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LADNER LAWN BOWLING CLUB

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COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT CARDS

Every Friday Night

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$2.00

ST. PATRIC DAY BOWL

MARCH 17

Draw: 12:45 PM

Time: 1:00 PM

SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL

MEETING

April 13

Time: 1:30 PM

OPEN HOUSE

April 20 and 27

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

March is here and our Executive Committee is already well into planning our summer bowling season. They have listened to your suggestions and will try to incorporate them when possible.

Do you know someone-family, neighbour(s), friend(s),- who would benefit from the many things our club has to offer? Start mentioning our club to them and what you **personally** enjoy about it. Let them know it is more than a club.

Here are some things to mention:

- ❖ Ours is a friendly, encouraging club
- ❖ It offers social events as well as bowling
- ❖ Coaching lessons are part of the dues if you join the club
- ❖ Bowling is primarily a social sport, but there are club and interclub competitions
- ❖ Membership fees are low compared to other sports
- ❖ Can bowl all year
- ❖ Perfect for newly retired as well those not as agile as they once were
- ❖ Bowling on a carpet is easier than bowling on grass, adding years to your bowling
- ❖ All members of the family can bowl



WELCOME NEW BOWLERS

On Sunday, March 3 our club welcomed about 18 new bowlers from the Richmond Lawn Bowling Club. While their new clubhouse is being constructed, our club and other surrounding lawn bowling clubs are giving them a temporary new lawn bowling home.

The new bowlers are a mixture of leads, seconds, skips, so should fit in nicely with our members. It will be a pleasure to see our greens full again.

At 12:45 PM there was an open draw. Even though it was raining and **bitterly cold**, they and a couple of our club members decided to bowl. Originally ten ends were scheduled, somehow they managed to last six. They gladly came inside where hot coffee/tea awaited them, along with some of Kerry Derbyshire's home baking. Thank you, Kerry.

We thoroughly enjoyed bowling with them and look forward to our times on the bowling together-hopefully when it is drier and warmer. And they are a lot of fun!

Please make our new bowlers feel welcome as we will also be looking for new places to bowl while our clubhouse is being constructed. And remember how kind Tsawwassen was to us when our first carpet was being installed.



Does this look like fun?

PUBLIC ALERT!!!

Beware of suspect caught posing on our lawn bowling green, sporting a ***** floppy hat. Last seen in a white sedan.



THANK YOU SHIRLEY ARPONEN

Perhaps you have noticed that we have a new chip holder-the thing that holds the green numbers for the draws. Thank you, Shirley, for making a new one, as well as updating the new chips. Everything looks so much more professional.



A retiree said to his 80 year old friend, "Is it true that you are getting married?"

"Sure is," he replied.

"Have I met her?"

"Don't think so."

"Is she attractive?"

"She wouldn't win any beauty contests."

"Can she cook?"

"Can't even boil an egg."

"Is she rich?"

" Heck. She can't even pay attention."

"She must be great in the sack then."

"I haven't actually found out."

"My God, man. Why are you still marrying her?"

"She can still drive."



WE HAVE LIGHT

Throughout the summer, we have both day and night bowling. Night bowling allows those who are unable to bowl in the heat of the day as well as those who still work to participate in our club .

In days gone by, we bowled to the lights of our cars. We did what we had to do. Somewhere along the line, lights were installed.

To say thank you for inconveniencing us during construction of the social housing next door, VanMar Constructors will upgrade our green lighting to those of a higher power. John Prak will be testing them to make sure that they are effective.

Thank you VanMar for this gift and John Prak for ensuring that they are what we need.

As with a lot of things in our club, our rakes are elderly. And as with most things that are elderly and are used a lot, they break down now and then.

This also applies to our rakes. Because of their constant use, the lawn bowling rakes tend to break down and are under constant repair.

Thank you to those who have recently repaired them, again, and to those who have kept them in working order over the years..



ST. PATRICK'S DAY BOWL

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Kerry Derbyshire and John Cleary are organizing an afternoon of bowling. We will bowl 10 ends and then return to the clubhouse for dessert.

Social members welcome.

Please be sure to wear something green.

Date: March 17

Draw: 12:45 PM

Bowling Time: 1:00 PM

Dessert to follow.

Come and join us!



SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Semi Annual General Meeting is on April 13 at 1:30 PM and is open to all member, but only those with full membership can vote .

This is a time when we introduce you to our plans for the summer bowling season as well as any plans for the future of our club. There are times that important decisions need to be made and we need everyone's participation.

While the Spring Annual General Meeting is not the time that elections are normally held, at the moment we have an important vacancy. While we have a dedicated Executive Committee, there comes a time when it is time to move on, We have a club of amazingly knowledgeable and talented people who could bring forth fresh ideas. Please consider the following position.

Vice President-This position has been vacant for some time. While we appreciate the many things our president, Garry Parenteau, has done for our club, there will come a time when he will want to hand over the gavel to someone else. Please consider stepping up.

OPEN HOUSE

We start our new bowling season with our Open House. This is a time when we invite members of the public to our club to be introduced to the sport of lawn bowling.

Our coaches are there to give instruction to potential bowlers. But we need you there as well.

We need you to greet people as they enter the club. After they are introduced to the basics, get a cup of coffee and a cookie and talk to them, explaining how our club works, why you joined and continue to come back.

You can set the jacks for the coaches. If the coaches are busy, so that the potential new club members do not get discouraged and leave, show them the basics of lawn bowling. Keep them engaged.

Your enthusiasm will be what makes them want to come back.

So, start passing the word along to your friends and be here to greet them, or better, yet, bring them.

This year Open House will be on two days, **Saturday, April 20th and Saturday, April 27th.**

When the request for volunteers comes out, please say, "Yes." It is your club and we want it to grow.

BEST WAYS TO KEEP OUR NEW BOWLERS-

make them feel welcome. Talk to our new members. Ask questions about what brought them to the club. Explain how our club works- it can be a mystery. Talk to them the next time you see them. Encourage them.

People do not return , no matter how much they paid in dues, if they do not feel welcome.

For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day.