



Club Chatter

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Welcome to the 2018 season at Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club!

The Spring General Meeting will take place this Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 PM. The doors will be open at 1:00 so members have plenty of time to sign in and socialize before we deal with the club business. You will receive an amended agenda with a couple of resolutions for which I am providing some advance information. There are several issues that members need to know:

Clubhouse Break-in Members need to be aware that the clubhouse had a break-in over the long weekend. Although damage was done to the doors and lockers, nothing of value was stolen; mainly because there was nothing to steal as we had not yet moved in. However, a number of keys to the bowl shed were taken from one of the lockers. Again, fortunately the bowl shed was not accessed and everything was left untouched. The lock was changed so the outstanding keys will not open the bowl shed door. A supply of new keys will be available for members to pick up on Sunday.

Tree is gone: As previously reported, the infamous tree has been removed and we are in the process of having the hole left behind filled with concrete. This will hopefully be done before the weekend. However, new concrete will need some drying time so the area will continue to be cordoned off for the next week. With the tree gone, we will need to address the issue of a canopy or awning. Several ideas have been suggested and members will be asked to give their input at the meeting.

Membership Fees: Members are reminded that fees for the 2018 season are due by May 1 after which tags will be removed from the roster board if membership is not renewed. However, members who pay their fees at the meeting on Sunday will receive a new club pin.

Resolution regarding Fencing: The Board will present a resolution at the meeting allocating funding for a 6' fence enclosing the entire green. It will have locking gates and will eliminate public access to the green when NLBC members are not on site. This will increase security and protect the green from dogs, Frisbee tossing and bocce playing. More importantly it will be a deterrent to use of the area for illicit drug use. The Board will approach the Parks management for reimbursement citing this to be a health and safety issue as drug paraphernalia has been left in the area.

Resolution regarding the New Societies Act: As mentioned at previous meetings, the Province of BC enacted the New Societies Act in 2016 and societies were given until November 2018 to transition to compliance. This required a review of the issues and a Board committee reviewed the transition documents and made changes to our Constitution and Bylaws accordingly. Attached is a copy of our current document with the changes noted. Many of the changes are housekeeping items such as changing all references of "Zone" to "District", showing the correct name for the Parks & Recreation department and correcting the numbering sequence. For those members who may not wish to read through the whole document attached, here is a summary of the major changes:

- Constitution must contain only what is on file with BC Registry. The first page on the copy attached shows exactly that, and the items in red are moved to the last page of the Bylaws section.
- Three new Bylaws were added as per recommendation on the Societies Act transition document:
 - Bylaw 31: All nominees for Board positions (other than those elected or appointed at a meeting they attend) must provide written consent.
 - Bylaw 32: Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: All Board members have an obligation to disclose to the Board all material interests in matters that may conflict with their duties to the Society.
 - Bylaw 51: Special resolutions to change these Bylaws require a 2/3 majority of voting members present at a general meeting.

Other than the items noted, there have been no substantive changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that were previously approved by the membership. Hopefully this information will be helpful. Please contact me at burbanika@shaw.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Sunday.

Dates to look forward to:

Spring General Meeting	Sunday, April 8 th , 2018 – 2:00 pm
Open Houses	April 14, 21, & 28, 2018 – from 1 to 4:00 pm
Official Opening of the green	Sunday, April 22, 2018 – 1:00 pm
First Club Tournament (Jim Gavin)	Sunday, April 29, 2018 – 9:00 am

These dates depend on the condition of the green.



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