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**LADNER LAWN BOWLING CLUB**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **SPRING CLEAN-UP**

**Dates: April 10, 11**

**Time: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

### **MYSTERY FUN NIGHT**

**Date: Saturday, April 19**

**Time: Happy ½ hour: 6:30 PM**

**Mystery Fun Night: 7:00 PM**

**Cost: \$15.00**

### **OPEN HOUSE**

**Date: Saturday, April 19**

**Time: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

## **SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date: Saturday, April 26**

**Time: 1:30 PM**

### **OPENING DAY**

**Date: Sunday, April 27**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

**Dress: Club colours/whites**

## **OUR NEW BOWLING SEASON**

Spring is here and so is the planning of our new bowling season. Our Games Committee, along with our Executive Committee, have our new season planned and ready to go. Again, it will be a full year, including aggregates, leagues, competitions, visitations, social events, as well as other activities as they arise.

Check your bowling bag to ensure you have the necessary equipment. This includes chalk (no sidewalk chalk), a measuring tape, and a towel for when counting a head. And, as we know, dedicated flat shoes.

Thank you to all who volunteered during the 2024 season whenever something needed doing. When we look after the little things, they don't become big things. And by looking after the club it becomes your club.

Let us make this year the best year ever.



## WE ARE BACK

in our clubhouse with our perimeter secure and a new floor! Even though we were somewhat inconvenienced by the construction and installation of the new floor, that did not prevent us from carrying on with bowling as usual.

By constantly upgrading our old clubhouse-even minor upgrades-we prevent costly issues from arising.

Thank you to those who continue to ensure that our club is well maintained.



## SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please plan to attend our Semi Annual General Meeting on April 26 at 1:30 PM. This meeting is open to all members but only full members are permitted to vote. In order to conduct a SAGM a quorum of 25% of our membership must be present.

At this meeting we receive an update on club policies as well as information about our upcoming bowling season. As well, we are able to voice our opinions during discussions about any issues that may arise.

Our meetings are well run and to the point.

This is also a time to pay 2025 membership fees. Dues must be paid by May 1<sup>st</sup> or you will not be permitted to bowl.



### KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS

#### WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

"Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then." -Camille, age 10

"Eighty-four, because at that age, you don't have to work anymore, and you can spend all your time loving each other." -Judy, age 8



## OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House is on Saturday, April 19 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

This is one of the most important days of our bowling year so we need your help to make it a success.

We invite members of our community to try the sport of lawn bowling. Our coaches explain the basics of lawn bowling, demonstrating the sport. Then the visitors throw some bowls and are pleased to see how quickly they catch on and how much fun it is.

Our members are needed to assist the coaches by setting the jack. If the coaches are busy, you can introduce the game to waiting guests by explaining the basics of bowling.

When the demonstrations are complete, invite the guests into the clubhouse for a cup of tea/coffee and a goodie. Explain the basics of our club, how it can be just for fun or more serious by entering competitions, and how there is a social aspect to our club.

The greater number of our members who are at the club to welcome potential members, the more potential bowler will feel that they are wanted.

When the season begins, be sure to make the new members welcome or they will not stay.

## VISITATIONS

A tradition of bowling clubs is to exchange visitations with other clubs. The purpose of visitations is to acquaint us with other bowlers and let us try other bowling greens-not all carpet and grass greens are the same.

We are partnered with bowlers at our skill level.

It is a fun day, with host clubs providing dessert.

Should you wish to car pool, please offer to help pay for gas, perhaps \$5.00.

Please make note of the following dates. More information will follow.

**Tuesday, April 8** Ladner at White Rock

**Thursday, May 22** Ladner and Langley at Tsw.

**Sunday, May 25** Burnaby at Ladner

**Sunday, June 8** Dunbar at Ladner

**Sunday, August 10** Ladner at Mann Park

## CLUB CLEAN-UP

To prepare for our upcoming bowling season, Thursday, April 10 and Friday, April 11, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, are set aside as clean-up days. While Kerry and others do their best to keep up with cleaning the clubhouse during the bowling season, it is important for the club in general to be cleaned from head to toe at least once a year. Remember, first impressions are important.

It is your club so please help us with

- Power washing the pavement
- Washing benches, shelters
- Airing out and cleaning the tent
- Washing windows
- Washing shelves
- Cleaning kitchen

The more who help the sooner tasks will be completed.



## LADNER AT WHITE ROCK

Our first visitation of the season is Ladner at White Rock.

The game begins at 1:00 PM. For those who wish to car pool, be at the club by 12:00 PM. You play against bowlers of your skill level. The first game is played, we stop for coffee/tea, and the second game is played against another team.

It is meant to be a fun day.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 8

**Time:** 1:00 PM. Car pool leaves club at 12:00 PM

**Dress:** Casual, dedicated bowling shoes

**Cost:** None

## Opening Day

Some of us have been bowling all winter-well, most of the winter due a nasty cold spell. But spring is here now and we are ready for the season to begin.

Be aware that the last day of Saturday Winter Aggregate Bowling is April 12 and the last day of Wednesday Winter Aggregate bowling is April 16.

The official Opening Day of our new season is April 27. On this day, we gather at the clubhouse for a draw at 12:45 PM. At 1:00 PM we are welcomed to our new season. Someone will throw the first bowl after which we play 10 ends. We then return to the clubhouse for coffee/tea and some goodies.

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



## FRIDAY NIGHT CANASTA

Thank you to all who supported another successful year of Canasta. An average of 16 faithful players attended, raising over \$700.00 for the club. And we welcomed several new members.

Thank you, everyone, for making the year a success. Thank you for bringing delicious snacks, setting up the coffee when you arrived, and cleaning up if you finished your game early,

Thank you, Pete, for setting up the tables, making sure that the clubhouse was warm, and distributing the cards, and collecting the money.

Because everyone contributed to the evenings, Canasta Nights were another success.

See you on October 3.

## THANK YOU

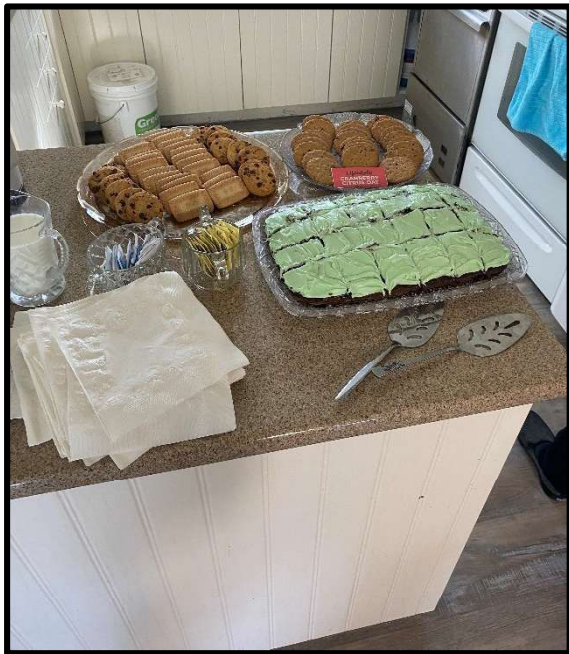
to all who send me pictures of interest for the newsletter. They are part of the history of our club.

### DON'T LET THE TEAM DOWN.

The lads had arranged to have a practice game before the big match, Sunday morning was chosen, and they all arrived on time except Gordon. When he finally arrived, the others all asked, "What kept you?" "It was a toss-up as to whether I went to church or joined you blokes bowling," Gordon replied. "That shouldn't have taken long," said the skip. "Well, it did. I had to toss 13 times."

# ST. PATRICK DAY CELEBRATION

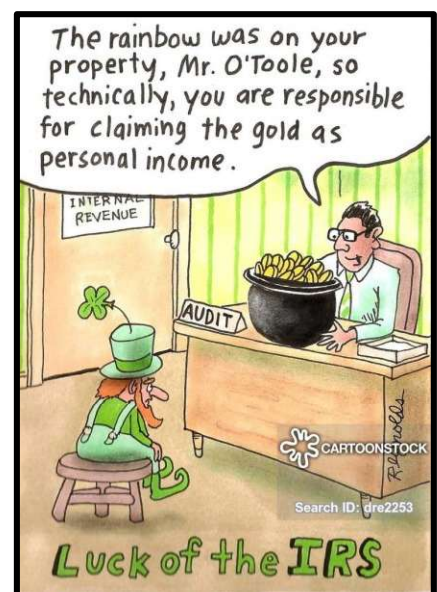
## A ST. PATRICK TWIST TO AUSSIE PAIRS

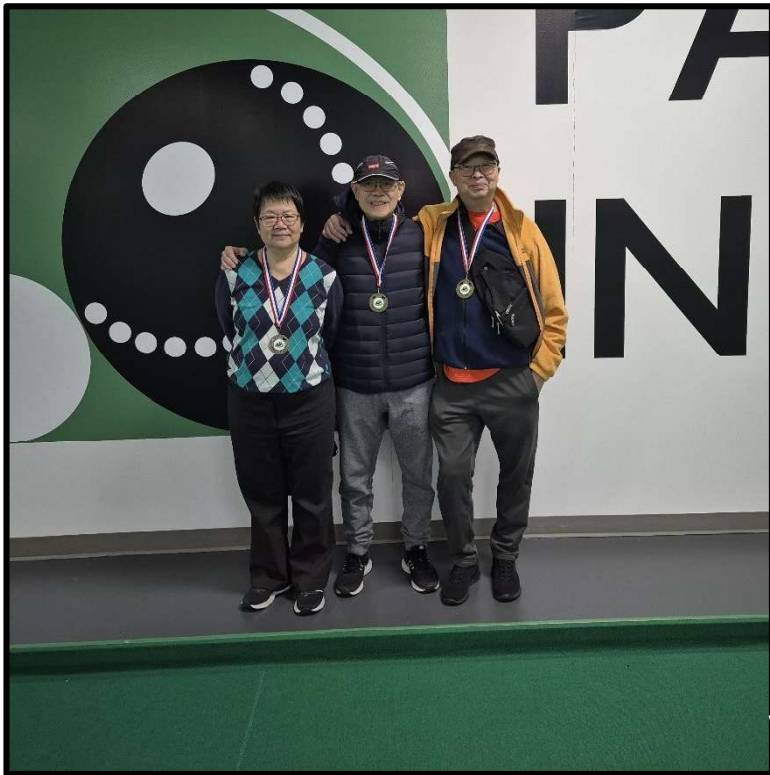


On March 1, the Ladner Lawn Bowling Club celebrated the Irish version of Aussie Pairs- Leprechaun Pairs. It was a gorgeous day, with everyone getting into the Irish theme. The greens were full and everyone had a fun day.

Our version consisted of throwing the bowling balls as usual for Australian Pairs but we threw the jack into the head after all the bowls were delivered. The fun comes from trying to match the other team's bowls. Or your team could have a cluster or two and hope that the thrower of the jack is able to find them.

Thank you, Garry Parenteau, for organizing the event and Shirley Layton for organizing the food.





## MYSTERY FUN NIGHT

We all thought that many of Bob's Trivia Quiz questions were a bit of a mystery. Now Bob is going to give us the real thing.

When he got tired doing jig saw puzzles of one graduated colour or no straight edges, he began to think how he could make the Trivia more interesting. Then he thought that a Mystery Fun Night would be the answer. So, here we are.

First, you are to wear or bring something orange-not an orange. Why orange-that is a mystery! So look around your home, the Thrift Store, the Dollar Store.

Bring a pen (ours are running out of ink) not a pencil, your observational skills (you'd better be on your toes with Bob because you can be sure he will try to trick you), your thinking cap (it could be orange), and sense of humour (our club likes a good joke with twist).

All club members, spouses, and Trivia guests are welcome.

Our indoor game is nearly finished by the end of March. I am pleased to inform you that our team including Simon Wong, Daisy Au (my wife), and myself, KK Cheng. We won first place on behalf of the Ladner Club for the Inter-clubs game. The game had 24 teams from all different clubs in the Vancouver District and was divided into A and B groups. We won first place in group B.

Congratulations, Team, for representing us so well!



## MYSTERY FUN NIGHT

**Date:** Saturday, April 19

**Happy 1/2 hour:** 6:30 PM

**Mystery Fun Night:** 7:00 PM

**Cost:** \$15.00, includes a free drink and food (will get ticket for drink at door)

Get a group of 4 together or let Bob make up groups. Of course, there will be prizes-Bob's always are a mystery-and most are **individual** prizes.

The night will be filled with groans and laughter-just what we need to end one bowling season and begin a new one.

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