# COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB



# June 2022

Editor's Notes

I hope you have enjoyed the first few weeks of the season as we try and return to normal. After a warm weekend to open the season the weather has been a little unpredictable and has been up and down but apart from the storm on the Victoria weekend (when several of you got very wet) we have been able to enjoy uninterrupted bowling, if a little chilly at times. Lots to report on so lets get started.

# Advertising and Free Lessons

Our advertising campaign started on May 12<sup>th</sup> with an advert in Northumberland News and the following week our radio advertisements started; then the following week our flyers



started to drop through mailboxes. The upshot of that is that, at the time of writing, about 100 people have signed up for free lessons. Nan Hendren, Peter Stuart-Sheppard, Bob Bates, Martin Foxhall and Bill Arthur have been doing the coaching ably assisted by our membership secretary Helen Beaton. Four learner sessions are carried out each week which puts a heavy workload on the people mentioned and the club is grateful to them for their efforts. Lessons will continue for as long as people request them.

## New Members

We are providing up to 3 free lessons before people have to decide whether or not to join. A few people have completed their course of lessons and have already joined. We would like to welcome the following new members:

Joan and Jim White Brent Perkins Al Purcell David Wilkins Vanessa Howells Peter Delanty Richard Livesey Charles Funnell Anne Abbott

# **Novice Bowlers**

There has been some doubt as to what the rules are on novice bowlers, given the 2 years of the pandemic. Ontario Lawn Bowls Association has recently clarified the definition as follows:

Year Joined	Years of eligibility left		
2015	None		
2016	One (last year is 2022)		
2017	Two (last year is 2023)		
2018	Three (last year is 2024)		
2019	Four (last year is 2025)		
2020	Five (last year is 2026)		
2021	Five (last year is 2026)		
2022	Five (last year is 2026)		

# Got a Question?

I am very flattered that when members have a question you contact me because you think I will have the answer. However, I often get questions when the answers are on the website or in the Newsletters. I know it is easier just to pick up the phone but please look on the website first. And if you can't find the answer please don't automatically phone me. Phone the appropriate person shown on the organization chart which I am publishing again at the end of this Newsletter.

## Bill Arthur

# Yard Sale

A big thanks to all those who helped with the Yard Sale. \$1782 was raised. All remaining items were donated to the Mission Store and Beyond the Blue Box.



# Property

As we prepared for the new season it was discovered that the toilets were either leaking or damaged in some way. Also there was a leaking tap in the ladies washroom. New toilets have been purchased and repairs made. One of our two fridges was not working and the other was so old it was costing more to run it than it was worth. Two re-conditioned fridges have been purchased which will be much more energy efficient.

#### **Communications**

With our modern day communications such as this Newsletter, the website and emails it can be easy to forget the old fashioned paper methods. When you are at the club please check the bulletin boards for sign-up sheets for different events. Without the ability to sign up for events electronically, sign up sheets on the bulletin boards are still a vital part of our communication tools.

Currently there are sign up sheets for

Club tournament on June 9th Monday Night League - starts on June 13th Friendly tournament against Lindsay - July 10th

#### Car parking at the club

We have once again received car parking permits from the Town following our successful Community Grant application. The permits allow parking on Church and Queen Streets.

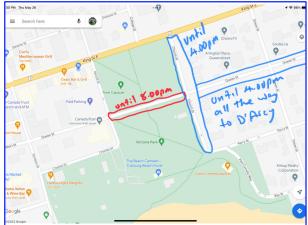
Between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm a permit is required for parking anywhere on Church Street and on Queen Street between Church and D'Arcy.



HOWEVER, a permit is required until **8.00pm** on Queen Street between McGill and Church.



Confused? Here is my attempt to summarise the position.



#### From the Archives

With our first tournament of the season coming up on June 9<sup>th</sup> I looked back at that same tournament in June 2013. Here is the report.

"Quite an appropriate sponsor for the tournament today – Spectacular Water Systems. Rain throughout the first of three games did not deter a determined group of 28 members. Fourteen teams of pairs contested this second in-club tournament of the season and the rain made conditions difficult with wet hands and wet bowls but that did not excuse several cries of "wrong bias!" The guilty will remain nameless.

Fortunately the rain relented during the second game by which time four teams had emerged with two wins each. The top game was Eve Gorringe and Jim Oldham against Marilyn McMillan and Joan McDonald. The other play off was Bill MacNab and Louisa Arthur against Ron Covert and Kuen Jin.

The Gorringe and MacNab teams were both successful but Eve and Jim took the trophy by virtue of their high points total of 43+5. Bill MacNab and Louisa Arthur had 26 points".

*Historical evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers However, all league records were unfortunately lost to antiquity.* 

Thus we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

#### <u>Greens</u>

We are still looking for help with the greens after two

of our regular helpers had to give up. If you can spare some time please contact Bill Arthur for details. Training will be given.

Congratulations to Mike Hendren and Carl Ferguson for the superb state of the greens.



#### **Practice**

Members are welcome to practise at any time when the greens are not in use (for maintenance or for play). If you do not know the combination for the clubhouse door please ask one of the Executive Committee for it and they will also explain where the keys are for the equipment shed.

It is important that when you practise you use the large green groundsheets to protect the greens from damage.

#### **Coaching**

We will be holding some coaching sessions this year once the majority of lessons for new bowlers have been completed. Watch this space!

#### Jitneys and in club tournaments

Another "watch this space" item. We will arrange a presentation on how to be a jitney and in club tournament convener as soon as possible since there are many members who are not aware of how to run these events.

#### Photo Quiz

The May picture was of Dianne Lauder.

Who is this mystery bowler?



#### **Cookery Corner**

I don't think this will feature again in the Newsletter. No recipes have been put forward and Ralph Hewitt tells me he sent last month's recipe to dozens of people by mistake.

Instead here are ideas for cakes for lawn bowlers.





#### **Breaking News**

In the we-fix-u open mixed pairs on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> six Cobourg teams competed along with eight visiting teams. Dave and Kathleen Shirley were in second place with 3 wins and 35 points. Congratulations to them.



There is a report of the event and the full results on the website.

## A bit more from the archives

The Queen's platinum jubilee has been celebrated this weekend. Donna Longman provides this note on what was happening at the club in 1952.



The President of the club

that year was Otto Curtis. I believe the Club was, at that time, a Men's club with president, board etc. There was a Ladies section that was run by the ladies. The fees in 1952 had been increased to \$9.00 - and that included the use of a locker. In 1952 the club borrowed an unspecified sum of money to buy new lights. Those light standards were declared dangerous and were replaced in 2003 with what we have now.

Ed - Sorry - no room for parrot jokes this month!

# **Organisation Chart**

# THE COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB BOARD - 2022

	Exe	cutive			
Past President		President		Treasurer	
	Carol	Carol Dewey		Bob Bates	
Recording Secretary Nan Hendren		Corresponding Secretary Sharyl Ann Milligan			
					Director
Mary Salter	Sarah Van Steijn	Bill Arthur	Peter Stuart-Sheppard	Terry Dyche	
Jitneys	House	Greens Committee	Coaching Program	Property	
Al Gourd	Donna Longman	Chair	And New Bowlers	Mike Hendren	
	Fran Marsh	Mike Hendren	Nan Hendren		
			Bill Arthur	Garden	
Membership	Kitchen/House Supplies	Open Tournaments	Sharyl Ann Milligan	Dale McMillan	
Helen Beaton	Sharyl Ann Milligan	Bob Bates	Ratings	Lockers	
			Bill Arthur	Mary Thibault	
Youth	Kitchen		Donna Longman		
vacant	Sharyl Ann Milligan	In-club Tournaments	Helen Beaton		
		Bonnie Sheridan	Fran Marsh		
	BBQ Committee	Donna Ball		Yearbook	
Telephone	Harry Knapper		Publicity and	Steve Haslam	
Eve Gorringe	Dale McMillan	Monday League	Communication	Nan Hendren	
	Dianne Lauder	Carol Dewey & Sarah	Bill Arthur		
		Van Steijn	Gerry Childs		
Short Mat Contact	First Aid		Mike Place	Long Range Plannin	
Donna Longman	vacant	Sponsorship		Chair	
		vacant	Bowls Rental	Ken Bevan	
<b>Belonging in Bowls - Safety Officer</b>	Sunshine		Share the Wealth	Mike Place-Grants	
Nan Hendren	Cash Eddy		Ralph Hewitt		