

COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB



August 2021



Editor's Notes

In this month's edition we have news of our first club tournament in almost two years and news about what's happening through the

remainder of the season. Congratulations to Nan Hendren and to Bob Bates who correctly identified the July mystery photo as the entrance to the Brookside Correctional facility

We start with a plea from President Carol Dewey.

HELP WANTED

Any organization requires leadership and the CLBC is no different. If we are to continue as a well functioning club we need people to come forward and offer their skills and talents. We have been very fortunate during the pandemic to have an EC that has continued to meet and establish procedures that have given members the opportunity to bowl. Grants have been applied for and received and necessary improvements made to the clubhouse. These things would never have happened if people weren't prepared to come forward and offer their time and talents to the CLBC. Other clubs have not been able to do so and have folded. We don't want that to happen here! In September at the general membership meeting we will be establishing our leadership team for next year. At the moment we need someone for President, Vice President and an EC member to oversee Property. Are you that someone? Please don't be shy! Contact myself or any member of the EC and indicate your willingness to serve. We need your help!!

Carol Dewey (cardew42@me.com)

Anniversary Tournament

This year is the club's 114th anniversary and the EC felt it would be a good idea to celebrate with a tournament. This was held on July 31st and we played two games of 12 ends. There were 10 triples teams and the winner was the team of Peter Stuart-Sheppard, Eve Gorringer and Gail Cunningham



with 2 wins and 3 3 points. Second was Carol Dewey, Tom Bevan and Irene Flood/Dale McMillan with 2 wins and 28 points. Third with one win and one loss was Ken Bevan, Mary Salter and Brian Rogers with 30 points. You can see more photos

from the event on the website.

Greens

You may have noticed that it rained quite a lot in July! I can't ever recall cancelling three successive jitneys. On the positive side we saved some expenses through not having to have the sprinklers on as much but on the negative side we had scenes like this when turning up to cut the grass.



Although we have a lovely location the proximity of trees and squirrels does result in problems like these.

Yes, this is a result of a squirrel digging in the green. And you thought the ants were bad enough!

Upcoming Events

On Sunday August 8th we head to Lindsay to take up a challenge from their club. Six triples teams from each club will compete. No prizes but just bragging rights. There will be a return challenge in 2022 in Cobourg.

On Saturday August 14 we will hold another club tournament. That will be three 8 end games but will be two bowl triples.

On Saturday August 21st we will be hosting an Open Triples tournament. Teams from other clubs will be coming to play 3-12 end games. Cobourg members are invited to enter their own teams.

- Cost is \$15 per player (\$45 per team)
- Must enter as a 3 person team, not individually
- Team can be Mixed, all Men, or all Ladies
- Team members to wear matching colours (i.e. white, white top black bottoms, etc)
- Sign up by eMail to bbates103@rogers.com . . . or there is a sign up sheet at the club.
- Start time 9:30 am . . . should end approx. 5pm

Any questions please call Bob Bates at 416 890 6931

And finally on Saturday September 4th we will hold the club singles championships.

Property (Foundations)

To complete the project for which we received the New Horizons for Seniors Grant we will be doing some more work on the north side of the clubhouse in the Fall. This will improve the drainage from the north green so that the flow of water does not affect the foundations. Also the patio stones will be relaid to direct water away from the foundations.

Thanks to Mary Thibault and Donna Ball the veranda railings and glass are sparkling after they gave them a much needed clean .

Commonwealth Games and the 43c stamp

The XXII Commonwealth Games will be held in Birmingham, England in 2022 and Donna Longman (with the help of Jane Johnson) has provided this article which looks back at some previous Commonwealth Games and in particular the XV Games held in Victoria BC and which spawned an unusual short mat bowling prize.

In the early days of the Cobourg Short Mat Club, one of the tournaments we held annually was called the "John Schumann Tournament". John and Bertha Schumann, who were also members of the Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club, were the sponsors. On March 15, 2003, the grand prize (or part of) was a brand new **unused Canadian 43 cent stamp**. Not just a common stamp, but a special stamp first issued on May 20 1994 commemorating the 1994 XV Commonwealth Games held in Victoria, British Columbia.

The draw-master was Glen Lauder and the team skipped by John Johnson along with his vice Marilyn McMillan received the winning cash prize along with an envelope containing a 'stamp'.

Prior to the Games the Organizing Committee announced that traditional ceremonies by Native Peoples would welcome the world to Matolya (VICTORIA BC) as host of the XV Commonwealth Games being held August 18-28, 1994. The Coast Salish people, along with the neighbouring nations of Nuuchah Nulth and the Kwagwiltz form the Native Participation of the Commonwealth Games. In partnership with BC Hydro, an official sponsor, the design and production of the "Queen's Baton" was commissioned. Carrying a message from the Queen, it is a Commonwealth Games symbol akin to the Olympic torch. Three aboriginal artists, Charles Elliott of the Coast Salish Nation (Tsartlip), Art Thompson of the Nuuchah Nation (Ditidaht), and Richard Hunt of the Kwagwiltz Nation (Fort Rupert), combined talents to produce this unique sterling silver baton. It incorporates a wolf and frog from the Salish, a wolf from the Nuuchah Nulth and a raven and eagle with a frog in its mouth from the Kwagwiltz culture. The message relay begins at the Buckingham Palace and will travel across Canada before reaching Victoria. At the Opening Ceremony, the message from the Queen contained within it will be read aloud.

Canada Post, another official sponsor, has incorporated the Queen's Baton into the design of the six stamps being issued to commemorate the XV Commonwealth Games.

At the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam, reporter M.M. (Bobbie) Robinson of the "Hamilton Spectator", proposed that British Empire Games be organized for Hamilton in 1930. "They should be merrier and less stern, and will substitute the stimulus of novel adventure for the pressure of international rivalry" of the Olympic Games. Dubbed the "Friendly Games", they contributed some of the most memorable athletic events of the century. Roger Bannister of England defeated John Landy of Australia in 1954 at Vancouver when they ran their "Miracle Mile". Ten world records fell to the wayside at Cardiff in 1958. Canada has

always done well at these Games. On home turf in Edmonton in 1978, Canada made its best showing to date : 45 golds, 31 silver and 33 bronze for a total of 109 medals. In Scotland in 1986 and New Zealand in 1990, Canadians won a total of 115 and 113 medals respectively, but placed third on golds both times. Both the name of the Games and the events have changed over the years. The 1930 "British Empire Games" became the "British Empire and Commonwealth Games" in 1950. They became the "British Commonwealth Games" in 1966 as more participating nations became independent. Finally in 1974, the present name of "Commonwealth Games" was adopted. From the six sports staged at Hamilton, the Victoria Games will feature ten sports: aquatics, athletics, badminton, lawn bowls, boxing, cycling, gymnastics, shooting, weightlifting and wrestling. Lacrosse is the "demonstration sport". At these Games, women do not compete in boxing, wrestling and weightlifting. Athletes with a disability will compete in six events in three sports: lawn bowls, athletics and aquatics.

The game of bowls is thought to have originated in ancient Egypt, spreading to China, Greece and Rome and eventually to Britain, where, in 1299 the first club was formed. British officers introduced the game to Canada, building the first green in 1734 at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. Today more than 25,000 Canadians participate to one, two, three or four person teams. Canada has won seven medals, including a silver in men's pair in 1990 in New Zealand. Vigorous athletic endeavours are juxtaposed against the framing features of flowers and the Queen's baton. The lacrosse stamp depicts a rose while a



narcissus is seen on the lawn bowls stamp.

In researching this article, I found a **used** stamp for sale on eBay for more than 3 times its original value = \$1.49.

Researched, and submitted by Donna Longman
Inspired from a conversation with Jane Johnson who is in possession of the 'stamp'.

Short Mat Bowling

It may be the middle of summer but plans are underway to hold the Canadian Short Mat Championships at the Cobourg Community Centre between November 15th and 20th. This Championship will also play a part in deciding the team to go to the World Championships in Herentals Belgium in March 2022. The Worlds have twice been postponed (2020 and 2021) because of Covid-19 but will hopefully go ahead next year. Entries opened on July 1 for the Canadian Championships and you can find details at www.csmba.org

If you haven't played short mat bowls before why not give it a try when we start the season in October? We will have more details nearer the time.

Garage Sale

The garage sale to raise funds for the club will be held at the club on **September 25th**. This will be your big chance to clear out your garages and basements of those heirlooms which unfortunately you have no further room for. More details nearer the time.

Bowls Canada

Part of your annual membership fee goes to OLBA and Bowls Canada (currently \$30). If you wondered what Bowls Canada does with your money here is a chance to find out by watching this video where Anna Mees, the CEO of Bowls Canada discusses what they do

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZE4rTnsMmjs>

Jitneys

Since we moved into Phase 3 of Return to Play at the beginning of July, I have been keeping a record of the scores. Every player receives the number of points that their team scores in a game whether it be a win or a loss and the top 5 in the standings at the end of July are:

Mary Salter	115 points
Carol Dewey	108
Bill Arthur	86
Dale McMillan	82
Bozana Brick	81

Auction Update

The current bidding for the two fox paintings by Donna



Longman stands at \$60 for the painting on the left and \$55 for the one on the right. Bids to Donna please.

New Bowlers

Although we were not able to hold our new bowler evenings and Open House this year we have been able to offer lessons by appointment to anyone interested. The public-



ity has attracted quite a few people for lessons and we are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Lydia Smith, Rod Chicorli, Gail Cunningham, Sheri Perkins, Terry Dyche. Other new members (who have bowled elsewhere) are Peter Stuart Sheppard and Mary Salter. Additionally Bill McNab has returned to the club.

We have a number of potential new bowlers "in training" and will hopefully lead to some more new members.

In Memoriam

Thanks to Donna Longman the In Memoriam page on the club website has now been published and will be kept up to date. Clearly with a task like this Donna is not able to guarantee that some of the earlier entries are completely accurate or that there have not been any omissions. If anyone spots errors or omissions please let Donna or me know.



Picture Quiz

I expect a bumper number of entries for this month's quiz as it is so easy. 5 extra

points on your jitney score if you get it right.

And Finally

How to correct all your bowling faults. I don't know who came up with the chart on the final page. I came across it on Twitter and thought you may be interested.

Good Bowling

