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COMING EVENTS

❖ **Sunday, June 8**

Dunbar at Ladner

10 AM 2 X 10 ends

Wh./CC \$5.00 Bring lunch

❖ **Thursday, June 19**

Ladner & N. Delta at Tsawwassen

9:30 AM 2 X10 ends

Wh/CC Bring Lunch

❖ **Saturday, June 21**

Summer Solstice Burger & Bowl

Bowl 4:00 PM 1 X `10 ends

Second 10-end game if wish

Cost: \$20.00

❖ **Sunday, June 22**

Ladner at Mann Park

1:00 PM 2 X 10 ends W/CC

Saturday, June 28

❖ **Mixed Pairs Trophy Day**

9 AM 3 X 10 ends

Wh./CC \$5.00 Brinch lunch



to our new bowlers. By now you have finished your lessons and hopefully have joined some of our activities. Remember, this is a club and the way to feel part of it is to bowl as often as you are able.

Emails, Google Spreadsheets, newsletters, and our website are the sources of information. If you still need more information, feel free to ask any club member. Should they not know the answer, they will direct you to someone who does.

Remember, you are full members of the club and can now enter into all events.

VISITATIONS

Visitations are part of the lawn bowling culture. Over the years, we have teamed up with several clubs in the lower mainland and visit each other in alternate years. At these events, you are teamed up with players at your level. The purpose of the visitations is to acquaint you with other players and greens. While it is non-competitive, it is a gentle introduction to the structure of V & D events.

If you signed up for a league or event and the weather is iffy, please check your email and Google Spreadsheet for information.

DUNBAR AT LADNER

On June 6, it is our turn to host the Dunbar Lawn Bowling Club. We welcome Dunbar to experience bowling on carpet and to renew friendships with their club members as well to make new friends.

We play one ten-end game, stop for lunch, then play a second 10-end game.

It is especially important for new bowlers to enter these events.

Date: Sunday, June 8 **Time:** 10:00 AM

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

Dress: W/CC **Bring lunch**

Check your emails for more information and your Google Spreadsheets to sign up.

You know you're getting old when you have more candles on your cake than friends at your birthday party.

MIXED PAIRS TROPHY DAY

The Mixed Pairs Trophy Day is our first trophy of the bowling season.

A draw establishes teams of pairs and we play with 4 bowls.

Even though it is a trophy day, we encourage our new bowlers to participate.

Date: Saturday, June 2 8

Time: 9:00 AM **3 X 10 ends**

Cost: \$5.00 **Dress:** W/CC

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

We all have great days bowling. Then we have days that you wonder what is happening.

Skips-praise and encourage your team because they are trying their best.

Leads and second- let your skip know how well she/he is playing.

Four retired ladies are playing bridge.

One of them looks across at her partner and says, "I know we've been playing bridge every week for two years, but I can't remember your name. Could you please tell me again?"

Her partner looks at her for a long moment and finally replies, "How soon do you need to know?"

VISITATION TO TSAWWASSEN

Ladner and North Delta Lawn Bowling Clubs are invited to Tsawwassen Lawn Bowling Club for a day of bowling.

As in May's visitation, there are 3 clubs playing so that we become acquainted with more bowlers.

Again, it is a friendly event. We play against others at our level so everyone so that we all feel comfortable..

We play one ten-end game, stop for lunch, then play the second ten-end game. A delicious dessert is served with lunch.

Check your emails and Spreadsheet for car pool information.

Date: Thursday, June 19 **Time:** 9:30 AM

2 X 10 ends **No cost**

Dress: W/CC **Bring lunch**

AGGRAGATE DRAWS

Just a gentle reminder about all draws, whether for aggregates or open draws.

Draws are closed 15 minutes before play time.

Therefore, it is important that you put your name on the draw table at least 5 minutes before the draw closes so that the draw master can begin organizing the table. No late comers are allowed as then the draw master has to begin all over again.

If you are going to be a few minutes late, phone a friend and ask them to put your name on the draw table.

LADNER AT MANN PARK

This year it is our turn to travel for a visitation to Mann Park. Again, it is a friendly event, designed for bowlers to experience other greens and meet other bowlers.

Date: June 22

Time: 1:00 PM

2 X 10 ends

No Cost

Dress: W/CC

Check your email and Google Spreadsheets for the sign-up sheet and information about car-pooling.

We especially encourage new bowlers to come and experience grass.

LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS

Some of you have been bowling for some time, others have just begun. Your coaches gave you the basics of lawn bowling and we have absorbed more knowledge as we played the game.

However, we should all be acquainted with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. You can either purchase the handbook or you can download it. There are few changes over the years so once you have it, it will be good for years to come.

You can read sections at a time or use it as a reference. It is especially important that you are familiar with the rules if you intend to enter competitions.

It is found on line-**Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition**. You can print the whole booklet or refer to it on line when needed. If you decide to print it, only pages 1-60 are necessary. As well, you can print 2 pages to a sheet of paper, saving paper and ink.

This is not a difficult read. Become familiar with a section at a time. You will eventually need to refer to the handbook as it is important to know the rules of the game.

V & D AND INTER-CLUB PARTICIPANTS

To those who plan on entering V&D and Inter-club events, be sure to carefully read the 2025 V&D Handbook (can find information on line.).

It explains the format of play for various events, as well as the dress code. All teams playing in the V & D events **must dress alike**. This means tops and bottoms. Even though white is the traditional choice of colour for pants, shorts, and skirts, **many teams now wear black because it is an easier colour to buy-as long as everyone on the team is dressed alike**. "Muscle" shirts, denim, beach shorts/sweatpants, and tank tops are not allowed.

The dress code, as well as non-tolerance of verbal abuse, the prohibition smoking, cellphones, and alcohol are strictly enforced.

Should the conditions of play not be adhered to, the player may be disqualified from the game. (Check your 2025 V&D handbook for information or on line- Vancouver & District Bowls Association: Bowling- Documents, Conditions of Play , pages 4,5.)

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

"Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough." -Lynnette, age 8

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." -Martin, age 10

"A group of artists are invited to dinner by a famous chef. In greeting the photographer, the chef comments: I love your photos, they're wonderful, you must have a very expensive camera. The photographer doesn't reply and walks into the dining room.

After dinner the photographer approaches the chef and says: "Dinner was sensational, very exquisite flavours, a true work of art. You must have a very sophisticated stove."

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BURGERS & BOWLS

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

MIDSUMMER MADNESS

Saturday, June 21st

4:00 pm First 10-end game
Post-game BBQ with
burgers and a drink

Second 10-end game
for those who want
to play on the longest
day of the year

WHAT TO WEAR:

- floral shirts or dresses
- Bright summer colours
- Sun hats, flower crowns
- funky sunglasses



\$20 burger & a drink

Let's roll into summer together
with a little Midsummer Madness

JUST A REMINDER-TO OLD AND NEW MEMBERS

It has been brought to our attention that at the end of a bowling event that our club facilities have not been properly secured.

When you are finished bowling, whether it be practicing or an actual event, please return all equipment to the shed. If you are last off the green look around to see if anything was missed, gather it up, then lock the rake shed as well as the tool shed.

If you are last to leave the clubhouse, check the bathroom windows, the kitchen window, as well as the back door. Lock the front door and gate.

Agile passersby have jumped the gate and made their presence known. We do not want them in our buildings.

As well, if you are the first to arrive, please secure the front gate lock onto the gate itself so that nimble fingers don't

Since we are all retired, it might be interesting to see what famous people think of it.

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." – Andy Rooney

"In retirement, I look for days off from my days off." – Mason Cooley

"A retired husband is often a wife's full-time job." – Ella Harris

"Retirement is not in my vocabulary. They aren't going to get rid of me that way." – Betty White

"Except for the occasional heart attack, I feel as young as I ever did." – Robert Benchley

Mrs. Smythe was making final arrangements for an elaborate reception.

"Nora," she said to her veteran servant, "for the first half-hour I want you to stand at the drawing room door and call the guest's names as they arrive."

Nora's face lit up. "Thank you, ma'am. I've been wanting to do that to some of your friends for a long time."

MIDSUMMER MADNESS SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Come and join us for another fun evening.

On Saturday, June 21 our club invites you join together to celebrate the midsummer solstice by participating in an evening of bowling followed by a post-game BBQ with a burger and fixings and a drink. Should you wish to continue bowling, feel free to enjoy a second 10-end game. All this for only \$20.00

Let us make this a truly festive occasion by wearing a floral shirt or dress-lots of bright colours to say summer is here! Finish your outfit off with a sun hat topped with a crown of flowers-then add funky sunglasses. (Check out the Thrift Shop or Dollar Store.) This will be an evening like no other!

We encourage our new bowlers to attend. This is a wonderful way to get to know other members. If you have become friendly with another bowler, why don't you ask them to join you. Be sure to bring a sweater as it can become cool in the tent. If you see someone unsure of where to sit, please ask them to join you-make them feel welcome.

Don't forget, you can bring your spouse/partner.

Date: Saturday, June 21

Time: 4:00 PM

Dress: bright summer colours, summer hat topped with flowers, funky sunglasses (do your best)

Cost: \$20.00



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?



MIXED AGGREGATE TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, May 4 our club had a Mixed Aggregate Tournament. It was a fun day in that there were 3 games with 3 different draws. Sounds simple. But for some reason it wasn't. Sometimes you played on the same green a second time with some of the same people. Only this time they were on a different team. This created a bit of confusion. A couple of greens are a bit of a challenge. Sometimes we played on the same green twice but never really figured it out. This added to the fun.

At the end of each game, the losing team gave the corresponding player on the winning team \$2.00.

At the end of the day we agreed that it was a great day.



OUR FIRST INTER-CLUB WINNERS

Gord Oikawa, Paul Banns, and Terry Bittle participated in the Men's Triples Tournament at the Maple Ridge Lawn Bowling Club on April 27. Out of 16 teams entered, they came in third place and won \$135.00. "Aren't we a handsome trio!" -Paul's words
Congratulations!

CAN YOU MATCH THIS PERFECT SCORE?

A recent match of Don and Frank versus Barry and Pete C. had unique results. Team A won the first end by 1 point, then team B won the second end by 1 point. This exact altering pattern carried through 14 ends with team A winning odd number ends by 1 point and team B winning even number ends by 1 point-final score 7-7. Several ends were determined by less than 1/4 inch measurements.

LOOKING GOOD

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.
I think I might never put my glasses back on.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

LADNER AND LANGLEY AT TSAWWASSEN

On Thursday, May 22 Ladner and Langley lawn bowling clubs were invited to Tsawwassen for a day of bowling. It was interesting to experience quirks and quarks of another green. There was lots of laughter-and at times frustration-as we tried to master the greens. Some of us actually managed to do this.

It was a fun day!



Paul Banns (Ladner), Jackie A (Langley), and Jean Ingram (Tsawwassen) were the winning team.



On May 25 South Burnaby Lawn Bowling Club Joined us for an afternoon of bowling.

What a day it turned out to be. It was good to see old friends and meet new ones. We were entertained by a parade that seemed to have half of Ladner in it. Then we celebrated Paul Bann's 75 birthday-you don't look a day over 50. Thank you John Cleary for organizing the event and Kerry Derbyshire for the usual great food.



First place team-Paul B (skip), Beth M (South Bb.,-lead), and Patrick L(second-Ladner), along with John Cleary, organizer of the event.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

On May 30 our club held a Wine and Cheese Night to welcome our new bowlers. We bowled 10 ends then were treated to a delicious table of cheeses, crackers and all sorts of other goodies.

This year we signed 27 new bowlers. Welcome! Eleven were able to attend the evening. For many it was the first time bowling with seasoned bowlers and they held their own. We are looking forward to you joining us in our aggregates and other activities. Remember that once you complete the lessons you are qualified to participate in all activities. Thank you Cheryl Smith and Dianne Kuleza for the preparation of the food. A real treat. And thank you, Pete Cullis, for tending the bar.



A big thank you to Shirley Arponen for the many hours spent on the club gardens and for adding the lovely touches of colour. The baskets bring our common area alive. A warm greeting to our friends as are the Azaleas along our sidewalk.



TOONIE TUESDAY TRIPLES

We've had a couple of "hot" days and many of us found it too uncomfortable. It will get hotter before it gets cooler. This is where evening bowling comes to the rescue.

It is more fun to bowl with other bowlers than with by yourself or just a few other bowlers. So join us for Toonie Tuesdays.

This is an evening for all levels of bowling. We do not keep track of scores as we do in aggregates and leagues-just try to win a toonie. Each team member puts a toonie on the edge of the green. If your team wins you get your toonie back plus the one belonging to the corresponding member of the other team.

This is an easy way to get to know other club members, practice strategies you might not try for games that count, have a laugh or two when things don't quite go as planned.

Remember that the draw is at 6:15 sharp. No late comers. This enables the draw master to organize the draw once, not multiple times.

Just bring your toonies and have fun.

The Famous Man

One day a famous man went to a nursing home to see all of his friends again and see how they were doing. When he got there EVERYBODY greeted him [because, of course, everybody knows him]. One man he noticed didn't come up to him or say anything to him, so later he walked up to the man and asked him, "Do you know who I am?" and the old man replied, "No, but you can go to the front desk and they'll tell you."

OUR CLUB

Our club is primarily a bowling club. But it is so much more. When we retire and as we age, we want to be active socially and physically but do not know where to go. Well, our club has the answer.

Our club is an all-encompassing club.

- ✚ We welcome all who are able to participate.
- ✚ We have social bowling as well as competitive bowling for those who enjoy sport at a higher level
- ✚ We have a social aspect when we have evening events, food is involved, and may or may not include bowling.

It is a welcoming, inclusive, safe place where we develop new friendships and are part of a community.

Three older ladies were discussing the travails of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich."

The second lady chimed in, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one responded, "Well, I'm glad I don't have that problem; knock on wood," as she wrapped her knuckles on the table, then told them, "That must be the door. I'll get it!"

The other day a tube of Grippo was found on a bench.

Under no circumstance is Grippo to be used on your bowls. If you have trouble holding on to bowls, use a wet cloth or purchase a glove.

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 **HOW IT WORKS:** Everyone puts a toonie (\$2) on the ledge – the winning team shares

 **ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME**

 **DRAW AT 6:15 PM SHARP**

 **14 ENDS OF LAUGHTER, SKILL, AND STRATEGY**

Come for the companionship – stay for the competition. It's easy, it's social, and it's always a great time.

**JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT – AND
BRING YOUR A-GAME (AND A TOONIE)!**

***NEW BOWLERS WELCOME!**