



Club Chatter

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

PLEASE NOTE: It has been brought to our attention that the small tables that are moved outside under the umbrellas during some games are becoming quite scratched along the sides.

It is requested that when setting up the tables (or putting them away) please do so inside the Club House and carry them outside instead of setting them up outside on the cement surface.

Thank you for your cooperation.

From the President:

NLBC's last open tournament of the season was held on the weekend. We were pleased to welcome Connect Hearing back as a tournament sponsor. Jeff Campbell of Connect Hearing was there to welcome all the competitors and was available throughout the two days to discuss hearing issues with bowlers and spectators. A mobile hearing screening van was on site and everyone had an opportunity to get a free hearing test.

It was great to see the entire green filled with mixed pairs from Port Alberni, Parksville, Courtenay and Qualicum, as well as good representation from NLBC. The 6 top teams were either local NLBC members or Parksville bowlers: Congratulations to the winners:

- First: Erle and Marian Wallace
- Second: Vern Hagstrom and Jean Smythe
- Third: Martin and Chris Fereday (Parksville)
- Fourth: Pat Kelly and Fay St. Marie (Parksville)
- Fifth: Stu and Jan MacNaughton (Parksville)
- Sixth: Rick Quibell and Mary Mulligan

It was good to see Erle and Marian win their very first open tournament, and to see Jean Smyth enter an open tournament for the first time and help her team win second place. Well done!

Now that our open tournaments are behind us, we have many club events to wind up the season beginning with the singles tournament coming up this weekend. More information on club events will follow.

Bernice Urbaniak.

Interclub bowling:

Our final session of Interclub is scheduled for Monday, August 27th, 5:45 pm at the Qualicum club. We carpool so getting a ride should not be a problem. The weather? What about the smoke? While I can't guarantee that there won't be any smoke there is supposed to be a change in weather patterns which should mean the winds are not coming from the East. Also, as anyone who has experienced the Qualicum winds will tell you, the wind patterns there are not always the same as we have, so.... having removed those reasons not to, please consider signing up for an evening of bowling. We need at least three more women and a few men as well. Reminder to bowlers that this session starts half an hour earlier as Qualicum does not have lights for evening bowling.

Joyce Mitchell on behalf of Frances Tester

SINGLES PRACTICE

The singles tournament is happening this weekend, so if you have entered, come along on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to practice your draw game with the other singles participants to get in the swing of things.

CANADIAN NATIONALS FOR U18, ST. JAMES LBC, WINNIPEG, MB

Congratulations to Jason for such a great performance at the recent Canadian Nationals for Youth. He is now ranked as 5th in Canada in his age group. Well done, Jason. He had a terrific experience, winning the three his first three games out of five games in total in the Under 18 singles. He later went on to make it as far as the semi-finals for the Forster Lang Pairs. Jason is excited to announce that he will be entering the Nationals again next year, and that they are to be played in BC.

TEACUP TOURNAMENT

The Teacup Tournament is happening a little earlier this year and will be held on Sunday September 2, 2018. This is designed to be a fun tournament and the format will depend on the numbers that turn out for the draw. The event will be also include a traditional full British-style teatime. There will be a charge of \$6 for sandwiches, cakes and cookies with lashings of tea or coffee. There will be a signup sheet in the clubhouse on Wednesday. Putting your name on the list is important so that we can ensure we adequately cater for the numbers. In the past we have a full green show up, so make sure your name is on the list.



Of Special Note:

2-4-2: There are still some outstanding games to be made up before August 29th. Please have them played by Friday, August 24th. Prizes for this league will be awarded after the last game, August 29th.

Singles Tournament: Keep in mind that this tournament will be held next weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) August 24/25/26.

If you have any questions, call me, Margaret McIntyre at 250-716-8741.

Games:

Thanks to Bernice for giving a note updating you on the results of the Connect Hearing Mixed Pairs Open Tournament on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the tournament a success. We often get many compliments on our tournament from visiting players – they enjoy the atmosphere (despite the smoke laden air this time). Our volunteers, in the kitchen, at the games desk, on the greens, all go a long way to

creating that feeling. Thank you for your efforts.

Singles Tournament:

The Singles tournament this weekend has room for more novices and on the women's side of the list. If you had considered bowling and had not signed up please call Joyce Mitchell (250-756-5601) or email her at mitchell.bowling@shaw.ca asap and let her know. The draw must be made up so we know how much time will be required. Friday, Saturday and Sunday have been set aside; however, if we do not need to use all of that time we will free time up for Friday Fun Night.

Markers are required. We have a list of qualified markers and we need to know which ones are available for scheduling on the weekend. During the men's side of the tournament we need 8 markers for each session so please see if you can free up some time to assist. A specific sign up sheet for markers will be posted once the schedule has been established.

Joyce Mitchell on behalf of Frances Tester

Marker Training Course:

The list of Nanaimo LBC certified markers is on the Law & Order board with those due for re-certification in 2018 highlighted in green. Rod had intended to run a training program for markers, along with a refresher for those wanting to update their training before he was called away to England. Now we have a tentative date of Sept. 17 from 9 to noon.

Rod has indicated that:

Note: Re-certified markers need only complete the classroom section; any new markers must also participate in an on-green practice session to be held following the classroom course. My thoughts regarding the on-green session presently, would be to hold it after a lunch break on the early afternoon of September 17th. The duration would depend on the number of new markers who attend.

Rod will teach the course and also provide the materials required for the classroom session. The class is interesting, everyone in attendance learns a lot about the Law of Bowls and has fun doing it. Having a large group of qualified markers is very helpful to the club and the more bowlers that have a good understanding of the rules is helpful for all of our bowling activities. Please consider signing up on the sheet in the clubhouse for those interested in the Sept. 17 training.

Any questions? Please talk to any of the club umpires for details.

Joyce Mitchell on behalf of Rod Tester

Leagues/Draws & Fun:

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 am
Friday Night Fun Night	Fridays	tags in by 6:15 pm
Tea & Bowls	Sundays	tags in by 1:15 pm

NLBC members who have hearing issues and may need hearing aids are encouraged to contact the Connect Hearing site at Terminal Park or Woodgrove. As Canada's strongest network of registered Audiologists and professional Hearing Instrument Practitioners, Connect Hearing offers a comprehensive range of hearing testing and solutions to suit every lifestyle and budget. Knowledgeable hearing professionals will gladly recommend a solution based upon individual hearing loss, ear shape, listening environments and communication needs.



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