana Tam-second, Steve Harvey-lead

Third Place: Steve Main-skip, Kerry Derbyshire\John Cleary-second, Eileen Rideout-lead

Fourth Place: Wing Cheung-skip, Dana Cullis-second, Stuart McDermid-lead

Thank you to all who participated. It was impressive to see the greens filled with enthusiastic bowlers.

TSAWWASSEN, LANGLEY AT LADNER



Visitations, especially when three clubs are involved, are special days.

It was exciting to see the greens full. While Ladner and Tsawwassen are used to artificial greens, it was not long before Langley, who bowl on grass, adapted to the carpet.

We met other bowlers and renewed old friendships. It was encouraging to see the enthusiasm of new bowlers-and how quickly they are picking up the game.

TSAWWASSEN AND LANGLEY AT LADNER

On Thursday, May 23 the Tsawwassen and Langley Lawn Bowling Clubs visited Ladner Lawn Bowling Club.

The day began with coffee and treats. Teams made up of players from each club player 10 ends, had lunch, then played another 10 ends.

Thank you to those who organized the day. When things run smoothly we forget about all the work that goes into planning the event.

And again, thank you to Kerry Derbyshire for making sure we had plenty to eat. Clubs enjoy coming to Ladner because they know our treats are special.

BOWLING SUGGESTIONS

THE 4 UPS IN BOWLS.

SKIPS MUST BE UP
THIRDS MUST MEASURE UP
SECONDS MUST CHALK UP
LEADS MUST SHUT UP

DUTIES OF EACH POSITION

The above is a quick summary of each position.

- a) **The skip** is in charge of the game. He gives direction as to where the jack is placed, which direction you bowl. Other team members do not tell the skip what to do or how to bowl unless asked to do so.
- b) If there are 4 members on the team, **thirds** do the measuring, **seconds** put up the score. If there are three members on a team, the **second** and **third** positions are combined as the second. The **seconds/thirds** should let the skip know if any changes occur in the head as well as the point count.
- c) The **lead** places the mat, throws and centers the jack, and delivers the first bowl. The lead stays out of the head while the seconds/thirds measure.

THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS

Last month, during a Rules of Lawn Bowling workshop, George Cubiss stated that all bowlers should be familiar with the Rules of the Sport of Bowls rule book. It can be found on line to either download or refer to as needed.

This book can be overwhelming to take in all at once. Perhaps becoming familiar with one section at a time would be an easier approach.

However you wish to become familiar with the book, it is important to be aware of the rules, especially if you enter district events. Not knowing the rules is not an excuse for not observing them.

BASIC BOWLING TIPS

1. The first bowler must place the front of the mat at least 2 meters (two big steps) from the edge of the rear ditch. Failure to do so may cause you to lose control of the jack.
2. If after a jack or bowl is thrown and it stops near the edge of the rink, stand behind the **boundary marker the farthest from the bowl or jack** and indicate whether in or out.
3. If you are unsure of the green, stand off the green but behind the person delivering a bowl and observe the green and weight that is taken. Adjust your bowling accordingly.
4. You are in control of the rink if your team member is delivering the bowl. Those not in control of the mat must stand at **least 1 meter behind the mat** and at least **2 meters behind the person in charge of the head**.
5. If the delivered bowl on its original course touches the jack, it is called a toucher and **must be marked with chalk**.
6. Carry equipment appropriate to your position. Skips must have chalk. Seconds must have chalk, a measuring tape, and a clean rag on which to place counted bowls.
7. If an opposing player makes a poor delivery or somehow causes a negative change in the head, do not applaud.
8. **Respect members of both teams. Do not criticize or demean any player, whether skip, second, or lead.**



Recyclables

Angie and Roy Lake initiated our LLBC recycling program as a fundraiser for our New Green Fund (2012 carpet) in 2009. Members and friends contributed; one member actually did some dumpster diving. Proceeds to date from the fund total \$7261.55. Donations were down due to Covid but are now on the rise. I submit this report in the hope that you continue to donate and to make new members aware of the program. We accept all refundable recyclables including beverage cans, bottles, gable tops, drink boxes, glass, pouches, bag in box, milk containers (no cream). You bag them, bring them to the Club. I sort and package them and deliver to Richmond Regional Recycling. Every 'penny' donated goes to the Club coffers.



I wish to commend the following regulars for their continuous donations, alphabetically: Barry Abraham, Carol Michayluk, Don Newcomb, Doug & Eileen Rideout, Enid Scherer, George Schurman, Kim & Paul Banns, Mary Pawelek, Peter Mielcarski, Rory Fatt, Sharon Kraemer, Stuart & Teresa McDermid, If I have missed someone let me know and I will acknowledge it in the next issue.

Pete C

Did you know ?

that if you plan to participate in V & D events, whether at our club or another club, that there is a dress code.

Everyone on the team must wear the same style and colour tops and bottoms- that is strictly enforced.

Should the empire(s) be concerned, the team will be asked to meet the dress code before the event begins or be disqualified.

Shirts must be sleeved with a collar. Blue denim is forbidden. There are no restrictions on over-wear.

Shoes must be flat and heel-less. Sandals must have a heel strap; soles may have a shallow tread.

When is a retiree's bedtime? Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Bossy

The boss felt he was not getting the respect he deserved from his staff so he brought in a sign which said - **WARNING - I AM THE BOSS. DON'T YOU FORGET IT.** He taped it to his door before he went to lunch and when he returned, there was a note underneath his sign saying **PLEASE PHONE YOUR WIFE, SHE WANTS HER SIGN BACK.**

