

# Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

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## Beverages

I have never felt regret as I now do in writing any piece for dissemination to club members

In consultation with Mickey Sendall and, upon recommendation from Vern McBeth, I have authorized the placing of a lock on our beverage refrigerator. Keys to this lock will be held by Vern, Dave Jantzi, John Nadin and myself and we shall be the only people authorized to access the beverages at any time until a full meeting of the club executive either ratifies or countermands the decision. Tournament and draw organizers who anticipate that beverages will be wanted at their functions should contact Vern or another key holder to arrange for a server.

This step has been forced upon us by someone who has systematically broken trust with all the members at our club by removing beverages without paying for them. There has been suspicion that this has been happening for some time, and two seasons ago it was suggested that the refrigerator be locked. I, personally, opposed the suggestion at the time, as I believed the problem was minor and caused by neglect rather than dishonesty. I felt that an honor system should be maintained. Since several beverages have gone missing on several occasions, and since even the empty cans disappear, it is now obvious that I, at least, was wrong. You can see, therefore, that the decision to install a lock was taken in the knowledge that not all members will appreciate the solution that we have temporarily taken. I trust that the executive can find another solution and that the inconvenience that we shall all suffer will be somehow alleviated.

Since the amount of loss now exceeds \$100 this is not a minor problem.

**Barry**

## Novice Tournaments

Although our novice tournaments attracted fewer entries than had some in past years, the caliber of play was at as high a level as we expected from a group that had trained very hard under the guidance of our coaches and their helpers. The weather was kind; the greens were great and the competitiveness always appropriate as three men and four women vied for standing.

In the end Eric Ballinger took the men's title over Alan Hall but the pride of the Hall family was restored when Joan Hall took the women's crown from Henriette Ballinger in a tie breaking performance that was thrilling to watch. We shall be well represented at the BSI Novice Tournament at Juan de Fuca in August and it is hoped that a good contingent from our club will visit JdF to support them.

## Competition Results

Miller Cup Mixed Triples:

Winner	Michael Lum, Duino Barbon, Sandy Coupe
2nd Place	John Cossom, Art Antrobus, Gwynne Russell
3rd Place	Linda Cowie, Dorothy Bissell, Stan Turner
4th Place	Mary Browning, Bob Akins, Ray Troyer

## Carnarvon House and our Jubilee.

The executive considered a suggestion that we commemorate our jubilee year by renaming Carnarvon House to reflect the gratitude of the club to its founders.

It was felt that this question demanded input from the membership and so we will be seeking your reaction to one of three alternatives:-

- Leave things as they are. Carnarvon House should remain the building's name.
- Change the name from Carnarvon House to "John Green House" in recognition of the effort this man put into the club in its formative years and until his death, when his ashes were scattered in our garden. Or
- Change the name to "Founders' House" to recognize all the original members.

There were five men who are recognized as the initiating force behind our club Bill Gibson, John Green, William Greenslade, Dave Scott and Colin Wood. Without the efforts of these five we would not have the club in the form we know it today. It seems right to give them credit.

Your individual reactions will be solicited shortly.

**Barry**

## Games Report

We have played approximately half of the annual competitive tournaments run by our club, and are nearing the halfway mark of the season. The enrolment for the Miller mixed triples was up significantly, and it was a well run and enjoyable tournament in hot weather. The July 1 holiday event was also very popular with over 90 players having lots of fun and contributing \$1,000 to a good cause. Seven of ten BSI club visits have now been completed, and continue to be popular, both for our guests and us.

The Games Team thanks Joan Firkins, Lawrie Matheson, Linda and Gordon Cowie, Lorraine Neumair, Dorothy Lalonde, Gordon Lough and Tak Hirose for managing tournaments and a special event, since our last report.

We made one major recommendation for a tournament change for next year, which was approved unanimously by the executive at its July meeting.

The BSI Open Pairs will be changed to the Oak Bay Jubilee Pacific Open Pairs. It may be played at the same time of the season and in place of our BSI Open Pairs, likely with Friday play being added to a Saturday-Sunday for round robin flight play. However, it could be moved to a mid-season spot if suitable dates can be found.

A number of lawn bowlers commented that they have missed the Pacific Pairs since it was cancelled a few years ago by the Juan de Fuca club, even though it was a popular event. After our BSI Pairs this year it was suggested that we consider re-introducing this Open Pairs tournament with significant entry fees and prize money. This would appeal to Island and perhaps some mainland lawn bowlers and beyond. There are no high entry fee, high prize money tournaments remaining in the South Island, now that the Pacific Pairs, and the indoor Easter Pairs have departed, the latter due to a shortened indoor season. Each of these was an open pairs competition, had an entry fee of \$50 and corresponding large prizes, and attracted significant entries and a high level of competition.

The Games Team considered this proposal and recommended to the executive that we run this tournament next year, with an entry fee of \$50 per player. We propose to advertise it to all BC lawn bowls clubs. We have checked with the BSI Games Committee and there is support for this change, though this would no longer be a BSI tournament.

The advantages that we see are that it would:

1. Attract a wider range of top flight, competitive lawn bowlers to an Oak Bay event, and probably draw more bowlers than the current BSI Open Pairs tournament.
2. Not increase the tournament schedule at our club – it simply replaces one existing Open Pairs tournament with another.
3. Would give heightened visibility to our club.
4. Reintroduce a high level competitive open pairs to the South Island region, to replace those lost.
5. Bring a little more revenue to our coffers from fees, bar sales, and perhaps a Friday night barbecue event.

The extra costs will involve:

1. Some extra advance planning is called for. (Some Burnside members have offered to join us if we need their help, or want to increase inter-club collaboration.)
2. Some costs associated with advertising and mailing for the event.
3. A new trophy would need to be purchased.

We look forward to hosting this new event, in further celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday! Start saving and practicing now, you sharpshooters! In the meantime, enjoy the rest of this great season, and have fun in the upcoming tournaments and draw play.

**Submitted by the Games Team: John Cossom, Chair and Men's Games; Pat Metcalfe and Marion Woiblet, Women's Games.**

### THE BLONDE JOKE TO END ALL BLONDE JOKES!

A girl was visiting her blond friend who had acquired two new dogs and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?" ARE YOU READY? "Hell000ooo," answered the blond. "They're **watch** dogs!"