

Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

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President's Comments

Here we are almost halfway through our fiftieth season. I hope that everyone is enjoying it as much as I am. It has been a particular pleasure to draw the names of our Jubilee Members each week. These names are posted in Anderson House each week and after seven draws the names are Fran McAdoo, Joan Gowan, Nancy Newton, Shel Rowell, Murray Robertson, Jody Robinson and John Nadin. The posted list is continually updated and your attention to it is appreciated. At season's end a scroll containing the names of all the winners of this designation will be made to be a permanent record of these people's contribution. A full list of people nominated will also be published. Nominations for the designation of Jubilee Members are constantly being made, by the executive and heads of departments, of members whom they have noted giving that little bit extra in their volunteer activities. I hope that by season's end we shall have many more nominations of "super-volunteers".

I still marvel at how much effort goes into the operation of the club. The greens are in great shape, games are being run with exceptional efficiency, the kitchen staff continues to turn out wonderful food and run super events and the necessary cleaning and maintenance of the buildings is constant. Thanks again everyone.

We have been honored by our visitors from the other clubs who have enjoyed their visits and whom you have welcomed most warmly.

And our new members have seamlessly entered into the life of the club.

Now, if only the weather holds up, we look to be set fair through the rest of the season.

Barry

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

OBLBC Jubilee Dinner/Dance

McMorran's Beach House

5109 Cordova Bay Rd. July 9, 2004 at 5:30 for 6:30.

Dress - 1954 or modern informal.

Dancing at 7:45 to music by Michael Beardley and band

Tickets \$30

We are still able to provide tickets for the Jubilee Dinner but we must cut off sales of these no later than July 3rd, as we have to provide firm numbers to the restaurant on that day. Dancing is not mandatory; just wallow in the music of the fifties.

Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club Annual Steak Barbeque

Thursday, July 1, 2004

Happy Hour 4:30 Dinner 5:30

Tickets \$10.00

Games Report

The season is now well underway, with very fine April weather for the first few weeks of the season; then now cool, wet may weather for our most recent tournaments and visiting clubs' days. Now we're looking for some more high-pressure zones to settle in, around BC.

The BSI Open Pairs tournament was successfully run with more teams (20) entered than last year (16) when it was a men's pairs competition. But the Greenslade men's triples teams enrollment was down (14) over last year (20), as are many BSI tournament entries.

The BSI club visits seem to be well received both by our members and by the visitors so far (with the exception of Cowichan, not surprisingly).

As usual there was an excellent turnout for our Victoria Day event, with over 90 members participating. As a result of our experience in this event, we now asking that any member wishing to participate in half a day of a holiday event, must find another member willing to share the position *before entering*. We certainly don't want to discourage people from playing half days. However, it will greatly assist the tournament mangers if you pre-arrange with a partner to share the day with you. Thank you for doing this.

The Games Team thanks Roy Derry, Murray Robinson, Mary Burke, John and Joan Mackay, Art Antrobus, Brian Redding, and Phil and Dorothy Bissell for managing tournaments and special events so far this season.

It's good to see so many club members participating in, and enjoying tournaments and holiday events. Keep it up. Sign up now for July 1 and the Miller Triples on June 29-30. Enjoy the rest of the season.

Games Team: John Cossom, Chair and Men's Games
Pat Metcalfe and Marion Woiblet, Women's Games.

Competition Results

BSI Baker Cup

A: Runner-up	Laurie Matheson, Marion Woiblet
Semi-finalists	Lorraine Neumair, Pat Metcalfe, Linda Cowie, Mary Browning
B: Winner	Jody Robinson, Joan Firkins

BSI Peace-Findlay Men's Singles

1 st Place	Gary Robinson
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Wilkerson Pairs

B Flight Winners	Vern Mcbeth, John Cossum
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Maddalon Tray Pairs

Congratulations to Lorraine Neumair and Joan Firkins for having a **perfect 8 end score** while winning the Maddalon!!!!

[Picture at http://bowlsoakbay.ca/photos/2004/Maddalon Tray Pairs Winners.htm](http://bowlsoakbay.ca/photos/2004/Maddalon%20Tray%20Pairs%20Winners.htm)

Oak Bay Tea Party Parade

The club should be very grateful for the effort of five members. On June 5th Gwynne Russell organized an entry in the Oak Bay Tea Party Parade. With Prim Wood and Joan Firkin waving regally from the back seat and Brian Redding walking alongside handing out club cards to the crowd, Gordon Cowie drove Gwynne's convertible float, advertising our 50th year, in what is believed to be the first entry by the club in this annual event. If their enjoyment of their experience is an indicator, it is likely that we shall see more entries by the club in this event. The sun came out and all enjoyed a great day.

[Picture at http://bowlsoakbay.ca/photos/2004/Oak Bay Tea Party Parade.htm](http://bowlsoakbay.ca/photos/2004/Oak Bay Tea Party Parade.htm)

Short Mat

The second session of Short Mat went well, Harnham Grewal and Joan Firkins winning the Pairs and Ken Baggott winning the Singles. A play off was held between the winners of the two session with Linda and Gordon Cowie beating Harnham Grewal and Joan Firkins in the Pairs and Ken Baggott beating Harnham Grewal in the Singles. Trophies to the winners were presented at the semi-annual general meeting. Eleven teams entered the Pairs event and eight bowlers entered the Singles event.

I would like to thank all those who participated and who helped to make the tournament a success, with a special mention to Murray Robertson who kept the mat vacuumed and straightened throughout the Season, and an extra special thank you to Pat Metcalfe, who not only helped with the running of the tournament throughout the Season but who took over completely when I had to make an emergency trip to England.

Marion Woiblet

SCHOOL VISITS

Some 90 high school students from Oak Bay Senior Secondary School and Victoria High School visited our club on four occasions this spring. On each occasion we were able to staff each rink that we used with at least two members so that lots of help was given to everyone. As always the students were fun to deal with and they all seemed to enjoy the experience. Again, as always, there were several students that the coaches identified as being "naturals and we would love to have the opportunity of coaching them to a competitive standard. At this time in their lives, however, students just leaving school are subject to so many pressures that they are reluctant to take up another activity. Our only hope is that sometime from now they will remember the experience with pleasure and look for a club to join.

LOCKER KEYS

Despite a reluctance to do so, your executive resolved at its last meeting to institute a \$5 key deposit in 2005. Every member having a locker will be required to make this deposit which will be fully refundable upon return of their key to the club. This appeared to the executive to be the only way to stop the financial bleeding which occurs at the beginning of each season when we find that people have decided not to re-enroll but have not returned their locker key. This year an inventory of keys showed that we were short 33 keys which have to be replaced at significant cost to the club. This method of resolving the issue is not without cost but the cost will be the time spent by our treasurer in administering the deposit system and not a financial one.

All members except those playing short-mat through the winter are also asked to empty their lockers and leave the keys behind their name tags as this will reduce the number lost by the fact of members' illnesses, moving away or other factors causing difficulty in returning keys. Every returning member is guaranteed the same locker upon re-enrollment and you will know where to find your key!

New Members

The Executive held a reception for our new members on June 10th at which a buffet of finger food and conversation was enjoyed by everyone.

Australian Government to boost grassroots in lawn bowls

The Federal Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp, today announced a three-year plan to boost the number of people playing lawn bowls.

Get on the Green is a joint national initiative of the Australian Government, through the Australian Sports Commission, and Bowls Australia, designed to attract new members to lawn bowls. More than 270,000 Australian men and women register each year to play lawn bowls, one of Australia's most popular national sports.

Senator Kemp says *Get on the Green* offers a great way for Australians of all ages to take up lawn bowls.

'*Get on the Green* is an exciting, modern version of lawn bowls which will promote the social and fun side of the game,' the Minister said. 'The program is based on modified, simplified rules, to make it fun and easy to play in an accessible, casual and relaxed environment. It's a program to encourage new players to give the sport a go.'

New participants in *Get on the Green* can enrol in an organised program of 60 to 90-minute bowling sessions delivered weeknights in competition periods and on weekends during out-of-competition periods in spring and summer. Games are tailored to suit all ages and skill levels from beginners to more experienced players.

Participants can get involved as individuals or as part of a team. Equipment is free of charge.

Get on the Green is being piloted in nine bowls clubs, and in summer will be extended to 36 clubs. The \$700,000 program expects to attract up to 75,000 people to lawn bowls over the next three years. *Get on the Green* provides pathways for participants to become members of lawn bowl clubs, to develop their skills and abilities and enter competition at higher levels, if they choose.

Get on the Green is one of 21 projects funded under the Australian Sport Commission's Targeted Sports Participation Growth Program, which provides sports with support to expand their active membership and improve the reach of their affiliated clubs and associations.

The Targeted Sports Participation Growth Program is integral to the Australian Government's Sports Policy, *Backing Australia's Sporting Ability - a More Active Australia*, which provides close to \$550 million to Australian sport over four years.

MELBOURNE
21 October 2003