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LADNER LAWN BOWLING CLUB

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COMING EVENTS

Monday, January 1
New Year's Day Bash
Draw: 1 PM

Wednesday, January 3
Wednesday Aggregates resume
Draw: 12:45 PM

Thursday, January 4
Fours: 12:30 PM

Saturday, January 6
Saturday Aggregates resume
Draw: 12:45 PM

Friday, January 5
Canasta resumes
Time: 7:00 PM Cost: \$2.00

Saturday, Sunday January 27,28
Sample Sale of Women's Clothing

WINTER BOWLING

Winter Aggregates resume on January 3rd and 6th. Remember that the draws begin at 12:45 PM **SHARP**. If it is not possible to be there on time, please phone 604-946-6722 ahead of time and ask someone to place your name on the draw board-or phone a friend. Remember that you attend Aggregates when you can.

The greens are free to use if there is no other function in progress, unless the green is closed for bowling.

On drop in days, the draw is at 12:45 PM. Should you wish to form your own group, please come at a time its start does not interfere with club draw times.

Frequently check your emails after 11:30 AM on days the greens might be frozen to see if bowling is allowed.

Thank you, Kerry Derbyshire, for always making sure that events are made special by having coffee and treats ready for us. Always delicious!



Q: What is a New Year's resolution?

A: Something that goes in one year and out the other.



CLUB WINNERS



Barry Abraham presenting the Centennial Plaque to Carol Michayluk and Garry Parenteau. Missing: Mary Taitt



Winners of the Burns Trophy: Barry Abraham, Kerry Derbyshire, Richard Chia



Dana Cullis presenting the Mixed Pairs trophy to Sharon Kraemer and Barry Abraham



Winners of the Mixed triples trophy: Claire Taylor, Walter Dnistransky, Gayle Waddell

Congratulations to the winners and runners up. Congratulations to all who participated throughout the bowling season for you, too, are winners. You got fresh air and exercise, got to know club members, maybe even won some money. And hopefully had some fun.



Dana Cullis presenting the Amy Morrison Trophy to Brian Varrie and Barbara Sutton



Barbara Sutton presenting the Sophomore Colt trophy to Claire Taylor. Runner up: Sharon Kraemer



Brian Jones presenting the Singles Trophy to Gayle Waddell. Runner up: Kim Banns



Dana Cullis presenting the Men's Singles trophy to Paul Banns. Runner up Pete Cullis

CLUB WINNERS continued



Pete Cullis presenting Gayle Waddell with the Club Championship and Player of the Year awards



Pete Cullis presenting a "thank you" gift to Bob Maxwell for organizing Bob's Open Singles and Gayle Waddell for her organizing our club events.



Our winners!

WINNERS NOT PRESENT

Mary Taitt-Centennial Plaque

Steve Harvey-Amy Morrison Trophy

David Robinson-Novice Singles Trophy

Don Newcomb-Bob's Open Singles

AGGREGATES

Monday, Men's Singles: 1st Brian Varrie; 2nd Steve Harvey; 3rd Barry Abraham; 4th Pete Cullis; 5th Don Newcomb

Tuesday Pairs: 1st Pete Cullis; 2nd Paul Banns; 3rd Gayle Waddell; 4th George Schurman

Wednesday Mixed Spring: 1st Paul Banns; 2nd tie Don Newcomb/Barry Abraham; 4th Gayle Waddell

Wednesday Mixed Summer: 1st Barry Abraham; 2nd Brian Jones; 3rd John Gregory; 4th Mary Taitt; 5th Brian Varrie

Friday Ladies Singles: 1st Gayle Waddell; 2nd Kim Banns; 3rd Cheryl Smith; 4th Claire Taylor

AGM

Thank you to those who attended the AGM and Awards Day on November 18.

It was another informative and well-run meeting. Elections were held with the following results:

President: Garry Pareateau

Past President: John Cleary

Vice President: **Vacant**

Secretary: Cheryl Smith

Treasurer: Neil McLennan

Grounds: Walter Dnistransky

Membership and Communication: Frank Gauvin

Games: **Vacant**

Greens: Don Newcomb

Kitchen: Kerry Derbyshire

Clubhouse: Kerry Derbyshire

Social: Shirley Layton

Sunshine-Dana Cullis-appointed

As you can see, there are some important vacancies in the Executive Committee. Our members need to seriously consider putting their names forward now and in the future. Without an Executive Committee our club cannot function. Our Executive Committee has gone beyond what is required of them and need some help. As well, we only grow as a club with fresh ideas.

Please consider putting your name forward. We need you.

GAMES COMMITTEE

For 2024 we have formed a committee to manage the Games portfolio. In addition to the familiar and traditional events, we want to add more variety with non-competitive fun games and more evening activities. If you have any ideas to throw into the mix, please **do**. We may not be able to say yes to everything, but we want to hear all your ideas. Talk to any of the board members or send an email to the games committee:

games.ladnerlawnbowling@gmail.com

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you was given to our president, Garry Pareateau, for his service, guidance, and stepping up over the last few years.

To show their appreciation, the Executive Committee presented Garry with a book documenting the new green installation. During the installation, Robert Smith came down every day to document progress, Neil McLennan used his drone to take arial photos, and Cheryl Smith put the book together, with the help of Neil's editing and comments. Truly an amazing way of saying thank you.

A copy of the book was given to Mayor George Harvie.



OUR NEW CLUBHOUSE

On December 13, five senior managers from the City of Delta met with three members of the Ladner Lawn Bowling Club Executive Committee as part of the ongoing discussion regarding a new clubhouse. A tour of the property was given so that they could see what we have now with regards to the clubhouse, two sheds, and tent. Garry provided a high level list of our requirements. The city suggested 2024 for design and budget approval with the building date in 2025.

This is the beginning of many good things to come.

Thank you, to those who are helping to make it happen.

PRESERVING OUR GREEN

Now that we have a new green, we want to preserve it for as long as possible.

One way we can do this is to make sure that we do not wear street shoes when bowling. It is the fine sand and gravel that we do not see that eventually breaks down the fibers.

Please have dedicated lawn bowling shoes that are either left at the club or are brought with you. If this is not possible, please put on a pair of fabric boots found in a basket at the front door.



POLAR BEAR BOWLING

One of the Ladner Lawn Bowling traditions is the Polar Bear Bowling. Don't worry-we get to keep on our clothes!

Weather permitting, there is a draw at 1:00 PM. We bowl 10 ends and then return to the clubhouse to enjoy some of our Christmas/New Years leftovers-nibblies, appetizers, desserts, liqueurs, etc.

If the weather is inclement, bring your goodies to clubhouse to begin the New Year with your bowling friends.

As usual, thank you Kerry Derbyshire for making sure we are well fed. No matter the event, we know we can count on you.

AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!

On a Sunday afternoon, December 17, six ladies from the Ladner Lawn Bowling Club, visited the Rack Fashions boutique owned by Cheryl Anderson. After an afternoon of shopping and good Christmas cheer, we decided it would be fun to invite the rest of the club to experience the pleasure of shopping at this boutique.

As a result, we invited Cheryl to book our club for the weekend of January 27 and 28. It will be a sample sale of a particular line of clothing-a line that we all found current, comfortable and affordable, a line that is suitable for all sizes, shapes, and life styles.

The sale is open to the public, so bring your friends, family, and neighbours.

During the event, we will inform guests about Ladner Lawn Bowling. And the green will be open for bowling so people can see us enjoying ourselves.

Canasta will carry on as usual.

Keep the dates open. More information to follow.



What is the origin of the New Year's kiss?

Though the precise origins of puckering up the second a new year begins are unknown, the custom is often traced back to two winter festivals: Saturnalia in ancient Rome and Hogmanay, a Viking tradition still celebrated on New Year's in Scotland.

One of the earliest literary mentions of a New Year's kiss (if not the first) goes back to the Middle Ages: specifically, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. One passage takes place on New Year's Day and refers to a holiday game in which the ladies who lose must give something to the men (and suggests that they do so happily). Meanwhile, the male winners are "not angry" about this rule. The something is usually a kiss.

Apart from following customs with murky origins, what's the reasoning behind giving someone a New Year's kiss? This kiss is part of both English and German folklore, which "indicate that whoever a person is with at midnight portends what type of luck they will have for the rest of the year,"

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our club enjoyed another successful Christmas Party. Of course, this does not happen without many hands.

Thank you to the following people:

Kerry Derbyshire for organizing the delicious food

John Pratt for looking after the bar

Theresa and Stewart for the wonderful beans

Betty and Tony for preparing the ham

Dianne Kuleza, Shirley Layton, and all those helped to make the evening a success

Garry Parenteau, Frank Gauvin, and John Pratt for setting up the room



FOOD BANK

Thank you to those who gave generously to the Food Bank. We raised \$240.00. Because it was cash, the purchase power almost tripled.

The families in need thank you.