

# Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

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## From the President

It's coming! As I write this, the season's opening day is less than eight weeks away. Eight weeks in which the greens crews will be working so hard to get the greens in great condition for our Jubilee year; eight weeks in which the coaches and their helpers will coach most of our 2004 novices; eight weeks in which the catering committee will put on the Spring Fling, Open House and Opening Day. and gear up for the forthcoming busy season; eight weeks for the membership people to receive your re-enrollments and sign up new members; eight weeks for our two buildings to be put in order and be decorated; eight weeks for the secretary to mail out this newsletter, notices of our semi-annual general meeting and enrollment renewal forms; eight weeks for the games committee to finalize the competitive schedule; and eight weeks for us to complete all the tasks necessary to ensure that the coming season will be one of the most exciting ever.

Since I first started to bowl I have thought that I knew how much effort goes into the operation of a bowls club. Only now as a president am I realizing just how much it actually is and how our volunteers go quietly about getting the jobs done. The greens and games committees, particularly, have already done an incredible amount of work; everyone coordinating our winter activities (our dinners, darts, cards, Mah Jong and short mat) have put in uncounted hours to ensure that we have a truly exciting year-round program; and your executive has worked as a team to tolerate their president's sometimes wild ideas.

Some highlights now in place and to watch for:-

- ÿ Banner decorations of Carnarvon House denoting our jubilee season
- ÿ A decorated porch window which we hope will catch the eyes of the park users.
- ÿ Visits by all the local clubs to Saturday teas.
- ÿ Our new crested club shirts and vests.
- ÿ Our Jubilee dinner with entertainment and dancing at MacMorrans on July 9th.
- ÿ A super games schedule courtesy of the games committee.
- ÿ A season long volunteer recognition program.
- ÿ A draw for "golden bowls", and
- ÿ Etcetera.

You may notice that I have nowhere mentioned a name. This newsletter is not long enough to allow thanks to individuals. They know themselves what they have done, and that we are all grateful.

We never have enough volunteers. Everything that we would like to get done usually is but on the shoulders of

only a part of our membership. Please, if you have not done so, give a thought as to how you can help - it's your club too.

Wishing everyone a healthy, sociable and successful bowling season

Barry

## WANTED>

It is with real regret that we note the resignation of Myrna Henley as our secretary. We appreciate the past two years that she has given to us and her real efficiency. We desperately need to replace her. Any volunteers? Any suggestions?

Barry

## **“MadHatter”**

Spring Fling Dinner at the CLUB on Thursday, Mar 11/04. Happy Hour at 4:30 and Dinner at 5:00PM. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup. Tickets \$10.00 on sale Feb. 14/04

**Prim Wood**

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Just a reminder that Open House is scheduled for April 4th, and as YOU are our most successful advertising vehicle, we hope that you will bring or send an interested friend, neighbor or family member to this event to learn what a wonderful organization we are and what a wonderful sport Lawn Bowling is!

**Mickey Sendall**

## **A warm pre-season hello from your “House Rep”.**

It will be a busy time as this is our Golden Anniversary Year. Volunteers will be in demand and I am looking forward to you all eagerly signing up for the “Fun Activities”, Namely:

-Housekeeping every Monday Morning.

-Tea Days ever Wednesday and Saturday.

The schedule calls for your involvement X3 in the course of the Bowling year.

Thanks for all you're past volunteering.

See you in April.

Good Bowling.

**Prim Wood**

## **BRIDGE @ O.B.L.B.C.**

We have had a great year of friendship and fun with approximately 25- 30 participants. Remember that Newcomers are always welcome. We will be having our St. Patrick's Tea on Monday, March 15. Our Wind-up Tea will be on Monday March 29/04. We will continue with our generous donations to the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

**Respectfully, Joan Gowan**

## **Cribbage**

We meet on Saturday afternoons. It has been a very successful winter program with as many as 20 players attending. We welcomed several new members and were pleased to see “regulars” once again joining together for an afternoon of card playing. We were especially pleased to have Stella Slipec able to re-join us. It is great to see what progress she has made.

We extend an invitation to any one interested in joining us, next winter on Saturday afternoons (Play begins at 1:00 PM).

**Pamela Potter**

## **From the Coaches**

Reminder. Fran and Bob are holding an instructor's course on March 18th at the club. If you are at all interested in coaching this will be a good way to test the waters. If you just wish to help the coaches this is also for you. In either event such a course will make you think about how you bowl and that can only reinforce your strengths and help smooth out some rough spots.

Call Fran or Bob if we do not call you.

## MAH JONGG CLUB

Mah Jongg has been offered at Carnarvon House as a winter activity. The group has been meeting every Friday at 1:00 p.m. since mid December and will continue to do so until April. We presently have three tables of four, most of which are novices at the game. Players have been very enthusiastic, having a great time, and are becoming skilled at the tactics of the game.

We intend to offer Mah Jongg again next winter and hope to increase the number of participants. If you are interested and have any questions about next season, call:

Mickey Sendall

Phone: 721-2040

email: caseypaddy@shaw.ca

## Short Mat 2003-04 Season

It was another successful two-session Season of Short Mat, the first session being held from October 19th to December 20th, 2003. Fourteen teams took part in the Pairs Event with Linda and Gordon Cowie placing first and Harnam Grewal and Ken Baggott pacing second after a play-off with Murray Robertson.

The second session started on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and is due to wrap up on or about March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004.. Eleven teams are taking part in the Pairs event and eight bowlers in the Singles event. A different format is being used for the Singles – two seven end games are played and in the event of each bowler winning a game or one bowler winning a game and one game ending in a tie, a three end tiebreaker is played to determine the winner. This seems to be popular with the majority of bowlers.

The names of the Winners and runners up in this second session will be given in the next News Letter. If time allows at the end of the Season, it is hoped to have a playoff between the winners and Runners up of the two Sessions to determine the true champions.

Marion Woiblet

## Winter Darts

The winter darts club boasts more than 30 members, who meet twice a week at 1:00 PM, Wednesdays and Sundays. Judging from the vocal level and sheer energy exhibited at these sessions, I would say we are all having a wonderful time. Under the guidance and coaching of Vern McBeth there has been an obvious improvement in the skills of the majority of club members who were rank amateurs at Dart playing. As well as the activity itself, we have side perks of occasional lunches prior to playing, bar privileges, tea, coffee and goodies available all provided by donations from club members.

Special thanks must go out to Faith Magwood for her relentless efforts in keeping us fed.

If you were unable to join us this year, keep Darts in mind for a next winter activity.

Mickey Sendall

## TidBits from the Feb 10, 2004 executive meeting

On January 10, 2004 six of our Club members, namely Ray and Dolores Troyer, Art Antrobus, Lawrie Matheson, Joe Rossi and John Magwood represented our Club at the invitational one-day indoor tournament at Pearkes Indoor Bowls.

The Chinese New Year Dinner on January 21, 2004 was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the food and entertainment. A young 11-year-old, only four months in Canada, played her Chinese instrument for us.

On February 3, 2004 promotion of lawn bowling took place at Hillside Mall during the Annual Seniors' Day Celebrations. Colleen Buckley, President of Vic West, reserved a table where she illustrated a game of lawn bowling in progress on the TV. Equipment and information on our sport were also displayed. Our Club was represented by

Gwynne Russell and Dave Jantzi. Part of the entertainment of the day was our own Prim Wood and her friends Line Dancing.

## Games Team Report

**The BSI Games Chairs meeting was held on February 16, and the dates for the four BSI tournaments we host, and our own club tournament dates are now confirmed.**

We have changed the dates of four of our club tournaments to remove conflicts with BSI tournaments – the Hart and Hadfield singles; the Miller Cup; and the Dore Cup. The final schedule is as follows:

McEwan Cup, men's pairs, May 4-5, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Maddalon Tray, women's scotch pairs, May 4-5, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Campbell Cup, women's pairs, May 7– September 3, every Friday morning, except August 6 (Holiday Week).

Carnarvon Cup, men's pairs, Cup May 11 – September 7, every Tuesday morning, except June 29 (Miller Cup), July 6 (Silver Tray) and August 3 (Holiday Week).

BSI open pairs, May 15-16, Saturday and Sunday.

BSI Greenslade men's triples, May 25, 26, 27, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Summer singles league, June 2 - July 7, Wednesday evenings.

Quaddie mixed tournament, June 12, Saturday.

Miller Cup, mixed triples June 29-30, Tuesday and Wednesday.

BSI Silver Tray, women's pairs, July 6-7, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Novice men's singles, July 13-15, Tuesday evening (if needed), Wednesday and Thursday.

Novice women's singles, July 13-15, Tuesday evening (if needed), Wednesday and Thursday.

Degoutiere triples, men's and women's teams, July 23-25, Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday.

Hart men's singles, August 13, 14 and 15, Friday evening (if needed), Saturday and Sunday.

Hadfield women's singles, August 13, 14 and 15, Friday evening (if needed), Saturday and Sunday.

Dore Cup, mixed scotch pairs, August 23-25, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

BSI Battle of the Sexes, men's and women's pairs, August 21-22, Saturday and Sunday.

Champ of Champs men's singles, September 13-16, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and if necessary, Thursday evening.

Champ of Champs women's singles, September 13-16, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and if necessary, Thursday evening.

BSI Men's Saturday Morning League – coordinator: Gary Robinson.

Victoria Day event, Monday May 24 – coordinators: John and Joan Mackay.

Sidney Ladies visit to Oak Bay, date TBA – Friday – coordinator Mary Browning.

Canada Day event – Thursday July 1, coordinators: Gordon and Linda Cowie.

Oak Bay Ladies visit Sidney, date TBA – coordinator Mary Browning.

Labor Day Quaddie, Monday September 6, coordinator Art Antrobus.

OBLBC visit to Qualicum Club, date TBA – visit coordinators: Games Team.

OBLBC visit to Victoria Club, date TBA – evening, visit coordinators: Games Team.

Time to polish your bowls and press your whites!

Respectfully submitted,

**Games Team: John Cossom, Chair and Men's Games; Pat Metcalfe and Marion Woiblet, Women's Games.**

## House News

The winter season has treated the premises quite kindly and the membership is to be thanked for the care taken by the various clubs to leave both buildings in good order. Apart from light bulb replacements, minor toilet repairs, and a leaky gutter that needed treatment, there has been little of major importance to report. The main change that members will notice is that a new light is being installed outside the eastern entrance gate. This is a shared project between Oak Bay Parks and our club and is intended to provide extra security for those entering and leaving after dark.

Stan Turner (Buildings Director)

### Club Vests and Golf Shirts

As most of you know, club vests and shirts have been ordered on request and they are now here for delivery. I will have them available for pick-up at the Semi-Annual AGM on Saturday, April 3rd and at the Open House on Sunday, April 4th. Suggestions were submitted for a design of an embroidered crest and the winning submission, as chosen by the majority of members present at a winter social event, was done by George Davey and his wife.

Vests and shirts were ordered through Mark's Work Wearhouse and we received an excellent price of \$10 for the embroidering of the crest on both the vest and the shirt. I will need to collect \$10 from everyone who has already put in an order so I would appreciate you having that money available when you pick up your order. If you have already received your vest I will collect the money when you pick up your shirt.

I will take one final order on April 3rd and 4th at the price of \$37.75 for a vest and \$28.60 for a shirt - after that date, prices will increase to \$40 and \$30 respectively.

We are going to be the best-dressed club in Victoria as we celebrate our 50 years of Good Bowling!

Cheers,  
Joan Firkins

### Club bowls

1. Just a reminder, the club bowls are for the priority use of the current year novices and must not be used by experienced players unless the novices at a draw do not use all the available bowls.. They should NEVER be put into members' lockers unless they are signed out for off club use with permission and then only for a very limited time. Please respect this policy.
2. A recent inventory has shown that two sets of club bowls are MIA, AWOL or otherwise adrift. The first set, which went missing last summer, is a set of double zeros. serial # M2421, Greenmaster with the logo OB or OBLBC. The second is a black, size 3 serial BJ766, the logo being a red geometric design. Someone may have substituted a set of size 5 Henselite bowls with yellow paint for this missing set. If that was the case this is a definite no-no. The stock of club bowls carries a selection of weights and sizes to maximise use by novices who generally do better initially with lighter bowls. It will be necessary to replace the double zero bowls, at least, so as to be able to provide an option for our novices with very small hands. This purchase will effectively cost about \$1.50 from every member's annual fee. Seems a bit unfair!

### Greens Team Report

Greens preparation is well underway. A small group of volunteers has been busy since early February cutting the greens and gardens in readiness for the new season. Phil Bissel and Al Neumair handed over the grounds and equipment in first class condition to the new incoming managers which have made the task so much easier for us. Thus far 4 or 5 members have been able to handle the work but the time is not far off when a much larger force will be needed to handle the greens cutting and gardens planting. Our greens will only be as good as the work we put into them so please let John Nadin or Shell Rowell know when you will be available. Care of the gardens will start in earnest towards the end of March. Call Anne Nadin to help keep the gardens in the great shape they have always been. Keeping our greens maintenance equipment in good order is a top priority. Can anyone help with this?

John Nadin

Newsletter

As noted, Ray is editing this following in the footsteps of Fred Mcleod. Fred always said that publishing a newsletter was easy once he had submissions. Ray will find the same problem so please send him any (appropriate) jokes, notices, articles, profiles, advertisements for bowls equipment for sale, or anything else you would think that the other members would find of interest.

### Web site

Ray Troyer has taken over the Webmaster's job (as well as the editorship of the Newsletter (He already knows how grateful we are for this!). If you have a computer why not make our site your home page? If you don't, have someone show it to you. It is fantastic and Ray promises that it will only get better. ([www.oakbaybowls.com](http://www.oakbaybowls.com))

### Keys

If you are not re-enrolling for the coming season please turn in all your club keys to Stan Turner or any other member of the executive.

Each year we lose several locker keys, which cost a significant amount to replace. The executive has discussed the idea of a key deposit of five to ten dollars but, for the time being has decided that bookkeeping for this factor would be onerous. If key replacement costs continue at the present level of some \$75+ per year we shall have to reconsider this policy.

If your locker is empty through the winter, and it should be if you are not involved in winter activities, please leave your key under your name tag on the draw desk.

One locker key was broken and another badly bent because they were left in the locks and shortmat bowlers caught them in their clothing. Another reason for keeping your key under your name tag!

### Bowls Oak Bay Membership Fees

Full Membership	\$125
Full membership with all winter activities	\$150
The Late Joiner fee (after July 15th)	\$75
Winter Programs (Cards, Darts, Mah Jomg and Short Mat)	\$10 each activity
Members aged 19 to 25 (as of April 1)	\$80
Junior (youth) Membership	\$30
Associate Membership	\$10
Social Membership	\$15

Please make cheques payable to "Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club". You can drop off payment through the mail slot of the office door in Anderson House, or send to:

Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club  
c/o Dave Jantzi, Treasurer  
#202 – 3900 Shelbourne Street  
Victoria, BC  
V8P 4H8

### AS SMART AS YOU ARE...I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS !!

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.

The youngest pope was 11 years old.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

Those San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.