



# Club Chatter

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**From our President:**

It seems like just a few weeks ago we were bowling in the heat of summer but now that October is here we have to find other ways to keep active over the winter months. There was a beehive of activity on the green on Saturday and Sunday as the greens were prepared for winter and our clubhouse items were packed up and moved into the bowls shed. Many thanks to everyone who came out to help make this big job go smoothly. And thank you to everyone who volunteered in any capacity throughout the season. Members who give of their time and talents make it possible for membership fees to be kept so low.

During the winter the NLBC Board continues to meet every month to take care of business and to plan for the 2019 season. The Annual General Meeting will be held on November 18 at the Bowen Clubhouse and plans are in place to have a Christmas event early in December. More details will be forthcoming in subsequent Club Chatters.

If you're looking for a way to keep active and to continue social contact with club members over the winter months, why not try Short Mat at Costin Hall in Lantzville on Monday and Friday afternoons. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving this weekend.

Bernice Urbaniak.

**An invitation to all our members:**

Another idea for staying in touch over the winter is to join us for coffee this Wednesday, October 3, around 10:00 am, at the new Quality Foods Store at 867 Bruce Avenue, upstairs in the coffee shop. Hope to see you all there.

## Shortmat

Our winter fun commenced on Monday October 1 at Costin Hall. We plan to meet on Mondays and Fridays 1:15 pm for a 1:30 pm start. There will be no session on Thanksgiving, Monday October 8. Bring your bowls, \$3 and occasionally some goodies to share. The afternoon consists of a 10-end game, a coffee break, followed by another 10-end game. Wrap up is approximately 4 p.m. (Please note, membership of Seaside Community Society is required and is only \$15.)

The Seaside Community Society's AGM is the third Tuesday in November at 11 a.m. Sandwiches, tea and coffee served afterward.

Note: security cameras are going to be installed in Costin Hall after a spate of break-ins and vandalism.

## Cirencester Bowling Club

Gordon and I received a wonderfully warm welcome from the Members of Cirencester Bowling Club, Gloucestershire, England in September. Irene Hawkins, Secretary and Les Andrews, Men's Captain, organized a 10 end game of fours (or **rinks** as it is known there) especially for us. Their green had suffered terribly from the record breaking summer and with a little regrowth in patches, just watching the bowls travel to their destination was an adventure in itself. We were pitched men against the women. The women got out of the gate very quickly with 5-0 starting the third end. By the seventh end it was 7 all. As is often the case, it came down to the last bowl. Now if only I could have taken that bowl out it would have been a win for the ladies, but sadly it was not to be and the men were victorious. Coffee, tea and biscuits were served after the game when we exchanged bowling related ideas and experiences. The clubhouse is so long that in the winter the floor covering is taken up and a one-lane indoor rink is uncovered for winter bowling. For more information <http://cirencesterbowls.org.uk>

A big thank you Cirencester BC, and here is hoping that some of you will come and visit us at Nanaimo LBC.

Shirley Phillips





