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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure and privilege to extend, on behalf of the Club, a very warm welcome to our new members. Some of them are trying out lawn bowling for the first time while others are experienced bowlers. Whatever their grasp of the game may be, I am confident that they (and there are almost 50 of them) will enjoy their membership here at Oak Bay, the friendly club. Not only does the Club have on offer a wide range of outdoor bowling, social as well as competitive, during the summer months, but also there is a varied and active program of indoor activities available throughout the off-season. This year-round social and sporting calendar is perhaps the best and most comprehensive that any lawn bowling club on the Island (and possibly, for that matter, across the Province) has to offer to its members.

The expansion of Carnarvon House will, on completion, substantially enhance the amenities and services that the Club is able to provide to members. The plans for this expansion have now been virtually finalized and a major part of the funding required is already in place. There is nevertheless a shortfall, which we will meet through the fund-raising campaign currently under way. Barry Browning is spearheading the drive, and progress achieved to date is most heartening. All being well, therefore, construction work should start immediately following Labour Day and be completed by February/March next year. There will be some unavoidable impact on the winter activities centred on Carnarvon House, but every effort will be made to keep disruption to a minimum.

Opening Day on April 29 was, despite the inclement weather, a great success in its own way. Both the Honourable Ida Chong and Mayor Christopher Causton were present as guests of honour and delivered the ceremonial jack and first bowls as planned, but this was the only bowling that took place that afternoon. The turnout from members was, given the poor weather, surprisingly strong. Since then, however, we have had sunshine in abundance. The greens are in superb shape and playing extremely well. Open Draws are well attended, and it is particularly pleasing to see a number of our novices participating not only in these draws but also in Club tournaments.

I would, in closing, like to urge all members, novices and experienced hands alike, to participate as fully as they can in Club activities, for only through such active support from the membership can we as a Club remain strong, vibrant and forward-looking.

Good bowling all!

Harnam Grewal

## Dead Duck

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm so sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed owner wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. The duck is dead," he replied. "How can you be so sure?" She protested. "I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something." The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room, and returned a few moments later with a black Labrador retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog and took it out, and returned a few moments later with a cat. The cat jumped up on the table and also sniffed delicately at the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room. The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100 percent certifiably, a dead duck." Then the vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried. "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead?" The vet shrugged. "I'm sorry. If you'd taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the lab report and the CAT scan, it's now \$150.

## SHORT MAT

The Short Mat Season has now come to an end, with thrilling games being played in both the Pairs and Singles events to determine the Trophy winners.

Harnam Grewal and Henriette Ballinger won the first session of the Pairs event, with runners up Linda Cowie and Alma Keenan. The two teams actually tied in the standings, which resulted in a very exciting playoff game, which was also tied coming into the final end, and were decided only when the last bowl had been delivered. Mary Browning and Marion Woiblet won the second session, and Michael Lum and Joe Rossi were runners-up. In an exciting playoff game that took place on Wednesday, March 22nd, between Harnam and Henriette (the first session winners) and Mary and Marion (the second session winners), the "Two Ms" made a dramatic come from behind win on the final end to become the Club Short Mat Pairs Champions for 2005/2006. A standing room only crowd enjoyed some thrilling shots by both teams!

The first session of the Singles event was won by Harnam Grewal, Michael Lum coming in a close second. Vic Badenhurst won the second session with Lawrie Matheson and Linda Cowie as runners up. Lawrie actually won more games than Linda with three wins against Linda's two, but the two were tied for points.

The playoff to determine the Singles Short Mat Champion took place on Wednesday, March 29th, between Harnam (winner of the first session) and Vic (winner of the second session). A player had to win two 7 end games or win one game and tie another to determine the champion. That is what happened in these games. Vic was triumphant in the first game, and while Harnam came storming back in the second, leading much of the way, he came up just short. On the 7th end, with the score tied at 4, Vic was able to declare his final bowl and claim victory thus becoming the Club Short Mat Singles Champion for 2005/2006. The games were enjoyed by the spectators who were entertained to a variety of shots from delicate draws to thundering runners. Barry Browning assisted as Marker and Marilyn Turpin's sharp eye as umpire was called upon for several measurements.

Marion Woiblet

## MEMBER SERVICES

The Recruitment Task Force worked very hard this year to attract new lawn bowling members to the Club and they have been successful! As of May 19<sup>th</sup> we have 198 members in our club. Lois Young is still training a few more so we may reach our goal of 200. Lois and her staff have trained twenty-five new bowlers. Please make all these newcomers feel comfortable and make suggestions about the different draws and tournaments you think they might enjoy.

Nick Watkins is bowling with us this year. For those who don't know Nick he is in the business of selling all lawn bowling accessories. Nick has offered to help us with our building fund by giving the Club 5% of his net sales of all he sells in the Club from May to Sept. 31<sup>st</sup>. Do you need bowls, shoes, special measuring tapes etc? – Phone Nick at 360-0068.

Don't forget to come out on a Friday night. This is the Draw that you can come alone or bring some friends to introduce them to the sport that you love. Murray Robertson & Linda Cowie look after this session. The refreshment area will be open after the game and Prim and Dolores will make sure that there are some munchies.

Dolores Troyer

## The Development Fund

The early response to my letters requesting members' help in raising the funds necessary for the refurbishment of our kitchen has been wonderful. I have banked some forty six cheques with a total value of \$6,425 to date and it seems that I continue to receive them at the rate of about one a day. Our development account, which contains money raised from other events, the very successful garage sale and the donations, is now on May 11<sup>th</sup> as I write this, nudging \$10,000. Obviously this is very gratifying. Obviously, too, it is still only half of our target. If you still intend to donate or pledge funds please do so soon as this will give us the assurance that we can finish the job.

We are not relying on donations alone. We will proceed with the cookbook so please get your recipes in. The ones that are already in seem to be exactly what we are looking for. We have fewer than fifty to date; we need three hundred and fifty at least. We also need them no later than mid-June if we are to publish before the season ends.

We are still tentatively planning an off site dinner with professional entertainment and a silent auction. We shall start to seek commercial sponsorships for various activities and Faith is already working to cater for lunches at tournaments and events. And we still want ideas so if you have any please let us know.

The executive still has to approve the criteria for and the form of the permanent recognition of contributing members. Think glass blocks with names appearing as though etched, as a feature where the fireplace is now. This will be finalized soon but all that I can say now is what I have seen thus far makes the end result worth waiting to see.

Barry Browning; Chair, Fund Raising Committee.

## Miller Cup Mixed Triples Results May 13 & 14, 2006

1st. John Cossom – skip      Sandy Coupe    Tak Hirose  
2nd. Joe Rossi – skip    Ray Troyer      Louise Mason  
3rd. Phil Bissell – skip      Dolores Troyer      Wendy Barry  
4th. Lyle Wiseman –skip      Pat Metcalfe    Pat Thomas

## For your Information

Thursday Special Draws commenced May 18th, thanks to some great volunteers who stepped forward to manage these draws for the 2006 season. Come and join the fun!

Tags must be in by 10:45 a.m. We play 8 ends before lunch and another 8 ends after lunch. It costs only a Loonie! You can bring your lunch or purchase some of Faye's Fabulous Fare (a great volunteer effort to raise money for the Carnarvon House extension).

**The draw time that is being used for the Carnarvon Cup is 9:30AM, which is a change from that shown in the MIB Calendar.**



## You have mail

How do I send mail to another Club member? It's easy. Behind the door of Anderson House are a number of round paper tags on a wall hook bearing the words "*You have mail*". Simply place one of these tags on the nail over the top of the red metal bowling tag of the person you wish to receive your mail. Then place your addressed envelope in the appropriate alphabetical section of the large box file on the Drawmaster's counter. When your recipient is next at the Club they will be alerted to your mail when putting their tag in for the draw.

This is a snapshot of Betty and Megan Wilson (Bob's widow) taken ten years ago when Betty was in charge of the cribbage games at Canarvon.



SATURDAY P.M. CRIBBAGE '96  
BETTY CLYNICK in CHARGE

**CLYNICK, Betty**  
September 1, 1916 – March 2, 2006  
Betty passed away peacefully after a long term illness in hospice, her niece by her side. Born in Devon, England, emigrated to Edmonton, Alta. then to Victoria in the early 40's. Survived by her niece and nephew-in-law, Pam and Bev Highton, Victoria, great nephew Ashley Highton (Gemma Vomiero) and great, great nephew and niece Aidan and Lauren Highton, Barrie, Ont. Betty was a life member of the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club and a long time employee of H.B.C. She loved her home and garden and her wild birds. She also loved her early morning walks at Ogden Point. We would like to thank Dr. James Houston, the quick response team nurses, the Community Home Care nurses, home care workers, the palliative response team, the doctors, the RNs, the LPNs and the volunteers at hospice for their loving care and attention during Betty's difficult times.  
No service by request. Those so desiring may donate to Victoria Hospice or the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Thanks again to all the members who give so willingly of their time by volunteering for Tea Days and Housekeeping on a regular basis. Once again there are spaces on the list on the kitchen bulletin board. Please fill your name on the empty spaces. If we all take our turn you shouldn't have to volunteer more than three times per season.

The Tournaments and Thursday Draws are now fundraisers and the Miller Cup saw a donation to the Building Fund of \$489.00. Well done to the Committee and the Competitors!

The Victoria Day Dinner is a sell out and we look forward to that event.

See you on the greens - GOOD BOWLING AND FELLOWSHIP!

Prim Wood

Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them. --  
*Harriet Naylor*

John invited his mother over for dinner. During the meal, his mother couldn't help noticing how beautiful John's roommate was. She had long been suspicious of a relationship between John and his roommate and this only made her more curious.

Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between John and the roommate than met the eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, John volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Julie and I are just roommates.

"About a week later, Julie came to John and said, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it, do you?" Julie said. "Well, I doubt it, but I'll write her a letter just to be sure."

So he sat down and wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm not saying you 'did' take a gravy ladle from my house, and I'm not saying you 'did not' take a gravy ladle. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner."

Several days later, John received a letter from his mother which read:

"Dear Son, I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Julie, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with Julie. But the fact remains that if she were sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now..."

Love, Mom

### Make it snappy

Snappy Answer #1:

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket, and he opened his trench coat and flashed her. Without missing a beat she said, "Sir, I need to see your ticket, not your stub."

Snappy Answer #2:

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

Snappy Answer #3:

The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

Snappy Answer #4:

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up which reads "LOW BRIDGE AHEAD." Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks around to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."

BONUS Snappy Answer:

A girl was visiting her blonde 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?"

"Helloooooo" answered the blonde. "They're watch dogs!"

Can't get enough? The BEST is LAST:

A pompous minister was seated next to a man on a flight to Dallas. After the plane was airborne, drink orders were taken. The man asked for a whiskey and soda, which was brought and placed before him. The flight attendant then asked the minister if he would like a drink. He replied in disgust, "I'd rather be savagely raped by brazen whores than let liquor touch my lips."

The man looked at the minister, then handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "I didn't know we had a choice."

# LOCAL RULES

## **1. LAWS OF THE GAME**

World Bowls Board (W.B.B.) Laws of the Game and the Club's Games Handbook Rules shall govern all Club games and competitions, subject to any special rule or variation deemed necessary by the Games Committees for some particular purpose.

## **2. DRESS**

Whites, creams or Club colours shall be worn by players and markers in special Club events, competitions and tournaments, other than those Club tournaments specifically excluded from this requirement (such as the Carnarvon and Campbell Cups). When shorts are worn they shall be walking shorts only. Smooth-soled heel-less shoes/sandals shall be worn at all times on the greens.

## **3. PRACTICE TIMES AND CASUAL PLAY**

Subject to availability of the greens, practice is permitted at any time between 9:00 a.m. and dusk, EXCEPT Monday and Wednesday mornings and during the afternoon draws, when no practice or casual play will be permitted.

When space is available during league play or competitions, casual play will be permitted, subject to the approval of the Tournament Manager, and provided there is at least one free rink to separate the competitors from other players.

## **4. GREEN MATS (GROUND SHEETS)**

When the Greenskeeper decides that groundsheets shall be used, they shall be moved at least once every six ends to further protect the green.

## **5. COMPLAINTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Complaints and/or suggestions should be made to any member of the Executive Committee and, if appropriate, in writing, signed and placed in the suggestion box in Anderson House. However, any complaint about the greens shall not be made directly to the greenskeeper, but rather to the Past President, who is responsible for the Greens Committee.

## **6. CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES**

Consumption of beverages within the limits prescribed in the Beverages Rules posted at the Refreshment counter is permitted within and in the immediate vicinity of the clubhouses, but only in the areas clear of the greens, and in appropriate containers.

## **7. ENTRY LISTS AND PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

When members sign up for a competition, doing so shall be taken as a token of their consent to play in all the scheduled games in that competition, under the conditions set by the Games Committee. The Games Committee shall inform members of any significant changes made prior to the event, which might affect their decision to enter. The sole responsibility for ensuring their names are entered on sign-up sheets, or removed should they decide to withdraw, rests with the players. The Games Committee shall accept all entries and withdrawals at face value.

## **8. PERSONAL EFFECTS**

Members who leave their bowls and other personal effects in the clubhouses, whether they are secured or not, do so at their own risk. The Club does not accept responsibility for the safe keeping of personal effects.

## **9. CHANGE OF RATING**

The Rating Committee, whose composition is confidential, is responsible to the President for adjusting the ratings of playing members to ensure, as far as it is possible to do so, a proper balance of skills in Club draws and competitions. This they do during the course of the season drawing on their observation and experience.

Any member wishing to have her/his rating changed should make the appropriate request on a form maintained for this purpose, available in the Draw Office. Members in their 80's, or with physical limitations, have the right to select the rating in which they wish to play, provided it is no higher than the one in which they are currently rated. The colours of the four grades that appear on members' nametags are:

**BLUE  
SKIP**

**RED  
THIRD**

**GREEN  
SECOND**

**YELLOW  
LEAD**

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