

The Grass Rink



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President's Corner – *Deborah Holdsworth*

It was everything it shouldn't have been: cool, cloudy and wet. Yes, Opening Day proved to be too challenging for most of us although our guests managed to get on to the greens, with umbrellas, to throw the bowls that initiated our season. Let's hope Opening Day was simply proving the rule that bowling season is sunny and dry.

Social events and tournaments have attracted a good number of people already: Opening Day (Take 2), the thoroughly enjoyable Presidents' Cup, our first group of visitors as a corporate event, skill development sessions, and our first barbecue of the year which caused quite a buzz. We enjoyed some locally-produced craft beers with our burgers. Some of the beers, including a stout not yet on the market, were brewed to recipes conceived by our own brewmaster, Paul Dickey, who spearheaded getting the permit and the beverages for this event. 90 thumbs up from those who attended!

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Editorial - *Dave Osborne*

How are we doing? Very well thank you.

We are once again a successful club, perhaps not competitively but as a club providing good sport, recreation and fellowship we are No.1!

Those of us who have been members for quite a while are gratified that so many of our new members are volunteering to help run the club and joining the board. Since I joined, with perhaps 120 members, we now have had for the last several years over 200 members. Did we start the process and the newer members became our growth people? Congratulations to everyone for selling the club. Tell your friends of our success. However we must not be complacent. Watch for jobs you would enjoy, after seeing the club operate. It is gratifying to help out with our success.

Best wishes for good bowling and lots of fun.

Dave

President's Corner continued:

We have had a parking problem. Too many people coming to bowl? How exciting is that? Rethinking our bowling timetable and careful handling of the vigilant parking attendant have hopefully resolved the issue. Other possibilities are also being considered.

Keep your eye on the timetable: there have been some changes. Continue to sign up for the kitchen. A number of people have helped and they will tell you that it is not an onerous task.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER CONTINUED

Keep your ears open for other opportunities to help out. We still need someone to take on corporate events and publicity: again not onerous, just occasional throughout the season. Most of all, enjoy your bowling which improves every day you play!

Deborah

COACH'S CORNER - DOUG TURNER

A reminder that first-year bowlers are allowed to use the club bowls for free. All other bowlers are required to use their own bowls or rent club bowls for a \$50 annual fee. Bowls are not to leave the premises and must be returned to the draw room after use. Please place them on the shelves in the designated area. Thank you.

Director of Training,
Doug Turner

NATIONAL BOWLS DAY

On June 2nd Hank Spencer set up a rink and opened the gate wide with a sign to invite passersby to try the sport. There were several interested people and two new members.

Thanks Hank.

1st AND 2nd YEAR BOWLERS

The special tournament for 1st and 2nd year bowlers is on Saturday, July 14th at 10:00 a.m. The entry fee is \$5. Please bring your lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. There are separate tournaments for Women and Men. They will play 3x10-end games of singles. This is the opportunity for you to use the skills you have developed and to win a prize or even a trophy.

The tournament is sponsored and convened by Sandra and Dave Osborne. We need lots of players and markers. Thank you.

THANK YOU, GARRY

Deborah Holdsworth, our president, has asked me to thank Garry Oman for providing, at no cost to the club, a remote microphone. Now we don't have to string wires for events outside and inside the club house. Deborah had a great time with it at the BBQ!

Garry has done many things to improve our speaker system and telephone over the years. A special thank you, Garry.

A BIG THANK-YOU TO ALL BAKERS

Thanks for the great response so far for donations of baking. Some have already been enjoyed and other goodies are in the freezer for future events. Thank you, Garry Oman, Jane Worth, Elizabeth Ferris, Sue Mizzi, Marianne Henn and Irene Fair.

EUCHRE THANK-YOU

A special thanks to Peter and Ruth Douse who are retiring from running the Friday Euchre for the past seven winters. They have diligently looked after it through all kinds of winter weather making it a popular pastime. Thank you both very much.

Linda Marin and Barb Inglis will be taking over in the Fall. Thank you ladies.

CLOVERDALE BOOTH

On February 24th the club had a booth at the Cloverdale Mall Community Fair. This was organized by Derek Peacock and manned by Joyce Clitheroe, John Rainbow, Sandra Osborne, and Dave Osborne.

Many potential members were invited and given cards to invite them to our Open House. Also, 12 people left e-mail or telephone numbers.

The event always puts us in the community with the potential for more members.

OPEN HOUSE

Our annual Open House to greet new members was held on Thursday evening, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Deborah Holdsworth welcomed everyone and described the club and explained the running of the club and our social events.

Then, Tom Osika made his usual wonderful video presentation describing the club, how the game is played, and how you can enjoy it.

Doug Turner, our Coach, talked about coaching and how each new member had to take at least four lessons to prepare them to enjoy the game. Lessons available for two weeks and beyond when necessary.

He asked that all new members sign up on the sheets indicating the times they would attend the courses.

There were approximately 40 in attendance of which 25 were new members.

SPRING GM

Our Spring General Meeting was held on Saturday, May 12th at 1:30 p.m. There were 72 members present.

Deborah Holdsworth, President, opened the meeting with a moment of silence for those who had passed away since last season. After approval of the minutes, she introduced Philip Francis, V.P. of the O.L.B.A., who spoke about what the O.L.B.A. and Bowls Canada do. Belonging to these groups is a huge benefit and necessary for us to have the games and enjoyment. The sport gets Federal Government support because of their efforts and promoting us internationally. The O.L.B.A. provides assistance with marketing, publicity, greens, rules of the game and provincial championships. Philip answered several questions from the membership.

Ralph Ellis, our O.L.B.A. executive member, is working with several sources re grants for which we can apply.

The other directors made reports with the following items of note:

- John Rainbow, presented a budget with a surplus of \$10,000.
- Hank Spencer, said the greens are in good shape after the long winter.
- Doug Turner, reported his coaches had done 80 hours of coaching.
- The club is receiving a bequest from the will of Florence Thiffault for Pie Day.

Peter and Ruth Douse were presented with a certificate of thanks for seven years running the Friday winter Euchre.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Refreshments were served by Irene Fair and Penny Willis.

OPENING DAY / VICTORIA DAY

Opening day was Saturday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m. What weather! It was a cold rain with the ceremony happening under the entrance canopy and members under umbrellas.

Our president, Deborah Holdsworth, was Master of Ceremonies, welcomed everyone and listed the many activities coming up. She also thanked all those who worked hard to make the day, we hoped, enjoyable. The members did get reacquainted after the long winter.

Deborah introduced our four local political representatives. They were MPPs Yvan Baker and Peter Milczyn along with councillors Justin Di Ciano and John Campbell. They each spoke and wished us a successful season. John Campbell presented us with a framed letter of greeting.

All four braved the rain to deliver opening day bowls to a jack. The closest bowl was Yvan Baker's. Deborah presented each with a bag containing a craft beer (donated by Paul Dickey).

Deborah then asked for a show of hands to put off the game until Monday, Victoria Day.

A little after 2:00 p.m. our Mayor, John Tory, arrived to bring greetings and answer questions. This was the first time we had had a visit from a Mayor.

There were an estimated 65 members present.

The rinks were set up by Gerry Toczylowski, Ed Parkins and Marianne Henn. Garry Oman set up the PA system and flags. Penny Willis, Irene Fair and Maureen Clancy were in the kitchen.

VICTORIA DAY

Because of a wet Opening Day our actual Opening Day play was on Monday, May 21st. There were 70 members who bowled one 12-end game in beautiful sunshine.

Deborah Holdsworth, President, made opening remarks and welcomed everyone. After her announcements there were two spiders. The first for novices (up to 5 years) won by Gerry Toczylowski. The second for general membership was won by Fred Malone. Each received a bottle of wine.

The refreshments served at half-time were by Sandy Marven, Moira Macspadyen, Robin Stewart, Christine LeClair, and Christine Harasiewicz.

In the draw room were Marianne Henn and Dave Osborne.

It was gratifying to see so many helping with the setup. It was difficult to count them all!

After the wet Saturday, we had a great day for first games.

TWILIGHT PAIRS

On Friday evening June 13th our first Twilight Pairs was held, organized by Joyce Clitheroe along with Bill Glenn. There were 20 teams mixed and women's pairs who played 2x10-end games on a beautiful evening. The tournament was sponsored by Delmanor Prince Edward represented by Julie Shuster who brought gifts.

Joyce Clitheroe welcomed everyone and Bill Glenn read the rules. Bill Glenn and Vicky Goora took the registrations.

The winners were:

First Hank and Lynn Spencer, second Milos Blecha and Elizabeth Ferris, third Steve and Georgia Gerring, fourth Wendell and Merdena Smith, fifth John Rainbow and Cecilia Lopez, sixth Tom Tabor and Vicky Goora, seventh Navi Lopez and Robin Stewart.

A special no-wins draw went to John Campbell and Christa Hass.

In closing, Bill Glenn thanked Delmanor for sponsoring and Irene Fair for the treats served by Gerry Toczylowski and Dave Osborne. Pat Bamber was our photographer.

These are always fun times played well and enjoyed. Thank you Joyce and Bill.

PRESIDENTS CUP

The Presidents Cup Tournament run by vice-president Gerry Gorman, was held on Saturday, June 2nd. There were 10 teams of mixed triples who played 3x10-end games in perfect weather. The teams were drawn by Gerry and his partner Nancy MacKnesson. The result was an excellent competition.

The winners were:

High 3-game Vince Chiappara, Deb Holdsworth, Tish Khomasurya
2nd High 3-game winner Clarke Slemon, Elza Wright, Marilyn Rudd
High 2-game winner Hank Spencer, Merdena Smith, Cecilia Lopez
2nd 2-game winner Lynn Fair, Elizabeth Chlebus, Christine LeClair
High 1-game winner Marianne Henn, Wendell Smith, George Martin.

The rinks were set up by Gerry Gorman, Douglas Laird, George Martin and Deborah Holdsworth. Irene Fair with Elizabeth Ferris and Anna Mihaljek served the treats. Pat Bamber, as always did a great job as photographer. This, as is often the case at ELBC, was a great day of competition. Thanks Gerry.

1st BBQ

On Friday, June 15th we had our first great BBQ. Prior to the feast, 66 bowlers played 4321 on a perfect warm sunny day at 4:00 p.m. Losers had to pay winners a loonie.

Deborah Holdsworth welcomed everyone and thanked the chefs Bill Glenn and Jim Bamber. She also gave special thanks to Paul Dickey who obtained a special events permit to serve beer. Paul supplied 6 different craft beers, including one of his own. Hank Spencer and Paul served the libations. This was a first and very enjoyable event.

In the kitchen were Margaret Friel, June Milne, Irene Fair and Deborah Holdsworth.

Marianne Henn made the large draw.

Teresa Glenn ran the 50/50 draw, won by Fred Patterson.

Rob Bartlett spoke about the upcoming Women's Open pairs tournament and asked for more entries.

Dave Osborne invited the 1st and 2nd-year bowlers to sign up for their special tournament on July 14th.

There were 85 who enjoyed what is always a great club social event. Thanks to all the volunteers.

ETOBICOKE OPEN WOMEN'S PAIRS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, June 20th the Etobicoke Women's Open Pairs played on a lovely pleasant sunny day.

There were 10 teams who played 2x12-end games. Besides Etobicoke, there were teams from Leaside and Cosburn.

Corefit will be the sponsors for next year.

Rob Bartlett was the tournament convenor helped by Bob Bartlett. They set up the rinks.

The winners were:

High 2-game: Marianne Henn and Sue Mizzi of Etobicoke

Second 2-game: Jeanette Del Carlo and Gloria Paisley from Leaside

High 1-game: Freda Trattmen and Judy Hemming of Cosburn

Second 1-game: Vicky Goora and Joyce Clitheroe of Etobicoke

There were 2 draws at the end for plants. Sue Mizzi and Deborah Holdsworth each won a plant.

In the kitchen serving and supplying the refreshments were Irene Fair, Elza Wright, Barbara Marks, Liz Campbell and Penny Willis.

Thank you Rob for a very good tournament.

THE REEDER MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Reeder Memorial Trophy In house tournament was held on June 23rd. There were 10 mixed team entries who played 3x10-end games. It started half an hour late because of cold rain which ended about 11:00 a.m. Unfortunately the weather stayed overcast and cool.

Elza Wright was the convenor and ran a smooth tournament. Well done again, Elza.

The winners were:

First and trophy winner: Neil Montgomery with Steve Gerring and Mary Yurkow

Second: Hank Spencer with Doug Turner and Lynn Spencer

Third: Clarke Slemmon with Georgia Gerring and Tish Khomasurya

Fourth: Lynn Fair with Marianne Henn and Gerry Gorman

Fifth: Milos Blecha with Sue Mizzi and Debora Holdsworth

Sixth: Dan Bell with Denise Connors and Douglas Laird

Amica Centre and Erin Mills, represented by Kathryn Bielek, were sponsors again.

Set-up was done by Liz Chlebus, Douglas Laird, Anna Mihaljek, Jerry Toczykowski and Elza Wright.

In the kitchen were Irene Fair (food purchase), Liz Chlebus, Elizabeth Ferris and Anna Mihaljek.

This was quite a competitive tournament played by very good bowlers with several extra ends games played in wet and chilly weather. Well done, survivors.

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, Deborah Holdsworth 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

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| Saturday, July 7 th | Guest Day |
| Friday, July 13 th | Twilight pairs |
| Saturday, July 14 th | 1 st & 2 nd -Year Bowlers Tournament |
| Saturday, July 21 st | Macpherson Cup, draw teams |
| Monday, August 6 th | Simcoe Day – Wear whites –refreshments |
| Friday, August 17 th | BBQ 4:00 p.m. one 12-end game of 4321 |
| Saturday, August 18 th | ELBC Trophy in-house tournament |
| Wednesday, August 29 th | ELBC at RCYC |