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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – GERRY GORMAN

As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself reflecting on the 2019 bowls season at ELBC. Yes, there were wonderful tournaments, special events and a great group of new, enthusiastic bowlers. But my pervading thought is the gratitude we owe to those that made it all happen.

To everyone who chipped in to help with our daily draws, tournaments, rental groups, kitchen service, greens & property maintenance, I sincerely thank you. There are also those that qualify as my volunteer super-heroes! I hope I haven't missed thanking each one personally for their dedication and hard work, but you might also do the same the next time you see them. It's a very long list, so I'll just say that you know them as every member of your Executive Committee and the many organizers of our special events, tournaments & games.

On behalf of all members, I extend a special thank you to our editors of The Grass Rink, Sandra and Dave Osborne. Also to Deborah Holdsworth, who led us in making our grant from the New Horizons Seniors Program a reality.

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on Saturday, October 19 at 1:30 PM. It will provide a look back at our 2019 season, but also a preview at what 2020 holds in store. In particular, there are quite a few new members who will be added to next year's Executive.

I hope you enjoyed this bowling season and spending time with the wonderful people of this club. I certainly am thankful that ELBC is a part of my life. I look forward to rolling bowls with you in 2020.

Gerry Gorman

EDITORIAL – DAVE OSBORNE

Thank you. These are two of the most important words in the English language. We are at the end of our season so this is when we should use them.

Do we ever say thank you to the club members who volunteer? This is the only compensation they have except for their own satisfaction. The Board members each spend many hours making sure all the operations at the club are successful. I cannot mention them all but the helpers in the kitchen, the tournament conveners, the greens workers, and the purchasers of supplies. We cannot do without them.

Do we thank the Draw masters and those that put out our mats?

At the AGM stand up and thank Board members for their report and their hard work. They deserve it.

My special thanks go to Sandra for typing the Grass Rink, to proof readers Paul Dickey and Vickie Hayler and to all those who sent articles about club events for us to include in the Grass Rink.

Thank you all for a great season. Happy winter and look forward to the 2020 Grass Rink.

Dave Osborne

END OF SUMMER BBQ - AUGUST 16th

Our final BBQ was held on Friday, August 16th on a pleasant warm late afternoon, perfect for lawn bowling and enjoying ourselves.

Prior to the feast, 36 members played a 12-end 4321 game. The losers had to pay the winners a loonie.

Vickie Hayler issued BBQ tickets as everyone paid \$5.00, while Elizabeth barker sold the 50/50 draw tickets.

The chefs were Paul Dickey and Robin Stewart while Georgia Kilfoyle and ladies set out the salads and desserts. Lots of people helped with the clean-up.

Marianne Henn made the team draws.

LABOUR DAY – SEPTEMBER 3rd

We celebrated Labour Day on Monday, September 3rd with one 12-end game. It was lovely and warm and sunny, a perfect day to celebrate by 45 attending bowlers.

Gerry Gorman, President, welcomed everyone and made a few announcements about coming events.

He then ran a spider with everyone rolling one bowl to the spider. Halina Davidson won with a perfect shot which ended up right under the spider.

Gerry Gorman, assisted by Deborah Holdsworth and Sandy Marven, put out the refreshments. The first teams to finish were asked to put out drinks.

It was a very pleasant social get-together with fellow bowlers.

DELMANOR VISIT – SEPTEMBER 5th

Once again this year the Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club had the opportunity to host the marketing teams from Delmanor retirement facilities around the GTA.

Jennifer Finlay, acting as “traffic director”, arrived at 9:00 am to greet our guests, help them find a parking spot and direct them to the clubhouse. Our president Gerry Gorman offered a warm ELBC welcome before the group settled into a morning meeting. After lunch from the Pickle Barrel everyone prepared for their afternoon on the green. Tom Osika did a short PowerPoint presentation and then the teams headed out to try their hand at lawn bowling. The weather could not have been better. The enthusiasm level could not have been higher and everyone had a great time. We ended the day with refreshments, goodies (thank you Jo Cook and Irene Fair) and camaraderie. It was rewarding to have the opportunity to host our friends from Delmanor and thank them for their generosity over the years.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this event a success:

Ruth Aalto, Jo Cook, Bob Curran, Bassil Elias, Irene Fair, Vicky Goora, Gerry Gorman, Sandy Marven, Sue Mizzi, Judy & Lou Nave, Tom Osika, Annelies Vogel.

Joyce Clitheroe

FLORENCE THIFFAULT PIE DAY – SEPTEMBER 21st

Our wonderful Pie Day, in memory of Florence Thiffault, was held on Saturday, September 21st. It was a perfect warm and sunny day.

Florence bequeathed sufficient funds in her will for the club to have Pie Day for many years. She was such a valuable member of our club and wanted the serving of the pies to be done by the coaches.

This year the servers were Lucia Saja, Joyce Clitheroe, Rob Bartlett and Dave Osborne.

Prior to the game, Sandra read a tribute about Florence's contribution to the game of Lawn Bowling as a player, coach and Umpire.

Then Dave Osborne described the game of 150 which was originated by Dave for Canada Day 2017. Each end has a different score for the winner from 7 to 25 points. Exciting!

Sue Mizzi picked up the pies and served the ice cream. Sandra Osborne, Lucia Saja and Ruth Douse cut the pies and set up the 11 tables.

The pies were from The Happy Bakers on Lakeshore Boulevard. They were Pecan, Blueberry Peach, Lemon Meringue, Homestyle Apple and a Coconut Cream donated by The Happy Bakers.

After some second helpings were enjoyed, many of the members helped Joyce and Ruth with the clean-up.

A total of 59 members enjoyed the day with lots of time to socialize.

Thank you Florence.

2019 WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE TRIPLES

Twenty-four enthusiastic women came out and participated in this year's triples forming 8 drawn triples teams. The three-game round robin began on August 15. Following this round robin series, there were 3 teams tied for second place. As a result we had both a semi-final game and a final game. We had a number of eager players in their first and second year of lawn bowling who contributed wonderfully to their teams.

In one of the semi-finals Joyce Clitheroe, Lucia Sega and Ruth Aalto won over Vickie Hayler, Pam Guy and Margie Horner. In the other semi-final Marianne Henn, Christine Harasiewicz and Mary Yurkow defeated Sue Mizzi, Jo Cook and Joanne Lewis.

The finals were played on Sunday, Sept. 9. Congratulation to Joyce's team who triumphed over Marianne's team after a hard-fought battle. The winners were presented with 2019 Triples pins after the final game to the cheering from a small group of enthusiastic supporters.

Our thanks to the subs Judy Nave and Vicky Goora who filled in admirably in a few games, to Joyce Clitheroe who helped with the organization for the semi-finals and to the finalists who arranged their times to play. Kudos to all the participants who contributed to the smooth running of the games.

Sandra Marven and Christine Leclair

Directors of Women's In House Games

SUNSHINE BOYS 2019 SEASON

No report is available.

GOLDEN GIRLS 2019 SEASON - ART HARRISON MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT AND TWO FUN DAYS

It was a difficult season with our parking problems, James Garden's club house and a game cancelled due to rain. Date changes were made to accommodate the parking but one scheduled game at ELBC was hosted by West Toronto for us. In the end it all worked out and another fun and successful Golden Girls season has drawn to an end. There were six Etobicoke teams which played every other week for a total of 11 weeks (usually 12 weeks). The inter-club Golden Girls trophy was won by James Gardens #2 with 9 wins and 176 points. Etobicoke #1 (combined teams of ELBC #1 and #4) were second with 8 wins and 174 points. Third were Etobicoke #3 (combined teams of ELBC #3 and #6) with 7 wins and 181 points and 5th were Etobicoke #2 (combined teams #2 and #5) with 7 wins and 127 points.

I would like to thank Liz Chlebus and Elizabeth Ferris for helping throughout the season and to everyone who helped look after the kitchen when we hosted, made or brought treats and helped set up the rinks.

Weekly standings were e-mailed to all players for overall standing and ELBC only standings for our club trophy.

On Monday, August 26th, fifteen ELBC Golden Girls participated in the **Fun and Wind-up day at West Toronto**. A spider was played and won by Jo Cook. One 14-end game of Irish trebles was played where the game is played without the jack until the last bowl has been rolled. The Skip then throws the jack, hopefully to their bowls, not as easy as it sounds, but Marianne Henn's teams won the highest score. The teams were mixed up with players from different clubs playing together.

There was then a delicious lunch of lasagna, quiche (homemade) and salad followed by peaches, cake and ice cream. Draws were made for prizes and Jo Cook won a door prize.

On Sunday, September 15th, the **Art Harrison Memorial Tournament**, (Sunshine Boys vs Golden Girls) was held at Oakville on a cool wet day. There were two 12-end games played but the last game had to be shortened to eight ends due to rain. The trophy winners were the Golden Girls team skipped by Nan Beelby from New Toronto. Everyone still had fun even though Etobicoke teams were not in the prizes.

There was a spider before the game with a prize for a Golden Girl and Sunshine Boy. It was won by Sandra Osborne and Mario Castelli from Etobicoke. There was a 50/50 and the 1st prize was won by Mike Ghosh from Etobicoke.

On Monday, September 23rd, we had the **ELBC Fun and Trophy Day**. All 6 teams competed for the In-house Trophy throughout the year and the winners were:

Trophy winner: team #4 Sharon Christian, Georgia Gerring and Deb Holdsworth with 5 wins, 84 points

2nd place team #6 Joan Camilleri, Sue Mizzi and Mary Yurkow

3rd place Team #5, Vickie Hayler, Penny Willis and Robin Stewart

The trophy was presented by Julie Shuster and then 12 Golden Girls went out to play a game of Aussie pairs on a cloudy and then sunny day. The winning team after 7 ends moved to the rink on the right of them and played another 7 ends. There were two bottles of wine passed to the bowlers who hit the jack at each end of the green. These were won by Sue Mizzi and Joyce Clitheroe.

The game-winner was Sandra Osborne with Sandy Marven who received potted mini Mums.

Julie Shuster was representing Delmanor who very generously sponsored the lunch of various sandwiches, pasta and green salads, and yummy small pastries for dessert.

Sandra thanked Julie and Delmanor for their generosity and presented Julie with a bouquet of flowers in way of a thank-you.

Elizabeth Ferris and Elza Wright had tea, coffee and loaf cake for us when we arrived and they set the tables in blue and white for lunch. The tables were in a unique pattern so we were able to enjoy good conversation during lunch. Many thanks Elizabeth and Elza.

Many thanks to Milos Blecha for coming down to set up the rinks and Hank and his crew for giving us good greens to bowl on all season.

There will be an all-clubs convener's meeting sometime in October to plan the 2020 season.

Looking forward to another successful season next year.

Sandra & Liz

ELBC Club Conveners

2019 MEN'S IN-HOUSE SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Twelve men registered to play in this year's double knockout singles tournament. The first round was due for completion by August 21. The tournament progressed through to the final match which was played on September 24.

It took two matches to arrive at a winner. Liner Morgan went undefeated until the final round. He faced off against Hank Spencer who had only one loss until then. Hank won the first match to force a sudden death confrontation. Liner prevailed in a great back and forth match which wasn't decided until Hank's final bowl.

Congratulations to Liner Morgan as our 2019 Men's In-House Singles Champion!

Lynn Fair

Director, Men's In-House Singles Tournament

ETOBICOKE TROPHY MIXED TRIPLES OPEN TOURNAMENT- SEPTEMBER 4TH

On Wednesday, September 4th, the Etobicoke Trophy Open Mixed Pairs tournament was held.

There were 14 teams who played three 12-end games on a cloudy and windy day. Windbreakers were need to start.

There were 5 outside teams from Port Credit, Cosburn, Balmy Beach and West Toronto. The tournament was sponsored by Revere Seniors Residences and Remax Real Estate.

Rob Bartlett was convenor assisted by Dave Osborne in the scoring.

The winners were:

High 3-game and Trophy winner – Meno Jose with Keith Park and Mary Lu Richards of Cosburn

2nd 3-game winner – Tom Osika with Joyce Clitheroe and Tom Tabor of Etobicoke

High two-game winner – Milos Blecha with Elza Wright and Barbara Marks of Etobicoke

2nd two-game winner – Ruth Aalto with Domenico Muia and Bob Tsunokawa of Etobicoke

High one-game total – Sandra Osborne with Ken Davidson and Halina Davidson of Etobicoke

Special prize, lowest total score – Marianne Henn with Sue Mizzi and Russ Yurkow of Etobicoke

All winners except one were Etobicoke.

The 50/50 draw was won by Sandra Osborne

In the kitchen presenting the treats were Joan Camilleri, Pamela Guy and Christa Hass.

Once again Rob ran an excellent tournament. The visitors had no complaints enjoying our great greens and a problem-free tournament.

FALL ETOBICOKE MIXED PAIRS – SEPTEMBER 14TH

Our Fall Etobicoke mixed pairs tournament was held on Saturday, September 14th. The teams were made on a draw by the convenors Gerry Gorman and Deborah Holdsworth.

There were 14 teams who played three 10-end games on a very pleasant warm sunny/cloudy day.

The sponsor was Delmanor Prince Edward represented by Julie Shuster who made a presentation and handed out the prizes.

The rinks were set up by Douglas Laird, Tom Tabor, Gerry Gorman and Milos Blecha.

The prize winners were:

High 3-game: Domenico Muia with Lucia Saja
Second 3-game: Russ Yurkow with Nancy Holloway
High 2-game: Bob Bartlett with Margie Horner
Second 2-game: Tom Tabor with Sandy Marven
Third 2-game: Robin Stewart with Clive Dunstan
Fourth 2-game: Vicky Goora with Mario Castelli
High 1-game last game: Joyce Clitheroe with Ron Dash

This was a very successful day with many of our new bowlers taking part.

Thank you to the kitchen volunteers for the snacks and drinks.

Well done Gerry and Deborah.

KEITH VOIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY – SEPTEMBER 21ST

The Second annual Keith Voight Memorial Tournament, played on Saturday, September 28, was a great success in spite of some intermittent rain showers. Generously sponsored by the Voight Family, Keith's son Chris and grandson Tyler were present for the presentations to the winners.

Before bowling started Gary Oman shared some memories of his long-time friend. This was very welcome as many of the bowlers who took part in the tournament had not known Keith.

Twelve teams of mixed triples played three 10-end games and seven prizes were awarded.

Tournament Winner 3-game winners: **Milos Blecha, Herb Simek, Elza Wright**

2-game winners: 1 Gerry Gorman, Sandra Marven, Mark Wells
2 Penny Willis, Rob Bartlett, Robin Stewart
3 Marianne Henn, Sue Mizzi, Russ Yurkow
4 Georgia Gerring, Clive Dunstan, Christine Leclair
5 Dan Bell, Domenico Muia, Denise Connors

Last game high score winner: Aurora Kennedy, Jennifer Finlay, and Rod Young.

The Convenors were Mario Castelli and Joyce Clitheroe. They were assisted by Irene Fair (thank you for the delicious cookies) and Deborah Holdsworth in the kitchen and the players helped and set up their own rinks.

A great way to end a very successful 2019 tournament season!

Mario Castelli

Tournament Convenor

ETOBICOKE'S TORRENT WINS THE PREMIER LEAGUE PLAYOFF

The Ontario Premier League was started by Jeff Harding six years ago, both the team and the league. Our team is the Etobicoke Torrents and consists of 9 players. Our team members have remained constant through the years - Jeff Harding captain, Hank Spencer, Lynn Fair, Paul Dickey, Steve McKerrihen, Gary Pickering, Fred Wallbank, Mark Sandford and new to the team this year, Debbie Rauter.

There are ten teams in the league representing clubs from Cosburn to Niagara Falls to Kitchener.

Hank Spencer and Paul Dickey

NOVICE SINGLES FINALS AT RICHMOND HILL – SEPTEMBER 21-22ND

The Provincial Novice Women's Singles Finals were held in Richmond Hill on Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22nd. Sandy Marven of ELBC was one of the 16 participants from various areas in Ontario. She won two of her three games on Saturday, which qualified her to be in the finals on Sunday. Sandy lost the first game on Sunday to the overall winner and was eliminated. It was a great experience to participate at the Provincial level.

THE ETOBICOKE OPEN MEN'S PAIRS – SEPTEMBER 18TH

The Etobicoke Open Men's Pairs tournament was held on Wednesday, September 18th. There were 14 teams on a cool, sunny day. Eight teams represented Port Credit, Cosburn, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Oakville, West Toronto, Burlington and Etobicoke. They played three 12-end games.

The tournament convenor was Rob Bartlett assisted by Penny Wills and Dave Osborne. Tapestry Village Gate West was the sponsor.

Hank Spencer and his crew set up the rinks.

The refreshments were presented by Elza Wright, Elizabeth Ferris and Penny Willis.

Penny Willis ran the 50/50 won by an anonymous visitor.

The winners were:

High three-game winner: Vince Donohue with Herb Simek from Port Credit/Etobicoke

Second three-game winner: Keith Park with Meno Jose from Cosburn

High two-game winner: Roy Richards with Boris Wells from Niagara-on-the-Lake

Second two-game winner: Colin Treeby with Bill Edmond from Oakville

High one-game winner: Russ Yurkow with Mario Castelli from Etobicoke

The tournament was enjoyed by all. Even the convenors were happy to see old friends among the visitors. Well done Rob, Penny and Dave.

ANNIVERSARY YEAR?

Do you have a 25th, 30th or 50th 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, Gerry Gorman or Secretary Jennifer Finlay know as soon as possible.

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We know many of you are entering Open tournaments and would really like to hear your results. Many thanks to those who have sent articles and the club conveners for their reports.

Don't forget to check out our web site: <http://www.etobicokelawnbowling.com> and the Facebook page.

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Monday, October 14 th	Thanksgiving at 1:30 pm
Saturday, October 19 th	Fall GM at 1:30 pm
Monday, October 21 st	Bridge starts. Please note the corrected date
Friday, October 25 th	Club Banquet, Mandarin at 1:00 pm
Friday, November 1 st	Euchre starts