

COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB



August 2022



Editor's Notes

The calendar moves on. Somehow we are into August and yet I'm convinced the season has just started. I've just had an email from the OLBA about venues for the 2023 Ontario championships - give us a break! And did you know that entries are being taken for the Canadian short mat championships here in Cobourg in November (more about that next month). Maybe it's time to buy some Christmas presents. Anyway, back to the present.

July round-up.

July went so quickly and so much happened that I had to look back at the weekly news on the website to remind myself what happened! So, here goes with a quick review of July.

July 1st – it was great to hold a Canada Day tournament again and be part of the Town celebrations. Bob Bates and Tom Bevan were the winners. If you haven't already seen it, check out the YouTube video.

<https://youtu.be/7rcl3jKdrzc>

July 2/3rd – Jacob Hyatt wins silver at the Ontario under 18 Championships.

July 11th – friendly tournament against the Lindsay club. I'll gloss over the results!

July 10/11th – Ontario singles championships where Bill Arthur made it to the top 16 out of 40 bowlers.

July 13th – the Milligan open triples tournament was won by Mike Mogan's team from Cosburn Park.

July 15th – Bob Bates and Pat Bylok were second in a Campbellford mixed pairs tournament.

July 16th – we held the club anniversary tournament to celebrate 115 years. The winners were Baylee van Steijn, Vince Tamburello, Jen Wetherall and Brent Bayley (the latter two shared the day).

July 23rd & 24th – we hosted the District 14 mixed pairs playdowns which were won by Baylee van Steijn (Cobourg) and Jake Masterson (Peterborough)

July 30th – the club Windmill tournament was won by Mary Salter and Hobson McMaster

You can find more details on all these events on our website at <https://www.cobourglawnbowlingclub.ca/news>

From the archives (2017)

Once upon a time Cobourg had a daily newspaper and every week in the summer lawn bowling news was included. When we were 110 years old we were front page news.



Ontario Mixed Pairs

On August 6th and 7th we will host the Ontario mixed pairs championships. Sixteen teams will compete for the right to represent

Ontario at the Canadian national championships in Windsor. Our hopes lie with Baylee van Steijn and Jake Masterson. Although they will be the youngest team competing they are both great bowlers who stand every chance of succeeding.



Please come along and support Baylee and Jake. You will see some great bowling and, for new members, it is a chance to learn about technique, etiquette and strategy from watching excellent bowlers.

What else is happening in August?

We have two open tournaments on August 11th and August 20th. The District 14 seniors playdowns on August 9th and 10th. The club singles on August 13th and of course the normal jitney schedule.

At the time of writing Jacob Hyatt is competing in the Canadian under 18 championships. Ben van Steijn and Emmalee Smith are competing in the under 25 Canadian championships.

The event runs until August 6th and we will bring you the results on the website as soon as possible. That's them on the cover this month. Photo credit Sarah van Steijn.

On August 13th and 14th the team of Sheri and Brent Perkins, Terry Dyche and Gail Cunningham will compete in the Ontario novice combo fours. Good luck to them.

Quiz

The answer to last month's quiz was the cupola on the Victoria Retirement home on University Avenue.

To digress for a moment, the building was originally Victoria College with university status. The annual Convocation, with its evening "conversazione," the College's Literary Society, the debates, discussions, classes in public speaking, and socially prominent affairs made community news, and steady academic development.

After some 50 years of continual growth, there were discussions about Victoria's becoming one of the University of Toronto's federated colleges, and plans were made for it to become part of the Provincial University System. Become part of Toronto University's system it did; and, much to the consternation and unsuccessful legal protest of the 1887 Cobourg Council, Victoria College's academic functions were transferred to Toronto. The last graduating class was in 1892. Today the building remains standing and is used as a Retirement Residence. Only the beautiful old building, atop a hill with a sweeping view right to Lake Ontario, remains.

No photo quiz this month but read on for a quiz question about the laws of the game.

Laws of the Sport of Bowls

The laws are determined by World Bowls. There are 62 pages in the current edition covering some very obscure situations. Whilst I am not suggesting this as bed time reading (although it would send you to sleep) it is recommended that over time you familiarize yourself with some of the laws relating to common situations. You can find an on-line copy of the laws at

<https://www.worldbowls.com/>

Alternatively you can order hard copy through the club.

Question – What happens if you play another player's bowl? Send your answer to billcarthur@gmail.com

New members

In the July Newsletter we reported that we had 45 new members. Since then another 27 people have joined the club. Our adult membership is now 127.

It is great to see how many of you are keen to learn more and are coming out for the Friday afternoon practice sessions which we have been holding.

On Friday August 26th we will be holding the annual club novice tournament. This will be an ideal opportunity to dip your toes into the world of tournaments, if you have not already done so. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the club and you have plenty time to sign up.

Before that tournament starts there will be a short recognition event to celebrate the success of our recruitment campaign which was made possible by a grant by the Ontario Trillium Fund. Even if you are not playing it would be wonderful to see lots of new members at the club as physical proof of the success of the campaign.

You may not realise it but new members outnumber existing members. Here is a breakdown by year of joining:

Pre 2000	13
2001-2010	16
2011 -2015	14
2016 – 2020	7
2021 –	5
2022-	72

New members - you are not alone!



Commonwealth Games Trivia

In 1930 the Commonwealth Games, known then as the British Empire Games, was held in Hamilton Ontario. One of the original Scottish team members (Mr John Kennedy) had died suddenly while visiting friends in Buffalo, New York, on the journey to Canada. The other teams agreed that Canadian Tom Chambers could be used as a substitute even though he was not Scottish.

Special presentations

Finally, referring back to the anniversary tournament there were two special presentations that day. One was to Sharyl Ann Milligan to mark her 50th year in lawn bowling.



The other presentation was to Harry Knapper. Harry was given honorary membership of the club to mark his many years of service. Harry can no longer bowl but still makes the occasional appearance on the veranda.



This photo is of Harry (on the right) with Martin

Foxhall's father Vic. I believe it was taken at the club's 75th anniversary but more senior members may correct me if I'm wrong.



Without volunteers like Sharyl Ann and Harry the club would not survive. If you have time or talent to offer the club don't be shy, step up to the plate.



Until next month - good bowling!