

Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club



**August 2023
Newsletter**

Editor's Notes

August is here and lawn bowling activities come thick and fast. We have more new members and we welcome them to the club and to this Newsletter for the first time. Thank you for the kind comments I have received about the Newsletter and I hope you enjoy this one as much as last month's. Read on for more and an apology from me for a mistake in the photo quiz last month to which I had many responses. I have something different for you this month in addition to regular features

Welcome

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Wanda Bannan, Sue Foote, Brian Gardner, Pat McCann, Donna and Jim Newton, Debbie Racine, Ann Ronco, Julie Southwood, Stephen Straughan and Emma Wetherall. If you have any questions about the club or need assistance with anything please contact our membership secretary Helen Beaton or any member of the Executive Committee (EC). On the member pages of the website you will find an organization chart and lots of helpful information for new members.

Jitneys

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to answer the jitney format survey. Based on the information you provided, it seems that the survey participants preferred the 1 X 12 end game over the 2 X 8 end game, with 42 votes for the former and 17 votes for the latter.

Additionally, there were suggestions for other formats, such as the 2 X 6 end games, and the idea of time limiting the games was also brought up. However, it was decided not to include these aspects in the current survey, but they can be considered for future surveys or discussions.

The executive committee now has a clear understanding of the preferences of the participants for the jitney format.

Thank you.

Laura Mounce

Cleaning your bowls (a useful tip)

A few days ago I played in a tournament at our club. During the game someone used a permanent or indelible marker on my bowls to mark it as a 'toucher'. I tried to remove it but even Grippio would not get rid of the marking. With a set of bowls now costing over \$700 it was upsetting to have my bowls marked like this. Then I remembered a trick I found online using a magic eraser and WD40. You spray WD40 onto the magic eraser and use it to wipe over the area where it is marked. Guess what, it worked a treat and I now have a clean set of bowls once more.

Please, please, do not use permanent or indelible markers. You can buy the spray chalk for \$13 from MPV or you can buy a white wet erase chalk marker from Walmart for only \$5.68.

Just as an additional note, you can also use the magic eraser and WD40 trick to remove paint scuffs on your car if someone has damaged it with their car. Someone did this to my car while I was parked at our club and this trick worked wonders to clean up all the damaged area.

Terry Dyche

End of Season Dinner

This has been arranged for Friday, September 22nd at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm at the Legion.

It will be a sit down dinner with beef, veg, salad, coleslaw and a dessert and the cost is \$30.75 which includes tax and gratuities. There will also be a cash bar. Vegetarians have the option of having the dinner minus beef, but extra vegetables or bringing their own meal.

If you would like to attend please email me at louisabarthur@gmail.com to book your seats. You are welcome to bring guests. I will be collecting the money. Cash or Chques. Cheques should be made out to The Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club.

Louisa Arthur

Cobourg Branch 133
Royal Canadian Legion
135B Orr Street Cobourg, On K9A 0J9



Strawberry Social

A big thank you to Sheri Perkins and Mary Salter for organising the strawberry social on July 4th and to Jen Wetherall for the delicious scones. Seventy Five people turned out for this event.



Louisa Arthur

Away Days

♪♪ Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to.....♪♪ (Lindsay, Kingston, Campbellford, Bobcaygeon, Oshawa, Cosburn Park, Woodstock – insert as appropriate).

Our members have been out and about playing at many locations during July and detailed reports can be found on the website. But here's a quick round up:

Monday July 3rd, Campbellford. Three ladies triples teams competed. No prizes.

Wednesday July 5th, Kingston. Bob Bates and Pat Bylok and Peter Stuart-Sheppard played in a pairs tournament. No prizes.

Sunday July 9th, Lindsay. A friendly against Lindsay with 24 bowlers travelling there. Nine wins for Cobourg, six for Lindsay and one game tied.

Friday July 14th, Campbellford. Bob Bates, Pat Bylok, Louisa and Bill Arthur played in a pairs tournament. No prizes.

Tuesday July 25th, Bobcaygeon. Three Cobourg teams competed in a mixed triples. Prizewinners were Bill Arthur, Nan Hendren and Louisa Arthur. OK, it was only the last game high prize but what a magnificent score, 18+6 with 2 against.



Sunday July 30th, Cosburn Park. Bob Bates and Bill Arthur went to Cosburn Park for a men's pairs. No prizes but two wins and one point short of the prize money!

Back Home - Tournament round Up

July got off to a bang (fireworks – geditt?) We had a fine Canada Day tournament which followed the usual traditions. Breakfast in the Park, members photo call, Canada Day cake, red and white dress code and, before I forget, there was a bowls tournament! And a fine tournament it was. Nan Hendren, Anne Leahy and Lisa Collins winning the trophy.

The other club tournament was the Anniversary tournament on Saturday July 15th. There was cake (again) and on this occasion the winners were Terry Bradshaw, Nan Hendren and Dot MacRae.

On Saturday July 28th the heavens opened and the Windmill club tournament had to be cancelled. Sponsored by the short mat club, this tournament is named after the small windmill that was used in the centre of the mat before we moved to a block. (see photo)

Late News: this has been rearranged to Saturday August 5th



The other open tournament which we hosted was the Milligan open triples. Sponsored by Dan and Sharyl Ann Milligan in memory of their parents Ron and Trudy it was won by Ricky Lau and Lan Tran from Agincourt who were playing with Cobourg's Martin Foxhall.

First of all my apologies. There were eight differences between the photos and not seven!

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Special congratulations to Donna Longman and her grand kids who spotted two additional errors that I unintentionally introduced during the edit.

Here is a slightly different challenge for you this month. Caption this photo taken on Canada Day.



And we have a trivia question posed by Donna Longman.

Did you know that lawn bowling in its early days was played keeping men and women apart.

What year did the Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club's 'men's section' and 'ladie's section' join together to form one club with one executive? Answer next month. (Hint: check out the website)

Friendly Club Challenges

We have two 'Friendly' matches scheduled for August.

- Thursday Aug 17: Cobourg at Wilmot Creek
- Sunday Aug 27: Lindsay coming to Cobourg

The Sign-up sheet for Wilmot Creek is almost filled up so get your name in soon if you would like to be part of the Cobourg contingent. The Wilmot Creek club is just a quick 20-25 minute drive from Cobourg.

We are hosting the match with Lindsay at our own club. The signup sheet is up on the board.

Details:

- We play 2 – 10 end games with a brown bag lunch in between
- Start time is 10am
- You sign up as an individual and we will make up the teams
- If you have certain people you want to play with let me know and we will try to accommodate you.
- All players will be given directions to the Wilmot Creek club. You arrange your own transportation or ride sharing. They have plenty of parking.

Come out and meet players from other clubs and see how their greens compare to ours. You will have plenty of friends there to enjoy the experience with.

Bob Bates

Ontario Championships

The last of the open championships was played at Cosburn Park on July 16th and 17th. Peter Stuart-Sheppard and Bill Arthur were competing but in double knock-out play they both lost their first two games and were eliminated.

The first of the District 14 playdowns was held at Oshawa on Saturday/Sunday July 23rd and 24th. We had two teams competing, Carl Ferguson and Nan Hendren and Bill Arthur and Mary Salter. The Cobourg teams were drawn in the same group and it needed a tie breaker between the two Cobourg teams to decide which of them would go into the semi finals. Bill and Mary were the victors but they lost their semi final game 18-19. Three Districts had no entries which meant that our District was offered a second spot at the Championships. In an unexpected turn of events the second place team declined the invitation which means the losing semi finalists Bill/Mary will play Gord/Marion in a playoff in Oshawa on August 3rd.

The team of Al Bell, Sheri Perkins, Breent Perkins and Lynn Bryans competed in the District 14 Novice Combo Fours at Pickering on July 29/30. It was a tough weekend playing in the rain on Saturday and the competition from three Pickering teams was more experienced than them. They finished third and have gained experience of this level of play for the first time which bodes well for the future. Hopefully you have seen the email which the team sent to members about the experience.



Bill Arthur

Open Tournaments August and September

The 2023 season of Open Tournaments has been well received with the number of entries higher than 2022 in all events. This is partially due to more outside entries as players from other clubs feel more comfortable coming out after the Covid years and more of Cobourg's newer members trying tournament bowling. Cobourg teams have done very well. We have won 2 of the 5 events so far and at least one Cobourg entry

has been in the money in every tournament.

There are currently two sign up sheets on the board for our two August tournaments:

The Bill & Louisa Arthur Novice Triples tournament on August 10th currently has 12 entries. There is still time to find a couple teammates and enter a team.

The August 17th Mixed Pairs tournament has 17 entries. This leaves only 3 spots open so don't wait too long to get your entry in before it fills up.

The sign-up sheets for our two September tournaments (Sept 4 Mixed Pairs & Sept 7 Open Pairs) are on the bulletin board. We have 12 entries already from outside teams for each event & expect a couple more, so get your teams in early to avoid missing out playing in the cooler September weather (Entries are limited to 20 per event).

Bob Bates

(bbates103@rogers.com)

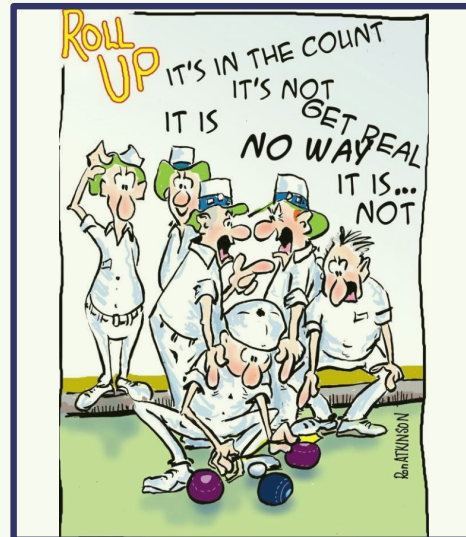
Greens

How many times do you see bowlers just dump their bowls on the green when they are starting a game? Even experienced bowlers do it. I saw this sign at the Oshawa club. Please remember it next time you start a game.



**PLEASE RESPECT
OUR GREENS
SET YOUR BOWLS
DOWN GENTLY
DO NOT DROP
THEM ON THE GREENS
USE GROUND SHEETS
IF THERE IS DIVOTTING**

Fun Corner



Monday Night Competitive League

We are several weeks into the league now and the top team is that of Carl Ferguson, Nan and Mike Hendren. They are unbeaten after 7 games, having won six and drawn one. All to play for to decide who plays who in the play-offs.

Monday Night Standings

Rank	Team	Points	Played	Wins	Lost	Draw	PD
1	Hendren	13	7	6	0	1	10
2	Bailey	8	6	4	2	0	29
3	The Titans	7	6	3	2	1	8
4	Cobourg Rollers	6	5	3	2	0	10
5	Bates	6	7	2	3	2	-16
6	Shirley	5	5	2	2	1	1
7	Pink Ladies	4	6	2	4	0	-16
8	Perkins	4	6	1	3	2	-23
9	Down Lucy	1	6	0	5	1	-28

Coaching and Clinics

During July we held two clinics, one for new skips and then a combined vice/skip clinic for members new to those positions who had been unable to attend a previous clinic.. They were well received. It is unlikely that we will be able to fit in another one this season but if anyone would like a pdf copy of the slides used at the clinic please let me know. We hope to put on a Weight and Line Clinic for new bowlers during August and for more Friday afternoon practice sessions. However we have limited resources for doing this so please be patient.

Bill Arthur

Canadian Youth Championships

The Championships were held in Regina from July 26th to 29th. There were separate events for Under 18 and Under 25. Sarah van Steijn was the team manager for Ontario and our club was represented by Jacob Hyatt in the U18s and by Baylee van Steijn, Ben van Steijn and Emmalee Smith in the U25s

Thirteen year old Jacob, at his second youth Nationals, placed fourth in a field of eleven players. A great achievement for one so young. Baylee won the silver medal. After an unbeaten round robin she lost 14-21 in the final to her friend and Team Canada team mate Jordan Kos. Great preparation for them ahead of the World Championships.



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Club celebrates anniversary

The Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club is 109 years old and, as members do every year, they celebrate with an anniversary tournament.

But this year members had more to celebrate than usual with an award ceremony to the club greens keeper and a celebration of a bronze medal win by Baylee van Steijn at the Canadian junior championships.

Ralph Stoffers has been volunteer greens keeper for the last five years. Despite having no previous experience of greens keeping he has, through hard work and much research, produced greens that become better every year and are recognised by visiting bowlers as amongst the best (if not the best) around.

To recognize his achievements and the many hours of voluntary work, Stoffers was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association. In a short ceremony prior to cutting the anniversary cake (donated once again by Cobourg Foodland), club President Steve Haslam congratulated Stoffers and presented him with the certificate.

Two people who have benefitted from the excellent Cobourg greens are juniors Ben and Baylee van Steijn. Access to such good greens has undoubtedly helped them in their lawn bowling careers. Ben has also been working with Stoffers to learn about greens keeping and that plus his work at the Cobourg Ecology garden resulted in him receiving a scholarship from the Cobourg Horticultural Society, which seems rather appropriate at this time as it was Horticultural Society members who formed the lawn bowling club in 1907.

Ben and sister Baylee were in Vancouver last week competing in the Canadian junior championships, their second appearance at the championships. After the round robin, Ben had a 4-2 record and 12 points. However to have a chance at competing for a medal 15 points were required. He finished tied for fifth place in a field of 18 which was an excellent



President Steve Haslam presented Ralph Stoffers with a certificate of appreciation this past Saturday.

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The winners of the HTM Insurance trophy were (from left) Donna Longman, Thelma Eastcott, Roy Thorneycroft and Bonnie Sheridan.

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performance.

Baylee finished in fourth place in 2015 but this time went one better to finish third and take home a bronze medal. Struggling with flu throughout the three days of competition she finished the round-robin in fourth place with a 4-3 record. Her opponent in the

bronze medal game, Emma Boyd (B.C.) had beaten her 18-10 in their round robin match and when Boyd took an 11-4 lead (first to 18 points wins) it looked bad for van Steijn. However in an epic match van Steijn clawed her way back to take bronze with an 18-17 win. Her bronze medal confirms her place

in the Canadian youth development squad for another year.

During this very hot summer, the heat relented slightly on Saturday which was a relief for the bowlers in the anniversary tournament. The tournament was once again sponsored by HTM Insurance and 10 triples teams competed for the trophy.

Each team played three 10-end games and after the first round the top teams were those skipped by Bill Arthur, David Brister, Carol Dewey and Donna Longman. After the first round Longman stood down and Roy Thorneycroft substituted as skip for the final two games.

The Arthur and Brister teams both suffered losses in the second round after which the Dewey and Thorneycroft teams were the only teams with two wins and that meant they would play one another in the third and final game to decide the tournament winner. In a high scoring game Thorneycroft with vice Bonnie Sheridan and lead Thelma Eastcott won 15-12.

The full result of the HTM anniversary tournament was: Trophy winners - Roy Thorneycroft/Donna Longman, Bonnie Sheridan and Thelma Eastcott with three wins and 35 points; second - Ann Tough, Louisa Arthur and Wilf Stender with two wins and 35 points; third - Carol Dewey, Steve Haslam and Patricia Stender with two wins and 30 points; the prize for the team with the highest one win score, went to the team of Gerry Childs, Marilyn McMillan and Fran Marsh with 31 points.

Winners of recent club jitneys were: July 26 - Donna Longman and Mike Place; July 28 - Ken Wren, Judy Hickey and Nancy Fargo; Aug. 2 - Norma Stoffers, June Bowman and Margot Phillips.

For more information about lawn bowling in Cobourg visit the club's website at www.cobourglawnbowlingclub.weebly.com.

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Poetry Corner

Warning by Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me,
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
Or only bread and pickle for a week
And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the street
And set a good example for the children.
We will have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practise a little now?

So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised

When suddenly I am old and start to wear purple

Whats on in August

(Excluding regular jitneys and Monday Night League)

Saturday August 5th	Rearranged Windmill tournament
Thursday August 10th	Open tournament - Novice Open Triples
Saturday August 12th	Club Singles Championships
Tuesday/Wednesday August 15-16	District 14 senior triples playdowns (Cobourg)
Thursday August 17th	Club friendly at Wilmot Creek
Saturday August 19th	Open Mixed Pairs
Thursday August 24th	Club Novices tournament
Saturday August 26th	Youth open tournament 4321
Sunday August 27th	Club friendly against Lindsay (Cobourg)

Editor's sign off

As always, feedback is welcome as are articles from any member. As you know, Baylee van Steijn will depart for Australia later this month and on the following page I have attached a schedul of her games and the website you can go to to follow results.

Until next month.....

Bill

Fours Section 1	https://world2023.bowls.com.au/event-info/schedule/		
Round 1	Norfolk Island	August 29	8.30am
Round 2	India	August 29	11.30am
Round 3	Australia	August 29	2.45pm
Round 4	Ireland	August 30	8.30am
Round 5	Bye		
Round 6	Botswana	August 30	2.45pm
Round 7	USA	August 31	11.30am
Triples Section 2			
Round 1	Switzerland	September 5	8.30am
Round 2	Wales	September 5	11.30am
Round 3	Japan	September 5	2.45pm
Round 4	Jersey	September 6	8.30am
Round 5	Cook Islands	September 6	11.30am
Round 6	New Zealand	September 6	2.45pm
Round 7	Zimbabwe	September 7	11.30am
All times are local (Brisbane) EST is minus 14 hours			
Brisbane	EST		
8.30 am	6.30 pm day before		
11.30am	9.30 pm day before		
2.45pm	12.45 am		