

Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club



**July 2023
Newsletter**

Editor's Notes

Welcome to the July issue and happy Canada Day. It seems not a minute since I was putting together the June issue and now it's Canada Day. We have tournament updates, Provincial Championship updates, more new members, new greens equipment and more. So, enough from me, let's get on with it.

Welcome

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Ian Hartford, Helen and Henry Kowalski, Karen Little, Ken MacLeod-Beaver, Terry Shannon, Carolyn and Lyle Skidmore, Phil Taylor, Penny Watson, Cathy and Wes Witlox, Irene and Gary Miller, Maggie Lester and Megan La Belle. 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.

President's Message

It's hard to believe we are almost into our third month of bowling. It's been great to see so many of our new people from last year returning and jumping in to help out with the various tasks around the club. Welcome back and welcome to those of you playing for the first time. Our membership is now up over one hundred.

At their recent meeting the Executive Committee (EC) revisited the format for jitneys and have come up with a compromise that should reflect the position of members informally polled. Beginning in July, Monday and Wednesday jitneys will be at 10 am and will be one 10 or 12 end game as determined by those playing taking into consideration the outdoor temperature.

Tuesday jitney will continue to be at 7 pm and will be two 8 end games following the format used pre Covid of losers moving down one rink and winners up one rink after the first game. Thursday jitney will be one 12 end game, again at 7 pm. Saturday jitney will be two 8 end games with a refreshment break in the middle.

We will try this and again review this format at our July EC meeting. Just a reminder to arrive at the club at least 15 minutes before start time to allow the office people time to do the draw. And don't forget to put your tag in on arrival!

Good bowling, everyone!

Carol Dewey

President

Fundraiser for Baylee van Steijn

As you are aware, Baylee will be travelling to Australia in August to represent Canada in the World Bowls Championships. Flight and hotel expenses are paid by Bowls Canada but there are some expenses that are not covered. To help raise funds for the trip the van Steijn family would like to invite the club members out to the Bewdley Arena on August 12th for a ham and scalloped potato dinner at 5.00pm. There will be some raffle prizes, 50/50 and a find the marked card game. \$20/ person with dessert included! If you leave hungry, it's your own fault!



Sarah van Steijn

Greens Report

Efforts to restore the grass in the west ditch area have encountered some delays. However, after multiple attempts at replacing grass plugs, Mike implemented an effective strategy. By adding additional topsoil and reseeded, significant progress has been made. To safeguard the newly seeded area from squirrels, wire mesh has



been installed. The mesh will be removed shortly, but for now, please refrain from walking on it.

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of the long-awaited new lawn mower. The greenskeepers and Executive team

eagerly anticipated its delivery. Thanks to a generous grant from New Horizons, we were able to acquire this valuable asset.

Al Bell

Monday Night Competitive League

The Monday night league faced a slow start due to inclement weather. The opening night had to be cancelled due to heavy rain. The missed games will be rescheduled to ensure all matches take place. Keep an eye out for the weekly results and standings, which will be posted on the board every Tuesday. Wishing all participants the best of luck!

Al Bell

Club Tournaments

There was only one club tournament in June, the cut throat 4321, which was won by Al Bell. Al was only one point ahead of Kathleen Shirley and there were only 6 points between the top five players. Congratulations Al. The next club tournament will be the Canada Day tournament, one of the highlights of the year.



Open Tournaments

The club hosted two open tournaments in June. A Mixed Pairs on June 3rd and a Men's Pairs on June 24. Both were won by Cobourg teams. The mixed pairs winners were Bob Bates and Pat Bylok and the men's pairs winners were Ben van Steijn and Dan Milligan. Congratulations to them.



There were notable performances in these tournaments by Al Bell and Terry Bradshaw (5th in the Cobourg men's pairs). Al also performed well in the mixed pairs as did Hobson McMaster and Lynn Bryans.

There are also successes to report in open tournaments at other clubs:

Bob Bates and Pat Bylok – winners in a mixed pairs at Cosburn Park

Peter Stuart-Sheppard – wins in mixed triples events in Lindsay and Bobcaygeon

There was another result which should not go unrecognised. In a triples tournament at Campbellford Al and Deborah Gourd played with Brent Perkins and won two of their three games. Their only loss was to the tournament winners. It is great to see some of our less experienced tournament players doing well against seasoned tournament players.

Fun Corner



Travel Assistance

The EC agreed to use Operating funds to provide financial assistance to club members who qualify through District 14 playdowns for out of town Provincial and/or Canadian championships starting in 2023. Players will be eligible to receive \$100 per event.

Bob Bates

Crown Green bowls

When I was a boy growing up in Lancashire, England, bowling meant crown green bowls. My Dad played regularly and occasionally the kids would be allowed to try their hand but I never played regularly and never bowled a bowl again until I arrived in Cobourg. Sometimes I get asked what is the difference between crown green bowls and what we do. Here is an explanation (taken from Wikipedia)

“Crown green bowls is played on a grass surface known as a bowling green or simply the green (usually 45x45 yards). The green usually has a raised centre known as the crown which can often be as high as 30 centimetres above the edge of the green. The green has a ditch around the edge, and slopes on all sides from the crown towards the ditch. Greens are usually rectangular or square, but L-shaped and circular greens also exist.

In crown green bowls, players use two bowls each. Bowls are also commonly known as woods.

The jack, also commonly known as the block, is a smaller version of the bowls used by each player in a game of crown green bowls and also contains a bias.

The player sending the jack can choose to deliver it wherever they like on the bowling green. This ability to bowl an end in any direction is a unique feature of crown green bowls. Players then take it in turns to roll each of their bowls towards the jack. An end finishes when all bowls have been delivered. At the amateur level it is usual for several ends to be played simultaneously on one green. If two moving woods meet, both are taken back and the shots replayed. If a moving wood strikes a stationary wood or jack from another end, it is again taken back and replayed, but the bowl struck is replaced where contact took place. “

Just imagine a game where there are no rinks marked out and jacks are delivered in any direction. The article does not mention it but the jack is delivered from where it was in the previous end. Incidentally you will still hear some Canadian bowlers refer to the bowls as “woods”. Major tournaments attract large crowds



Bill Arthur

Ontario Championships

June saw the start of the Ontario Championship season. The first two events were the Fours in Windsor and then the Pairs in Woodstock , two weeks later. These are open events which means any team can enter. I had the honour of playing in the Fours with Jake Masterson (Peterborough) and from Oshawa John Mackenzie and Rick Lyons. Cobourg's Martin Foxhall was playing with his long time partner David Llewellyn and Rob and Erik Galipeau. Martin's team won Gold and will represent Ontario in the Canadian National Championships in Victoria in August. My team performed admirably finishing fourth and our only two losses were against the gold and silver medallists. In the Pairs I played with Jake and we made it into the last 10 of 25 teams before losing by one point in our final game. You can read a more detailed report of these events on the News page of the website.



Bill Arthur

From the Archives

Thank you to Donna Longman for providing this article about Canada Day in 1990.



Correspondent delivers — Doris Frankowski, the *Hitting the Kitty* columnist for the Cobourg Daily Star, is a picture of concentration in the foreground as she rolls the ball towards the jack during the Co-

bourg Lawn Bowling Club's annual Canada Day outing for the Foxhall Trophy on the club's greens Monday morning. Photo by Layton Dodge

Bowlers celebrate Canada Day

By Doris Frankowski

Cobourg lawn bowlers celebrated Canada Day with the annual club event for the Foxhall Trophy on Monday.

More than 70 members turned out in their tournament whites, trimmed with red and blue befitting the occasion, to participate. The clubhouse also was decorated with balloons and bunting of appropriate colors.

Victor Foxhall, one of the bowlers active on the greens, presented the trophy to the winning trio of Charlotte Coupland, Bruce Eagleson and Jack Summers. Foxhall noted that the trophy was donated and first presented more than 40 years ago.

Col. Gordon King, Agnes Hass, Willa Cook and Shirley Fraser came second. Ross Keenan, Alma McKendrick and

Hitting the kitty

Muriel Moore placed third. Tom Butcher, Bruce Screamon and Joan Sabins finished fourth while Phyllis MacDonald, Kay Wicks and Isobel Cairns wound up fifth.

The traditional spider was thrown before play got underway. The winners were Kathleen Northcott and Don Diminie.

Blake Jones, manager of the Municipal Savings and Loan Corporation, was on hand for the cutting of the cake and presented the club with a cheque, one of the three that the trust company will be donating to the club for its contribution to the community.

President Howard Chandler, who along with his wife Dorothy donated the cake and ice cream for the occasion, accepted on behalf of the club and expressed the gratitude of the members to the corporation.

Chandler thanked Dorothy Allen, Jim Smith and other games committee members for the clubhouse decorations as well as everyone who sent cards and extended good wishes while he was ill.

Mention was made of the fact that the club members all should be very proud to be a part of Cobourg and, especially, of this great country called Canada.

JITNEY JOTTINGS

Last Saturday, the regular mixed jitney was cut short when the thunder and lightning came halfway through the second game.

Charlie Morris, Ellen Lee and Agnes Hendry topped the field. Alma McKendrick, Bob Bryson and Cecilia Morris were runners-up. George Brocanier, Jim Johnstone and Vel McWhirter came third.

In the June 28 jitney, Charlie Morris teamed with Muriel Moore and Art Godsell to take first place. George Brocanier,

Jim Johnstone and Olive Pearse followed. Peggy Lacelle, Ellen Lee and Graham Henderson took third.

Al Hoskin, Doug Moore and Sylvia Cowan won the June 27 morning jitney. The June 26 evening jitney finished with Alma McKendrick, Emily Higgs and Joan Bryson in first place. The women's jitney winners of

June 25 were Doris Brown, Norma Summers and Isobel Cairns.

BOWLS BITS — Dan Milligan and Pres Lavier of Cobourg won all five games in the district men's pairs held here June 23....Twelve new bowlers have joined and paid their dues to date. Nineteen took a few lessons. A junior group also has been formed. Special credit goes to Dorothy and Paul Allen for their time and effort in this endeavor.

Common Faults

Here is a page from the Bowls Canada club coach manual on common delivery errors and how to fix them.

Common Basic Skill Errors	Potential Causes of Error	Common Corrections
Bowl wobbles as delivered	Bowl shifted in the hand during delivery	Recheck your grip with a natural pick up of the bowl
	The middle fingers are not running equally down the middle surface of the bowl	Recheck the position of your middle fingers to align equally down the centre 'line' of the bowl's surface
	Bowl not aligned with Point of Aim at time of release	Adjust grip so that bowl is held correctly and/or ensure follow through is in line with Point of Aim
Bowler 'drops' / lofts the bowl	Player is not bending sufficiently as they deliver	Forward bend at the hips to stay low at the moment of release
	Player is releasing the bowl too early	Focus on rolling the bowl Wait until the arm has moved slightly past the front foot before releasing the bowl.
Bowler misses their line of aim	Feet not positioned along the desired Point of Aim line	Shift both feet to align them with the Point of Aim line
	Shoulders are not kept square to the aim line	Keep both shoulders square and level. Avoid dropping one shoulder
	Eyes looking down towards feet instead of along the aiming line	Keep your head up and your eyes focused on the point of aim.
Full delivery errors	Bowler steps out of sync with delivery arm; too soon or too late	Start the back swing just before your step;
	Arm not extended along the line of aim: delivery hand palm not upward in the follow through	Point with your palm up to your point of aim after the bowl is released

Quiz Time

The second picture has seven differences from the first one. Can you spot them?



Poetry Corner

And now for something completely different, as Monty Python used to say.

Refugees by Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way.

(Now read this poem from the bottom upwards)

Whats on in July

(Excluding regular jitneys and Monday Night League)

Saturday July 1st	Canada Day Tournament
Tuesday July 4th	Strawberry Supper before Jitney
Thursday July 6th	Wicks Ladies Triples
Sunday July 9th	Friendly Match at Lindsay
Wednesday July 12th	Milligan Open Triples
Saturday July 15th	Club Anniversary Tournament
Saturday/Sunday July 22/23	District 14 Mixed Pairs Playdowns (Oshawa) *
Saturday July 29th	Club Windmill Tournament
Saturday/Sunday July 29/30 (Pickering) *	District 14 Novice Combo Fours Playdowns

* For more information on these events including how to enter, contact Bob Bates, Nan Hendren, Peter Stuart-Sheppard or Bill Arthur.

Editor's sign off

I hope you have found this issue useful and informative. Once again I thank the contributors and ask that if you have something you want to share please come forward with ideas and articles.

Don't forget to check the website and social media weekly for news in more detail. I try to round up the month's events in the Newsletter but to get your news early go to the website. Thanks to those who send details of events outside Cobourg and for your photos. It doesn't have to be a report that you won. It might be some news about a club you have visited for the first time or a nearly miss in a tournament or a question about lawn bowling or about our club.

Until next time, Good Bowling

Bill Arthur