

COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB



July 2021

Editor's Notes

In 2020 we started our season on July 12th so we are in a much better position this year having started at the end of May. Now that we have moved forward into Step 2 of the Ontario re-opening plan we have resumed triples play. More details in this Newsletter.

Congratulations to all of you who have had your second shots and if you have been reluctant to venture out before now, maybe you will think about doing some bowling.

I'm assuming my photo quiz in the June Newsletter was too difficult for you as I did not have any replies. It is part of the mural on the east wall of Audrey's ladies store (next to the Dutch Oven). I've got another one for you this month but am making it a bit easier.

Bill Arthur

Back to Bowls

The Executive Committee has discussed whether or not to resume the jitney format of two games of eight ends but there is a general feeling that one game of ten ends is working well so for the moment that is what we will stick with.

We will also continue with four jitney sessions a week. Just to confirm, the schedule will be:

Tuesday at 7.00 pm
Wednesday at 2.00 pm
Thursday at 7.00 pm
Saturday at 2.00 pm

You still have to book in advance with Bill Arthur

(billcarthur@gmail.com or 289-829-0182).

From June 30th we started to play triples games. To add a little spice and interest we are recording the scores.

Each individual player will receive the number of points that their team scores in a jitney and we will keep standings based on those scores. Who knows, there may even be a prize. If I remember rightly Vince Tamburello (aka Lefty) took the prize last year.



Yes - it was one of last year's most sought after commodities. A bottle of sanitizer!

In-Club Tournaments and Jitneys

Consideration is being given to holding some in-club tournaments later in the season.



This could take the format of one game in the morning and one in the afternoon with a break for lunch.

We would be grateful for any feedback on continuing with ten end jitneys and any thoughts on the format of in-club tournaments.

Are there any other competitions that you would like? We were not able to hold Monday Night League games last season but we could organise teams and have a few weeks of league bowling if people are interested.

It's your club. Let us know what you want to do.

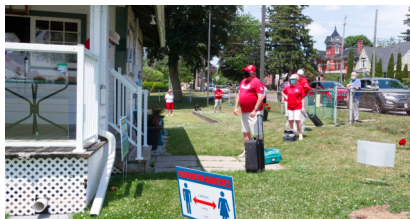


It wasn't quite what we are used to on Canada Day but fun nonetheless. Thanks to our President, Carol Dewey, for providing us with orange ribbons in remembrance of the deaths in residential schools.

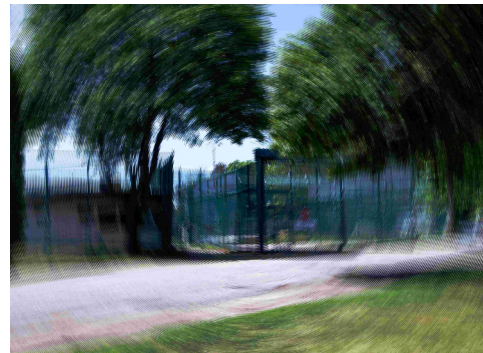
Quiz Corner

Let's see if you can identify this place in Cobourg. Answers to cobourg.lbc@gmail.com

Canada Day



Twenty eight members turned out for our Canada Day afternoon jitney and we managed to miss the rain. We had two rinks of pairs and three of triples. The five winning teams played a game of ten pin bowling to find the top team of the day and that was Baylee van Steijn and Emmalee Smith who each won a Town of Cobourg pin !



From the Archives

Newspaper Report dated September 30th 1910.

“The competition in the Lakeshore Lawn Bowling Association for the trophy presented by Mr W F Eaton, Oshawa, was concluded on Friday last when the final between Cobourg and Bowmanville was decided. The result was in favour of Bowmanville by 42 shots. While the score might indicate indifferent play the fact is that the game was keenly contested and was an exhibition of good bowling on both sides. The Bowmanville club is much older and larger and is admittedly the strongest in the Association. We congratulate them on winning out, and we also congratulate the Cobourg club upon their good and successful play during the season.

In a comparatively new and small club it could hardly be expected that they would be runners-up, and would be in a tie with the final victors in a league with older and larger clubs such as those of Oshawa and Port Hope. Cobourg has therefore every reason to be satisfied with the final outcome.

Mr Eaton and a few friends came down to Bowmanville in two autos to see the game through. In the evening the Bowmanville club entertained the visitors at the Bowman House when a first class banquet was spread at which about sixty sat down.”

Editor's note: Bowmanville and Port Hope clubs are both closed now and Cobourg is the third biggest club in the District after Pickering and Oshawa. I love the fact that in the final paragraph there is reference to coming down in “two autos”. Must have been a relative rarity.

Garage Sale



Subject to any Town regulations we plan to hold a garage sale at the club in September. The date has still to be decided but please hang on to all articles that you want to put into the sale.

Greens

We talk about greens being fast or slow (or heavy) and we can generally recognize ourselves whether a green is fast or heavy. But what do we mean by green speed?

Green speed is the measurement of how “fast” a green is. When bowling on a slow green the bowler would have to exert extra force to get the bowl to finish at the same point as it would on a fast green.

The term “fast” and “slow” is a bit mis-leading as the bowl doesn’t roll faster on a “fast” green, it simply doesn’t slow down as quickly as it would on a slower green. The speed is the number of seconds a bowl rolls at a certain distance before it comes to a stop

To get an accurate reading of speed we use a ramp and a special jack. The jack is placed on the ramp, it is then released and we measure how far the jack rolls from the bottom of the ramp. From that measurement we can determine the speed of the green. Greens in Ontario of more than 13 seconds are considered to be fast. In the height of summer when the greens are hard the speed may be up to about 14/15. By comparison Australian greens are very fast at about 18 seconds.

Currently our greens are running at about 13 seconds.

OLBA Tournament

OLBA is hosting a “Back to Bowls” tournament in August. Events are Ladies Pairs, Mens Pairs and Mixed Pairs, The events will be held in Windsor and Woodstock between August 21st and 29th. There will also be a Novice tournament at Woodstock on September 11th and 12th.

Additionally there will be Youth Singles (U18 and U25) but at the time of writing the location for these is not known

All tournaments are open and details of how to enter are on the OLBA website. www.olba.ca

Finally

Nothing to do with bowling but if you want three minutes of relaxation watch this video. Copy the link into your browser if it does not work automatically.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLAGto2gPXg>