



Club Chatter

Tuesday, 22nd, 2018

From the President:

The Inkster tournament took place over the weekend and once again, the weatherman cooperated giving us another great day for lawn bowls. Due to several health and injury issues, our Games chair had to make some last minute changes to the teams, and some teams had to bowl short one player. But a big thanks goes to Frances Tester for making it all work out. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with all the tasks required to make this tournament happen.

Thank you also to Irene Toulouse for organizing the pot luck and silent auction and to all who donated items. Good food was enjoyed by all who stayed for the dinner, and the fundraiser netted \$371 which will go towards funding the June 2 National Bowls Day/95th Anniversary event.

This is the second annual National Bowls Day. Last year Bowls Canada Boulingrin declared the first National Bowls Day in conjunction with the ParticipAction 150 Playlist. NLBC was successful in obtaining a grant of \$600 from ParticipAction to fund the event in 2017 and the club was able to make this a free event for all members and visitors. We hope to have a similarly successful event again this year, and given that the club is celebrating its 95th Anniversary, it should be even more meaningful.

NOTICE: The Presidents Cup will be held at NLBC on Thursday May 25th. Mona's Thursday morning mixed draw will still go on as usual but may be shortened to allow the Presidents Cup to begin at 11:00 AM. This event involves board members from the other clubs in Bowls Vancouver Island North & Powell River. Spectators are more than welcome.

Bernice Urbaniak.

News from the Games Committee

Inkster Mixed Triples – May 21st – chaired by Frances Tester. Registration and scoring by John Randall and Frances Tester. Winners:

- 1st Place – Marian Wallace, Randy Noble, David Ball
- 2nd Place – Bernice Urbaniak, Jean Jacobsen, Jim Brown
- 3rd Place – Darrell Chapman, Cathy Barter, Dave Ruckman, Ed Bryce

Many thanks once again to all of the volunteers who worked hard to make this a very successful tournament.

Upcoming at NLBC in the balance of May:

Thursday, May 24th

BVINPR District President's Cup

Come out and watch some great games between all 6 clubs in the District as well as the District Executive team

May 26th & 27th

Centennial Cup Mixed Fours – Open Tournament

Please note:

Signup sheets are on the Board now for the following events:

June 3rd – Wheaton Trophy – Women's Pairs

June 5th – Central Saanich Exchange at NLBC

Frances Tester.

Speaker Series

The second of our speaker series will be held on the last Wednesday of this month. Future workshops, if not bowls related, will be generally be arranged for a Monday evening so as not to conflict with any leagues or other events.

Our May speaker is our Head Umpire, Rod Tester, with *Measuring*. Whether you are a seasoned bowler, or new to the game, everyone is encouraged to take this FREE workshop on Wednesday May 30 at 7 p.m. Being confident and accurate at measuring can be vital to the outcome of a game or tournament. We are very fortunate to have such expertise right here at our Club, so come and enhance your skills and have a fun evening with tea, coffee and snacks by donation. Sign up on the noticeboard or email shirley.phillips@shaw.ca.

Sunday Tea and Bowls

What a great start we have had for the Sunday Tea and Bowls event. We had lovely weather for bowling, and celebrated Mothers' Day on May 13 with cupcakes and The Royal Wedding on May 20 with a lemon and elderflower cake to share. We are very fortunate in June to have three weekends in a row for our relaxing afternoon of bowls in the park, June 10, 17 & 24. These three days also have some bizarre things to celebrate, so no prizes for guessing what we will be serving?

June 10	National Ice Tea Day
June 17	National Vegetable Day
June 24	National Praline Day

This is a free event, and a donation of cookies, cake or snack gratefully received. No sign up required, just get your tag in by 1:15 p.m.

Coaching and Skill Development

Coaching and skill development continues Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. and on Saturday June 9 & 23 at 9:30 a.m. If you know someone who is interested in learning the game, send them along for to try it out to any of these time slots, no appointment necessary. Long-term members feel free to drop by for a game with a new bowler to ease them gently into the leagues and tournaments.

Dates to remember:

VIP Bowling	Tuesdays – play begins at 9:30 am
Men's League	Tuesdays – tags in by 1:15 pm
Ladies League	Wednesdays – tags in by 9:15 am
Mona's Thursday Morning Draw	Thursdays – tags in by 9:15, play begins 9:30
Friday Nite Fun Night	Fridays – tags in by 6:15 pm
Tea & Bowls	Sundays – tags in by 1:15 pm (if no tournament)

BVINPR President's Cup (District Event)	Thursday, May 24
Centennial Mixed Fours (Open Event)	May 26 & 27 th

June 2	National Bowls Day, 95 th Anniversary	Nanaimo	9:00 am
June 2/3	Berwick Comox Valley Mixed Scotch Pairs	Courtenay	
June 3	Wheaton Trophy – Women's Pairs	Nanaimo	9:00 am
June 5	Central Saanich Exchange	Nanaimo	9:00 am
June 17	H&M Jones Club Mixed Pairs	Nanaimo	9:00 am
June 20/21	Berwick on the Lake 60+ Mixed Fours	Nanaimo	9:45/10:00 am
June 22/23/24	Quality Foods Mixed Pairs	Parksville	
June 30	Margaret Robinson Memorial Wmn's Triples	Nanaimo	9:00 am