

COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB



April 2022



Editor's Notes

Welcome to the April edition of the Newsletter. The season opening draws ever closer and although we have had the odd

warm day we have a return to winter as I write this. Despite that the greens are looking pretty good for this time of year and in April our excellent green staff will start to get them ready for our May 14 opening. Contrast how they look now compared with this month's cover photo from opening day in 2014 following the Christmas ice storm of 2013. Lots of news for you this month and we start with an appeal from Carol Dewey.

Help Wanted

Seems like everywhere I go these days there are signs posted, "HELP WANTED". Restaurants, retail stores, grocery stores all echo the same plea. Now I know you lawn bowlers, for the most part, are not really interested in getting back into the work force, BUT you probably have some knowledge and skills that could well be put to good use. The Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club needs you! Enjoy working on the computer? The club is looking for someone to help with the website (*Ed see article later about website*)

Have a background in advertising? The club is in need of a volunteer to help with "spreading the word". Like working with a team of people? There is a vacancy on the Executive Committee that needs filling.

PLEASE consider your strengths and bring them forward to help continue the success of the CLBC. Don't be shy! Contact myself or any member of the EC. We will be delighted to hear from you! Carol Dewey, President (cardew42@me.com)

Carol Dewey

End of Covid restrictions

Now that the government has lifted most Covid restrictions the club will follow government policy with regard to our operations this season. This means:

- the clubhouse will be fully open
- lockers will once again be available for rent at \$10 for the season (contact Mary Thibault)
- pre-booking is not required for jitneys (*hurrah says Ed*)
- we will resume payment for jitneys with prize money being given to the winners
- the jitney cost will be \$1

Members do not have to provide proof of vaccination and mask wear is optional.

There will no longer be a need to keep one empty rink between each rink in play and we will resume delivery of the jack by the leads.

Payment of membership fees

As you already know the membership fee will remain at \$175. Once we open you can pay by cheque or cash when you visit the club. Alternatively you can pay right away by sending a cheque to:

Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club, PO Box 61, Cobourg K9A 4K2

Interac e transfer can be made to clbcmemb@gmail.com

Cheques should be made out to Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club

Who is a novice bowler?

A bowler is classed as a novice during their first five years of bowling. For example someone who started bowling in 2016 would be able to play in novice tournaments up to and including 2020. However, since there has been no official play in 2020 and 2021 a 2016 bowler is still classified as a novice for 2022. A bowler who started between 2016 and 2019 is given two extra years.

Ontario Championships

Entry to the Ontario Fours, Pairs and singles is open which means anyone can enter. To play in the remaining events, novice combination fours (a new event), mixed pairs, seniors, triples and novice singles you have to qualify through District playdowns. If you win your District playdown you proceed to the Ontario championships for the event as District champion. The Ontario mixed pairs and seniors champions then qualify for the national championships. There are no national championships for novice combination fours, triples or novice singles.

I would encourage the novices in the club to seriously think about entering a team in the novice combination fours. There have to be two women and two men on the team. It is a new event and is a different format to normal. Contact me for more details.

Bill Arthur

**We buy sell and exchange all bowling equipment and accessories.....
Why not bring along your wife or husband and get a wonderful bargain!**

Website news

If you have looked at the website recently you will have seen a number of changes following our upgrade from the free Weebly version. The aspect that I want to talk about here is the new member pages.

I will shortly be issuing invitations to the 2021 members to create a log in to access the member pages. It will take me a little while to do this so don't be concerned if you don't get an invitation right away. You will receive an email inviting you to sign up using your email address and create your own password.

Once you have done that you will be able to access the member pages by clicking the log in link at the top of the home page. Those of you who have not been members since 2019 will receive your invitation after you have paid your membership, as will new members.

After you have logged in you will have access to the membership pages. You will find the following pages:

- organization chart showing who does what
- list of members with phone numbers and email addresses
- calendar and volunteer roster (names of volunteers have yet to be uploaded)
- general information for members about the club
- constitution and bylaws
- archive of Newsletters which can be downloaded
- members message board

When you first log in please check that your contact details on the member list are correct. Please notify Helen Beaton and me of any changes.

As time goes by we will develop this section of the website even further. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvements please let me know. I hope you will find this development useful. I know that many of you liked having a printed Yearbook but having information on-line makes it more readily available and we can update it at a moment's notice. If you would like a printed copy of the calendar please let me know.

Finally, as mentioned in Carol's item (Help wanted) I would like to make a plea for a volunteer to assist me with the website and to learn how to post material. At present I'm the only person who can edit the website and knows the password! You don't have to be an IT genius, it's all user friendly.

Bill Arthur

Club Calendar

You can find dates for various events in three places on the website.

1. On the About us page on the website.
2. On member pages with the names of volunteers for the different events.
3. On the tournaments pages of the website

OLBA -- What do they do?

Part of your membership fees goes to the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association, currently \$35 for every adult member. So what do they do with that affiliation fee? OLBA Director and Cobourg club Secretary Nan Hendren gives you the lowdown on what they do.

1. Establish policies and procedures in compliance with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for funding requirements as a PSO - Provincial Sport Organization
2. Organize and manage the District and Provincial play down tournaments to determine representative teams from Ontario to play in the national BCB championships
3. On-going communication with member (117) clubs through the District Chairs, club presidents, the Annual, website, social media, YouTube, email
4. Provide clubs with necessary Insurance coverage for liability
5. Provide clubs Marketing support for membership drives
6. Develop and delivery Coaching and Umpire certification programs in compliance with Bowls Canada
7. Develop Long Term Athletic Development programs -- learn to play, learn to compete
8. Volunteer recognition and appreciation awards program including Hall of Fame induction
9. Provide assistance and guidance to clubs with respect to:
 - Return to play protocols for COVID-19
 - Grant applications
 - Greens care and maintenance
 - Governance - By-laws, Policies and procedures
 - Strategic planning and operational plans

Nan Hendren

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.
If you make tea in the club house,
Please empty the tea pot, then
stand upside down on the draining board!

OLBA Districts

The 117 Ontario bowling clubs belong to one of 16 Districts. Cobourg is in District 14 and the other clubs in District 14 are Bobcaygeon, Cannington, Lindsay, Oshawa, Peterborough, Pickering, Port Perry and Whitby. We have a District 14 Committee consisting of (currently) Chair (Bill Arthur), first vice chair (Alan Steffen, Oshawa) and a second vice chair (Alan Hudson, Bobcaygeon). The role of the District Committee is to co-ordinate the schedule of open tournaments for publication by the OLBA; to organise District playdowns; to communicate with clubs on various issues; to provide feedback to the OLBA on grassroots issues.

Committee members serve two years in their post with others moving up. So my term of office will end in October 2022 at which time Alan Steffen will take over as Chair, Alan Hudson as first vice chair and there will be a vacancy for the second vice chair.

Bill Arthur

Dress Code Violation

The jeans and top are OK but not the shoes. 😊



Georgia takes her kids to the **bowling club** where Mayor Paul Randolph (played by Scott Porter) "happens to be there".

This scene was filmed at the **Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club** in Victoria Park.

Image courtesy of Netflix - Map

Yard Sale

We are holding another Yard Sale on Saturday May 8th. Although we have a lot of items left over from the yard sale held in the Fall we welcome more donations. (*Ed - a chance to get rid of those unwanted Christmas presents?*)

Donations can be brought to the club in the week leading up to the sale and we will let you have details of times for donations in due course.

Volunteers will be required to help sort and price items on Friday May 6th and on the day to help with the running of the

sale. If you can help in any way please contact Carol Dewey.

Funds raised will go to the ditchboard replacement project as the cost is likely to exceed the New Horizons for Seniors grant.

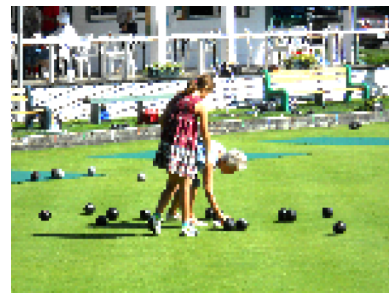


Photo Quiz

Admittedly the photo quiz for last month was pretty difficult given the poor quality and the masks but congratulations to Dale

McMillan who came pretty close. Her answers were (l-r) Man with tie, Mayor Henderson, Bill Arthur, Mike Place, man with tie, another man with tie, ? And Nan Hendren. The men with ties were Brian Geert (the new Town of Cobourg Community Director), Raymond Cho (ON Minister for Seniors) David Piccini MPP. The ? Is our own Terry Dyche. Dale's prize is to get to play with me in a jitney.

This month's photo is a little easier. Can you identify one or both of these bowlers?



Well, well, well I've got some space left so let's have

Another parrot joke.

One day a man went to an auction. There, he found an exotic parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding. He kept bidding, but kept getting outbid, so he went higher and higher and higher.

Finally, after bidding much more than he had intended, he finally won. The bird was his! As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the auctioneer, "I sure hope this parrot isn't defective. I'd hate to pay this much money only to find out that he can't talk!"

"Of course he can talk," said the auctioneer. "Who do you think kept bidding against you?"

Until next time.....