



Club Chatter

April 23, 2019

President's Message:

Lawn bowling is now in full swing and it will be great to see everyone on the green again. The men's draw is underway today, women's draw tomorrow morning, and Mona's mixed draw begins on Thursday morning. Friday evening draw is also happening and our last open house will be this Saturday, followed by our first club tournament on Sunday. It's been a busy month; we had great turnouts of members for all events so far including the Spring General Meeting and the Official Opening. Returning members are obviously eager to roll their bowls again, and we've even signed up some new members from our open houses. It's gearing up to be a great season.

Please note tag times for morning draws:

Ladies' draw Wednesday is 9:15; Mixed draw Thursday is 9:30

As part of our "Waking of the Green" ceremony, there were a couple of member recognitions which were omitted from my Chatter article last week. Even though she's been bowling longer than 25 years, Mary Bradford was presented with her 25 Year pin from Bowls Canada.

Also at the opening ceremony, members were directed to take notice of the new plaque posted on the clubhouse wall. Gordon and Shirley Phillips wished to make a contribution to the club in order to offset the cost of the patio cover and have gifted \$1000 to NLBC.



On behalf of all members, I express a heartfelt "Thank You" to Gordon and Shirley not only for their generosity but also for their service to the Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club.

Bernice Urbaniak, President

News from the Games Committee

This coming weekend will be busy at the Club. On Saturday, 27th, we'll host our third Open House and we encourage members to come out and help where needed. Also, if there's a rink free, you might have a chance to roll some bowls in readiness for the **Jim Gavin Mixed Fours being held on Sunday, April 28th. There is a signup sheet for this event at the Club, and if you haven't already signed up, there's still time, as I won't take the list down until Friday afternoon to draw the teams. A roster of players will be sent out on Friday evening.**

2019 District Open Tournaments

On April 15th registration was held for the 2019 District Open Tournaments. I've already heard from a few other Club Games Chairs that registrations are down this year, and the same is true for Nanaimo LBC for 4 out of our 5 events. The following is a list of the numbers of teams registered at the NLBC Open events:

Connect Mixed Triples	May 4 th & 5 th	25 (max 32)
Ramsey Lampman Rhodes (former Centennial) Mixed Fours	May 25 th & 26 th	15 (max 32)
Berwick on the Lake 60+ Mixed Fours	June 19 th & 20 th	12 (max 16 teams)
Gold Bowl (Imagine Cruise) Mixed Triples	July 5 th , 6 th , & 7 th	24 (max 32)
Mixed Pairs	August 17 th & 18 th	32 (max) with 6 on wait list

As you can see, there is plenty of room in the first four events for more registrations and I'd like to encourage any club members who have not yet registered but would like to play, to contact me asap.

I'd particularly like more registrations for the Ramsey Lampman Rhodes event as this is the first year for this sponsor, and we'd like to show them that we value their support.

See you on the Green!

Frances Tester

NLBC Games Chair

Dates to Remember:

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 immediately
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, May 12	Tea & Bowls	when greens are free
April 27	Open House	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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