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LADNER LAWN BOWLING CLUB

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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 6

Ladner @ White Rock LBC
10:30 AM Casual Bring Lunch

Saturday, April 15

Semi Annual General Meeting
1:30 PM

Thursday, April 20

White Rock @ Ladner
10:30 AM Casual Bring Lunch

Saturday, April 22

Open House
10:00 to 2:00

Saturday, April 22

Trivia Night
Happy ½ Hour 6:30 PM
Trivia: 7 PM
Cost: \$15.00

Saturday, April 30

Opening Day
1:00 PM
Club colours/whites

OUR NEW BOWLING SEASON

With the fine spring weather hopefully returning, we begin to feel the urge to get on the bowling green. Some of us have bowled throughout the winter, despite some miserable, cold, wet days. Now it is time for us to put on our bowling shoes, organize our bowling bags, come out to bowl as often as we are able, and welcome our new bowlers.

Make sure to check the spread sheets for upcoming events. To those few unable to do this, find a member who will keep you informed about the club's activities and will sign you up.

Our club depends on volunteers for its survival. There are many ways to help. Lawns need cutting, gardens some TLC, special events require help in the kitchen, assistance is needed when community groups rent the greens, officers for the executive committee, just to name a few. At our age, we have a wealth of talents. Please share them with the club.



LADNER @ WHITE ROCK

We are invited to the White Rock LBC on April 6 for a friendly day of bowling. Should you wish to car pool, meet at the club at 9:30 AM.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHITE ROCK HAS A NEW ARTIFICIAL GREEN. THAT MEANS NO STREET SHOES ON THE GREEN, ONLY CLEAN, DEDICATED LAWN BOWLING SHOES.

CAR POOL: 9:30 AM at the LLBC club
GAME BEGINS: 10:30 AM
2-10 end games
Bring Lunch
Casual Dress
No street shoes on green

WHITE ROCK @ LADNER

Then, on April 20, we've invited White Rock to Ladner for a friendly day of bowling. The same format will apply.

Bowling: 10:30 AM
2 X 10 end games
Bring Lunch
Casual Dress

OPENING DAY

Our lawn bowling season officially begins on April 30. On this day, we wear our club colours or whites. If you do not have white pants, beige is acceptable. After the first bowl is officially thrown, ten ends are played. We are then treated to coffee/tea and delicious goodies.

Most of us have not bowled since September, so this is a gentle way to get back into the game.

Date: April 30
Time: 1:00 PM
Cost: Free



SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please be sure to attend our Semi Annual General Meeting on **April 15 at 1:30 PM**. The meeting is open to all full members. At our Semi Annual General Meetings we will receive an update on the carpet replacement. As well, information will be received about our upcoming bowling season and any potential policy changes. It is important that you are there to express your views.

This is also a convenient time to pay your membership dues. Remember, in order to bowl, dues must be paid in full by May 1.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House is extremely important to our club. On this day, coaches as well as other members of the club introduce the sport of lawn bowling to members of our community, with the hope that they will join the club.

Come to the club that day and talk to the perspective members about our club, informing them that we offer social events as well as bowling. It is so important to make them feel welcome-invite them into the club to have a cup of coffee and a cookie. Should the visitors join our club, please continue to engage them in conversation. If they are left to sit on their own, they will likely not return.

Please volunteer your services to help on the green that day and to make our visitors feel welcome.

Date: Saturday, April 22
Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



to those who faithfully attended Friday Night Canasta. We had a lot of fun, enjoyed each other's company, and some delicious treats. We raised about \$450.00!!!!

See you next **October 6**.

OUR WEB PAGE

Our webmaster, Frank Gauvin, has revamped our website. It is up to date, informative, and a tribute to our club. Thank you to those who helped with the proofreading

Go to www.ladnerlawnbowlingclub.ca to check it out. (Our old site, www.llbc.ca, is being phased out.) It is a complete presentation of our club, from its conception to present times, including current dates and times of the summer's events.

Thank you, Frank, for the many hours devoted to this ongoing project. You did us all proud!



Bob has been travelling again, gathering all kinds of useless information to use in Trivia questions. He also has plenty of questions whose answers you feel that you know, but can't find them as they are buried deep in your grey cells.

Get a team together, come up with an interesting name, and let Bob know that you plan to attend. However, if you can't form a team, let Bob know and he will make up a team and give it a name.

The best part of the evening is discovering what Bob has decided to give as prizes. They are meant to increase brain cells for future Trivia Nights. And you never know who will be a winner-it could be top scores, low scores, or anyone in between!

Coordinator: Bob Maxwell 2themax@telus.net

Date: Saturday, April 22

Happy ½ Hour: 6:30 PM

Trivia: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00-includes one free drink of beer, wine, or pop, as well as a light snack

If you plan to attend please let Bob know as soon as possible.

ATTENTION

Several times in the past few weeks, doors to the tool and rake sheds were left open. It is important that all doors and windows to the clubhouse and attached buildings are securely locked. Open doors are an invitation for trouble.

While we have a fairly high fence, in the past it has not deterred those intent upon entering our premises from doing so.

If you are the first to enter the club grounds, make sure that the **gate lock is secured to the gate**. Should that lock be taken, new locks and keys for all members would have to be purchased. With keys costing a minimum of \$5.00 each, we would be looking at a bill for at least \$500.00.

A week after John bought a bull, he complained to his friend, "All that bull does is eat grass. Won't even look at a cow."

"Take him to the vet," his friend suggested.

The next week, John is much happier. "The vet gave him some pills, and the bull serviced all of my cows!" he told his friend. "Then he broke through the fence and bred with all my neighbour's cows! He's like a machine!"

"What kind of pills were they?" asked the friend.

"I don't know, but they've got a peppermint taste."



HAVE YOU NOTICED?

that our clubhouse and associated buildings are brighter and less cluttered?

Just because we have an old clubhouse does not mean that it has to look like one. Over the years we have replaced the roof, put on new siding, upgraded the windows, installed a new kitchen, as well as completing several other major improvements. But it still needed a bit of something.

So our executive committee decided on a general clean up and refreshment of some tired looking areas.



The first place to receive some TLC was the ladies' washroom. Kerry Derbyshire and Cheryl Smith found a lovely old world picture and chose the blue in the picture for the walls. Walter Dnistransky spent hours painting, adding a beige contrast for the trim. Audrey Lowe framed some of her original paintings that complimented the large picture. She then used her expertise in displaying art to hang the pictures.

To complete the room, Maureen Bach sewed curtains from material donated by Kerry. Maureen also donated the curtain rod.

Next came the men's washroom. We all have **that place**, where, if we don't know where to put something-guess where it goes. Eventually, it is full of **stuff** and we do not remember what that **stuff** is. Our **place** is the men's washroom.

The cupboards were cleaned out. Labels are on the front of the doors, indicating what goes where.

One unsightly part of the room was the floor cleaning equipment. That was the first seen when entering the washroom, and seen when the door was open. It is now stored in the cupboard, out of sight.



HAVE YOU NOTICED cont'd

Then it was time to tackle the tool shed. Again, there was **stuff** that had no business being in the tool shed. The unwanted **stuff** is now being recycled or residing at the dump. Would you recognize the shed now?

In the future, please do not put anything in the tool shed that does not belong there.

A special thank you to Don Newcomb, Brian Varrie, Doug O'Halloran, Garry Parenteau, John Cleary, Kerry Derbyshire, and Tony Stacey for your hard work . Our next project is painting the men's washroom.



This is an example of club volunteerism. There are often "jobs" that need to be done. When several members come together to do the work, the tasks are not as onerous as if one person did the work. You get to know other members on a more personal level when you work together. As well, when you see the finished results, the club begins to be "your club".



BAR MANAGEMENT

Pete Cullis has taken over bar management from Gayle Waddell. He will now be responsible for the purchase of a liquor license when we invite guests to our club. As well, he will ensure that visiting groups renting our greens purchase a liquor license if they intend to serve alcohol.

We'd finally built our dream home, but the contractor had a concern: the placement of an atrium window for our walk-in shower. "I'm afraid your neighbors might have a good view of you au naturel," he said.

My middle-aged wife put him at ease. "Don't worry," she said. "They'll only look once."

PROVINCIAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONS JUNE 16

A number of years ago, our club hosted the Provincial Jr. Championship. It was amazing to see the skill level of the junior players-and their enthusiasm.

Again, we have been invited to be the host club. This means that we need the whole club's participation for it to be a success. Requests for help will be made to set up the greens, prepare and serve lunch, keep score, cleanup, mark, etc. Please be sure to sign up wherever you can.

For hosting the tournament, our club receives a financial remuneration.

More information to follow.