



Club Chatter

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

From the desk of the President

What a good turnout there was on Sunday for the Waking of the Green. Club members were obviously undaunted by the inclement weather including a sudden hailstorm that turned the green completely white about an hour before show time. There was still a smattering of white on the green when Jessica Valchar, proudly carrying the new club flag, was followed by Pipe Major Gordon Webb playing the bagpipes with green-waking melodies. It was a sight to see so many club members following the piper around the green.

Thank you to all members who showed up on Sunday, and I hope everyone enjoyed the official opening. And to everyone who contributed in any way to make this day special: While we didn't have the mayor this year, Ian Thorpe brought greetings from the City and Mona Haddad delivered the ceremonial first bowl. Irene Toulouse organized the strawberry social with the help of Jean Jacobsen, Jean Gizzas, Cheryl & Larry Williams, Rhondda Sellars, Vernie Dawkin, Margaret McIntyre. Fred Hulke and Ron Chisholm were there early to set up tables and chairs. Also thank you to Frances Tester for organizing the draw for the game we actually played after our coffee and cake. Darrell Chapman and the whole greens crew deserve a special thank you for all the work they've done over the winter months to make the green playable for our April events.

Our first open house last Saturday had a few show up to try lawn bowling, but the few who showed up were very interested and we are sure to get some new members. Two more open houses coming up on Saturday the 20th and 27th. It's nice to see our members attend and help out with visitors or just being on the green so that passersby can see the enjoyment we get out of lawn bowling.

Bernice Urbaniak,
President.

From the Games Committee

On behalf of the Games Committee I'd like to welcome you all back for the 2019 season – I'm sure it's going to be a good one!

The Games Committee has already been busy this Spring setting the schedules of all of the events planned to be held at our Club for the season. If you were at the SAGM on April 7th, you will have received a copy of these schedules – a

copy is also posted on the notice board at the back of the Club House. If you didn't receive a copy and would like one, please email me at fctester@shaw.ca and I will forward copies directly to you.

Our first Club tournament of the year, the Jim Gavin Mixed Fours will be played on April 28th and there is already a signup sheet on the board at the Club. Be sure to sign up soon if you wish to play. I have also posted signup sheets for the upcoming Ladies' and Men's Pairs Leagues which will start on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm. Entries are limited as we will play both events on the same evening, so be sure to sign up soon if you are interested.

We have a great Games Committee again this year, and I'm looking forward to working with all of them:

Frances Tester
John Randle
Joyce Mitchell

Margaret McIntyre
David Mitchell
Rod Tester

Irene Toulouse
Shirley Phillips
Bernice Urbaniak

If you have any questions on any of the events to be held at the Club, don't hesitate to ask me or any of the Committee members who will be happy to help you.

Good Bowling!

Frances Tester

NLBC Games Chair

Your help is needed

Tuesday Men's Draw:

I called for volunteers to handle the draw. Unfortunately I have not had any volunteers. I will not be able to make the draw on the 23rd as well as at least 3 Tuesday thereafter. At least if somebody can do it for me that would be great. johnrandle@shaw.ca

Missing Club Bowls:

There are still a number of missing club bowls. I know about 4 sets that members said they have. These are not your personal bowls and belong to the club. Please return them as soon as possible or email johnrandle@shaw.ca

Lockers available for your use in the locker room:

We no longer charge for the use of these lockers. You are able to use these lockers **ONLY** if there is no name already on the locker. There is one in the room with Eric Spalding's name already on it – please remove it as this locker is used for communication between the Membership Chair and Eric.

Dates to mark on your calendars:

Tuesday, May 7	VIP draw	9:15 am start
Tuesday, April 23 (start of season)	Men's Draw	tags in by 1:15, start 1:30
Tuesday, evening draw (start up TBD)	Open draw	time to be determined
Wednesday, April 24 (start of season)	Ladies Draw	tags in by 9:15, start 9:30
Wednesday, (afternoon)	Skills Dev. & Coaching	time to be determined
Thursday, April 25 (start of season)	Thursday morning mixed	tags in 9:15, play 9:30
Thursday evening (date to be determined)	Cutthroat	time to be determined
Friday morning (date to be determined)	Cutthroat	10:00 am
Friday, April 26 (start of season)	Friday evening – Fun Draw	tags in by 6:15, start 6:30
Saturday evening (date to be determined)	Open draw	subject to having a convenor
Sunday, start up date to be determined	Tea & Bowls	when greens are free

April 13, 20, 27	Open Houses	1:00 to 4:00 PM
April 28	Club: Jim Gavin Mixed 4s	9:30 am – arrive by 9:15 am
May 4 & 5	Open: Connect Hearing Mixed 3s	TBA
May 14	VIP – Open House	9:30 am start

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