

# Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

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This past week the club received final notification of the new laws of the sport. At the same time we received copies of the new law books. They are available through Rod or Margaret Richmond at \$3 each. The synopsis supplied by Bob Aveline will probably suffice for most bowlers' needs, however. **See Attachment.**

We have chosen to rush this newsletter to publication as a way of publicizing these revised laws to our members although the other content will be rather sparse as we have tried to keep everyone apprised of developments as they occur.

The New Law Books are out and available through stores at \$3.00 each. Most of the changes are a matter of Tidying up the presentation and removing one or two anomalies which have crept in as a result of the slight changes made every four years since they were first promulgated on the 14th of April 1961. (Trivial Pursuit anyone?) There are, however one or two that really make fundamental changes to the way we play the game.

Look at the definitions. There are now 27 as against the old 19. Most are clarifications, but one dealing with the relationship of a bowl to a jack will need some rethinking on our parts. The old "(k)'Jack High'" has been replaced by the new "xiii position of the bowl in relation to the jack" and what we used to call "Jack High" has been pushed farther up the rink and replaced by "Jack level". They are joined by "Jack Low" which is short of the Jack.

The really fundamental change is the new "( 19E) play in subsequent ends." This has the old last paragraph of "22. (b) Tossing for opening play" which had the winner of the preceding scoring end playing first, replaced by the winner having the option of taking the mat, or giving it to the opponent. The purpose of this change seems rather obscure to me, but is certain to result in some changes in tactics, The Skip will have to decide at the beginning of each end.

Another addition which we must be aware of is "24 encroaching." This has apparently been around in Australia for some time and will require some interpretation and definition, but the penalty is pretty severe and may conceal some of the same problems for umpires that Foot faulting does.

Whether you have been bowling for more years than you care to contemplate or are as green as the greenkeepers have made our rinks, this is one revision of the Laws that you can't afford to toss into your bowls bag and forget.

Bob Akins

The Members Information Booklet was printed before the Semi-annual General Meeting and is still available for pick up in Carnarvon House.

## Golden Bowls

At its last meeting your executive amended the published policy with respect to the season long draw for a set of bowls commemorating our jubilee so that, instead of the selling of tickets to this draw, all fully paid-up members will be allocated one chance free. Additional chances will be given during the season as prizes and awards as earlier stated.

Now that the season is underway I trust that everyone has a great year.

Barry

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

## Volunteering

Remember that this club is wholly run by volunteers and "OBLBC expects that every member will do their duty". Sign up sheets are available near the kitchen for kitchen and cleaning rosters, Faith and John Magwood are receiving names from volunteers to become drawmasters, John Nadin can always use volunteers on the greens and surrounds, Anne Nadin needs help keeping the grounds in the condition that you like them and the games committee under John Cossom can always use more help.

At the end of the season will you have done your share?

## Information for VICTORIA DAY---May 24,2004

Lawn bowling on this day will consist of 3 - ten end games the first starting at 10:00 A.M., the second at 12:30 P.M., and the third at 2:30 P.M.( Players will change position--- information will be supplied on that day).

1. Participants to be at the club by 9:30 A.M.
2. The cost is \$ 5.00
3. Please bring your own lunch

Sign up sheets are on the board in Anderson House. Anyone wishing to play only in the morning or only in the afternoon should indicate this on the sign up sheet.

Entertainment will be from 4:00 -- 5:00

A cold plate Dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M. Tickets, at a cost of \$10.00 each may be obtained from Prim Wood (477-1974).

Volunteers are needed to set up tables and set out the food around 2:00 P. M. Please see sign up sheets. Space is limited for the Dinner.

DONATIONS of GOODIES for the regular Tea Days would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed for Tea Days; Tournaments; Etc. Sign Up sheets are posted.

Have a great season of Bowling,

See You on the Greens,

Publicity( Gwynne Russell)

## CLUB HISTORY

The Executive Committee has agreed that a history of the Club should be compiled to help mark its 50th anniversary. All being well, the publication date should be July 9, 2004 when the Jubilee Dinner is scheduled to be held.

Harnam Grewal is coordinating this exercise. He would welcome contributions from members in the form of articles, commentary, anecdotes, etc., particularly relating to the early years of the Club's existence.

He can be contacted at 598-9988.

Many thanks.

Harnam

An older Jewish gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me ... your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

# MAJOR CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF THE SPORT

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Some of the wording has been changed for this list to simplify and clarify the Law noted.  
The Laws of the Game are now called the Laws of the Sport.

- 1B ii **Player in possession** of the mat means the player who is about to or is in the process of delivering a bowl.
- 1C ix **Jack or bowl in motion** means a jack or bowl which is moving as rated of play aver ill ~ been at rest as part of the head,
- 1C xiii **Jack Level** means the nearest part of the Bowl and the nearest part of the Jack are in line with and the same distance from the mat.  
**Jack High** means a bowl which is further from the mat than the Jack.  
**Jack low** means a bowl that is nearer to the mat than the jack.
- 10 Players, umpires and markers shall wear smooth soled heel-less footwear while playing on the green or acting as umpires or markers. World Bowls and National Authorities reserve the right to **allow the use of specific colors of footwear.**
- 11 **MEASURING EQUIPMENT** (a list of official measuring equipment has been added) suitable equipment shall be provided to enable the umpire to carry out his duties.  
(i) A copy of the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls  
(ii) A tape of not Less than 25m  
(iii) A long string measure  
(iv) A flexible measure  
(v) Calipers  
(vi) A set of feeler gauges  
(vii) Wedges for supporting leaning bowls  
(viii) Unless the boundary of a rink is defined by the corner pegs being Connected by a green thread, as specified in Law 5(iv), an approved mirror and square (preferably with a leveling bubble) or a boundary scope, may be used for determining whether or not the jack or a bowl is within the boundary of the rink.
- 19E **After every end, the team/player who scores has the choice of either delivering the jack and having the first Bowl or giving the Jack to the opponent and keeping the last Bowl.**
- 24 **Encroaching**  
**Players Shall not encroach on an adjoining rink where play is in progress. Should the Player In possession of the mat infringe the Law of Encroaching the umpire shall, after having given a warning, have the bowl stopped and declared dead.**
- 34A ii If a bowl in motion is displaced by a dead bowl, then an opposing player or Marker in Singles shall place the displaced bowl **where the player or marker believes it would have come to rest.**
- 34B i (a) If a bowl in its original course is displaced by a player from its own team, it shall be declared dead, and **any part of the head that has been disturbed after displacement shall be replaced by the opposing Skip.**  
(d) If a bowl in its original course has disturbed the head before it is displaced by an opposing player, such disturbance shall be valid. The opposing Skip that played the bowl shall have the option of **(i) replacing the bowl where the Skip believes it would have come to rest, or (ii) letting it remain where it rests.**

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- 34B ii If a bowl in motion as a result of play is displaced by a player, then the opposing Skip shall have the option of: **(a) placing the bowl where the Skip believes it would have come to rest and replacing any part of the head that has been disturbed after the bowl had been touched, or (b) declaring the end dead.**
- iii If a bowl at rest or a toucher in the ditch is displaced by a player, the opposing Skip shall restore the bowl or toucher as near as possible to its former position.
- 34D ii If a bowl in motion is displaced, the Skips or opponent in Singles, shall come to an agreement as to **where the bowl would have come to rest and the replacement of any part of the head disturbed by the displaced bowl,** otherwise the end shall be dead.
- 34E ii If a Bowl is displaced by the marker or umpire, the marker or the umpire shall replace the bowl to its former position, **of which the marker or umpire shall be the sole judge.**
- 34G Any player at the head may stop a bowl from an adjoining rink which is in danger of colliding with a bowl in the head. However, he **shall** stop a bowl, which appears likely to collide with the Jack. If the bowl that has been stopped was in its original course it shall be replayed.
- 41 iii If a jack at rest on the green or in the ditch is displaced by a player, **the opposing Skip shall restore the jack as near as possible to its former position.**
- 46 iii At any time during the measuring process any bowl, which is in danger of falling, may be secured in its position by either director. **If the bowls are not secured and fall prior to or during measurement, the bowls shall remain in the new position and the shot determination continued. All shots previously agreed shall count.**
- v As the shots are agreed the bowl may be removed from the head and placed in a group **in a position where they will not interfere with the process of measuring.**
- vi The number of bowls placed in the group shall be agreed by the directors and the shots **scored in that end indicated to both the skips and the seconds.**
- 64 iii If a National Authority that is affiliated competes against a National Authority that is not affiliated, the Board shall impose such reasonable sanction against the National Authority that is affiliated (including (disqualification from a subsequent international event) as the Board considers appropriate in the circumstance.