

# The Grass Rink



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## President's Corner – *Sandra Osborne*

As we all look forward to another year of bowling and friendship, it made me reflect on how our club is run. I read an interesting bowling article in the winter, this is a small excerpt:

*Leaders are those who inspire others, drive ambition and progress, motivate people to do more and reach goals. Leaders don't have to be in charge, but they have to be a positive force on a team. That being said, it's also not about each person being a leader. Most successful teams will have a few leaders but will have more support people and they all do different things, but each one is important and each one lends to the success and failures of a team.*

This is also true of how our club is run. We all have an important part in making this club work, just as we are an important part of the team we play on. The old saying, "there is no "I" in team" is so true. The best teams are made up of various elements, not just the best players, Some lead, some coach, some encourage, some organize, some are administrators but **all** are important to the success and wellbeing of the team, and it's the same with our club.

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## Editorial - *Dave Osborne*

There are two words which are under-used in any volunteer organization. They are **Thank you**. Often people who run an event fail to thank the many volunteers, but how about the participants? Do you ever go to the kitchen to thank those who prepare and put out the food and then have to clean up? What about our wonderful greens that are ready for us and the competition organizers who most likely do the preparatory work at home.

For all these members the only payment is a thank you. It is very little but easy for us to give. Should volunteering be a thankless job? Please recognize these efforts so we can welcome new volunteers who we need to keep this a vibrant club.

Support our team and especially our Executive.

I was keeper of Florence Thiffault's Umpire's kit. She and I often discussed who should have it and decided it should go to the club. I have put a plaque on the case and it is now in the draw room for tournament use.

I wish everybody a Happy Canada Day 150. Let's celebrate our wonderful country. Aren't we lucky?

*Dave*

President's corner continued:

We **all** have an important part to play. This year we are trying something new with "Small Jobs", so please help your club be successful.

You want to try a "small job" and feel afraid, well you couldn't feel more afraid than I did the first time I had to chair the AGM, and now I'm back for more! Our members appreciate the effort you make.

I saw a wonderful banner at another Lawn Bowling Club which read, "We don't pay our volunteers because they are worthless, but because they are priceless".

Happy Canada 150. *Sandra*

## **COACH'S CORNER - DOUG TURNER**

The OLBA has changed the rules this year so that the leads may remain on the green while Skips deliver their bowls. Leads, please remember to remain quietly standing behind the Vices so as to not disturb the Skips who are completing their shots. At the end of play retrieve the foot mat and pusher. After the vices have determined the score collect the jack and push the bowls back to the right of the mat. Prepare to deliver your bowls at the Skip's direction.

## **NOVICES**

If you are an up to 5-year bowler you are eligible to enter the District playdowns and then the Provincials men's or women's novice championship. It is recommended that you get together now to form teams and play together. The Championships are at the end of August.

Keep Etobicoke at the forefront as did Vickie Hayler in 2012 did with Karen Waterman and Lynn Spencer winning the Gold Medal.

## **SOCIAL**

There have been a lot of changes this year to how we run Social. The new system is:

You sign up against the event and look after the organization of this event. No, you are not on your own. There is another sign-up sheet for helpers. Talk to them. Most have worked in the kitchen before and have an idea of what to serve and how much to buy or why not try something new? Make your purchases and submit an expense report to John Rainbow, Treasurer.

If you make purchases in advance of the event please put a sticker on the items with the event so that it does not get used in error for a different event.

There is a very detailed binder in the kitchen for each event done by Irene Fair and she has said that she is very willing to help any volunteer with information and suggestions.

So far this system is starting to work. Stephen Gerring has signed up for all In-House and Open Tournaments and is doing a great job. Cathie Robertson, Derek Peacock and helpers are looking after Canada Day. Can't wait to see what they have organized.

I think this will be an exciting new part of the club as we will all get to enjoy some new ideas from our members. If you are new to the club please don't feel intimidated, just talk to members or Irene or myself. Remember, there are no wrong ideas.

## **OLBA SPRING MEETING - APRIL 22, 2017**

The OLBA Spring meeting was held April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Woodstock, Ontario. We were represented by Bill Glenn who drove Sandra Osborne, Rob Bartlett and Dave Osborne.

Ken Simpson, President, introduced the Board of Directors in a new format. The membership after considerable discussion approved changes to the Bylaws.

The Preston LBC made a motion to change the Novice Provincial to pairs from triples. This caused a lot of discussion and was finally approved. The reason was that many clubs didn't have enough Novices.

Anna Mees, from Bowls Canada, spoke telling us about what is happening at the national level.

National Bowls Day is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bowl 150 bowls and then register the club for a MPV sports prize.

BCB has decided to push coaching programs (they seem very similar to ours). BCB will also be doing a national completion program at all levels, national, Provincial and District. In the future they want to make lawn bowling an Olympic sport.

The day closed with a few more remarks from Ken Simpson. He said the board is a policy board not a committee. Also Championships are self-financing. A much better meeting than previous years. We picked up the annuals and membership stickers. *Dave Osborne*

## **INTERCLUB BOWLING WITH RCYC - JUNE 8, 2017**

Although it took two days before the scheduled date to cobble together four teams of trebles for our annual get-together with bowlers from RCYC, the morning dawned a perfect June-wedding-type day after a spring of very wet and unpredictable weather.

Under a warming sun twelve ends were played with each club winning two games with RCYC teams coming out ahead point-wise – 55 to 49. Our return trip to the island club in August will present a challenge to our teams to even the score.

Following the game bowlers enjoyed fellowship and renewing friendships during their lunch and refreshments.

*Joan Lloyd*

## **OPEN HOUSE - MAY 4, 2017**

On Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, we held our Open House. How gratifying it was to see over 50 people attend on such a miserable wet night.

I estimate that over half were potential new members. There were 13 who signed up or took membership forms.

Sandra Osborne opened the evening welcoming everybody and explained the format for the evening and a description of the club and its activities.

Tom Osika did his usual video presentation of how to play, how to deliver the bowl and some strategy. How do you score? Tom is so good at this that the room was silent, everyone hanging on his words.

Doug Turner then talked about the Coaching program using the 12 certified coaches. He had sign-up sheets for the new members and coaches. The new members crowded around the table putting their names on the coaching time sheets. This is a great system and a lot of work for Doug.

Hank Spencer introduced Erik Galipeau, World Indoor Bowls Champion. We were so pleased to honour him.

Refreshments were served by Sandra Osborne, Elza Wright and Deborah Holdsworth. There was a lot of meet and greet while having a treat.

Thanks to both Marianne Henn who greeted people while Vickie Hayler took membership payments and application forms.

A very successful night, thanks to all who helped in spite of the weather. Is lawn bowling getting more popular?

*Dave Osborne*

## **SPRING AGM - MAY 13, 2017**

The spring AGM was held at 1:30 pm on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> with 85 members attending, the largest turnout for a while.

Here are the highlights:

Sandra Osborne, President opened with a moment of silence for those who had passed away. She also asked for approval of the minutes from the October meeting. There were also sign-up sheets for “small jobs” and that since we still need a Social Director, this resulted in no refreshments.

She also congratulated Erik Galipeau for being the youngest Indoor Bowls World Champion at the tournament held in Scotland.

John Rainbow, Treasurer reported a surplus of \$2,000.00. He also presented the Budget for 2017.

Irene Fair and Jennifer Finlay, Co-Secretaries, thanked Bill Glenn for his computer work.

Hank Spencer Stated that the City was four weeks late fertilizing so this has slowed his greens preparation.

The OPL Torrent, donated \$500 with which we purchased 10 new delivery mats and 8 jacks.

Paul Dickey reported 192 members which included 22 new members, (as of June 30 new members).

Derek Peacock reported 800 hits on Facebook. We will be charging \$20.00 per person for corporate events. There are two, one with 16 and one with 65 people scheduled.

Doug Turner there were 40 coaching sessions for new bowlers. Coaching available by appointment for the rest of the year.

Bill Glenn represented the club at the OLBA (see other article,) spring meeting.

Rob Bartlett - There will be three Open tournaments, assisted by Dave Osborne.

Elza Wright - There will be four In-house tournaments.

Presentations by Sandra Osborne

50 Years of membership in OLBA bowling clubs to Mary and Fred Patterson.

Beaver awards to Joyce Clitheroe, Bill Glenn, Vickie Hayler and Marianne Hen for the many hours spent on the club survey.

Sandra thanks all the volunteers and especially Hank Spencer for his many hours on the greens.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm, no refreshments.

*Dave Osborne*

## **OPENING DAY - MAY 20, 2017**

This year Opening day was Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 pm. In attendance to congratulate us on the start of our 67<sup>th</sup> year were MPP Yvan Baker, Councillor Justin Di Ciano and Councillor John Campbell.

Sandra Osborne who was MC for the day welcomed our guests who each had a short presentation. Yvan Baker presented Hank Spencer with his certificate of recognition for community service. Sandra then presented Beaver awards to Bill Glenn and Vickie Hayler, (as they were unable to attend the AGM), for the many hours spent on the club survey. Doug Turner advised the members of the new OLBA rule regarding dead ends and Jack placement.

Our three dignitaries each rolled an opening ball to the spider. John Campbell was closest, with Justin Di Ciano second and Yvan Baker third. Paul Dickey presented each with a can of Beer and a can of cider. The final ceremony was the spider won by Pauline Bergia.

Marianna Henn assisted by Dave Osborne made the draw.

Then the patient 72 bowlers on 12 rinks got to play and get the winter kinks out.

This was quite a day with cool sunny weather to welcome our 2017 season and Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

*Dave Osborne*

## **VICTORIA DAY – MAY 22, 2017**

This year Victoria Day was celebrated on Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A cool and cloudy day with 42 bowlers playing one 10 or 12 end game.

Sandra Osborne welcomed everyone and asked them to put their ideas for Social on a slip of paper provided and put it in the suggestion box.

Hank Spencer made the draw and set up the rinks with his helpers.

Two spiders were held, the first won by Lynn Fair and the second by Joyce Clitheroe. Each won a bottle of wine.

Our thanks to all who played on this cold day and to the members who ran it. *Dave Osborne*

## **BBQ – JUNE 16, 2017**

Our first BBQ of the year was enjoyed on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m., One 12 end game of 4,3,2,1, was played with the loser giving the winners a Loonie.

It was a lovely warm summer evening. There were 70 bowlers and 21 guests for a total of 91.

As usual Paul Dickey and Bill Glenn were our wonderful chefs, who also supplied the salads and condiments.

In the kitchen were Moira Macspadyen, Joan Lloyd, Carol McCall and Dan Bell who looked after desserts and drinks.

Elizabeth Barker signed everybody in and collected the \$5.00. Teresa Glenn ran the 50/50 draw won by Ajmer Bal.

Bill Glenn had welcomed everyone while Sandra closed the evening by thanking the chefs.

The rink set-up was done by Tevy Black, Douglas Laird and Clarke Slemon.

Our BBQs are two of the most enjoyable events at ELBC. Thanks to all who helped and participated

*Dave Osborne*

## **ETOBICOKE & JAMES GARDENS LAWN BOWLING CLUBS** **TWILIGHT MIXED PAIRS AND WOMEN'S PAIRS INVITATIONAL** **TOURNAMENT – JUNE 2, 2017**

The first Twilight Pairs tournament of 2017 took place on a beautiful Friday evening, June 2. Eighteen pairs entered the tournament: eleven from Etobicoke LBC and three from James Gardens LBC. The teams bowled two 10-end games with refreshments served between games. Our generous sponsor, for the fourth year, was Delmanor Prince Edward, which provided a contribution to the prize money and a \$25 Tim Horton's gift certificate as a door prize. Julie Shuster, representing Delmanor, said a few introductory words before bowling started, stayed to watch the first game and drew the winning name for the door prize. Thank you so much for joining us, Julie. It is always a great pleasure!

Prizes were awarded to the following tournament winners:

### Two-Game Winners in order of total score:

Milos Blecha & Liz Ferris, Etobicoke LBC  
Clarke Slemon & Tish Khomasurya, James Gardens LBC  
Augustin Radovanovic & Loretta Carnahan, Etobicoke LBC  
Dan Bell & Denise Connors, Etobicoke LBC

### High One-Game Winners

Bob Bartlett & Sandra Osborne, Etobicoke LBC  
Hank Mueller & Dianne Cooney, James Gardens LBC  
Lynn Fair & Irene Fair, Etobicoke LBC  
Special congratulations go out to Lynn & Irene for bowling a perfect end!

Douglas Laird was the lucky winner of the \$25 Tim Horton's gift card.

Many thanks to Hank Spencer for his continued greens maintenance, to Elizabeth Barker for serving refreshments, to Irene Fair for her home-baked cookies and to Joyce Clitheroe and Bill Glenn, tournament convenors.

*Joyce Clitheroe*

## **PRESIDENT'S CUP- JUNE 10, 2017**

The President's Cup annual tournament was held on Saturday, June 10th. There were 10 teams of pairs who played three 10-end games. The weather was hot and sunny.

Deborah Holdsworth, as vice president, was convenor with Dave Osborne, Joyce Clitheroe and Sandra Osborne assisting and doing scoring. For the first time the new rule with no dead ends was used.

The trophy and 3-game winners were:

Tom Tabor with Aurora Kennedy and George Martin

High 2-game winner was: Tom Osika with Denise Connors and Robin Stewart

Second 2-game winner was: Rob Bartlett with Marianne Henn and Doug Andrews

Third 2-game winner was: Hank Spencer with Tish Khomasurya and Pamela Guy

High 1-game winner was: Milos Blecha with Lynn Spencer and Douglas Laird

This tournament was our most competitive in a long time. All the games were very close and mostly low scoring. Only two games went to extra ends and one of these was for the trophy.

The teams were from an open draw made by Deborah Holdsworth, Joyce Clitheroe and Dave Osborne.

Steve Gerring ran the kitchen with help from Shirley Little, Sandra Osborne, Christa Hass, Moira Macspadyen.

Pat Bamber took photographs.

Hank Spencer and his crew set up the rinks.

What a great day of competition!

*Dave Osborne*

## **ETOBICOKE OPEN WOMEN'S PAIRS - JUNE 21, 2017**

On Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> we hosted the Etobicoke Open Women's pairs on a beautiful cool sunny day. There were 3 visiting teams and 7 Etobicoke teams who played two 12-end games. The event convener was Rob Bartlett assisted by Dave Osborne. The tournament was sponsored by Corefit Inc., a fitness training company aimed at our age group and represented by Guy DuFour who made an excellent presentation. A draw for 2 fitness lessons was won by Vicky Goora.

The winners were:

High two-game winner: Marilyn Pearson with Carol Burke of Leaside

Second two-game winner: Liz Ferris with Anna Mihaljek of Etobicoke

Third two-game winner: Sharon Christian with Marianne Henn of Etobicoke

High one-game winner: Janet Del Carlo of Cosburn

High one-game winner of last game: Robin Stewart with Halina Davidson

Rob Bartlett organized a draw for flowers won by Marilyn Pearson of Leaside.

The wonderful refreshments were convened by Stephen Gerring with Deborah Holdsworth and Penny Willis.

The rinks were set up by Stephen Gerring.

This was a good day but having only 10 teams, we would have liked more visiting teams. The ladies all seemed to go home happy.

Well done to all.

*Dave Osborne*

## **AL AND HELEN REEDER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT - JUNE 24, 2017**

The Al and Helen Reeder tournament sponsored by Amica was held on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> on a perfect sunny and cool day for lawn bowling. There were ten teams who played three ten-end games. The convener was Elza Wright assisted by Paul Dickey. Everything ran very smoothly.

One stipulation was that while it was a team entry, the players had to play their rated positions. This increased the competition with most games close.

The following were the winners:

High three-game and trophy winner: Hank Spencer, with Lynn Spencer and Christine Leclair

High two-game winner: Milos Blecha with Dan Bell and Ann Lewycky

Second two-game winner: Elizabeth Chlebus with Georgia Gerring and Gerry Gorman

Third two-game winner: Vicky Goora with Neil Montgomery and Don Wilson

High one-game was: Sharon Christian with Vincent Chiappara and Ted Mulvihill

The refreshments were served by Liz Ferris, Moira Macspadyen and Shirley Little. Hank Spencer and his helpers set up the rinks.

Once again our In-House tournament went well with good leadership.

On a personal note I have fond memories of Al and Helen Reeder. Helen persuaded me to become a Skip.

*Dave Osborne*

## **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 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary coming up as a members 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 JULY & AUGUST**

Saturday, July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Canada 150 Celebrations
Saturday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Guest Day – introduce friends & family to bowling
Friday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Pairs – ELBC/JGLBC
Saturday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	J.A.L. Macpherson 3x10 ends + a 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. bowler
Saturday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	ELBC In-house Trophy 3x10 ends MP
Monday, August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Simcoe Sundae on Simcoe Day
Friday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ, 1x12 game of 4321
Thursday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	ELBC @ RCYC 3:15 pm
Saturday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>	District Novice WP/P
Sunday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	District Novice WP/P