



Club Chatter

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Medical Update – Jamie Bridge

Kathleen and Jamie got back to Nanaimo [this morning](#) about 05:00. They arrived by a medivac flight, met by an ambulance and were taken to Nanaimo Hospital.

He is now waiting to be examined by his Nanaimo doctor. He is feeling tired but otherwise seems to be on the way to recovery. Thanks to everyone's best wishes and concerns.

Madeleine & Donn

From the President's Desk:

Flamingo has taken hold in our club and it's obvious that our members want this to continue as an annual event. A lot of great costumes created for a fun filled atmosphere and gave us an opportunity to be silly while bowling to win the big prize. Congratulations to Randy and Hiroshi for winning the \$100 envelope; their names will be forever immortalized on the Flamingo trophy painted by Judy MacNeal and set by David Mitchell. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this event as enjoyable as it was. Special thanks to Irene and Shirley for organizing it, and to Darrell Chapman for his expert barbequing skills.

We are in for a few days of hot weather so I caution everyone to ensure that they are well hydrated while out on the green. We survived the heat yesterday at our BC Day tournament and it was good to see everyone celebrate our provincial holiday weekend with a great day of lawn bowling.

Seems like only a few weeks ago we had our Official Opening and were looking forward to a season of lawn bowling. Now here we are in August and we have just weeks before it's time to close down for the winter. But we have a lot of events coming up so let's make the most of the remaining time.

Our annual exchange with Ladner has space for quite a few more people to sign up so I encourage members, especially our novices, to sign up. We carpool to the Duke Point ferry terminal, walk on (and if you're over 65 you sail for free); cars await our arrival at Tsawwassen to take us to the Ladner club. There we get to experience bowling on artificial turf. It's a fun day so let's fill up that sign-up sheet so we can show up with a full team on Thursday, August 15.

Our last open tournament of this season, the Martin Velsen Mixed Pairs, will take place on August 17 & 18.

We also have the singles tournament coming up later in August and I encourage everyone to sign up. Winners of this tournament get to represent NLBC at the District tournament in Courtenay on September 7 & 8. There will be 4 winner (Women, Men, Novice Women, and Novice Men) and everyone is encourage to sign up to compete in this event.

August will be over before we know it, and there are quite a few more events to enjoy in September.

Bernice Urbaniak,

President.

News from the Games Committee

August 5th **Ernie Johnson Mixed Triples** - Wow – what a great turn out we had for this event. We had 8 rinks of triples and with the extra 2 players who wanted to play just one game, we had 50 people playing. The weather started off quite warm in the morning and by mid afternoon it was swelteringly hot, so we shortened the third game to 10 ends which was very well received by the players. Registration was handled by John Randle and Frances Tester with scoring by Frances. Winners were:

First Place Marian Wallace, Dave Ruckman, Margaret Coleman & Emily Lawson

Second Place Chuck Rogerson, Cathy Barter & Ian Yewer

Third Place John Randle, Brian Schule & Karen Hungar

Upcoming at NLBC in August

August 15th **Ladner Exchange** – this year we will be travelling to Ladner for our annual exchange. We generally send 24 members **but so far only 16 have signed up**. The sign up sheet is posted at the club so **PLEASE** check your calendars and if you are able to play please sign up soon as we will need to let Ladner know numbers by Monday, August 12th.

August 23/24/25

Men's & Women's Singles and Men's & Women's Novice Singles Events – sign up sheets are posted at the club.

Congratulations to Mary Mulligan who together with Lynn Chwartacki (Qualicum) and Sharon Baldwin (White Rock) won the Silver Medal at the Provincial Senior Ladies' Triples last week in Port Alberni. And Congratulations too to Vern Hagstrom who together with Chris Windess (NLBC) and Jake van Kooten (Port Alberni) won the Bronze Medal at the Provincial Senior Men's Triples at Qualicum Beach. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

GOOD LUCK wishes go out to Jason Valchar and David Schule who will be travelling to Victoria tomorrow to play in the Junior Nationals which are being held at Juan de Fuca from Wednesday to Saturday. Visit the Bowls BC website during the week to check out their progress!

Frances Tester

Games Chair



What a great day we had at our 2nd Annual Flamingo Bowl on Saturday Aug 3rd.

We couldn't have asked for better weather, certainly not the rain, lightening & thunder we had last year that prevented us from finishing the tournament. Instead we had perfect BBQ weather, and speaking of BBQ, a big thank you to our chef Darrell Chapman and his helper Bill McKenzie. The ham, grilled pineapple and the corn on the cob was delicious!

The contribution of food, especially the desserts was overwhelming but I think we can balance that off next year by posting a pot luck list so that we know what may be needed.

The fast pace and different game format, the colourful and imaginative outfits and team names combined with the tropical & greatest hits music in the background while we play is what makes The Flamingo Bowl one not to miss!

Thank you Gordon Petley-Jones for providing the great music. I was very pleased to see that everyone chipped in to get things done all while still enjoying the day. I am also very thankful to our spectators, who without being on my assigned duties list helped out as well.

There was great entertainment and bowling on the green with Randy Noble & Hiroshi Kawaguchi winning the \$100 grand prize and being awarded our new Flamingo Bowl trophy created by Judy MacNeal and David Mitchell. Well done guys, congratulations and thank you Judy & David for your trophy contribution.

Thank you to Joyce Mitchell for stepping in last minute (where minutes count) to be umpire in the critical final game.

I apologize for not following through on awarding a prize for hitting the most jacks. We will have a better tracking system next year and may increase the penalty to twenty-five cents for hitting the jack to fill the bank sooner. (quarter is thicker & bigger...)

A big thank you must also go out to Shirley Phillips for being our MC, timer and Games Master.

And though most of us enjoyed the day under our new patio, a special shout out goes to Marjorie Carpenter for her beautiful flower arrangements that decorated our inside tables for the day and for the Ernie Johnson club tournament on BC Day. By the way, the Carpenters also won for best costume.

So for now, our flamingo has flown the coop but promises to return again next year, hope you do too.

Irene Toulouse,
Social Coordinator.



Yes, it's only August, however, now is the time to ask our members who would be interested in being part of a Christmas Committee in order to prepare for our Christmas get together.

Our date and venue has been set for **Sunday, December 1st, 2019 at St Michael's Parish Hall at 4017 Victoria Ave.**

The Committee will decide how and when our meal will be presented, as well as how the room will be decorated and how the day will unfold. Last year our executive members got together and prepared our Christmas dinner. There was great interest from our members in doing this again this year. However, we are open to all suggestions.

A Christmas Committee help wanted notice will be posted on the Social board above the water cooler. It would be ideal to have a committee in place and the first meeting arranged prior to the club closing down for the winter. Subsequent meetings can be arranged as needed.

So if you want to help with the cooking, decorating or preparing activities for the day, please sign up to be a part of the initial meeting to discuss the various ideas being brought forward.

Thank you.

Irene Toulouse
Coordinator

Social

VIP PROVINCIALS

Our thanks to the Nanaimo LBC for hosting the blind and visually impaired bowlers for their provincial playdowns. Eleven bowlers took part. We had bowlers from Langley, Qualicum, Parksville and Victoria. Over the two days each bowler played 4 games.

For the men Dave Ruckman placed first winning all 4 of his games. Gus Thorne of Nanaimo was second winning 3 games and Jay Gatley placed third with a record of 2 - 2.

In the women's section Arlene Stapleton of Victoria was first, Tracy Meikle of Qualicum placed second and Marion Kalicum of Nanimo was third.

Thanks to Mona Haddad for supplying the medals for the winners.

The bowlers would like to thank the many volunteers who helped. For each game we needed 3 volunteers - 2 at the mat end and a marker. Therefore for 20 games we needed 60 volunteers and the club members willingly filled all these spots.

Jean Jacobsen, Roelie Roos, Margaret Coleman, Madeleine Sherry and Linda Booler with help from several others that I didn't see kept all the bowlers, directors and markers well fed.

Our thanks also to Jane Blaine and Susan Flanagan of BC Blind Sports for their help and support in organizing this event.

Marion Kalicum, Jay Gatley, Dave Ruckman and Gus Thorne will travel to Edmonton at the end of August to compete in the Canadian Championships for the Blind.

Donn Sherry.

Dates to mark on your calendars:

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| 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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