

# **COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB**

## **Newsletter**



**April 2021**



## A message from Club President Carol Dewey

Welcome back to another season of “friendship by the lake”, albeit probably of somewhat a restricted nature. The CLBC is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people who keep the club running: members of the Executive Committee and the volunteers who help out with the greens and the many other tasks involved. It’s so very important that we as members be prepared to help carry the load. We still have some vacancies and I urge each and every one of you to seriously consider what you can do to help maintain our club. Wishing you all a happy and healthy season of bowling.



### **NEW HORIZONS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM**

As the time to start lawn bowling approaches we want to update you on the 2021 plans for the club.

At the time of writing we are unsure what protocols will be in place for lawn bowling in Cobourg but we are hopeful of being able to arrange jitneys from the start of the season in May.

We may also be able to arrange some club tournaments. Open tournaments look more doubtful and once we have firm guidance from OLBA and approval from the Town of Cobourg for our protocols we will let you have full details.

Some great news to start with. We applied for and received a grant of \$20,000 under the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The grant will be used to install additional foundation supports under the club house. A big **Thank You** is due to Mike Place and Nancy Fargo who worked on this grant application.

Our Property Director, Ken Bevan, is currently in discussion with the contractor we have asked to do this work, Raymond Construction. Depending upon the weather the work will start in late April and finish in early May.

## SPRING MEETING



It will not be possible to hold a physical meeting this year but we are planning to hold a virtual meeting using Zoom conferencing on **May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm.**

All members will be able to join the meeting via video or phone. Details will be sent out closer to that date.

## OPENING DAY



We plan to open on **Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Obviously we will not be able to hold the usual pot luck lunch.

If possible we will be open for registration for the 2021 season and will hold an afternoon jitney.

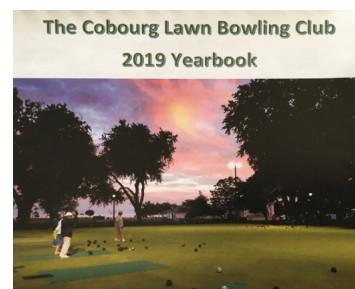
We will let you have the exact times of these events in due course.

## CLUB CLEAN UP



We do not yet know whether members will be able to use the clubhouse this year. Since some cleaning was done inside last year (thank you Donna Longman) more will be required following the work on the clubhouse. We propose to have a clean-up on **Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

We will need to limit the numbers and will be asking for volunteers to help with this in due course.



We will not be publishing a Yearbook for 2021.

Without knowing how things are going to unfold it is not practical to produce one.

We will use the website to publish details of events and use newsletters.

Don't forget that there is a calendar on the website so that should be your go-to resource for keeping up with what is happening.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees will remain the same for 2021.

As many of you know, the clubs' liability insurance is covered by the OLBA dues that each member pays as part of their membership fee. Last season, with the uncertainty of play due to COVID-19, OLBA waived their dues but still covered our liability insurance. That will not be the case for 2021. However, OLBA dues will not increase in 2021 as expected. As a result, our membership fees will also remain unchanged for 2021.

We need to submit OLBA dues in June. Therefore, we ask that all returning members (except youth bowlers, not participating in adult events) pay their full membership fee by June 5th, even if you do not plan to play until later in the season.

### 2021 Membership Fees

Full Adult	\$175 (\$140 for those who pay OLBA DUES at another club)
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New Adult Bowlers	\$130
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Social	\$10
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Youth with adult privileges	\$55
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(If we have a Youth Section this season: \$40 per youth; \$35 for a sibling youth)

There are a few ways to pay your dues and/or make donations to the club:

e-transfer to [clbcmemb@gmail.com](mailto:clbcmemb@gmail.com)

By Cheque: Payable to The Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club

BROUGHT TO THE OPENING CLUB EVENT (Saturday May 15)

OR Mailed to: Donna Ball, Treasurer

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## Club's Current Financial Position

The Financial Report is on the next two pages.

The data for 2020 was verified as accurate, thanks to Mike Place who conducted the internal audit again this year. The report shows our Final Financial Position at year end. It includes: 2019 (for comparison to a normal year); 2020 (a COVID year); & the budget for 2021 (based on still having restricted play).

Please review and direct any questions to your executive committee, through the club treasurer Donna Ball ([marydonna@cogeco.ca](mailto:marydonna@cogeco.ca)).

Highlights from this financial report:

**The club lost \$7,359 in operating cash last year and we expect to run at a loss again this year.**

But loss due to COVID is not our only concern. In a normal year, about 60% of our total revenue is generated by membership fees. While our fees have remained unchanged since 2017, club costs have steadily increased over those four years. (For example: Water Rate/Sewer Rates have increased 20% during that time.) While we are hopeful that we will be able to maintain a healthy membership after COVID, when we can return to “normal play”, we must all recognize that membership fees will need to increase in future seasons if the club is to survive.

We need your support now with early payment of membership fees this season and by continuing to support us when we increase fees in future.

# The Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club

As of May, 2021  
Prepared for Spring AGM - MAY 2021

## Financial Report

2021 Estimated Budget Assumes We Will Still Be Playing Under Some COVID Restrictions For The Majority Of 2021

Revenue				Expenses			
	Nov 30/2019	Nov 30/2020	Budget 2021		Nov 30/2019	Nov 30/2020	Budget 2021
	Normal Year	COVID Year			Normal Year	COVID Year	
Interest from Investments	\$245.31	\$271.81	\$270.00				
(Reinvested at time of renewal, therefore not included as Revenue in this report)							
Interest and Dividends	\$37.64	\$23.34	\$0.00	Taxes & Lease	\$3,172.45	\$3,218.24	\$3,300.00
Lockers	\$490.00			Insurance	\$1,604.88	\$1,648.08	\$1,700.00
Membership Fees	\$16,263.00		\$9,000.00	Membership Expenses	\$152.74	\$0.00	
[ 2021 Revenue from Membership Fees, assumes fewer members than is 2019.				OLBA & District 14	\$3,747.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
The more members who join this year, the better will be the club's financial position for the future. ]				[ Your OLBA Dues cover the Club's Liability Insurance for each member & is part of your Club Membership Fee.			
In 2020 - Fees Collected for Modified Play & Member Donations (to help Support the Club)		\$5,354.80		These were waived in 2020, but must be paid in June for 2021. ]			
General Donations to the Club	\$530.00	\$850.00	\$500.00	Lakefront Utilities	\$3,986.63	\$5,791.41	\$5,500.00
Sponsor for June New Member Nights	\$300.00			Office	\$406.09	\$325.44	\$250.00
Special ParticpACTION Grant	\$500.00		\$500.00	Publicity	\$777.39	\$237.53	\$200.00
Donations - Specifically for Youth Program	\$450.00			First Aid Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Jitneys	\$438.15			Yearbook production	\$389.85	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year Book Ads (Will Be Carried Over)	\$550.00	\$450.00		Tournament expenses (In 2020: for 2019 Trophy)	\$113.01	\$16.95	
Tournament Sponsors (Will Be Carried Over)	\$3,250.00	\$1,350.00		Kitchen and House	\$562.26	\$0.00	
Tournament Proceeds	\$1,262.00		\$100.00	Support of Youth Program	\$489.00	\$0.00	
Share the Wealth	\$881.00			(Donations to Pgm / % School User fees / 50/50 from Youth Events)			
User Fees	\$236.00			Maintenance of Greens/Surounds & Equipment	\$2,658.74	\$2,090.72	\$2,300.00
Monday Night League	\$198.00			General Property Maintenance	\$955.52	\$60.41	\$200.00
BBQ - Profit (Excluding last BBQ)	\$462.65			Electrical Upgrade in Clubhouse in 2019	\$3,462.32		
Miscellaneous	\$659.25	\$123.71	\$150.00	Misc: Non-COVID Expenses	\$463.51	\$119.66	\$50.00
General Revenue	\$26,507.69	\$8,151.85	\$10,250.00	Misc: Specific to COVID-19 (signage, sanitation supplies)		\$202.69	\$50.00
Funds Carried over		\$1,800.00	Estimate	General Expenses	\$22,941.39	\$13,711.13	\$15,150.00
Club Operating Revenue	\$26,507.69	\$6,351.85	\$10,250.00	Club Operating Expenses	\$22,941.39	\$13,711.13	\$15,150.00
Loss in Operating Cash in 2020 (due to COVID-19) - \$7,359.28				ESTIMATED Loss in Operating Cash in 2021 (due to COVID-19) - \$4,900.00			

## SUMMARY

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Actual Bank Balance (as of Nov 30/2020)			\$13,126.69
Cash in Bank for Foundation Fund Nov 30/2020	\$5,857.44		
Amt. Raised For Foundation Fund in Early 2021		\$156.35	
Money carried over from 2019 (cancelled tournament)	\$200.00		
Money carried over from 2020	\$1,800.00		
(Sponsors prepaid for Ads & Tournaments)			
Total Additional Cash (as of Nov 30 2020)	\$7,857.44		
Operating Cash Bank Balance as of Nov 30/2020			\$5,269.25
ESTIMATED Club Operating Revenue in 2021	\$10,250.00		
ESTIMATED Club Operating Expenses in 2021	\$15,150.00		
ESTIMATED Operating Cash Bank Balance End of 2021			\$369.25
<b>Additional Cash in Bank - as of May 2021</b>			
Carried Over Sponsor Money (from 2019 & 2020)	\$2,000.00		
Money Raised for Foundation Repairs	\$6,013.79		
New Horizon's Grant for Foundation Repairs	\$20,000.00		

Club Investments			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	Nov 2020
Reserve Fund (RIC) - matures July / 2021	\$6,384.68	\$6,467.68	\$6,538.91
Contingency Fund (RIC) - matures Oct / 2021	\$18,871.62	\$20,046.95	\$20,247.53
	\$25,256.30	\$26,514.63	\$26,786.44

TOTAL CLUB ASSETS			
	2018 Nov 30	2019 Nov 30	2020 Nov 30
Operating Cash in Bank at Year End	\$10,192.23	\$12,828.53	\$5,269.25
Revenue Carried Over - Cancelled Tournament in 2019			\$200.00
Revenue Carried Over from 2020 Sponsors			\$1,800.00
Foundation Fund	\$2,532.26	\$5,585.28	\$5,857.44
Investments at Year End	\$25,256.30	\$26,514.63	\$26,786.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,980.79</b>	<b>\$44,928.44</b>	<b>\$39,913.13</b>

The New Horizon's Grant should cover the bulk of the foundation repairs. Any additional funds required to complete this project will be covered by the Club Money Raised for that purpose. Once the Foundation Repairs are complete, any unused funds will be allocated to the next club maintenance project. Unless absolutely necessary, these funds will not be used for General Operating Expenses.

Fund for Foundation Repairs	
Excess from Garage Fund in 2018	\$2,532.25
Foundation Fund (raised in 2019)	\$4,553.03
Less Retainer: Architectural Design for Foundation Repairs	<u>- \$1,500.00</u>
<b>Total (as of Nov/2019)</b>	<b>\$5,585.28</b>
Amount Raised in Early 2020 - Calendar Sales	<u>\$272.16</u>
<b>Total (as of Nov/2020)</b>	<b>\$5,857.44</b>
Amount Raised in Early 2021 - Calendar Sales	<u>\$156.35</u>
<b>Current Total (May/2021)</b>	<b>\$6,013.79</b>

## FUNDRAISER

You may remember that last summer we had a fox who visited regularly and would sun itself on the veranda.

This inspired Donna Longman to do a couple of paintings and to write a Fox/COVID 19 poem. Donna is inviting bids for her paintings and funds raised will go to the club



This painting is called "The Lazy Fox" It is oil on canvas and measures 14"x10 1/2". Outside dimensions are 20x16 1/2"



This painting is called “The Inquisitive Fox”  
It measures 12x11” and the outside dimensions are  
13 1/2 x 12 1/4”



If you would like to bid for either (or both) paintings please email or phone Donna with details of your bid and which painting you are bidding for.

As bids are received we will email details of the latest bid to all members and encourage higher bids! The closing date for bids will be Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>

And finally, here is Donna's poem. The winning bidders will receive a signed copy from Donna

### *The Fox, the Green, and Covid-19*

*All alone, he lies, sprawled out on the deck  
The sun pouring down, warm on his neck  
He gazes over the edge and across the green  
No one is there - 'cause of Covid-19*

*He enjoys the privacy prompted by social distancing  
Not one person to disturb his reminiscing  
As he stretches one leg then curls up in a ball  
He could be safe here all summer, even till fall*

*But there is one or two that come through the locked gate  
The Fox decides that he had better not wait  
He hides under the clubhouse, keeping very alert  
And waits for the greenskeepers to finish their work*

*And the ditch duty damsels to pull out the weeds  
Before they mature and spread all their seeds  
A yellow carpet of dandelions flower in the spring  
It's okay with the Fox, but it's not up to him*

*The dandelion diggers appear on the scene  
Lawn care must continue through Covid-19  
The Fox watches all, and lounges carefree  
He knows when they finish, they will leave him be*

*For how long till the bowlers return to play  
He doesn't have a clue, and neither do they  
But with hopes and with passion and the coming vaccine  
The bowlers this year hope to return to their green.*

2021

Donna Longman

## NEW BOWLERS

We hope to be able to attract new bowlers this season but it is unlikely that we will be able to hold open sessions on Wednesday evenings in June or to hold an Open House. We will advertise that we are “open for business” but arrange specific appointments for new bowlers to come and try out. So, as always, we encourage you to invite your friends, neighbours, relatives to fix an appointment and “Give it a Try”.

## CLUB WEBSITE

The club website is being updated to include sponsors and advertisers, normally listed in the Year Book.

Recent changes include an additional section on the history of short mat bowling in Cobourg which has been written by Donna Longman.

The website for the Cobourg and District Sports Hall of Fame ( <https://cdshf.ca/> ) now includes the history of both lawn bowling and short mat bowling.



Executive Committee has decided to hold it in the Fall of 2021, hopefully at the club. So don't throw out all those unwanted items yet. **Hang on to them until the Fall and help to raise money for the Club.**

## GREENS

Pat Bylok and Bob Bates had previously offered to hold a garage sale at their house in 2020 as they did in 2019. We did hope to hold it in the Spring of 2021 but given the current Covid-19 situation the

We have dedicated teams for cutting the greens and for looking after the surrounds but can always use more help. If you have some time to spare please let Bill Arthur know.

**GOOD BOWLING  
AND STAY SAFE**