

# Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

It is hard to believe that the summer season is more than half spent! However, there is still plenty more to come. Refer to your little green *Members' Information Booklet* for details.

I would like to express my appreciation to Pat Thomas, Wendy Barry and Marion Andrews for stepping forward to fill vacancies in volunteer positions. Pat & Wendy will be handling the Stores henceforth. And Marion has accepted the position of Publicity on the Executive Committee.

The Newcomer's Reception is being held this evening (July 22) to welcome our new members and apprise them of who is who and who does what and what activities they can get involved in. To our established members, please welcome any new members you come in contact with, make them feel at home and fulfill the intent of our logo 'The friendly Club'. Remember how you felt when you were a 'newbie'?

Mickey

## The President - A Portrait

In keeping with past practice and for the benefit of newer members, here's a brief sketch of our President, Mickey Sendall

Mickey Sendall - born Marybelle Ruth Allen in Regina Saskatchewan one stormy January day in 1933.

Attended elementary and high school in Regina.

Married William Ronald Sendall (Bill) in June 1951 in Regina, moved to Victoria in 1952. Bill passed away in 1991.

Worked at the Hudson's Bay Company as an Executive Secretary, Fashion Division. 1952-1958

Two children both married: son Kelly Allen Sendall born in 1958. Graduated from U-Vic with BSc. Marine Biologist & Senior Collections Manager at the Royal BC Museum. and daughter Claudia Ruth Kriese, born 1960. Graduated from UBC, BSc in Physiotherapy, worked at Saanich Peninsula Hospital until April 2005, recently moved to Boulder, Colorado

Three grandchildren Jenna (age 14), Jeffrey age 10) Sendall (Victoria) and Jesse (age 5) Kriese (Boulder).

Attended University of Victoria BA (Honors) 1971 and subsequent BC Teacher Certification.

Joined staff at St. Margaret's School, Victoria in 1971 as Senior English Teacher; Assistant Headmistress in 1973; Headmistress in 1975 until 1986.

1986-Present: on Contract with the BC Ministry of Education as an Educational Evaluator & Committee Chair in the Office of the Inspector of Independent Schools.

1992-2003: Contract Evaluator for Teacher Certification in Office of the Inspector of Independent Schools, BC Ministry of Education.

Started bowling in August 1992 at Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowling Club. Joined Oak Bay LBC July 1998.

Congratulations to Novice Champions Ruth Suter and Vic Badendorst. Runner-ups were Gary Suter and Wendy Appleyard

## From A proud Dad

I am pleased and proud to announce that Oak Bay LBC has another Provincial Champion in its midst.

My son, Dave captured the Junior Singles title at the Tsawwassen LBC this weekend, going undefeated over a total of 5 matches.

Saturday saw Dave open with a stunning 21-0 win, followed by another impressive 21-8 victory. Dave's toughest match of the weekend came in the third game on Saturday. Down 20-14, Dave rallied to tie the score at 20-20, for one final end of confrontation. Dave elected to give away the jack, in order to have the final bowl. After missing badly with his first three bowls, and with Dave lying two, his opponent drew the shot with his final bowl, coming to rest about 3 inches in front of the jack and just off center. Dave studied the head carefully and took his time before delivering his final bowl. It picked up the jack and trailed it back past his opponents bowls to lie one and win the match. It was such an exciting finish that it took a couple of hours for my pulse to slow down again. That win put Dave through to the semi-final match on Sunday. In the semi-final Dave won 21-11 to advance to the gold medal final. In the final he met Vincent Siu, who had also won the silver medal in 2004. Dave prevailed by a score of 21-14 to claim the gold medal. Dave now heads for the National Championship in Halifax in a few weeks.

Gary.

## Paper Towel Trauma

The most difficult activity I've encountered since joining the club hasn't been playing bowls or completing volunteer tasks. It's been trying to figure out how to change that %&\*# paper towel roll in the washroom. Surely the person who invented this system intended it to cause maximum terror and torment to changers.

I've tried unsuccessfully more than once and each time left frustrated, embarrassed, and thoroughly defeated. Although technically challenged, I have on at least two occasions persevered for at least ten minutes, studying the mechanism and trying various methods, all to no avail. Finally, I granted special permission for my spouse to enter the men's washroom and show me how it is done.

Voila! I've learned that it is very important to ensure the end of the roll containing three thin cuts must be carefully aligned to the three metal pieces protruding from the holder at the right. Likewise, the spring wingy dingy at left must be gently pushed into the left end of the roll, all the while ensuring that the paper rolls down from behind. This also solves the age old mystery of which direction – over or under - toilet paper rolls are to be installed. I digress. Finally, there is a moveable contraption of white plastic which must be gently lifted and the paper fed between its plastic pieces. Once you've done this you're ready to pump the knob that draws the paper. If you were good, lucky, and blessed, the paper will exit and you will be overcome by a wave of joy.

I'm still waiting to complete my first unsupervised roll change, but I'm excited and optimistic that I can now do it. Still, I'll keep the champagne corked until I pass this final hurdle.

Anonymous

## As I've Matured:

I've learned that one good turn gets most of the blankets.

I've learned that no matter how much I care, some people are just jackasses.

I've learned that whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.

I've learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to others - they are more screwed up than you think.

#### ❖ DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Our website [www.bowlsoakbay.ca](http://www.bowlsoakbay.ca) has been expanding to include more photos, as well as useful information such as the duties of a Marker. Check it out!
- ❖ Our "Lost and Found" is a box just inside the door on left, in room next to the Drawmaster's counter. Clothing however is hung up on hooks along the wall at right. Don't forget to check carefully because clothing items are sometimes hung over top of each another.
- ❖ The club recently received a donated set of four bowls from Mr John Hannah, a former club member. This will increase our inventory for use by novice club members, and for introductory training to school groups.
- ❖ Our answering machine is now co-located with the telephone behind the Drawmaster's counter, so we won't miss your important calls.
- ❖ Pat Thomas and Wendy Barry have taken over Stores, and are making small bowling items more conveniently available for sale from the Drawmaster. Stay tuned for details.
- ❖ Club Telephone Books are now on the table in Anderson House.
- ❖ There is a Suggestion Box attached to the Drawmaster's Station in Anderson House. We welcome all signed suggestions regarding any matter to do with the Club.
- ❖ Club Rules are posted in Anderson House and we hope all members read them annually as they are reviewed and revised by the Executive at the beginning of each bowling season.
- ❖ There are two binders in Anderson House: 'Members Binder' contains Minutes of Executive and General meetings for the membership's information. The other is for Minutes and information from Bowls Canada Boulingrin, Bowls BC and Bowls South Island.

**Announcement:** Harnam Grewal announced that in the absence of Anne Mayer (Member at Large) for the balance of the bowling season, her duties would be carried out by Jennifer Letkeman. He also welcomed Jennifer to the Executive Committee.

**Rossmoor LBC (California) visit to OBLBC.** Information has been received that a total of 39 members from the Rossmoor LBC are expected on Saturday, 27 August. They will be evenly divided in playing positions for triples play on mixed teams that include our own members. The OBLBC coordinator for the visit is Yvonne Brower, with Barry Browning acting as Drawmaster on the day.

Dinner tickets for the September 5th (Labour Day) Quaddie go on sale Saturday August 5th. Tickets available from Prim Wood, but if you don't see her please feel free to call her at 477-1974 to reserve your ticket and arrange for pick up. As this is a very popular event buy your tickets EARLY! Of course, if you want to play, look for the sign up sheet mid August  
EVERYBODY WELCOME! Positions may be shared for this all day event.

Pick your partner and sign up NOW for the popular mixed scotch pairs DORE CUP August 13 and 14

Come out and witness some excellent bowling from our champions! Aug.30 to Sept 1st Top man and woman will be declared 2005 Champ of Champs.

Jubilee-Pacific Open Pairs Sept. 9-11-Members are encouraged to support this major tournament and enjoy top caliber bowls.

At the Dogwood Tourney, Gary Robinson and Gwynne Russell came Third and Susan and Lyle Wiseman came fourth.

## Volunteering

The governance of our club, its financial viability, the maintenance of our buildings, greens and gardens, the running of our games, winter and other programs, the coaching of members, keeping members informed, our publicity, and the running of our food and beverage programs all reflect the fact that everything in the club is done by volunteers. The only exceptions are the non-routine factors (such as electrical, roofing and plumbing work), which are necessarily done by professionals.

A month or so back your executive struggled to replace the publicity chair who had resigned her position for personal reasons. Marion Andrews has filled the position and we are most grateful to her but that does not alter the fact that many members were approached before that to no avail. When we then lost Dave Jantzi as treasurer we despaired of replacing him until Jody Robinson stepped in to fill the breach and we thank Jody most warmly for doing that. This is a lady who still works (and bowls more than most) so her contribution in this way is "above and beyond" especially as Gary spends inordinate time as our games chair..

As past president of our club I am de facto chair of the nominating committee charged with presenting a slate of officers to the next annual general meeting in October. For a long time I was pessimistic that we would, for the first time in the club's history, not be able to fulfill that mandate. I am more sanguine now but the task gets harder every year so my pessimism has not totally gone. The club seldom calls for volunteers to do things as part of a team without a good response, but it is increasingly unable to find people willing to sit on the executive or as committee chairs. This can, in the long run, only lead to the demise of the club but early symptoms of that demise will show in a variety of ways. If volunteers are not forthcoming you will see work contracted out which will obviously prove expensive and lead to fee increases. If we become more expensive than other clubs

we shall lose members to those other clubs and those remaining will carry an even bigger burden. Perhaps we can lean on people who have already done their share but there is a danger there, in that doing so well may lead the club to stagnate because of a lack of new ideas and fresh energy. That may also lead to a feeling that the club is run by a clique as the same old faces appear and reappear from year to year. Perhaps we shall have to cut programs such as our dinners and special days, perhaps we shall be forced to close one of our greens, or perhaps the buildings will be too expensive to open during the winter months.

I am trying not to cry doom and gloom too strongly, and I really have no idea as to the lengths that a future executive may have to go, but I do know that there will be consequences which we shall not like unless each and every member pulls their weight. We have a hard core of wonderful people. You can think immediately of those whom I have in mind - but watch them. You will see them doing many things around the club. The gardener works in the kitchen, takes a turn cleaning and is drawmaster on occasion. The geenskeeper turns out as drawmaster, helps coach and then is part of a painting crew or a crew refurbishing the benches each year. You could share that load or emulate them. And it is not sufficient to say, "I couldn't do that". Anyone who can bowl can do something in the club. There are telephone calls to make; scrapbooks to prepare at the end of each season, envelopes to stuff on occasion, the draw tags and rink pegs need refurbishment occasionally. All these anyone can do. But above all, if you are approached to volunteer time on, or head, a committee or serve on an executive please say "yes" Our future does depend on every one of us.

Barry Browning

Volunteering is  
a work of heart



## **Show us yours and we'll** **all benefit**

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