

Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club



**June 2023
Newsletter**

Editor's Notes

The season is off to a great start and there is lots to tell you about this month including super turnouts for the Spring meeting and the opening day. We have held new bowler lessons, welcome back Wednesdays, workshops for new vices and our first tournaments are in the bag. And there is lots to look forward to in June. Also great news about Baylee van Steijn being selected for the Canadian team that will compete in the World Championships on the Gold Coast of Australia in August. There is a summary of Baylee's bowling career in this edition.

Welcome

We would like to welcome the following new and returning members to the club:

New: Tammy Browes-Bugden, Alan and Anne Featonby, Ian Hartford, Frances Maher, Lori Wills

Returning: Jacques Avery, David Carleton, Sharon Clegg

President's Message

What an amazing start to the new season! Great attendance at the General Membership meeting. Lots of help for Cleanup Day. Super participation at the Potluck Opening Day. Thank you to all those who have already stepped forward and are helping out with the many jobs to be done and for those of you who have signed up for jitneys, kitchen , greens or one of the other tasks. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank the coaches who are volunteering their time on Wednesdays at the refresher practice sessions and are introducing the game to newcomers, prospective members of the club. Your dedication and commitment does not go unnoticed. In this newsletter you will find lots of information on bowling and activities around the club. Enjoy reading it all and if you have any questions or suggestions just send them to any member of the Executive Committee. See you on the greens!

Carol Dewey

The Greens

Our grounds team have put in a lot of work in preparing for opening day and it showed. The greens were in great shape. With the addition of the new boards the rinks are looking great, but we are still working on improving the rink markers.

We put out the call to our newer greens volunteers and have had a great response. We are getting more people trained on all the equipment and taking some of the pressure off Mike and Carl. I would like to thank them all for there dedication and hard work.



Ernie and Mike repairing our sprinkler system)

Al Bell



Wedding Bells

Emmalee Smith and Ben van Steijn are getting married on August 19th. We will be celebrating the future van Steijns at noon on June the 4th with a roast beef lunch!

We will also have a raffle table, a card game and a 50/50. \$20 a ticket and contact me for tickets!

Sarah van Steijn

sarahvansteijn@hotmail.com or 905 342-3061

Monday Night Competitive League

We had some request for the Monday night league to be a little more competitive. In the new league, players will be able to submit there own triples team and go head to head with the other teams from our club.

The league will start June 12 and a sign-up sheet with more details is posted at the club. There is also an option for those who would like to fill in as a spare.

Al Bell

Club Shirts

We have had some questions about where to purchase the club shirts.

Mill Valley Trophies Ltd on Division St have the club logo.

If you would like to purchase a shirt there are 2 ways.

1. Buy your choice of coloured shirt from Mill Valley and they will put on the logo.

Shirts cost approx: Up to XL - \$34.00

2XL - \$36.00

3XL - \$38.00

Plus the logo price and taxes

2. Buy your own shirt and they will apply the logo.

Logo cost \$13.00 plus taxes

Orders go in every Friday and will be ready in approximately 2 weeks.

Laura Mounce

Vice Clinic for new Vices and Lead plus

The ratings committee arranged for newly designated Vices and Lead plus members to attend a clinic on the Role of the Vice. Nan and Bill delivered the clinic to 16 members. The session included a power point presentation and some measuring demonstrations on the green. It was great to see so many newly rated members attend – with lots of questions. A copy of the presentation was sent to all attendees.

New Vices – any questions please ask. If you missed the session, we will try to arrange another time.

Skips -- Please be patient with our new Vices and help them out as they learn their new role!

Baylee van Steijn

As mentioned in the editor's notes Baylee van Steijn has been chosen as one of the five member ladies team competing at the World Championships later this year. This is a much deserved accolade for 22 year old Baylee and the culmination of many years of hard work and gradual progression through the lawn bowling ranks.

Baylee started bowling at the Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club when she was 8 years old. With expert coaching from Sharyl Ann Milligan she soon came to the fore in youth bowling and on two occasions in 2014 and 2015 was Ontario youth bowler of the year. Her first national recognition came in 2016 when, as a member of the Canadian Development squad, she competed in the North American Challenge against the USA. In 2018 she played again in the North American Challenge and in that same year she made her first overseas trip as a member of the Canadian team competing in a ten nations challenge in Wales, coming home with a bronze medal. In 2019 she won the gold medal at the Ontario youth singles.

After a two year break in competition due to Covid van Steijn enjoyed a successful season in 2022 winning the silver medal in the Ontario Pairs with Jake Masterson of the Peterborough club. They went on to win the bronze medal at the Canadian National Championships.

The World Championships will be played at the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia between August 29th and September 10th.

Bill Arthur

New Member Lessons

We have been advertising free lessons for new bowlers for some time on the website and on social media and on May 11 started running half page adverts in Northumberland News. These adverts are running for 4 weeks and direct people to go to our website and click the link for up to 3 free lessons. To date we have had about 30 responses keeping our coaches, our email administrator and our membership convener very busy. While we don't expect as many new members this year as last we do hope some of the people taking the lessons will join. The program of free lessons will continue through June and then on an ad hoc basis as required.



The Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club is having

FUN!

bowling at our club in beautiful Victoria Park!

This great sport is also

**SOCIABLE! EASY TO LEARN!
INEXPENSIVE! HEALTHY EXERCISE!**

We offer various levels of play for all ages & skill levels.

For more information, including FREE LESSONS visit our website at www.cobourglawnbowlingclub.ca

Recycling and Garbage

We have recycling bins available at the club for everyone to use.



Please make sure you use the correct bins. If you are not sure which one to use, please ask.

Also, please make sure to not leave any food waste in the washrooms. (used paper plates)

The washrooms garbage is not always emptied right away and food waste can attract unwanted animals.

Open tournament

Our tournament season got underway in the traditional manner with an open fours tournament on Victoria Day sponsored by Lauria Hyundai. The defending team was Derek McKie, Martin Foxhall, David Llewellyn and Pierre Vanderhout and after two games it looked like they may be en route to retaining their trophy. However they came up against Cary and Mark Lucier (Windsor) and David and Rob Steffen (Oshawa) who played very well to take the trophy.

In club tournament



The first in club tournament of the season was on May 27th and was sponsored by Spectacular Water Systems. The winning team was Brodie Johnston, Dave Carleton and Bonnie Sheridan. The full result is on the news page of the website.

Website Updates

You don't have to wait for the monthly Newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening because I update the website at least once a week. Check the News page each week for details of all that has happened and more detailed reports of tournaments.

Some Statistics

We mentioned the Northumberland News adverts earlier on. They direct people to



our website and it is useful to know that this results in peaks in website traffic and that the adverts are getting results.

On social media we have 383 Facebook followers and 285 Twitter followers.

The Laws Of The Sport Of Bowls

The official rules for Lawn Bowling are established by World Bowls. These rules (Laws) are published in detail in a booklet titled "Laws of the Sport of Bowls". Some rules are modified occasionally and new booklets are printed. The current booklet is the 132 page 2022 addition called 'Crystal Mark 4th Edition'. Copies are available for sale at the club (\$14).

The rules as printed are meant to be enforced in all major competitions. The 'Controlling Bodies' of a competition or club game may alter some aspects of the rules to suit the type of competitions they are playing. In games played at our club such as Jitneys & Club tournaments (which are not events leading to a Provincial Championship) the Club is the Controlling Body.

We have not gone over every rule in the book but I have outlined a couple of the situations that come up quite frequently during play at our club where the club has decided to apply the rules as noted below.

Note: Club players are not expected to know the exact rules for every situation that comes up and not every situation is covered in the rules. If in doubt of the rule players should use their common sense and a spirit of fair play when making decisions.

Bowls from one rink going into the adjoining rink

- If the bowl going into the adjoining rink is on the wrong bias then any player from either rink may stop it.
- If a bowl at rest is in danger of being moved by a bowl in motion from the adjoining rink then any player from either rink may choose to lift the bowl at rest to allow the other bowl to pass and then replace it as long as this action would not influence the outcome of the head . . . or . . . stop the bowl in motion. If the bowl in motion from the adjoining rink was on the correct bias and may have returned to its own rink it may be replayed.

Note: The original rules are written for Championship play on rinks wider than ours and where this situation occurs much less frequently.

Note: Where a bowl can not be safely stopped it should be allowed to hit the bowl in the adjoining rink. i.e. do not risk injury by running to stop a bowl.

In all cases common sense should be used before entering a neighbouring rink and moving bowls.

Bob Bates

District 14 Playdowns (Novices)

In the May Newsletter we said that the locations for the District 14 playdowns for novice combo fours and novice singles were to be determined. The novice combo fours will be held in Pickering on July 29-30 and the winners will compete in the Ontario championships which will also be held in Pickering on August 26-27.

The novice singles playdowns will once again be held in Bobcaygeon on September 2-3. The winners will play in the Ontario championships which will be held in Cobourg (ladies) and Tilbury (men) on September 23-24.

For more about these events and how to enter speak to Peter Stuart-Sheppard, Bob Bates, Nan Hendren or Bill Arthur.

Club Dinner

At the Spring General Meeting members completed a survey asking whether they would like to hold a club dinner. The options were to do this at the time of the Anniversary tournament or at the end of the season. The majority were in favour of holding it at the end of the season. We will let you have further information in due course.

Louisa Arthur, Sheri Perkins, Mary Salter

Social Committee

Friendly Games with Lindsay and Wilmot Creek

This year we are again planning to play some “Friendly” games with the Lindsay & Wilmot Creek clubs. These matches in the past have proven to be fun for all the players involved. They give all members new & old a chance to experience play at another club in an atmosphere less competitive than tournament play.

This year’s dates:

- Sunday July 9: Cobourg at Lindsay
- Thursday Aug 17: Cobourg at Wilmot Creek
- Sunday Aug 27: Lindsay coming to Cobourg

Sign-up sheets will go up approximately 1 month before each date.

The maximum number of players that can participate is 24 (8 teams of triples) from each club. It may be less dependent on how many teams the other club can field. In the past our sign-up sheet has filled up pretty quickly so don’t hesitate to put your name down when the list goes up.

This year we & the Lindsay club are holding at least 8 spots open for Novice players (5 years of experience or less). We hope this will encourage our newer members to participate..

Other details:

- We play 2 – 10 end games with a brown bag lunch in between
- Start time is 10am
- You sign up as an individual and we will make up the teams
- If you have certain people you want to play with let me know
- If you have someone you don't want to play with (spouse?) I don't want to know
- We will try to accommodate you.

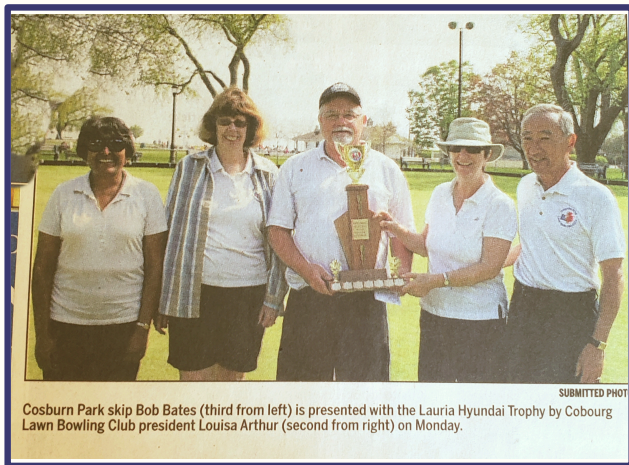
All players will be given directions to the out of town clubs. You arrange your own transportation or ride sharing. Both clubs have plenty of parking.

Dress code is casual. Wear your Cobourg Jersey (Proudly) if you have one.

Bob Bates

This week in 2015

I looked back across the years to see what was happening at this time of the year and arrived at an interesting article about the Lauria Hyundai open fours. Some guy from Cosburn Park brought a team out here to play and had the bad manners to win the tournament and head back to Toronto with his pockets full of cash! His name was (and still is) Bob Bates. The good thing is that he liked Cobourg so much he decided to move here, and is now looking after our cash as Treasurer. We're glad to have you Bob.



Editor's sign off

Thank you to the various contributors to this Newsletter. When I start putting it together I have certain ideas on what to write about but am never quite sure how it is going to pan out. I'm therefore quite surprised that this is page eleven and there are other things we could have included but we will save them for another edition.

Good Bowling and have fun.

Bill Arthur