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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – GERRY GORMAN

Welcome back to what promises to be another fine season of lawn bowling at ELBC. Special welcome to our new members! Please, don't be shy about getting to know other members. And as new bowlers, you are encouraged to sign up for our 1st & 2nd Year Bowlers Singles Tournament on July 13. This is a great opportunity to compete against others at the same level of experience. Also, our J.A.L. Macpherson Cup on July 20 is designed to have a 1st or 2nd year bowler on each team. Sign-up sheets for both these events are posted on the Tournaments bulletin board.

The parking lot construction has moved along to the point that paving started on June 21. As a result, we look forward to being able to use it for evening draws in early July. Meanwhile, we are so fortunate that Montgomery's Inn has allowed us parking privileges during most times when street-parking is unavailable. We again ask that you respect that Montgomery's Inn is not be used on Wednesday mornings or afternoons, due to the Farmer's Market.

Please consider signing up for kitchen help for any of our Club, Open or District Tournaments. Otherwise, you may find that no refreshments are provided. And we anticipate hosting a small number of rental groups in the coming months, for which we will also need volunteers.

To keep our greens in good shape, we ask that if you consistently drop bowls and can't get low enough to roll the bowl, please ask a coach to help you with your delivery. Otherwise, please start using a pusher or an arm extender (more are forthcoming). All players are reminded to check for greens damage after games and to use one of the repair kits of sand & turf tool.

We, myself included, would benefit by practicing good etiquette during games. In addition to the Code of Conduct (p. 4 of your handbook), please review the summary of World-wide Lawn Bowling Etiquette that is posted on the front bulletin board. These guidelines are intended to help everyone play their best and to increase the enjoyment of playing bowls.

Deborah Holdsworth has again been leading our application for a federal grant from the New Horizons Seniors Program. For 2020, we are primarily targeting a greens roller machine and more benches. Lastly, do speak to any Executive Committee member if you need help with something. I wish you all a wonderful season of lawn bowling!

EDITORIAL – DAVE OSBORNE

Enthusiasm. After the spring AGM I was full of Enthusiasm. I left looking forward to the coming season. The reports were so positive about what is happening and what we can look forward to.

We had the largest Open House ever, mostly from word of mouth. We did almost no advertising. This tells me there are lots of people looking forward to Lawn Bowling and fellowship. Other clubs are also having growth. Even though I don't play anymore it is great just to come to the club and see many friends.

It has been frustrating about the parking lot but Gerry Gorman has done a lot to keep us informed. Part of our enthusiasm is shown by the members still playing even though they have to climb there.

How would you like to become Editor of the Grass Rink? I am looking for someone for next season. You get to know everything as it happens.

OPEN HOUSE MAY 4TH

Our annual Open House for new members and existing members to meet was held on Saturday June 1st. It was extremely well attended, more than for several years, perhaps because Gerry Gorman had a listing and a picture in the guardian with fitness in mind.

There were 58 people, which included 34 new potential members. There were 15 who completed registration forms, some with cheques.

Gerry Gorman, President, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. There were people already trying out the greens.

Gerry welcomed everyone and told them about the club, its history and membership. Then Tom Osika gave his presentation with excellent video and descriptions of the game which was easy for the new enraptured visitors to enjoy.

Doug Turner, Director of Coaching, then told everyone about the coaching of 4 sessions and sign-up sheets for daily coaching sessions lasting for 2 week. Application forms were available along with new bowler's handbook at the table with Vickie Hayler. These are very good.

Gerry thanked everyone for coming and wished them good bowling. He also thanked those responsible for the refreshments. He hoped the new members would enjoy the game as we have.

Dave Osborne

SPRING GENERAL MEETING MAY 11TH

The Spring General Meeting was held on May 11th at 1:30 pm. The meeting was opened by President, Gerry Gorman. There were an estimated 88 members in attendance. The minutes of the Fall General Meeting were moved by Paul Dickey and seconded by Marianne Henn. These were accepted with no changes.

Gerry put out a call for a Social Director, the only position not filled on the board. He also pointed out the rules if you do not participate in a tournament you have signed up for.

Doug Turner, Director of Coaching, said they had 13 coached, there were classes twice a day for 2 weeks. There will be a coach's clinic at New Toronto paid for by our club for our attendees who want to become coaches.

Paul Dickey reported 170 members registered of which 22 were new members.

Hank Spencer reported that the greens were in good shape after the winter. New boards by the City. Ten Volunteers needed to help cut and roll the greens and weeding. He also demonstrated our new pushers.

Russ Yurkow reported for the Treasurer, John Rainbow. We budgeted a surplus of \$270, the grant money of \$25,000 has been used for new benches and other equipment.

Gerry Gorman, President, then gave his report. He recognized the 19 volunteers who run tournaments. He has several events requests which provide the club with income.

Gerry discussed the parking problems. We do not know when the parking lot will be resurfaced.

We have a committee looking at more grants. We have agreed to host the 2020 Youth Championships. Chairpersons are Ralph Ellis and Tom Osika. Etobicoke did it 2 years ago.

Hall of Fame club members are Fred Wallbank, Dave Anderson and Steve McKerihen.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.

This was an excellent meeting with lots of information for the membership. We all should look forward to a good year in spite of the parking problems. Thank you Board members.

Dave Osborne

OPENING DAY MAY 18TH

Opening Day was a little earlier this year and held on Saturday, May 18th at 1:00 pm with bowling at 1:30 pm. It was a cool 13c, overcast and windy.

Prior to opening was a good time for members to get together after a hard winter. Did you meet longtime friends and, perhaps a new member?

Gerry Gorman, President, welcomed everyone at 1:00 pm, there were no dignitaries, Gerry said, as it is not an election year. He congratulated Hank and the greens crew for how beautiful the greens are. We received a \$25,000 grant which we used for the new benches and a mower we needed. He also read a fun poem.

He talked about the parking available and also about our booth at Cloverdale on June 1st.

Hank Spencer talked about volunteers needed to work on the greens ten tasks. He has repair kits to fix gouges after each game. This is great to preserve our good greens. He also showed the new pusher/launcher of which we have quite a few.

Gerry thanked everyone and called members to the green for the opening spider which was won by a new member, Connie Matsuba.

Marianne Henn made the draw.

The treats for after the game were served by Sue Mizzi, Jennifer Finlay and Deborah Holdsworth after 12 ends.

A great start to the season hobbled by the torn up parking lot. Still there was an excellent turn out.

Dave Osborne

GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FAIR JUNE 1ST

The annual Government and Community Services Fair sponsored by Christine Hogarth and Kinga Surma, MPP was held at Cloverdale Mall on Saturday June 1st.

A special thanks to Gerry Gorman who organized the booth for us in spite of having to be at the President's Cup from time to time. He was assisted by Jo and Don Cook and Mike Ghosh.

This was not as good as previous years as it was smaller and only occupied the north end of the mall.

However our team interviewed quite a number of potential members some of whom left their names and telephone numbers for follow-up.

Many thanks to our team for spending their valuable time to promote our favourite game.

Dave Osborne

VICTORIA DAY MAY 20TH

Victoria Day this year was on Monday, May 20th. It was cool and windy. The sun came out to warm us after eleven ends.

There were 32 bowlers who played twelve cold ends before retiring to the club house for refreshments served by Christine Leclair and Jennifer Finlay.

Marianne Henn made the draw.

Looking forward to better weather so we can enjoy our wonderful greens.

Dave Osborne

PRESIDENT'S CUP JUNE 1ST

The President's Cup Mixed Triples trophy tournament was held on Saturday, June 1st. It was a perfect day for spring bowling. Three 10-end games were played.

The tournament was convened by Russ Yurkow, Vice President, and assisted by Gerry Gorman, (who also had to attend Cloverdale Mall). Between the two of them it went very well. A new experience for them.

In spite of the parking lot being disturbed there were eight teams made from a draw. The winners were:

Trophy Winners: Lynn Fair, Pamela Guy and Georgia Kilfoyle

2nd place: Georgia Gerring, Sue Mizzi and Clive Dunstan

3rd Place: Marianne Henn, Ruth Aalto and Bob Tsunokawa

Clarke Slemon assisted with the registration and scoring.

The refreshments were provided by Deborah Holdsworth, Jerry Toczykowski, Mary Yurkow, Christine Leclair and Sandy Marven.

The rinks were set up by Gord Dolman and Judy Stevens.

A special thanks to Russ, Gerry and Clarke for taking this on and doing a special job with no previous experience. Russ supplied all the above for the Grass Rink. Thank you Russ. *Dave Osborne*

TWILGHT PAIRS JUNE 7TH

Seventeen pairs teams from Etobicoke LBC and 3 teams from James Gardens LBC participated in the first 2019 Twilight Mixed Pairs and Women's Pairs tournament sponsored by Delmanor Prince Edward on Friday June 7th. Julie Shuster and Lori Litwin represented the sponsors.

The weather was fully cooperative- warm, sunny and bug-free. Vicky Goora and Robin Stewart won the tournament overcoming being down 0-7 after the second end of game 1 coming back to tie their match scoring two in the tenth end and thereafter securing the win in the extra end! They then went on to win 8 of 10 ends in their second match to end up with 2 wins; 27 points for and 19 against.

The second place two-game winners were Hank Mueller and Diane Cooney playing out of James Gardens LBC. The third and fourth two-game winners were Gerry Gorman/Deborah Holdsworth and Milos Blecha/Elizabeth Ferris, respectively.

The team of Ann Lewycky and Russ Yurkow won the prize for the top team that only won one game. Hank Spencer and Sharon Christian narrowly edged out the team of Pamela Guy and Philip Stainton for the prize for last game high. Hank's team won their match 18-2 while Pamela and Philip won theirs 18-5. A draw for the Timmy's cards was conducted among all teams who had not won a cash prize. The lucky winners were Marianne Henn and Sue Mizzi. *Clarke Slemon*

ELBC AT RCYC JUNE 6TH

June 6th was a nice sunny day for the first Fun Day Bowl between Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

There had been concerns about flooding on the Islands, but RCYC's green was high and dry.

All the teams bowled well. There were 10 teams with 2 RCYC teams playing against each other, 1 representing ELBC the other playing for RCYC.

Final total was 67 to 52 for ELBC. 3 games to 2. The day ended with a pleasant meal served inside the club house and lots of camaraderie between both clubs.

The second game will be held on August 24th at ELBC, at which time we look forward to bowling again with our friends.
Penny Willis

REEDER MEMORIAL TROPHY TOURNAMENT JUNE 22ND

The Reeder memorial Trophy tournament in memory of Helen and Al Reeder who did so much for the club was held on Saturday, June 22nd.

There were twelve teams of mixed triples who played 3 x 10-end games. It was a perfect dry sunny day – low humidity.

The tournament was convened by Sharon Christian and Robin Stewart. The sponsor was The Village of Humber Heights Retirement Residences, their first time as sponsor. They brought little gifts and a special draw basket which was won by Vicky Goora from a draw of entrants who had not won anything. The sponsor was represented by Carmen and Holly.

The rinks were set up by Hank Spencer and Clarke Slemon.

Since no one was forth coming to provide refreshments, Lucia Saja, who also played, assisted by Sharon and Robin made sure we had interesting treats.

The winners were:

Trophy and 3-game winner: Marianne Henn, with Sue Mizzi and Russ Yurkow

2nd 3-game winner: Milos Blecha with Elizabeth Chlebus and Elizabeth Ferris

High 2-game winner: Steve Gerring with Herb Simek and Joyce Clitheroe

Second 2-game winner: Hank Spencer with Vickie Hayler and Paul Dickey

3rd 2-game winner: Clarke Slemon with Carlos Cohen and Connie Matsuba

4th 2-game winner: John Rainbow with Lucia Saja and Deborah Holdsworth

This was a day the bowlers really enjoyed thanks to Sharon and Robin. Competition was very high with many good bowlers. Congratulations to all.

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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PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY AND AUGUST

Monday, July 1st	Canada Day - wear red and white
Friday, July 5 th	ELBC/JGLB Twilight MP/WP
Saturday, July 6 th	Guest Day - bring a friend, neighbour, co-worker
Saturday, July 13 th	1 st & 2 nd Year Bowlers Tournament
Saturday, July 20 th	J.A.L. Macpherson Cup (draw) incl. 1 st or 2 nd yr.
Monday, August 5 th	Simcoe Sundae - play a game & enjoy a Sundae
Saturday, August 10 th	District Nv. WT/T, (mixed draw space permitting)
Wednesday, August 14 th	ELBC WP - Open 2x12 ends
Friday, August 16 th	BBQ 4:00 pm 1 x12-end game of 4321
Saturday, August 17 th	ELB Trophy in-house (team)
Wednesday, August 28 th	RCYC/ELBC return game