



Club Chatter

June 3, 2019

From the President:

It almost didn't happen, but thanks to some new members and novices signing up for the Wheaton Ladies' Pairs, the tournament was held on Saturday. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen. And thank you to Joyce Mitchell who stepped away from competing in order to even out the numbers and took on the role of umpire. A special thank you to the men who came out to help set up the greens and run the games, and to stick around the whole day as spectators. Now we are looking toward this weekend and we have a big day planned for National Bowls Day, June 8. Irene Toulouse has been doing a great job organizing this event, and I encourage members to come out and help if necessary, and roll some bowls if greens are available. This event is about attracting new members, so we all need to do our best to show prospective members why we find this activity so appealing.

News from the Games Committee

Wheaton Trophy Club Women's Pairs – June 1st – unfortunately entries were low but thanks to some last-minute registrations we were able to field 16 players. The event was chaired and scored by John Randle and umpired by Joyce Mitchell. Winners were:

First Place	Roelie Roos and Emily Lawson
Second Place	Jeanne Jacobsen and Denise Barrass
Third Place	Cathy Barter and Judy Ritchey

Well done everyone!

Upcoming at NLBC in June:

- June 8th **National Bowls Day** - Irene Toulouse is coordinating this event.
- June 11th **Saanich Exchange** - We have 20 players registered so far and I will be letting Saanich know the player list this week. If you still wish to play but haven't signed up, please let me know asap as they have asked for the final list by Thursday this week. I will be emailing all players before Friday to check who needs a ride and who can provide rides.
- June 15th **H & M Jones Club Mixed Pairs** – a sign up sheet is posted at the club.
- June 19th/20th **Berwick on the Lake 60+ Mixed Fours Open – SPACES STILL OPEN** We limit the entries to 16 for this event, however due to the lower than usual registrations (across the North Island Zone), we only have 11 teams registered. If you are interested in putting together a 60+

team, please contact me asap as I will be putting out an invitation to the other clubs by mid-week. We will need at least one more to team to even up the numbers and if possible another 4 teams so that we can run the event as a Winner play Winner tournament.

June 29th **Margaret Robinson Memorial Club Women's Triples** – a sign up sheet is posted at the club.

PLEASE NOTE: Port Alberni Nexgen Ladies' Pairs – June 26th & 27th. Neal Wilson from PALBC has advised that there is still space for a couple of ladies' pairs teams for this event. If you are interested in putting together a ladies' team, please contact me and I will forward your entry to Neal.

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IMPORTANT:

Please note that unfortunately, I was given the wrong schedule for the games and **in fact the first game on June 10th will be held at Nanaimo LBC.** David Childs has now provided me with the correct schedule so I have fixed the signup sheet and hope that those who have signed up already are still okay for the updated locations.

PLEASE NOTE TOO: that we are sadly short of players for many of the events so please check your schedules and sign up where you can. We have committed our involvement in this event to the other District Clubs and it would be a real shame if we were unable to play any of the sessions due to insufficient players.

Frances Tester, Games Chair

ParticipACTION's Community Better Challenge

It's our 3rd Annual National Board Day this Saturday, June 8, 2019 between 10 am – 2 pm.

Come join us for a fun day on the green with free burger or hot dog, bag of chips and a soft drink for all club members wearing their name tag or anyone participating on the green.

Thank you to all who have offered to help with the set up and take down of equipment, tables & chairs, help in the kitchen and food tables, our cook and helper, and especially to our coaches and markers.

Please invite a friend, co-worker or neighbour to give lawn bowling a try this Saturday and be part of ParticipACTION's Community Better Challenge. Anyone participating on the green will have their active minutes tracked for Nanaimo's chance of being crowned Canada's Most Active Community.

The grand prize is \$150,000!

See you all there!

Irene Toulouse, Social Coordinator.

Attention all members:

In order to keep track of attendance and to ensure all participants can register for the Community Better Challenge, we want to keep the side gate locked during the open house. Members are encouraged to use the main entrance gate, but if you do enter through the side gate, please be sure to lock it after you. This will leave only the main entrance gate open between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm. A sign will be posted to use the main entrance gate. The side gate will be locked as usual from the outside **after 2 pm.**

Irene Toulouse

Coaching Corner

I would like to say “Thank you” to Rod Tester for the extended loan of *The Skip’s Guide to Bowls*. Recently it has been noticed by several members that some players are guilty of wandering into other rinks during play (including me 😊), so I thought that a few reminders of the etiquette of the game by Chris Mills might be of interest to all, as shown below:

Extract from *The Skip’s Guide to Bowls* by Chris Mills¹

- Always **be on time for** matches and in the correct attire.
- **Stand still and remain quiet** when other players are about to deliver, and always remember that the only the player on the mat is entitled to ask for instructions from his/her skip (Possession of the Rink).
- Remain **behind the mat or the head** when it is not your turn to play.
- Always try to **keep to the rink** on which you are playing – never wander.
- Remember when outdoors on a sunny day that **shadows** can be cast.
- **Avoid obscuring rink markers.**
- **Pay attention** to what is going on during the game, and especially to your skip’s instructions.
- Always be prepared to admit a lucky shot (‘fluke’) and never pretend that it was intended.
- If you follow a bowl after delivery, keep within the rules. Try not to obscure your opponent’s view of the bowl running up the green.
- When a skip decides on a firing shot it is as well to **stand back** and make sure that all players are warned so that they can avoid any bowls that ‘fly about’ in the head.
- **Never openly criticize players** and always try to **appear to be enjoying the game**, despite your misfortunes!
- Avoid wasting time ‘arguing’ about which is shot. If there is any doubt, suggest to the person asking for the shot that they get down and **measure** – or offer to do it yourself.

Shirley Phillips, NLBC Head Coach

Tea and Bowls

Sunday afternoons in June offer a great time for Tea and Bowls as we have access to the green all month. You are invited to enjoy a delightfully civilized two 6-end games and “tea”. There is no charge, just bring something to share occasionally and a desire to have a good time. Tag time 1:15 p.m.

Shirley and Gordon Phillips

Dates to mark on your calendars:

Tuesday, May 7	VIP draw	9:15 am start
Tuesday afternoons	Men’s Draw	tags in by 1:15, start 1:30
Tuesday evenings	Open draw	tags in by 6:15, start 6:30
Wednesday mornings	Ladies Draw	tags in by 9:15, start 9:30
Wednesday afternoons	Skills Dev. & Coaching	1:30 pm start
Thursday mornings	Thursday morning mixed	9:30 am start
Thursday evenings	Cutthroat	6:30 start
Friday mornings	Cutthroat	10:00 am
Friday evening Fun Night	Friday evening – Fun Draw	tags in by 6:15, start 6:30
Sunday afternoons	Tea & Bowls	when greens are free

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