



# Club Chatter

Tuesday, July 20, 2019

Of special note:

Thank you to NLBC for all your support over the past five years. I want to say a special thank you to Head Coach of the club Shirley Phillips for bringing me into this sport, ongoing support and believing in me. Also a special thanks to Gordon Phillips for teaching me the tricks, reading heads, strategy, encouraging and boosting my confidence. Last but not least a big thanks to Donn Sherry who coached me in this last provincial and watched every bowl. I couldn't have done it without your support.

It feels great to win on home turf and I hope I made the club proud. Thanks for everything,

Jason Valchar



## The Flamingo

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**SOLD OUT!**

The Flamingo event is now full; however, a **wait list will be taken** in case of last-minute cancellations. By the way, Rhonnda Sellers is looking for a member to partner with as John Davies is organizing a golf tournament out of town.

Tickets will be sold at the clubhouse later this week for those who have registered a team. The cost: \$20/team which includes BBQ, please bring a side, salad or tropical dessert to share to supplement the ham, pineapple and corn-on-the cob.

We also need spectators to join in the fun and cheer us on! **Come along for the BBQ at just \$6 a head.**

This is a full day event and **help will be needed** to set up the green, tables and chairs, volunteers will also be needed: in the kitchen to set up the food tables; re-fill the punch; clean up the BBQ; decorating the clubhouse; and general clean up afterwards.

See Irene Toulouse for tickets and how you can help.

### **From the President:**

What a weekend! It was our privilege to host the Provincial Juniors right here at the Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club. It was a winning weekend for our club members and for the club in general. By all reports, the club's reputation for hospitality remains intact thanks to all the club members who contributed to organizing and carrying out this event. The planning committee, chaired by Joyce Mitchell along with Frances Tester, Shirley Phillips, Vernie Dawkin, Rod Tester, Kathleen Hewitt worked hard to plan the event and make sure all bases were covered.

Thank you Joyce for steering this committee throughout the planning process. And to all the people who helped with preparing and marking the greens, scorekeeping, table decorations, to all the kitchen helpers, to the umpires and coaches; thank you all very much for your help. An event such as this does not happen without the help of many volunteers, and many other members (too many to mention individually) stepped up to the plate to make the weekend a success.

To our three junior members who entered the competition, thank you for representing the club with your excellent sportsmanship. Sterling Wesson, who just started lawn bowling last month and has just finished his lessons was pleased to earn his personal best during the competition. David Schule gave spectators a very good show, rising above the pressure of the event and giving more experienced players a tough challenge.

The icing on the cake: Jason Valchar is now the Provincial Juniors Champion! Congratulations, Jason. It was a pleasure to watch you play your gold medal game and show us what a great competitor you are. We all wish you the best at the nationals next month.

But that's not all the winning we had this weekend. The RCL Men's Triples in Parksville was won by NLBC's team of Rick Quibell, John Randle and Fred Hulke. Well done!

I also want to acknowledge Shawn Kilner (Imagine Cruise and Travel) for her generous sponsorship contribution for the Junior Provincials, as well Country Grocer for their gifts in kind (barbeque supplies) and ABC Country Restaurant for supplying one of the dinners at a generous discount.

Bernice Urbaniak.

## News from the Games Committee

July 19–21 **Provincial Juniors & U25 Singles** – the juniors arrived at the Club at varying times on Thursday and participated in skills and practice sessions throughout the afternoon. The games started at 10:30 am on Friday and we ran a round robin event over the 2 days. On Sunday, we held the semi finals at 9:00am and the finals at 10:45am.

Congratulations to all of the medalists, with a very special **CONGRATULATIONS** to our own **JASON VALCHAR** who won the **GOLD MEDAL**.

Special mention too to David Schule and Sterling Wesson. This was David's first provincial tournament and he did very well, and kudos to Sterling who's only been bowling for a month and had a very decent showing! Well done guys!

Many thanks to all of the greens crews, the umpires, markers and flippers, the kitchen crew and those who baked at home, including Jessica Valchar for making a mountain of delicious cookies. And to anyone else who volunteered over the three days and helped to make this a very well run and successful event.

## Upcoming at NLBC in July and August

July 27<sup>th</sup> **Jack MacLachlan Men's Triples** – a sign up sheet is posted at the club.

August 5<sup>th</sup> **Ernie Johnson Mixed Triples** - a sign up sheet is posted at the club.

August 15<sup>th</sup> **Ladner Exchange** – this year we will be travelling to Ladner for our annual exchange. A sign up sheet is posted at the club so please sign up if you'd like to play and if you will need a ride to the ferry.

August 23/24/25

**Men's & Women's Singles and Men's & Women's Novice Singles Events** – sign up sheets will be posted at the club in early August.

Frances Tester

Games Chair

## VIP Provincials:

The BC Juniors tournament has been completed. What a great job the club did. The markers and flippers did an excellent job. You were well prepared and performed your tasks with confidence. Don't let your expertise go to waste. Do a couple more games to help the VIP members of our club.

We need 2 more markers for the 4:00 o'clock game on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> we need 5 more for the 9:00 AM game and 3 for the game that starts at Noon.

The sign up sheet is posted on the wall.

Once again the VIP group would like to thank the Men's Draw for being willing to start their games at 2:00 PM.

Donn Sherry.

### **Dates to mark on your calendars:**

Tuesday mornings	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 start
Thursday mornings	Thursday morning mixed	9:30 am start
Friday mornings	Cutthroat	9:30 am
Friday evening Fun Nite	Friday evening – Fun Draw	tags in by 6:15, start 6:30
Sunday afternoons	Tea & Bowls	tags in by 1:15 – when the greens are free

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