

# The Grass Rink



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## President's Corner – *Deborah Holdsworth*

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### New to the game?

New bowlers are considered novices for 5 years. For 5 years you can enjoy the status of being a new player and the carefree bowling of a beginner.

OLBA arranges tournaments for all 1-5 year bowlers; this year we have the Novice Singles and the Novice Triples – men and women – in which to participate.

Venues are local at the beginning and can extend throughout the province depending on your success. This year we are holding the Singles Playdowns right here with the District finals happening at Balmy Beach. The District Triples have just been played here at our own club with the winners travelling to the provincials in Sarnia mid-August.

Inspiration arises from playing new or newish bowlers along with a lack of intimidation because we are all new at this.

## Editorial - *Dave Osborne*

**People.** I decided to write about people because of two speaking at the 1st & 2nd Year Bowlers Tournament. Both thanked the members of the club and said how happy they were with the warm welcome they received as new members by the old members. It is not always easy to join and wonder what it is like. They discovered it.

People make our club; we are known as warm club always making visitors welcome. Our enjoyment is exercised because we make it so. It is a pleasure to volunteer when you know it is appreciated by nice people.

I have over the years seen strife between members in other clubs leading to a loss of membership with back stabbing and a very unhappy club which does not attract people. You will often find these people not much fun and also not as good bowlers as they could be.

It is sad to see people struggling through an unhappy and unfriendly life. We can help them. Aren't we lucky to be playing a friendly sport and enjoying a healthy good-natured life. Keep young and enjoy people. I do.

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### President's Corner cont'd ...

Competition gives you an adrenalin rush as you fight it out with teams from other clubs.

Excellence is, of course, always sought and sometimes found. Improvement, however, is inevitable as you pit yourself against others of your ability and better.

Steep learning curve: hone your skills of tournament play and absorb the finer details and protocol of the sport.

Experience the excitement, tension, thrill, disappointment and surprise of playing a tournament yourself. Sign up next year!

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## **COACHES CORNER - DOUG TURNER**

A gentle reminder to be kind to our greens. Please do not bounce the bowls past the end of the large protective mats. This is causing damaging divots in the grass. Thanks, *Doug*

## **HISTORY OF PIE DAY**

On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Florence Thiffault, our head coach and Umpire, sponsored and organized a fun day, (trick or treat) assisted by Dave Osborne along with the coaches.

There were 54 bowlers who played "lose a bowl", (the bowl furthest from the jack was removed).

Florence supplied 6 different pies which were cut by Bill Watkins and served by the coaches. Sandra Osborne served the ice cream.

On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, the first Pie Day was held. Once again Florence Thiffault sponsored the day. There were 48 bowlers who played rotating positions. Lucia Saja picked up the pies from "Wanda's Pie in the Sky".

The coaches, Lucia Saja, Margaret Chevalier, Gisela Slaughter, Bryan Clare, Dave Osborne and Rob Bartlett served pie while Elaine Phillips served tea and Sandra Osborne the ice cream. Bill Watkins cut the pies.

This was the start of years of Pie Day which will be remembered as Florence left sufficient funds in her will for the event to continue for many years. Thank you, our good friend Florence. We will remember you forever.

## **CANADA DAY**

On Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:15 pm we celebrated our 151<sup>st</sup> Canada Day. Was it hot!!

There were 30 courageous members who played 2 x 4-end games and then had a break from the 35 degree/40 humidex temperatures.

Dave Osborne gave them cards to play the 150 game scoring from end 5 to the maximum score at end 12. Did you lose 25 points at end 12?

Deborah Holdsworth welcomed everyone with a brief history and club announcements.

Hank Spencer ran the spider before the game which was won by new member Clive Dunstan.

After the game, players and spectators enjoyed lots of cake and cold drinks served by Sandra Osborne, Joan Camilleri, and Myla Lisyikh.

The set ups were done by Marianne Henn with Hank Spencer. Marianne Henn also made the draw.

The club looked festive with red table cloths and napkins and the members dressed in red and white. Pat Bamber took some great photographs.

ELBC members can still celebrate in spite of the heat.

## WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE PAIRS

Sixteen women signed up this year. Eight teams and team names were drawn. We played a 3-game round robin series on Thursday evenings. The results of the round robin were close with several teams vying for third and fourth position until the end. The weather cooperated with sunny skies and reasonable temperatures.

Following the round robin, the top four teams proceeded to a semi-final game. The winners of these games proceeded to a Final game.

The Final game of the Women's In-House Pairs was played on the morning of July 5 under sunny and warm skies. The game was a pleasure to watch. Twelve ends were played with a cooling break after the first six ends.

A real nail-biter of a game was tied at 9 each going into the 12th and final end. Final score 11 to 9. All bowlers were at the top of their game. It could have gone either way.

Congratulations to Joyce Clitheroe and Deborah Holdsworth (aka Bowlin' Babes), winners of this year's Women's In-House Pairs games. Following an impressive drumroll, Joyce and Deborah were presented with 2018 Pins.

Second place: congratulations to Elza Wright and Christine Leclair (aka Perfect Ends).

Kudos to all the women who participated and made the series both fun and competitive.

My thanks to Loretta Carnahan, Joyce Clitheroe and all the assistance provided by participants to set up and put away equipment and help generally with the smooth running of the games. Thanks to Sandra Marven who stepped in as photographer of what was a memorable final game.

*Georgia Gerring*

Director Women's In-House Games

## MEN'S IN-HOUSE PAIRS

A relatively brief sign-up period attracted 8 men to the 2018 Men's Pairs in-house games. Four evenly matched teams were formed by random draw. We played a three game round robin followed by a Championship Game between the top two teams.

The conditions of play were altered this year to ensure that every bowl of every end was important. We played three-bowl pairs rather than the traditional four-bowl format. This is now the way almost all pairs competitions are played internationally and at the top levels. There is less margin for error with only three bowls, along with fewer bowls in the head to impede the last shot. And the game goes more quickly.

In addition, we played the sets format many of us will recognise from our in-house singles, along with World Bowls Tour play and many other competitions. The advantage of sets play is that you're never out of the match even if you get off to a slow start. If the set score is tied after two sets, a best two-out-of-three tiebreak is played.

Four of the six matches went to the tiebreak. The final standings saw Hank Spencer and Clarke Slemon on top with three wins (two by tiebreak!). The other three teams were all tied at one win and two losses. Lynn

Fair and Russ Yurkow finished in second place because they had won the most sets among the three tied teams. It wasn't until the last shot of the second set of the last round robin game was played that they could book their ticket to the final.

The Championship Final ended up with Hank and Clarke prevailing after winning two very close sets.

*Neil Montgomery*

Director Men's In-House Games

### **TWILIGHT MIXED PAIRS AND WOMEN'S PAIRS TOURNAMENT**

The second Twilight Pairs tournament, kindly sponsored by Delmanor Prince Edward, took place on a beautiful Friday evening, July 13. Pam Palmer, representing Delmanor Prince Edward, said a few introductory words to get the evening started then held a draw for a very generous gift: a meal for four in the dining room at Delmanor and an LCBO gift card. Robin Stewart was the lucky winner. Many thanks to Delmanor Prince Edward for their continued support of our Club activities.

The Twilight Pairs Tournaments are always very popular events. Forty bowlers formed twenty teams that enjoyed an evening of friendly competition, playing two 10-end games with refreshments served in between. While many of the participants were familiar faces who come out faithfully it was wonderful to have four first and second year bowlers take part with two of our new bowlers playing in the skip position. Well done! And thanks to the seasoned skips who provided guidance when needed.

Prizes were awarded to the following tournament winners:

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

Vicky Goora & Stephen Gerring  
Wendell Smith & Cecilia Lopez  
Robin Stewart & Deborah Holdsworth  
Milos Blecha & Liz Ferris  
Vickie Hayler & Paul Dickey

#### One-Game Winners

Bob Bartlett & Sandra Osborne  
Hank & Lynn Spencer

Two \$5 Tim Horton's Gift Cards, were won by Georgia Kilfoyle and Douglas Laird.

It takes many hands to make an event run successfully and thanks go out to all who helped with this tournament: the refreshment team - Irene Fair for shopping, Jane Worth and Deborah Holdsworth for baking and Elizabeth Barker, Teresa Glenn and Patricia Elliott for serving all the goodies; Neil Montgomery for devising and updating the Tournament Scorekeeping program used during the tournament; Derek Peacock for providing the monitor used to display tournament particulars; Pat Bamber, our dedicated club photographer, and Joyce Clitheroe and Bill Glenn, tournament convenors.

*Joyce Clitheroe*

## **1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR BOWLERS TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bowlers Tournament was held at 10:00 am.

The tournament with trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> place were sponsored by Sandra and Dave Osborne.

The tournament is usually 3 x 10-end games, but because of the heat and humidity, a vote was taken to change it to 2 x 12-end games and approved.

There were ten ladies but only two men entered. It was run as a combined Ladies/Men with trophies and prizes for each section.

There were six markers who gave up their day to assist the bowlers. They were Marianne Henn, Joyce Clitheroe, Vicky Goora, Sue Mizzi, Deborah Holdsworth and Robin Stewart.

The winners were:

Ladies:

High score and Trophy winner: Jane Gibert

2<sup>nd</sup> High score: Liz Campbell

3<sup>rd</sup> High score; Sandy Marven

4<sup>th</sup> High Score: Georgia Kilfoyle

5<sup>th</sup> High score: Ruth Aalto

Men's:

High score and trophy winner: Mark Anderson

2<sup>nd</sup> High score: Clive Dunstan

In the kitchen were Irene Fair and Gerry Gorman.

Sandra and Dave set up the rinks.

This was a fun day enjoyed by all, especially the Markers and sponsors. What great bowling.

Just a Note: Sandra and Dave announced this was their last year after 15 years.

## **J.A.L. MACPHERSON FOUNDERS CUP**

On Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> the J.A.L. Macpherson Founder Cup, sponsored by Vickie Hayler and Paul Dickey was played on a warm cloudy day which turned cool in the afternoon. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year for Vickie and Paul to sponsor. Vickie welcomed everybody and gave a brief history of her family's long-time membership in the club going back to its origin.

There were 12 teams of triples which required one 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year bowler on each team. This was an open draw with each team playing 3 x 10-end games. The draw was made by Elza Wright, tournament convenor with Vickie Hayler and Sharon Christian.

The rinks were set up by Elza Wright and Hank Spencer.

Refreshments were served by Liz Chlebus, Elizabeth Ferris, Anna Mihaljek and Lucia Saja.

Pat Bamber was official photographer.

The winners were:

High 3-game and cup winner: Bob Bartlett with Christine LeClair and Clive Dunstan

Second 3-game winner: Steve Gerring with Sue Mizzi and Heather Thornton

High 2-game winner: Sharon Christian with Robin Stewart and Larry Galloway

Second 2-game winner: Margaret Johnson with Gerry Gorman and Mary Yurkow

Third 2-game winner: Wendell Smith with Tish Khomasurya and Judy Stevens

Fourth 2-game winner: Marianne Henn with Deb Holdsworth and Douglas Laird

This is always a good tournament with even teams with an open draw and featured having 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year bowlers on each team. A great idea from Vickie Hayler giving our new members a chance to play tournaments. Thank you, Vickie.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you Elza Wright.

## **STRAWBERRY BOWL – WEST TORONTO**

Three teams represented Etobicoke at the West Toronto Strawberry Bowl Women's Open Tournament on Wednesday, June 27: Elizabeth Chlebus/Elizabeth Ferris, Joyce Clitheroe/Sue Mizzi and Georgia Gerring/Deborah Holdsworth. In spite of a bleak forecast the rain held off and we completed two 14-end games under cloudy skies. Delmanor Prince Edward provided a delicious pizza lunch and our hosts from West Toronto spoiled us with sweets and, of course, strawberry short cake.

ELBC's teams were all winners. Joyce and Sue won a bottle of wine each for defeating last year's tournament champions in addition to the prize for fourth high two game winners. Liz and Liz each won a very colourful beach towel awarded to the team that bowled well but came in second against tough competition. Georgia and Deborah won a draw from among the 'non winners' of the tournament. We all had a very enjoyable day.

*Joyce Clitheroe*

## **Don Stephan Memorial Open Tournament – PORT CREDIT**

ELBC wins the Don Stephan Memorial Open Tournament July 15<sup>th</sup> at Port Credit!!

On Sunday, July 15 two Etobicoke teams participated in the Mixed Pairs/Women's Pairs Open Tournament at Port Credit Lawn Bowling Club. The games were played under sunny and warm but comfortable skies. The tournament director noted that this was the first year that ELBC teams have participated.

The 14 team entries included Cosburn, Willowdale, Kew Beach, RCYC, Cambridge, Milton, Port Credit and ELBC.

Congratulations to Vicky Goora and Georgia Gerring, overall tournament winners. Vicky and Georgia won games against Cambridge and Cosburn.

Robin Stewart and Deborah Holdsworth also did ELBC proud as the 3rd place runner-up two-game winners.

*Georgia Gerring*

## **DISTRICT NOVICE TRIPLES 2018**

The district Novice Triples competition was held here at ELBC on Saturday, July 28. Three women's teams and two men's teams took part, comprised of bowlers from all first to fifth years. Great to see some brand new players taking on this challenge.

There was tension in the air from the start until the very last bowl was played. In both sets of games, points were won in ones and twos as one team inched ahead of the other, the second team then crept forward until both teams tied. The battle continued, in many cases, to another tie just before the final ends. Every bowl was starting to feel important, positions of bowls around the jacks were examined closely, palms were sweating and the spectators were perched on the edges of their seats.

The ELBC women's team managed to score two of the three bowls they needed to tie with Cosburn and finished 1 point down – 18-17. Then, thanks to a big last end of 6 bowls against Balmy Beach, they prevailed. Would Balmy Beach manage to beat Cosburn and force a tiebreaker? Impossible to tell as they went into the last end one down. The umpire was called over to measure the bowls on that last end; Balmy Beach had the point: the game was tied. No tiebreaker for the three teams: Cosburn goes to the provincials in Sarnia with Etobicoke second and Balmy Beach third.

The men had a grueling day as a two-game winner was needed. They headed into the third game of the day having won one game each. They edged up and down the score card with ELBC going into the last end one down and the game finished with Cosburn 3 points up.

New bowlers can play a mean game; the OLBA gave us this opportunity; the venue was perfect: our home club; we were inspired by the excitement of the games; we all had some excellent shots; we learned when to call an umpire.

### **ELBC TEAMS**

WOMEN: Deborah Holdsworth, Christine Leclair, Judith Stevens

MEN: Neil Montgomery, Gerry Gorman, Russ Yurkow

### ***BREAKING NEWS***

*The ELBC Women's and Men's teams have been offered a place at the provincials in Sarnia!*

*Deborah Holdsworth*

## **PARKING PERMITS**

In order to assist the Kiwanis and Barbara, the attendant, please display your parking permit. The permit is a one-time purchase and can be obtained from the draw room.

## **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, 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 AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

Friday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ, 1x12-end game of 4321
Saturday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	ELBC Trophy, in-house, MP 3 x 10
Wednesday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	ELBC @ RCYC, 3:15 pm
Monday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Labour Day
Wednesday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Etobicoke Trophy Open, MT 3 x 12
Saturday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fall in-house, MP 3 x 10
Wednesday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Etobicoke MP Open 3 x 12
Monday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	1:30 pm daytime draw only
Friday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last 7:30 pm evening draw
Monday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving
Saturday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fall GM
Friday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Club Banquet (Mandarin)
Monday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bridge starts
Friday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Euchre starts