

COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB



July 2022



Editor's Notes

What a busy June that was and what a great way to kick-off July with our Canada Day tournament. But the most important news is that our recruitment campaign for new members has paid off with, at the time of writing, 45 new members. Welcome everyone of you to the club. We hope you enjoy lawn bowling for many years to come.

Greetings from the President

June has been a very busy month around the club! Along with hosting a couple of open tournaments and an in club tournament, members have been coming out to enjoy the nice weather and play in the jitneys. More importantly, the response to our ad campaign has been such that our coaches have been VERY busy introducing the sport to interested individuals and our membership has grown! Our thanks go out to Nan Hendren, Bill

Arthur, Peter Stuart Sheppard, Bob Bates, Mike Place and Martin Foxhall for the great job they are doing teaching the basics.



Special thanks goes to our Membership Convenor, Helen Beaton, who has been there every session getting the paperwork done, tags made, name tags ordered, as well as helping out with the teaching. Now we all need to work hard to make new members feel welcome and comfortable in the game. Be positive and helpful. Wear your name tag. Make the game a fun and rewarding experience. Good bowling!

Carol Dewey

Tournament News

Congratulations first of all to Martin Foxhall, who was part of the team that won silver at the Ontario Fours in Hanover. As a result Martin and his team will represent Ontario at the Canadian National championships in Burlington in August. Martin and his partner, Steve Nelson (Heritage club) were also winners at the open men's pairs tournament in Cobourg on June 25th.

We held our first two club tournaments during June. The first, sponsored by Spectacular Water Systems, was won by Mike Place, Dianne Hawryszko and Bozana Brick. At the cut throat (4321) tournament Ben van Steijn took

the honours. In other tournaments around Ontario there were prize winning performances from Peter Stuart-Sheppard, Baylee van Steijn, Bob Bates and Nan Hendren. (*Ed – apologies if I missed anyone out*)

You can find more details of these events on the News page of the website together with photos.

[Ed - the website is upadted weekly with tournament results. If members are playing away from the club please let Bill Arthur have details for inclusion in the weekly news]

Canada Day tournament

It was great to be able to hold this tournament again this year. The bowling green was in superb condition and the bowlers cut fine figures bedecked in red and white. Check out the website for full details and lots of photos. Congratulations to Bob Bates and Tom Bevan who were the winners. They are pictured with Dean Johns from sponsor Thomas Motors.



Club Anniversary Tournament

This year the club is 155 years old. There will be an anniversary tournament on July 16th and to celebrate there will be a BBQ and drinks (bring your own bottle) after the tournament. You can come to both events or just one. Watch out for the sign-up sheet on the club bulletin board. Let's make this an event to remember, to celebrate and to socialise.

Ratings and positions in jitneys

The basic ratings for club members are lead, vice and skip. New members start as leads but as time goes by may be uprated to vice and ultimately skip. The ratings are decided by a small committee chaired by Bill Arthur. Before being promoted from lead to vice and from vice to skip we ask you to attend a short course to learn about the responsibilities of each position. You may not know that we also have what can best be described as interim ratings. These are lead+ and vice+

When there are insufficient vices for a jitney those members with lead+ rating will be selected as vices and similarly if there are insufficient skips, members with a vice + rating will be asked to skip

The large proportion of new members (leads) in the club may cause some short term problems with your position in a team and we will be looking to address this by promoting and training leads as soon as possible.

New members

If new members are a bit worried about playing in jitneys [*Ed - I was when I first started*] remember that with a large number of new members you are not alone. The odds are that your opposing lead will be in exactly the same position as you. The best way to learn, improve and enjoy is to jump in and play.

Barbara Covert

Barbara passed away in June 2020. She was a seasoned bowler who had given up bowling just a couple of years before her death. Her husband Ron was also a fine bowler [*Ed - he was my teacher when I first started*] and although he has given up bowling he still visits us and sits on the veranda or leans over the fence. Anyway, because of the pandemic it was not possible to celebrate Barbara's life. Ron and his family have now arranged this for July 14th at 2.00pm at the Fellowship Baptist Church (next to the Best Western).

Monday Night League (MNL)

The Monday Night League is off to a great start! Participants were divided into teams and the first two weeks we played twelve ends of regular play. The third week, the play was switched up with the first game of eight ends having the jack in switched locations. The second game of six ends was regular play with players switching positions every two ends. With this weekend being the holiday weekend there will be no MNL. Play will resume on Monday, July 11th at 7 pm with all new teams and a continued variety of game formats. To date 23 people have signed up plus two spares. WE NEED MORE! It's not too late to sign up either as a regular player or a spare. Right now we only have two spares! Contact Sarah Van Steijn or Carol Dewey if you're interested.

Carol Dewey

Volunteers

The club is run entirely by volunteers and the more volunteers we have the more weight it takes off other people's shoulders. At the moment we would like more kitchen volunteers (contact Sarah van Steijn) and more volunteers to help with maintaining the greens and

surrounds (contact Bill Arthur). Just a few hours each week from more people will make a big difference. These are not the only ways to help. Give our President, Carol Dewey, a call to discuss what you can do.

From the archives

Thank you to Donna Longman for this article. Very relevant given that the Gordon Insurance tournament was held in June. Spot the 30 year connection.



Jim and his wife Ruth were long time members of the club. Ruth passed away in October 2020 and Jim in October 2021. The Gordon family commemorated Ruth with a tree planting in Victoria Park at the south end of the club.



Photo Quiz

Only one person identified Ben van Steijn as the bowler in the June photo quiz. It was his mother, Sarah!

A non bowling quiz this month. Where in Cobourg is this?



Respect the Greens

Dropping or throwing bowls on lawns for no particular reason is considered inconsiderate. Bowling lawns are delicate and dropping bowls on them could damage the greens. You should not drop bowls on the green. Pick them up gently and place them on the greens.

Fun Time



The club secretary was visiting a fellow bowler in a brand new hospital, and asked about the place and things in general.

"The nurses are very good and so is the treatment" came the reply, "But the food gets a bit boring."

"What do you mean boring", asked the secretary ?

"Well we get "Haggis" for breakfast, "Haggis" for our lunch and then "Haggis" again for supper".

"Well what do you expect", says the secretary!

"THIS IS THE BURNS UNIT!"

What is a wick

A "wick" is when a bowl takes a deflection off of another bowl already in play. Often, before the wick the bowl will be travelling on the wrong line for the shot attempted. This lucky deflection turns a bad shot into a good one.

A wick can be infuriating for the team who are on the opposing side, however, everyone gets lucky from time to time, and its best to enjoy it whilst you have it.

It's important to emphasize the point that a shot is only a "wick" when the bowler bowling didn't intend to make contact with the bowl in play. It is perfectly fine to target a bowl in the head, and to attempt to hit it.

In summary, a wick is a lucky deflection off of a bowl in play that leads to a positive result.

Wicks come in many forms, from slight glances, to massive deflections that take a very wide bowl straight to the jack.

As with every other aspect of bowls, proper etiquette should be observed. Be sure to not get disheartened by your opponent getting a slice of luck, and please try not to cheer when it happens to you!



Jacob Hyatt has been competing at the Ontario Youth championships (July 2 and 3) and performed extremely well. He finished with the silver medal, losing only two of his games throughout. Congratulations Jacob.



That's all folks. Good Bowling.