

# **COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB**



**May 2021**



## Welcome to the May edition of the club Newsletter.

I hope that you found April's edition useful and informative. Feedback is always appreciated (good or bad) and if you want to write something for the Newsletter please contact Mike Place or me (Bill Arthur) with your ideas.

In this edition we have the latest news on the forthcoming bowling season; an update on clubhouse repairs and greens work; a look back to the past and lots more.

### Club Opening

The best laid plans and all that.....

Once the current 6 week shut down was put in place our plans to open on May 15 had to be cancelled. The shutdown is not now due to end until June 2<sup>nd</sup> and we cannot give you any dates for opening, except to say that we will open as soon as possible after restrictions are lifted.

We have received Bowls Canada protocols for return to play. These are much the same as the 2020 protocols and we are seeking permission from the Town of Cobourg to open using those protocols. Once we are able to we will open in three phases as follows:

Phase 1 – Training and practice - two players per rink. This will allow us all to familiarise ourselves with the procedures. Phase 1 will last one week.

Phase 2 – modified games – four players per rink. Phase 2 will last for two weeks.

Phase 3 – jitneys and possibly some club tournaments. Assuming all goes well we will move to this phase 3 weeks after opening.

## YOUR CLUB



We need your help!

Volunteers are needed to act as COVID-19 Safety Officers and we need more help with the greens.

Once we return to play we need volunteers to act as COVID-19 Safety Officers. Ideally we need three members to act as Safety Officers at each session— one person to register players as they check in and two to set up the equipment. Training will be given. Please contact me if you can help.

We also need more volunteers to help with the surrounds to the greens. This work involves cutting grass, cleaning the ditches, weeding etc. A couple of the ladies who have been helping with this work are unable to do so for health reasons so we do need more volunteers. Please contact Bob Bates or me if you can help.

## Clubhouse Repairs

The work to strengthen the clubhouse foundations started in the last week of April and is progressing well. This should be completed by the time you read this.

Because of the age and construction of the building it has not been possible to level the floor of the clubhouse but stability is greatly improved with the addition of 30 new foundation supports.

Repairs have also been made to the deck in the south west corner

## Parking Permits



We have 40 parking permits again this year.

Thanks go to Donna Ball for her work in applying for these under the Town's Community Grant scheme.

You would not believe how much information has to go on the application and a report has to be sent back to the Town at the end of each year.

Thanks Donna.

## **2021 Executive Committee**

Since we are not publishing a Year Book here is a reminder of the current Executive Committee.

President	Carol Dewey
Past President	Nancy Fargo
Vice President	Vacant **
Treasurer	Donna Ball *
Recording Secretary	Nan Hendren
Correspondence Secretary	Sharyl Ann Milligan

Director – Sarah van Steijn  
(House, Kitchen and Supplies)

Director – Ken Bevan  
(Property and Yearbook)

Director – Mike Place  
(Grants, Publicity, Communications, Coaching)

Director – Bill Arthur  
(Greens, Tournaments, Monday Night League)

\* Donna wishes to stand down as Treasurer and Bob Bates has offered to replace her at the end of this year.

**\*\* This is the second year in succession that we have had to operate without a Vice President. Fortunately Carol Dewey offered to fill the President post this year but we do not want to be left in a similar situation again relying on last minute offers.**

**It is important that the club has a clear succession plan for Presidency so please consider offering to fill this important post of Vice President. Don't be deterred by the prospect, you will have an excellent Executive Committee to support you.**

## From the Archives

The Cobourg World

Friday May 3 1907

Town Council

A large deputation of the bowling club was present and on motion was heard.

Mr F M Field said the gentlemen who are associated with the Bowling Club had requested him to ask the Council for a portion of Victoria Park. It would be necessary to surround this with a screen fence as high as the council bar and surmounted by a rail to be used by people watching the game. They expect if a portion of the Park is made available, to erect a building but the clerk will not ask assistance from the Corporation. A membership of 68 is assured and not less than 20 more when the summer visitors come. The club is one deserving of the Town's support. There would be considerable expense as the bowling green would be put in the best possible condition. The game is manly sport an open air game and will form a further attraction to the town. They would be sure of having friendly games with other towns and that would advertise the town. He had seen the game played and its features were commendable. The whole space required would be 120 by 60 ft and he was told that the location desired would not interfere with baseball games, picnics etc.

His Worship said he went with Mr Galer and two other gentlemen two years ago to select a plot of ground and they decided on the northern part of the park east of the row of trees where they would get shelter from the shade; he supposed the same location was the one now desired.

Coun Mitchell thought this was a good thing for amusement for both our own citizens and summer visitors but said the matter should be referred to the Streets committee and gentlemen present to report.

The Mayor said he thought the matter could be settled tonight. Moved by Dep Maher and Coun Gummow that the Bowling Club be allowed a lot east of the second line of shade trees. Carried.

Mr Field said he represented the sixty eight members of the club which represented the first business men of the town and he wished to thank the Council on their behalf.

The Mayor said it gave the Council pleasure to have such a large number of business men present at the Council and the deputation retired.

## Bowls Day in Canada



BOWLS CANADA

On Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> Bowls Canada will once again be hosting Bowls Day in Canada to help promote the sport.

Although we are not going to be in a position to hold an in-person event on that day we can participate virtually.

If you have any ideas for a virtual event whether that be video or bowls photos, present and/or past or anything you think may be of interest across the Bowls community please pass on your ideas to any member of the EC.

## Greens



The greens are looking spectacular! Work started in early April. The first task was to clear debris from the greens. There are always twigs etc from the trees in the park and these have to be removed first so that the lawnmower

blades are not blunted and damaged. After that mowing started.

Once the water was turned on a leak in the sprinkler system was found. It can be extremely difficult to trace the actual source of the leak but on this occasion Mike Hendren and Carl Ferguson found it quite quickly and repaired it.

Mike and Carl did most of the work during April but once growth increases the greens need to be mown at least three times a week and we have six members (including Mike and Carl) who team up to do this on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We can always use more volunteers.

You may be interested to know that the cost of maintaining a lawn bowling green can be anywhere between \$10-\$15,000 a year.

Some clubs have their greens maintained by their municipality and this is typically what it costs them. Our small band of volunteers is saving the club that much money every year.

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That's about it for this edition. Hopefully next time we will have some bowling to talk about. And don't forget to let us have some feedback - or even better an article.