

The Grass Rink



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President's Corner – *Sandra Osborne*

We are halfway through the season. Where does the time go? Mainly bowling I hope!

The greens are in great condition. Many thanks to Hank and his team of helpers.

I'm glad to say that our social activities are back on track and the new system is working well.

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered so far. I have heard that it's fun.

Our new bowlers are enjoying the game we love and some are entering tournaments, which is so nice to see. Just a reminder to our 1st and 2nd year bowlers to keep Saturday, September 9th free so that you can participate in the 1st and 2nd Year Bowlers Tournament. This one is just for you and you get the chance to play singles and win either the Women's or Men's trophy. The trophy is yours to keep.

Every time I have the chance to visit other clubs I realize how very lucky I am to belong to such a great club. Great people, great greens, great tournaments, great social events and a great location. What more could you want?

Enjoy the rest of the season.

Sandra

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What is lawn bowling?

Lawn Bowling is more than a sport, it is a way of life. You meet lots of different people with different personalities. With Lawn Bowlers to my mind, this is always positive.

Part of the game is to get to know and meet friends. To me it is important that you play the game – **not how you bowl**. Some will always be Leads but healthier both physically and mentally because they try to play well and enjoy it at their level. Then there are the Champions, they are only happy when they succeed. Two different types of players.

Off the Green there are those who contribute to the running of the club, (I wish there were more) and those who are not able perhaps physically. Some like the camaraderie of the kitchen. Others work on the greens with new friends.

All this is an important factor in our personal lives. They get mental and physical satisfaction doing what they can for a longer life through Lawn Bowling. Finding new friends and perhaps a new interest. I did.

Dave

COACH'S CORNER - DOUG TURNER

Please remember when leaving the clubhouse to go to your assigned rink, do not cross the green. Please walk around the green then place your bowls at your rink.

CORPORATE EVENTS

This year we have been successful in securing six Corporate Events for our Club. Four have already been held with two to follow in August and September. These events produce much needed income for us and are actually a pleasure to run. With the help of Club coaches and Board members, we now organize games of triples for the visitors instead of just setting up an "obstacle course". Indeed, as a result some visitors have expressed a desire to join our Club as full-time members. So for us it's a win, win situation.

The largest of these events was for Boston Pizza International where over 60 people arrived for morning bowling before going on to The Crooked Cue for further team building competitions. Now..... they entered into the whole spirit of competition bowling by selecting their teams before they arrived and dressing up for the occasion! Some dressed as Cowboys, Cowgirls, others as Canadian Mounties and also Hard Rockers - there was a great deal of noise and bantering every time a bowl came anywhere near the jack. They all had such great fun.

Meridian Credit Union also enjoyed a great afternoon's bowling and we laid on light refreshments for them which they thoroughly enjoyed. Again, we set up triple teams for them and just like Boston Pizza lots of noise and banter ensued. We have received letters of thanks which illustrates the pleasure everyone had from playing...and Meridian have indicated that a few staff members may be interested in joining our Club in the future.

Hopefully we might achieve close to \$3,000 from these events this year, which helps to buy some of the maintenance equipment we need for the greens.

Of course, none of any of this can be done without the volunteer help we have readily received from coaches, kitchen helpers for refreshments and general helpers in settings up the rinks and sorting bowls, etc. Well done everyone!

Derek Peacock

GUEST DAY – JULY 8, 2017

Our annual "Bring a Friend" day was held on a nice sunny afternoon, July 8th.

The event was hosted by Doug Turner, our Director of Coaching, with nine guests showing lots of enthusiasm for the game.

Those members who brought guests were Jerry and Mary Toczylowski, Gerry Gorman, Dan Bell and Denise Connors.

More members should bring friends to see what Lawn Bowling is all about.

CANADA DAY 150 – JULY 1, 2017

Wow! What a party! Derek Peacock did a wonderful job of decorating the clubhouse with balloons and bunting. There were special tablecloths and napkins. Even flags at the corners of the greens and a structure with white and red balloons spelling "150". What a sight with 64 bowlers all in red and white to compliment Derek's decorations.

Sandra Osborne, President, welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy Canada 150 Day. Then Derek Peacock along with Christa Hass led us in the singing of "O Canada".

Dave Osborne had a special scoring system for our one 12-end game of mixed triples. Each end was given points from 7 points for the first end while the winners of the last end got 25 points for a total available of 150 points. The game was well received and fun. There was a draw for prizes presented by Sandra Osborne. Elizabeth Barker drew one team from the winners and one from the losers. They were awarded Laura Secord chocolates. The winners were:

Steve Gerring with Lynn Spencer and shared leads Cathy Robertson and Derek Peacock.

Second were Loretta Carnahan with Mary Ellen Toczykowski and Douglas Laird.

There was a spider before the game won by Irka Cushing, a new member.

Teresa Glenn ran the 50/50 won by Pat Burkell, while Elizabeth Barker gave out complimentary pins to everyone.

After the game we enjoyed special treats organized by Cathie Robertson with cake, cookies, cheese and crackers plus many other treats - those helping in the kitchen were Aurora Kennedy, Dan Bell and Joan Camilleri.

Georgia Gerring was in the draw room.

The rinks were set up by Garry Oman, Dan Bell, Douglas Laird and Bill Glenn.

Pat Bamber was official photographer and produced one of her great Smileboxes.

What a great social day at ELBC, well-enjoyed by everybody because of the co-operative efforts made to make this possible. A special thanks to all the volunteers.

SIMCOE SUNDAE DAY – AUGUST 7, 2017

We celebrated Simcoe Day on Monday, August 7th on another cool day when in the afternoon it rained a little. The main event was the Sundae day. How could Sundae be on a Monday?!

There were 70 bowlers who played 10 ends of a game of 4321. In addition there were 10 more who enjoyed the day, a total of 80 friends.

The tables were decorated in red with 4 cups of mixed toppings in the centre.

The hostesses dressed in pink and white were Sandra Osborne, Joyce Clitheroe, Elizabeth Chlebus and Liz Ferris. The girls served the ice cream in Waffle bowls and added a choice of Chocolate, Strawberry or Carmel toppings with whipped cream and cherries. Wow!!

Dave Osborne and Penny Willis made the draw, while Deb Holdsworth, Douglas Laird and Robin Stewart set up the 14 rinks. Sandra Osborne welcomed everyone to the day.

This is one of the most popular events thanks to the Ladies. Thank you.

J.A.L MACPHERSON CUP – JULY 22, 2017

The J.A.L Macpherson Cup mixed triples tournament was held on Saturday, July 22nd. The tournament is sponsored by Vickie Hayler and Paul Dickey. Vickie told us that her Great Grandfather originally owned the land and started the lawn Bowling club where the Baseball diamond is presently located.

There were 3 x 10-end games played with the requirement that each team must have one 1st or 2nd year bowler. There were 10 teams who had to dodge a few light rain showers which kept it cool.

The tournament was convened by Elza Wright, assisted by Bob Bartlett. For the first time Paul Dickey projected the score and rinks on the big white board. This was great, thanks to Neil Montgomery's computer programme.

Elza Wright welcomed everyone and read the rules. She also thanked the kitchen girls for providing pre-game tea and coffee. They worked on their own as Elizabeth Chlebus had to replace a no-show Skip. Thanks Elizabeth.

3-game winner and Cup winner: Vicky Goora with Robin Stewart and John Rudd

High 2-game winner: Tom Osika with Jerry Toczylowski and Sandy Marven

2nd 2-game winner: John Rainbow with Neil Montgomery and Christine Harasiewicz

3rd 2-game winner: Milos Belcha with Ken Davidson and Tracy Desjardins

4th 2-game winner: Sandra Osborne with Gerry Gorman and Pamela Guy

Pat Bamber was official photographer and Dave Osborne was available to Umpire but was not needed.

The rinks were set up by Stephen Gerring and Hank Spencer.

An excellent tournament well run and well played.

TWILIGHT MIXED PAIRS AND WOMEN'S PAIRS TOURNAMENT – JULY 14, 2017

The second Twilight Pairs tournament, generously sponsored by Delmanor Prince Edward, took place on a beautiful Friday evening, July 14. The turnout was terrific, with twenty-two entries, four from James Gardens and 18 from ELBC. The teams bowled two 10-end games with refreshments in between. Kyle Grant, representing Delmanor Prince Edward, said a few introductory words to get the evening started, held a draw for two gift cards between games and presented the prize to the tournament champions. Many thanks to Delmanor Prince Edward for their continued support of our Club activities.

Prizes were awarded to the following tournament winners:

Two-Game Winners in order of total score:

Halina & Ken Davidson
Sharon Christian & Marianne Henn
Dan Bell & Denise Connors
Tom Tabor & Georgia Gerring
Loretta Carnahan & Douglas Laird

One-Game Winners

Elza Wright & Gerry Gorman
Hank & Lynn Spencer

The door prizes, two \$15 Tim Horton's Gift Cards, were won by Tom Tabor and Clarke Slemon.

Many thanks to Elizabeth Barker, Teresa Glenn and Joan Lloyd for serving refreshments, to Irene Fair for her delicious home-baked cookies, to Pat Bamber, our dedicated club photographer and to Joyce Clitheroe and Bill Glenn, tournament convenors.

Joyce Clitheroe

WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE PAIRS 2017 GAMES

Once again we managed to dodge threatening skies. It seemed that Thursday was living up to its association with Thor the god of thunder and lightning storms!

We implemented a new handicap system which assigned a handicap only to novice bowlers. We used the ELBC definition of novice: i.e. first or second-year bowler.

New, lead and second bowlers who signed up for the Singles attended a VICE coaching session lead by Joyce Clitheroe.

Teams were assigned imaginative names to add to the fun.

After a 3-game round robin the top 4 teams proceeded to a semi-final. The winners of those games moved on to the final game on Thursday August 3.

Congratulations to

Winners: Christa Hass and Robin Stewart (aka Wicked Wicks)

Second Place: Georgia Gerring and Tish Khomasurya (aka Rink Royals)

On a special note, congratulations to Big Shots Sharon Christian and Elza Wright (aka Headliners) who scored a perfect end in the third game of the round robin.

Georgia Gerring, Loretta Carnahan and Joyce Clitheroe.

ETOBICOKE MIXED PAIRS TROPHY – AUGUST 5, 2017

The Etobicoke Mixed Pairs Trophy tournament was held on Saturday August 5th on a very cool and cloudy day. In the afternoon the sun did come out but with a cold wind.

There were 14 teams who played 3 x 10-end games.

Elza Wright was the convenor assisted by Bob Bartlett and Dave Osborne.

Turner and Porter sponsored the tournament and was represented by Margo Belanger and Jo Ann Kittell. Both spoke briefly telling about their services. Other than their monetary contribution they brought 5 boxes of cut fruit.

The kitchen was ably represented by Liz Ferris, Eileen Buchanan and Sandra Osborne.

Doug Turner, Elizabeth Chlebus and John Rainbow set up the rinks.

Dave Osborne was Umpire.

After Elza had welcomed everyone and thanked the volunteers, the teams headed out to play very competitively.

The winners were:

3-game and Trophy winner: Tom Tabor and Joyce Clitheroe
High 2-game winner: Halina Davidson and Ken Davidson
2nd 2-game winner: Vincent Chiappara and Deborah Holdsworth
3rd 2-game winner: Marianne Henn and Russ Yurkow
4th 2-game winner: Vickie Hayler and Paul Dickey
5th 2-game winner: Peter Lewycky and Ann Lewycky
6th 2-game winner: Milso Blecha and Sharon Christian

Congratulations to all the winners on what was a very competitive day.

WINNERS AT RCYC – AUGUST 5, 2017

The team of Rob Bartlett with Vicky Goora and Penny Willis won both their 14-end games at the Nancy Smith Tournament played at R.C.Y.C. on Saturday, August 5th. There were 16 teams entered from various clubs.

Our team placed third overall from points even though they played on two outside rinks.

Well done!

WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE TRIPLES 2017 GAMES – JUNE, 2017

Twenty-four women participated in this year's triples games. The eight teams began the 3-game round robin series on Thursday, June 8. We were blessed with fine weather on all three evenings of the round robin and managed to dodge threatening rain and thunderstorms the evening of the final game. It was encouraging to see some new and many familiar faces out for the games.

At the end of the round robin the 2 teams with the highest aggregate scores moved on to the final. The final game was played on the evening of June 29.

Congratulations to:

Winners: Joyce Clitheroe, Robin Stewart and Deborah Holdsworth.

Second Place: Vickie Hayler, Barbara Marks and Anna Mihaljek.

Members of the winning team were presented with 2017 ELBC TRIPLES PINS.

My thanks to Loretta Carnahan and Joyce Clitheroe for their assistance in conducting the games.

To all the women who participated as regular bowlers and subs: Good games! We needed all of you to make the games possible.

We now look forward to the Women's In House Pairs Games which are scheduled to begin on July 6th.

Georgia Gerring

Director Women's In House Games.

CLUB DOOR LEFT UNLOCKED

This is a reminder to all of our members who are in charge of locking up the club house and equipment sheds after games. Several times last year the club house and equipment sheds have been found open. Our insurance **will not** replace any stolen property if the doors were known to be unlocked. PLEASE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL THE CLUB HOUSE DOORS, SHEDS AND GATE ARE LOCKED WHEN LEAVING.

ANNIVERSARY YEAR?

Do you have a 25th, 30th or 50th year Anniversary coming up as a member of the OLBA? Or do you know of any member that has this Anniversary? If yes, please let the President, Sandra Osborne or Co-Secretaries Irene Fair & Jennifer Finlay know as soon as possible.

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PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Friday, August 18 th	BBQ, one 12-end game of 4321
Thursday, August 24 th	ELBC @ RCYC 3:15 pm
Saturday, August 26 th	District Novice WP/P
Sunday, August 27 th	District Novice WP/P
Monday, August 28 th	Golden Girls Fun and Wind-up day
Monday, September, 4 th	Labour Day
Wednesday, September 6 th	Etobicoke Trophy Open MT 3 x 12 ends
Saturday, September 9 th	1 st & 2 nd Year Bowlers Tournament
Monday, September 11 th	ELBC Golden Girls Fun and Trophy day
Wednesday, September 13 th	Etobicoke Men's Pairs Open 3 x 12 ends
Saturday, September 16 th	Fall MP In-House 3 x 10 ends
Saturday, September 23 rd	Pot Luck Supper follows one 14-end game of 4321