

# Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club



**September 2022  
Newsletter**



### **Editor's Notes**

In this edition we bring you news of the Canadian Youth Championships, the Ontario mixed pairs championships and the Ontario Senior championships. But we start with news of the Ontario novice combo fours championships.

Early in the season I suggested to Terry Dyche, Gail Cunningham and Sheri and Brent Perkins that they enter this, the first stage would be the District 14 playdowns but, as it turned out they were the only entry, they were therefore acclaimed as District Champions and qualified for the Ontario championships. I asked them for a report on their experience and here is an edited version of what Terry and Gail sent me. The full reports will be published on the website.

*Bill Arthur*

#### **Gail**

Arriving at the Woodstock club on Friday was surreal, the other teams were also practising, some had coaches with them and setting up training activities for them, others were like us, trying to figure the greens out. The greens were fast and well maintained and longer than we were used to. Finding the line and speed was not easy. I was like "omg what have we got ourselves into".

#### **Terry**

Up very early Saturday for a quick breakfast before getting to the club for the opening ceremony. We all marched as teams into the club and onto the greens following a Scottish bagpiper. There were fourteen teams from all across Ontario.

#### **Gail**

Saturday morning was an early start we were excited to play. The parade with the piper was amazing the speeches were all the same, we wanted to get

going. The national anthem made it feel so much more important and we all got pins and a banner which made us proud. We wanted to show the other teams Cobourg was here to play!

#### **Terry**

Our first game was the combo fours and it soon became very evident that we were playing a very experienced team. Every time we were anywhere near the jack they quickly knocked our bowls out no matter how hard we tried. It was quite an experience to play against a team of their calibre which we of course lost.

After the combo fours we then played the men's and women's pairs games. Again we found ourselves playing against very experienced players and lost both games. We worked hard to keep the frustrations at bay and kept giving it our best and determined to have some fun. After a quick lunch we were back to playing another combo fours. Again, an

experienced team who challenged us but with our best efforts we still ended up losing.

It was about now that I realized why I couldn't put the bowl where I wanted but kept ending up curling early and missing the spot I was aiming for. In our next set of pairs games, Brent was bowling towards me and I thought he was going far too wide and would miss where we wanted the bowl. Lo and behold his bowl curled in nicely and ended up up right by the jack. Now I realized that with the added distance of their greens, my usual sight lines I used to judge my release of the bowl were way too narrow. I widened my line and put the bowl right where I intended. From there on in we had a much better game and only just lost the men's pairs game by a point. The women, having learned the same problem had a better game also and managed to win their pairs game. Things are looking up.

## Gail

Finally, the first game. We started ok and gave up just one in the first end. From there it was all downhill. We couldn't find the line and we were over shooting, nerves kicked in, doubt set in. We are playing a very good team. The pairs wasn't much different both the men and us lose badly. The plus side was we never got skunked. The afternoon still not the best but the games were better. We were getting better playing our game when we got the lead. We liked long jacks, other teams didn't. We were growing as a Team. Last game of the day pairs again. The men did so much better and kept it closer then the rest of the day. We ladies somehow controlled the game. We keep long jacks from the first and we started to find the line. We won by 3. Sheri and I were excited and going out on a win picked the whole team up.

## Terry

So the net result from Saturday was we managed to win one out of six games. We were now in a much better frame of mind and ready to face Sunday. We played the same format on Sunday in that we played two combo fours games and two sets of pairs games. We did manage to win both of our combo fours games but only just lost both of our sets of pairs games.

## Gail

Sunday morning started great, as a team of four, we won first game, we found the line speed and we played well as a team supporting each other, relaxed and had some fun with the other team. We were so much better than Saturday, closer games and we played well. The men lost but again not by much. Next fours game we won again. A close and very good game, both teams were matched well. We came out on top again. Team work was great we helped each other out, Sheri did amazing and hit all her shots. Terry skipped great all weekend he won a few ends on last shot. Brent he was great, always in the count. Me I placed the jack deep and placed my bowls in good places.

## Terry

So overall we didn't come away with any medals having won three out of a total of twelve games but we had a lot of fun and enjoyed the experience of playing on different greens and meeting some great bowlers. Everyone was very friendly and we all look forward to taking on the challenge for 2023!

If your are a novice bowler I urge you to get involved next season and join any of the tournaments both at the club and district levels as it is very rewarding and very helpful to your game.

## Gail

The experience working with the other players and learning together was my highlight of the tournament. The Woodstock club did a great job putting this tournament on. Great food and people. Congrats to all the winners and everyone involved. We didn't come last and we grow in experience. Novice players should try at least one tournament out of club to experience what goes on and meet new people and experience new greens.

### Canadian Youth Championships

The Canadian under 18 and under 25 national championships were held at the Port Credit club, Ontario in the first week of August. Ben van Steijn and Emmalee Smith were competing in the u25s and Jacob Hyatt was making his first appearance in the u18s

Daily reports were made on Facebook by Sarah van Steijn and I have plagiarized her posts in writing this report. Her posts have enabled me to reconstruct events.

Day one - Jacob is 0-2 He is not losing by much and making his opponents work for every point. Both his matches have been one of the last on the green.

Day 2 - "it was a character building day" for Emmalee and Jacob. Both players handled themselves well with encouraging words from their supportive team mate Ben. In his game Ben dropped 4 points in two ends but caught back up and made some terrific Ben shots but in the end Alberta took the game 21-19.

Day 3 - Jacob had a great day. He was down 8-1 and fought his way back to an 18-14 victory! But a heart breaker day for Ben and



Emmalee. Both played amazing but just couldn't get those last points to pull off a win. This was Emmalee's last day of round robin play for singles.

Jacob finished top of his pool and qualified for the quarter finals. He played a great game in the quarter finals but lost 18-17.

Well today is done. Ben bowled amazing this week but doesn't move on. He was tied in his pool and it went to differentials. People at the green commented on how well Ben bowled and how well he got along with everyone. He also helped by marking an U18 game and carried some cases of water in. Good Job Ben!

Emmalee! We are so proud of you! You have a great differential! And Cobourg is so proud to watch you move on to the top 4!

Emmalee lost the bronze medal match 21-17.





(Ed) I can't finish this report without congratulating everyone on their performances, They are a credit to the club. Also thanks to Sarah for supporting the youths throughout the week, especially being there for Jacob. Thanks Sarah.

### Quiz time

Nobody responded to the August quiz when I asked the question:

"What happens if you play another player's bowl?"

*Answer*

If a player plays another player's bowl instead of their own, the other player's bowl must be replaced with the player's own bowl.

If the bowl which was replaced was marked or nominated as a toucher, the player's own bowl must be marked or nominated as a toucher.

Another quiz on the laws.

What happens if the jack is driven against the face of the bank (ie the ditchboard) and rebounds onto the rink of play?



### Ontario mixed pairs

On August 6-7 we hosted the Ontario mixed pairs. Sixteen teams were in action and the format was double knock-out which meant as soon as you lose one game you dropped to the B side of the draw. It was impossible to win gold after one loss but still possible to win silver which would be good enough to qualify for the national championships as the Ontario B team.

It was disappointing therefore that in their first game, Baylee vanSteijn (Cobourg) and Jake Masterson (Peterborough), lost to one of the favourites, Zwiers and Lancaster 8-21.



The pressure was on after that but on a blistering hot weekend they showed

they have cool heads on young shoulders by going undefeated throughout the rest of the championships. They reeled off 4 consecutive wins after that before meeting the Zwiers and Lancaster team again in the silver medal match. This time there was no mistake and they won 18-11 to the delight of the home crowd. A great performance and they are the youngest bowlers to ever win the silver medal.

If you would like to watch a short video on the championships it is on our YouTube channel .

<https://youtu.be/b-7EQxJmE4A>

### Ooops they did it again

Baylee and Jake won the Vandermeer Toyota mixed pairs tournament on August 20<sup>th</sup> 🤔

### Did anybody else win anything in August?

Yes they did!



In the club singles championships Pat Bylok won the ladies and Bill Arthur won the men's.



Also Bill had a late entry into the tournament that he and Louisa sponsor. It was just to make up the numbers since there was an odd number of teams but lo and behold his team won it. Each team had to include a novice and Bill was lucky enough to have Gail Cunningham on the team and his vice was anything but a novice, Martin Foxhall.



And talking of Martin Foxhall, the following week Martin was competing in the Canadian championships. Martin was a member of the Onatrio B fours team. They had a pretty good week but finished one point outside the top four and did not qaulify for the medal rounds.

### Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant

On Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> we held a short ceremony to recognise the club's successful recruitment campaign following a Resilient Communities Grant. We welcomed MPP David Piccini and Town of Cobourg Mayor, John Henderson, For a full report check out the news page on the website.



### Novice Tournament

Thank you to all you new bowlers who took part in this event and made it such a success. It was great to see so many of you enjoying your first taste of tournament play. Lots of fun and laughter and some excellent bowling as well. A huge congratulations to all the bowlers. Lots of great potential amongst you.

The winners were Dale McMillan, Al Bell and Roy Martin. All the details are on the website news page with a slideshow.



### **Ontario Seniors Championships**

These championships were held on August 30-31<sup>st</sup> and we had representatives in the ladies and men's events. Mary Salter, Carol Dewey and Mary Thibault were at Midland.

A note from the team. "As you can see from our results on the OLBA website, we lost to the gold medal winners by one (tied going into the last end but couldn't pull it off) and lost to the bronze medal winners by one point. We did "pull up our socks" the second day and played much better - in spite of the wind!



The men's team of Bill Arthur, Bob Bates and John MacKenzie (Oshawa) were playing at the Muskoka club. Whereas the ladies' championship was a round robin the men's was double knockout with 14 teams competing. After an opening win against the team that would eventually win silver, they followed it up with another win. The winner of their

third game would qualify for the gold medal game. They lost by one point! Their opponents would go on to win gold. Unfortunately they lost their first game on day 2 which in this format meant they were out. So close but so far.



### **Other tournament news**

On August 27<sup>th</sup> Bill Arthur, Carl Ferguson and Bob Bates were at Cosburn Park to defend their title as winners of the Bruton Fall Classic. They fell just short this time. After winning their first two games they were beaten by Peter Stuart-Sheppard who was playing with Bill McCollam (Stouffville) and Lynn Frost. (Cosburn Park). There was a bounty on their heads as the previous winners and they had to present their conquerors with bottles of wine (provided by the sponsors, thankfully, says Bill!)



Peter's team placed second in the tournament with 3 wins. Peter followed that up four days later by finishing third in a mixed triples at Lindsay. This time he was playing with Nan Hendren and Carl Ferguson. A good day for the team as Nan and Carl won two of the three 50/50 prizes.

### **Youth Tournament**

A report from Carol Dewey.

On Saturday, August 27th we hosted a youth tournament attended by players from Cobourg, Oakville, Belleville, Oshawa and Lindsay. The tournament was sponsored by MVP Sports.

The U18s played three games of 4,3,2,1 and the U21s played one game of 4,3,2,1 and a ten end game of Phoenix bowls involving switching partners.

Their third game, created by drawmaster Ben Van Steijn, had them bowling backwards. Rumour has it Baylee was still on the jack. There was much appreciation expressed by the parents from the other clubs for Cobourg hosting this event for young bowlers. Everyone went home with a prize so there were lots of smiling faces. Photos of the event can be found on the CLBC Facebook page.

### **Looking ahead**

1. This coming weekend we have three ladies and four men competing in the District 14 novice singles and we wish them all good luck. The winners will play in the Ontario novice singles in Belleville on September 17-18<sup>th</sup>.

2. We have our final two open tournaments of the season next week. On Labour Day we have a 242 mixed pairs and on Thursday an open pairs.

3. Our final club tournament will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fun end of season tournament with some slightly different games. Also we are planning on holding a BBQ that day and will let you have more details about that as soon as possible.

4. September 14-18 is the Canadian mixed pairs championships in Windsor and we wish Baylee and Jake all the best in that.

5. Don't forget that daytime jitneys now go back to afternoons at 1.00pm. We will continue with jitneys all the way through September, assuming the weather stays good.

6. The club Fall general meeting will be held on Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.30 pm at Trinity Church.

I hope you enjoyed this bumper issue. Until next time, good bowling!

