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## COMING EVENTS

### SEMI ANNUAL GENEERAL MEETING

April 13

Time: 1:30 PM

### OPEN HOUSE

April 20 and 27

Time: 10:00AM to 2:00PM

### OPENING DAY

April 28

Time: 1:00

### SATURDAY WINTER AGGREGATE

Ends April 6

### WEDNESDAY WINTER AGGREGATE

Ends April 17

### CLEAN-UP DAY

Friday, April 12

Time: 12:30 PM

## OUR NEW BOWLING SEASON

It won't be long before our new bowling season is upon us. Some members were stoic enough to brave the winter weather. While there were a few fine, even warm days, many were not. To those who came out on a regular bases, we applaud you.

As the weather improves, many will begin returning to the green. It will be fun to reunite with old members and welcome new ones. Get those bags in order-it is surprising how much we accumulate. Make sure you have chalk for marking toucher bowls-remember only blackboard chalk (not pastel), towels for counting bowls, and a measuring tape and **dedicated flat shoes**. It would be a good idea for skips to read and carry a rules book.

Make sure you check the spread sheets for all upcoming events, both green and social events.

Remember, we need volunteers for bowling as well as social events. Our club depends on volunteers in order to function. Every little bit helps. We all have things to contribute to make our club a success.

The Games Committee has been working hard to plan an interesting, fun bowling season. There will be daytime as well as nighttime bowling, the usual aggregates and competitions, interclub events, and some fun days. Check the google spread sheets on a regular bases and sign up early.

Let us make this the best year ever!

## NO THANK YOU

Our kitchen refrigerator can be a catch all.

Sometimes we put our left over lunch in it and then forget what we did. After an event such as the Boxing Day Blowout, food is left over and put into the fridge or even the freezer. Unfortunately, eventually it gets thrown out.

Some good hearted members left cheese and panettoni in the refrigerator. Likely they thought we could use it at some event. However, food is specially prepared for each event, and left over food is seldom used and is thrown out.

If you have left over food from an event or have something you won't eat at home, please do not leave it at the club. It will be thrown out. Instead, if it has not been opened, donate it to the food bank-containers, found at most grocery stores. If that is not possible, please dispose of it in the recycling where it will be used in creating compost for the community.

## SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Semi Annual Meeting is on April 13 at 1:30 PM and open to all full members.

At this time, we will receive an update on club policies and plans as well as information about our upcoming bowling season.

It is a time to ask questions about any concerns and to express your views on any issues that might arise.

This is also a time to pay your dues. If you do not pay your dues by May 1st, you will not be able to bowl.

As well, there is a vacancy for the Vice-President's position on the Executive Committee.

## RECYCLING

Our club does its best to recycle things when we are finished with them.



Please note the three coloured bins near the kitchen fridge. The green container is for **clean** paper, the blue container for **cans and bottles**, and the black for **waste**. There is also a container in the office for bottles and cans. In the kitchen there is a white container for food waste, except tea bags and coffee filters as they do not compost well .

If items are put into wrong bins, the whole bag is thrown out. It is not fair to ask Kerry, who looks after the recycling, to go through the garbage bags.

Thank you.

## OPEN HOUSE

This year, two Saturdays are set aside for Open House-**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 27.**

Watch for requests for your assistance in the emails. Some members are needed on the green to help the coaches. If the coaches are busy, you can introduce the game to potential members. Talk to them about the basics of lawn bowling and demonstrate how it is done.

When introductory lessons are complete, invite our guests into the clubhouse for a cup of tea/coffee. Explain the basics of our club, how it can be bowling just for fun or more serious, how there is a social aspect to the club. Explain how the club is multifaceted.

The more of us at the club to welcome new members on opening day, the more they will want to join.

And when the season begins, when you see a new member, please make them feel welcome.

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

As you know, our club can exist and function efficiently only if we share the tasks. Two volunteer convenors are needed to manage the following:

**Tee-shirt, hats, badges:** Each year new tee-shirts, hats, and badges are purchased. Rather than add this to the already busy duties of the Executive Committee, it would be helpful if someone not on the executive took on this responsibility.

Please let Frank Gauvin know if you are interested.

Thank you

## **CAN YOU HELP US**

We are looking forward to fine weather returning. Our club enjoys sitting on the patio but we do not have enough outdoor chairs. Our executive has searched Facebook Marketplace and box stores but the ones available are either too expensive for our budget or inferior in quality.

If you happen to have safe, suitable outdoor chairs that you are willing to donate to the club, we would be truly grateful.

We need 8 to 12 chairs.

Thank you.



## **FRIENDSHIP**

Old Bob was missing Joe, his bowling buddy of over 50 years. He had passed to greens anew just last year, and Bob couldn't help but wonder how he was getting along. So later that day whilst talking with a friend it was suggested that he seek the help of a medium, who agreed to try and make contact with Joe. So the next evening, after the usual formalities contact was made, and this is how it went.

"Hi Bob", said Joe.

"What's it like up there?", asked Bob

"Great food, Nice people, Lovely weather, and we get to bowl as much as we like",

## **CLEAN UP DAY**

To prepare our club ready for the new season, **Friday, April 12 at 12:320 PM** has been set aside as clean-up day. We have many visitors throughout the year-many of whom in the past have admired our grounds-and we want to continue with this impression. As well when potential new members enter our grounds, first impressions are important

We need volunteers to help with

- Power washing the pavement
- Cleaning the benches
- Airing out and cleaning the tent
- As well as many other big and small jobs

The more people who volunteer the sooner the tasks will be completed.

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



## WHAT A GREAT DAY!

Thank you John Cleary and Kerry Derbyshire for organizing the St. Patrick's Day celebration. And thank you, Shirley Layton, for organizing the desserts. As usual, the food was superb. A thank you to those who helped in the kitchen and later took down the decorations.

The weather could not have been nicer. Thank you to everyone for "getting into the swing" of things by wearing something green. And for participating. Our social/bowling events are always a hit.

The greens were actually full with our club for the first time in many years-what a sight to see.

This is just the beginning of an amazing season of bowling.





## OUR INFORMATIVE WEBSITE

Have you checked out our website lately? Frank Gauvin is continuously updating it.

As well as finding our calendar in the google spread sheets, it is now available on the website.

As stated before, Frank continuously also updates our spread sheets. They keep you informed about upcoming events, both bowling and social.

### JUST SOME REMINDERS

All draws are 15 minutes before start times. If you are going to be late, please phone the clubhouse **before** the 15 minute draw time. If the draw has started, you are too late.

If you open the front gate. Please be sure to lock the lock onto the gate. Previously when this has not happened, the lock has disappeared. That meant that we had to buy a new lock as well as about 100 new keys,

Please do not put your bowling bags on the benches. The benches are for sitting. If they are covered in bowling bags, this is difficult.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## FRIDAY NIGHT CANASTA

We completed another successful year of Friday Night Canasta. An average of 15-16 members faithfully attended each night.

Everybody chipped in to make the evening a success. Thank you to those who brought a nightly snack-just the right amount of food each evening. Thank you to those who set up the coffee and then cleaned up. Thank you, Pete, for making sure that the heat was on, the tables were set up, distributing the cards, and collecting the money.

It is reassuring to put on an event and know that you can be sure that help is always available.

With a charge of \$2.00 per person, we raised about \$740 for the club.

### OPENING DAY

Our winter aggregates wrap up in April and our spring season begins on April 28.

On this day we gather at the clubhouse for the official opening. The draw is at 12:45 PM, we play 10 ends, then return to the clubhouse for coffee/tea and delicious goodies.

Because this is a club day, we wear our club colours or whites. If you do not have white pants, beige is acceptable.

**Date:** April 28

**Time:** 1:00 PM (Draw:12:45 PM)

**Dress:** Club colours/whites

**Cost:** free



An elderly woman decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets, a ruby brooch, and a gold Rolex."

"But you are not wearing any of those things," replied the artist.

"I know," she said. "It's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he will remarry right away, and I want his new wife to go crazy looking for the jewelry."