

# **COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB**



**June 2021**



Welcome to the June issue of the Newsletter. Among other things we actually have some bowling news to report on and we take a look forward to what may happen for the rest of the season.

Donna Longman has provided an article for our "From the Archives" section and Nan Hendren has contributed an article on "Belonging in Bowls". I thank them for their contributions. As I have said many times, I invite members to submit articles of interest for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Bill Arthur (Editor)

### **New Members**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the club to two new members.

**Mary Salter** has bowled previously in England and at Agincourt last year. She also tried out short mat bowling with us during the winter. Mary is currently living in Roseneath and looking forward to moving to a new home in Cobourg next year.

**Peter Stuart-Sheppard** has been bowling for 3 years and was previously a member at Cosburn Park. He moved to Cobourg in March this year and when considering where to move to from Toronto a bowling club was on his list of requirements. We're glad he chose Cobourg.

### **Bowling Schedule**

After two weeks of singles practice we opened for pairs play on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> with 20 members taking to the greens and then a full house of 24 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will play pairs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Tues and Thursday play will start at 7.00 pm. Wednesday and Saturday play will start at 2.00 pm. You may book as far in advance as you wish.

If all goes well we will move to triples play in July once we reach Step 2 of the Ontario re-opening plan.

### **Membership**

Thank you to all who have paid their membership fees and/or made donations to the club to help us keep going in these difficult times. However, our club membership is still only about 50% of what we would expect at this time of year. With the prospect of jitney play in July maybe more of you will feel that it is worth joining.

### **Recruiting New Members**

We are now able to offer free lessons to potential new bowlers but bookings will be necessary. If you know of any potential new members please ask them to contact me to arrange a free lesson. We will also be doing some on-line and radio adverts in the coming weeks.

### **In Memoriam**

In the club house is a board recording the names of members who have passed away. It only goes up to 1974 and we cannot be sure it is complete. The EC has decided that it would be good to add an "In Memoriam" page to the club website. Donna Longman has kindly agreed to take on the task of producing the initial list from records that are available. If you spot any inaccuracies or omissions when it is published please let Donna know.



## **Belonging in Bowls**

The BCB Belonging in Bowls campaign is a rewards program that encourages all clubs to adopt Safe Sport policies and procedures to ensure safe, welcoming and inclusive environments where people want to stay and belong. This will hopefully attract and retain members. The CLBC Executive has registered to be part of this program.

In Level #1, the club needs to:

- **Sign a Club commitment to SAFE sport.**

A signed commitment tells our members and the community that the CLBC will provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where people want to stay and belong.

- **Post the Behaviours and What to do posters at your club.**
- **Submit a plan on how you will circulate the Safe Sport member pledge.**

The posters and pledge encourage our members to do their part to maintain a safe, welcoming and inclusive culture at our club.

In return the club will receive:

- A promotional video to advertise the club in our area.
- A tailored advertisement and social media posts to drive the public to our club as well as a \$10 credit to boost posts.

**By completing Level 1, we are telling all members that the club is dedicated to ensuring everyone has a positive experience.**

Bowls Canada provides a Safe Sport Kit full of resources to help us achieve our Safe Sport goals. For more information you can visit the BCB website.

Stay tuned for updates and information about Level 2 and 3.

Nan Hendren

## **From the Archives**

1941 – Article by E. A. Curry – member of CLBC since 1911:

The passing years have made many changes. I have seen as it were, the Club grow from the little hamlet to the big town of today. There were only four greens when I joined, neatly enclosed by a chicken wire fence, lighted by a string of jets across each way of the green. There were only 20 members; the fee was \$4.00 per season, with the use of the bowls which were kept in a long wooden box on a bench beside the fence. They were all Joseph Taylor Mnfg. made in Scotland. In winter they were stored in a private woodshed – I presume W. H. Hopper's. There has been a big departure in the make of lawn bowls. Most all players own their bowls and use the new composition bowl, which are all tested and stamped by the Dominion Bowling Association. I still stick to the old Joseph Taylor, a beautiful set I won my first year in the doubles. They have always been a bone of contention. "The caretaker, Mr. Pender, got the handsome amount of \$40.00 for the season. Soon another green was added; then four more; then followed the new Club House at a cost of \$1,500, and a substantial fence at a cost of \$525.00; and the beautiful dome lights; the membership increasing to eighty members with the arrival of the Ladies' Lawn Bowling Club. It was a valuable addition; through their cooperation the Club House, with its last improvements and extra greens to the north have been fully paid for. "With reverence I refer to the departed members. During the first 20 years the mortality of the Club was very low, only five deaths, namely: Mr. Jones of the Customs House, Mr. Thomas Green of the New Durham; Mr. Frank Richardson esteemed caretaker; Thomas Moore, George St., and Mr. J. W. Bickle, honoured by a beautiful memorial cup at the cost of one hundred dollars. The other deaths followed closely, namely Spurgeon Troop, Dave Wagner, John Miller, James Johnston, Wm H. Henderson of the Hydro; Dr. Ferris and our esteemed Humphrey Skitch. Just here I would suggest that a memorial tablet be placed in the club house with the names of the departed members inscribed thereon, with any future deaths. "There were also some other deaths of early members who had discontinued playing; namely W. L. Allen, Andrew Hewson, Jas. Bulger, Eddie Hargraft, Ed Guillet.

Donna Longman

## **June is ParticipAction month**



This is an annual event which aims to promote physical activity. The club has received a grant from ParticipAction to help promote the organization's aims.

We will use the grant to pay for radio and on-line advertising to promote free lessons (by appointment).

We are recording the time spent by members bowling and will report the statistics to ParticipAction in justification of our grant.

## **Auction**

You will recall from the April Newsletter that Donna Longman has donated two paintings of the fox that was living at the club last year. These are being auctioned with the proceeds going to the club. One of our members has bid \$30 for each of the paintings (\$60 in total) and has said that if (s)he wins the paintings will be hung in the clubhouse. That seems an excellent idea but I am sure we can improve on \$30 each. Send your bids to Donna.

## **Property**

The work on the foundations has been completed and we are looking to re-lay the paving stones at the back of the clubhouse to ensure that water drains away from the clubhouse. This will also ensure an even surface.

## **Flowers**

Our thanks go to Judy and Dave Hickey who once again have planted flowers in the containers at the club house. They always make sure that the club looks colourful throughout the summer.



## **Greens**

Have you heard the greenskeepers talking about Verticutting and ever wondered what it is and why we do it? Here's the answer:

Verticutting is a process where you use a machine that is similar to a lawn mower. The difference is that it has a number of vertical blades instead of the one horizontal blade.

It is done to remove thatch buildup, which is a combination of dead grass, debris, and more. It is an important part of lawn care so that the lawn always looks its best. Even more importantly for lawn bowlers it improves the speed of the greens.

## **Quiz Corner**

Can you identify where in Cobourg this is. Answers to [Cobourg.lbc@gmail.com](mailto:Cobourg.lbc@gmail.com). No prizes – just for fun.



## **And Finally.**

Bowls Day in Canada was on June 5<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately we were not able to participate as fully as we would have liked. However we did post some photos and video clips on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Check out

<https://youtu.be/mIaH5-8WAi4>

to listen to a conversation with that famous bowler Sir Francis Drake