

# THE GRASS RINK

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER – GERRY GORMAN

We have certainly been enjoying our last few weeks of draws, tournaments, BBQs and special events. But we still have 2 months to go! And we are adding a weekend evening of Aussie Pairs on Saturday, September 7 - please see the posted sign-up sheet!

Please do what you can to help with our greens. Use the repair kits, pick up leaves and stay clear of damaged areas as much as possible.

I hope you will consider volunteering to help fill our vacant positions and to help with tournaments. A good place to start is by signing up for kitchen help. Please see Hank if you would like to help with the greens.

Isn't the new parking lot wonderful? See you on the greens!

*Gerry Gorman*

### EDITORIAL – DAVE OSBORNE

Running clubs. Running small sports clubs has always been difficult but they are so important to the wellbeing of all ages, particularly for seniors who need light exercise and to meet and enjoy the fellowship of others.

However, no matter how much importance we attach to a healthy lifestyle the clubs are difficult to run. Why are members so afraid to help run them? When a member joins they should realize their contribution is necessary for their enjoyment and the enjoyment of others.

At Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club there is a nucleus who have for many years been carrying the load. I must say quite a few new members have volunteered to take responsibilities, but there are a large number who have the club provided for them. I call them the lucky ones.

How about getting more enjoyment of life by spending time taking an interest in the running of your club?

*Dave Osborne*

## **CANADA DAY, JULY 1<sup>st</sup>**

The weather on this July 1st holiday was sunny and warm. A perfect summer day for bowls! In attendance, adorned in splendid red and white, were 42 players. There was also a handful of spectators to cheer on the 7 games of triples. We extend thanks to Connie Matsuba for acting as Draw Master. We thank Douglas Laird, who led a team of many in setting up the 7 rinks.

Club president, Gerry Gorman, delivered a short opening speech during which all echoed our good fortune to live in the great country of Canada. Hearty congratulations were extended to Irene & Lynn Fair on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary!

Prior to the games, a Spider was conducted solely for the dozen 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>-year bowlers in attendance. Georgia Kilfoyle was winner of the LCBO gift card. Then a 2nd Spider, featuring 2 spiders placed mid-green, was held for the other 30 players. Winner of the big spider LCBO gift card was Russ Yurkow. Simultaneously, winner of the small spider was Joan Camilleri. Joan's prize was a nice beach towel (donated anonymously). Regrettably, there was no Canada Day Cake this year, as no one signed up for kitchen duty.

Lastly, congratulations to the team scoring a perfect end of 9 points: Gerry Gorman, Robin Stewart and Doug Andrews!

*Gerry Gorman*

## **CELEBRATION BBQ- JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Nearly 60 members and guests turned out for Part 2 of the day's festivities. It was held after the J.A.L. Macpherson Founders Cup Tournament. A rousing game of 4-3-2-1 was played by 10 teams of Mixed Triples and watched by the rest. An excellent BBQ was then enjoyed by all.

Gerry Gorman gave a short speech pointing out that this BBQ was in celebration of the new parking lot! Then there was a major announcement in conjunction with Bowls Canada. On Sunday, August 18, ELBC is hosting a full day of training for our National Team! We are all invited to come and watch the training activities. About 10 National Team members will be led by Head Coach, Terry Scott, who also runs a club in New Zealand. Since they require only 1 green, we will still hold our usual 1:30 pm draw. We are then all invited to partake in a coffee chat session with Terry Scott in which he will share his expertise in all aspects of running a lawn bowling club. So, mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug 18 – watch our National Team train in the morning, bowl in the afternoon and then join in the Coach's Chat!

We owe a huge applause for all who helped with the BBQ!

BBQ helpers – Paul Dickey, Jim Bamber, Vickie Hayler, June Milne

Clean-up helpers - Maureen Clancy, Marjie Horner, and Gerry Gorman

Thanks also to the many additional helpers who took care of the sun canopies and umbrellas.

Sellers of the BBQ tickets and 50/50 tickets were Elza Wright & Judy Nave. The winner of the 50/50 raffle (\$80) was a lady that was gone before I had a chance to learn her name.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> BBQ will be held on Friday, August 16. If you're in town, don't miss this fun event!

*Gerry Gorman*

## **SIMCOE SUNDAE MONDAY – AUGUST 5TH**

Simcoe Sundae was held on Simcoe Day, August 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a perfect warm, sunny day; a great day to have a Sundae.

There were some questions as to whether it could be held since a broken water pipe, which flooded the north green, had to be shut off. Fortunately the City of Toronto repaired it immediately and we were able to proceed with the day.

Russ Yurkow, vice president, along with Lynn Fair and Paul Dickey worked together to coordinate with the City and Sandra Osborne to keep the event on course. Lots of e-mails!

Sandra Osborne organized the event assisted by Elizabeth Ferris. Christa Hass, Joan Camilleri and Anna Mihaljek assisted in the kitchen and helped serve.

There was a total of 56 club members who enjoyed their Sundaes in waffle bowls along with a choice of syrups and fresh fruit.

Gerry Gorman ran a spider which was won by Milos Blecha. Enjoy your Tim's, Milos.

Marianne Henn made the draw for the 44 bowlers.

Thank you Sandra for organizing the event and continuing to convene it.

## **2019 WOMEN'S IN HOUSE SINGLES**



We had 14 women participating in the Women's In-House Singles this year. Of those, we were lucky enough to have 2 brand new bowlers, Annelies Vogel and Erika Zecha. We began on Thursday, May 30 and other than the first time, the players picked their own times and dates for the remaining games. All dutifully filled in the sheet posted without mishap.

Sue Mizzi, who remained undefeated in the Winner's bracket waited patiently while those who had lost a game fought it out to take her on. Joyce Clitheroe played off against Vickie Hayler to compete against Sue in the finals. Joyce won the first of these but since Sue was undefeated they played again. Sue was victorious and won the tournament overall on Sunday, July 07. This was Sue's second year in a row winning the Singles. Joyce was runner-up.

Thanks to all the participants for following through with this successfully and cooperatively. The series was both competitive and enjoyable.

Many thanks to Georgia Gerring who was very helpful in providing information, arranging the first game and answering our questions.

*Sandra Marven and Christine Leclair*  
Directors Women's In House Games

## **TWILIGHT PAIRS JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

The second Twilight Pairs Event, open to mixed and women's pairs from Etobicoke or James Gardens LBCs, was conducted on the evening of July 5th. Although there was no rain during the event, quite a deluge preceded it at about 4:00pm that afternoon. By the time the participants took to the greens the atmosphere most closely resembled a sauna bath. All participants however drank plenty of water and persevered.

Delmanor Prince Edward again sponsored the event. Their free gifts to the participants were cooling patches, which given the reinforcing influence of the weather, were quickly commandeered to be frozen and brought out for similar future events.

Irene Fair, completely on her own initiative, arranged to provide cold drinks and treats for the participants between games. Fittingly, but without conniving, she and husband Lynn Fair won the tournament!

Placing second with two wins, 26 points and only 9 against were Sue Mizzi and Deborah Holdsworth. The Mizzi team surged to their showing in the ranking from only seventh best after the first game.

Placing third overall with 22 points for and 17 against was the team of Joyce Clitheroe and Clive Dunstan. This team won their ranking with an extra end tiebreaker against the Gerrings in the second game. This extra end decided which of these two teams would end up winning the third place prize money!

The final two game winners were the team of Milos Blecha and Elizabeth Ferris with two wins, 21 points for, and 11 against.

Filling out the list of winners, Dan Bell and Denise Connors were the highest ranking one game winners over the tournament. Ruth Aalto and Christine Leclair won the last game high and the draw for the Timmy's cards was won by Russ and Mary Yurkow.

Hank Mueller's team from James Gardens was the best JG team on the night, finishing in seventh place and out of the money because of a single point loss to the Blecha/Ferris team.

The event conveners were Clarke Slemmon and Tish Khomasurya with the extensive support of Connie Matsuba.

*Clarke Slemmon*

## **1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR BOWLERS TOURNAMENT – JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bowlers Tournament was held on Saturday July 13th at 9:30 am. It was a perfect warm and sunny day. A perfect day to bowl.

The tournament was convened by Sue Mizzi and Christine Harasiewicz. Sandra and Dave Osborne were sponsors and supplied the take-home trophies.

There were Women and Men who played 3 x 10-end games. The important Markers were Hank Spencer, Russ Yurkow, Irene and Lynn Fair, Denise Connors, Joyce Clitheroe, Gerry Gorman, Robin Stewart, Vicky Goora and Dan Bell. Thank you all.

The Women's winners were:

High 3-game and trophy winner: Ruth Aalto

High 2-game winner: Nancy Holloway

Second 2-game winner: Judy Stevens

Third 2-game winner: Judy Nave

The Men's winners were (all 2-game winners):

High 2-game and trophy winner: Clive Dunstan

Second 2-game winner: Ron Dash

Third 2-game winner: Mario Castelli

In the kitchen providing excellent refreshments were Sandra Osborne with Vicky Goora and Pamela Guy.

Set up by Sue Mizzi and Hank Spencer.

Sue and Christine did a great job of running a very successful and smooth tournament for their the first time. Bowlers all had smiles from a fun day.

Sandra and Dave Osborne were available as consultants and we hope Sue and Christine will continue to run this for many years.

## **2019 JULY WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE PAIRS**

Sixteen women signed up this year. Eight teams were randomly made up on the first night. We played a 3 game round robin series on Thursday evenings beginning on July 11. The results of the round robin were close with two teams having the same score and having to play a 5-end game to decide second and third placement.

The top four teams proceeded to a semi-final game on July 30. The winners of these games proceeded to a Final game on July 31.

In the final, Annelies Vogel and Vickie Hayler roared back from a large deficit but were unable to catch Joyce Clitheroe and Robin Stewart, who became our winners for this year and received the 2019 pins.

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

Thanks to all the participants for their cooperation in setting up and putting away the equipment and helping with the smooth running of the games. The final games needed to be played in a short span of time and the players were willing to juggle schedules to allow for this.

*Sandra Marven and Christine Leclair*  
Directors of Women's In-House Games

## **J.A.L. MACPHERSON FOUNDERS CUP JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

On Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> the J.A.L. Macpherson Founders Cup mixed triples was played on a very hot and humid day.

Vickie Hayler told the players how her family had originated the club many years ago. This is great history and Vickie should be proud.

The tournament was convened by Dan Bell and Denise Connors, who also looked after the kitchen refreshments, (could not other club members do something?). There were 10 teams each with a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year bowler.

The tournament was scheduled for 3 x 10-end games but, because of the high humidex the third game was reduced to 8 ends.

The rinks were set up by Hank Spencer, Steve Gerring, Gerry Gorman and Dan Bell.

The winners were:

High 3-game and trophy winner: Elza Wright with Clive Dunstan and Douglas Laird

High 2-game winners: Marianne Henn with Mary Yurkow and Lou Nave

Second high 2-game winner: Hank Spencer with Jennifer Finlay and Judy Nave

Third high 2-game winner: Gerry Gorman with Judy Stevens and Mark Wells

Fourth high 2-game winner: Georgia Gerring with Robin Stewart and Andrew Kos

The third game was fought between Elza and Marianne which came down to an extra end for the trophy.

In closing Dan and Denise presented Vickie and Paul with a gift of appreciation for sponsoring for eight years.

This was a well-run and fun day in spite of the heat. Dan and Denise made sure of that.

## **ETOBICOKE LAWN BOWLING CLUB WOMENS PAIRS - AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>**

The ELBC Women's Open Pairs was played on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> instead of the original July date due to construction in the parking lot.

There were 10 teams including one from Leaside, who played two 12-end games on a perfect, sunny day. Because the date had had to be changed, there were fewer entries.

The tournament was convened by Bob Bartlett assisted by Dave Osborne. We were very pleased to have Rod Young of Royal LePage and a club member be our sponsor.

The delicious refreshments were presented by Penny Wills along with Jo Cook and Pamela Guy.

The rinks were set up by Rob along with team members.

Robin Stewart ran a 50/50 which was won by Jeanette Del Carlo.

The winners were:

High 2-game winner - Deborah Holdsworth with Sandy Marven

Second 2-game winner – Janette Del Carlo with Gloria Paisley

Third 2-game winner – Marianne Henn with Sue Mizzi

High 1-game last game winner – Sandra Osborne with Halina Davidson

Rob ran an excellent tournament with fewer teams than usual. Well done Rob!

## **ETOBICOKE MIXED PAIRS AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> the Etobicoke mixed pairs tournament was held on a rainy day. The tournament was convened by Sharon Christian and Robin Stewart. The tournament sponsor was Turner and Porter.

There were 18 teams who were scheduled to play three 10-end games. The first game was started in a shower which became heavy and play was stopped for 20 minutes. The second game was completed but because of the thunder the third game was stopped with only 2 ends completed. The tournament was declared as 2 games.

The prize winners were:

High 2-game – Hank Spence with Deborah Holdsworth

Second 2-game – Tom Osika with Joyce Clitheroe

Third 2-game – Gerry Gorman with Sandy Marven

Fourth 2-game – Milso Blecha with Elizabeth Ferris

High 1-game –Liner Morgan with Sue Mizzi

Second 1-game – Peter Lewycky with Anne Lewycky

Third 1-game – Ken Davidson with Halina Davidson

Fourth 1-game – Bob Bartlett with Sandra Osborne

In the kitchen serving excellent treats were Georgia Kilfoyle and Margaret Johnston. The rinks were set up by team members. Sharon and Robin did a great job of running the tournament under very difficult weather. Well done.

## **PORT CREDIT OPEN LADIES TRIPLES, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

There were three women's teams entered from Etobicoke and sixteen teams in total for this tournament sponsored by RLA Enterprises. This was a very competitive tournament with provincial players competing in the 3 x 12 end games on a hot and humid day.

The team of Sandra Osborne - Skip, Penny Willis - Vice and Elizabeth Ferris - Lead were 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2-game winners. The team of Georgia Gerring - Skip, Sue Mizzi - Vice and Ruth Aalto - Lead were high last-game winners.

## **WEST TORONTO LBC DELMANOR MIXED TREBLES AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Three teams represented Etobicoke at the West Toronto LBC Delmanor Mixed Trebles Open Tournament on Wednesday, August 21: Milos Blecha, Elizabeth Ferris, Elza Wright (4<sup>th</sup> prize winners with one win, one loss); Tom Osika, Joyce Clitheroe, Sue Mizzi (high second-game winners, non-winners of another prize, with one win and one loss); Vicky Goora, Robin Stewart and Clive Dunstan.

In spite of a bleak forecast, the teams completed two 14-end games rain free. Delmanor Prince Edward provided a delicious lunch and, as always, our friends at West Toronto LBC were wonderful hosts.

While enjoying ice cream bars on the veranda after the games, we all agreed that it was a very enjoyable day.

*Joyce Clitheroe*

## **NOVICE FINALS AT KINGSTON – AUGUST 24/25<sup>TH</sup>**

On August 24, two teams from ELBC hit the road for Kingston and the provincial Novice Triples tournament. 16 men's and 16 women's teams battled through a round robin contest in which the women won their first match, lost their second match by one point, and after a rousing start, lost their third match. The men lost one match, tied their second and won their third match. A tie breaker was avoided by the other team winning on points.

So we came home after our three matches on Saturday.

We all felt that we had learned an enormous amount by being in this tournament and it was marvellous to meet up with old bowling mates: Neil Montgomery who was skipping the Elmdale team from District 16 and Steve Miller skipping district 9 team.

The two teams comprised:

Men: Skip - Russ Yurkow,

Vice - Mario Castelli

Lead - Bob Tsunokawa

Women: Skip - Deborah Holdsworth

Vice - Sandra Marven

Lead - Mary Yurkow

Novice Singles are the next event on the novices' calendar. Gerry Gorman and one of Sandra Marven, Connie Matsuba and Deborah Holdsworth (play downs are still in progress as we go to press) will play for ELBC at districts at West Toronto on August 29.

*Deborah Holdsworth*

## **MEN'S NOVICE SINGLES**

Gerry Gorman bested Mario Castelli in a hard-fought, well-played playdown 21-19 to win the club's Men's Novice Singles Championship. Gerry will be the club's representative in the District 10 Men's Novice Singles competition. We all wish Gerry the best of bowling in this next competition.

*Russ Yurkow, competition's organizer*

## **LADIES NOVICE SINGLES**

Deb Holdsworth and Sandy Marven had the Ladies Novice playdown on Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Sandy Marven was victorious and will be our club representative at the District 10 Ladies Novice Singles at West Toronto on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>. Good luck Sandy.

## **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, 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 SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

Monday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Labour Day
Wednesday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Etobicoke Trophy, Open MT
Thursday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Delmanor meeting & game
Tuesday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunshine Boys 3 x 10 ends
Wednesday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Brewers Association fund raiser
Saturday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fall MP In-house 3 x 10 ends
Wednesday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	ELBC Men's Open pairs 3 x12 ends. sp. Tapestry
Saturday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Florence Thiffault Pie Day, game followed by pies
Monday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Golden Girls Fun & Trophy day
Saturday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Voight Memorial Trophy – 3 x 10 ends, MT
Monday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving
Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fall GM at 1:30 pm
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Club Banquet, Mandarin at 1:00 pm
Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bridge starts
Friday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Euchre starts