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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since my last message for the Newsletter in April we have had many successes at our club ~ successful tournaments, successful individuals and teams, successful social events and, of course, the successful Official Opening of a newly expanded Carnarvon House. For those who were unable to be present at the Official Opening on July 1st we have included a copy of my speech in this Newsletter. It goes without saying that much of our success is due to the volunteer spirit of many members of our club ~ the willingness of people to work on behalf of others without the expectation of tangible gain. I continue to mention the word 'volunteer' ad nauseam because in order for our club to maintain the highest level of efficiency, it is necessary for as many club members as are able to volunteer in some capacity. So whether you are an old timer, a volunteer extraordinaire or a new member to the club – there is something for you to do! Just ask!

The recent senseless vandalism at the club has certainly provided a lot of public relations for lawn bowling! Queries continue to come in from the community and from our fellow lawn bowlers asking if help is needed and if they can help in any way. This is most heartening and for one, certainly confirms the fact that the lawn bowling community is a family and that we are all in this together.

Now that the expansion project is complete, improvements to the kitchen are underway under the guidance of Jon Magwood, with Vern McBeth, Fred Lyseng and Shel Rowell in particular lending a helping hand. Look for a new and improved kitchen workspace!

And finally, a reminder that Friday nights are Fun Nights at the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club ~ a 6:45 evening draw for club members, and for friends and family that would like to give lawn bowling a try! We recently hosted 10 women from the community who are a Mum's Group that wanted to try lawn bowling – they had a great time and we had fun having them with us! Come on out and enjoy the bowling and the fellowship on Friday nights!

Good bowling, good sportsmanship and good etiquette to everyone!

Joan

Member Services

New Members are still coming in. Two joined July 15th for the half season rate. Members so far this year: Playing Members - 195, Social Members - 21, Jr. Member Under 19 – 1, Junior Member Under 25 – 1, for a total of 218.

Friday night social draw is going well and has brought in two new members. Last week we had a ladies group of seven visit us. They wanted to have an introduction to the sport of lawn bowling. Draw masters Linda Cowie and Murray Robertson put two of the new ladies on every rink and we had a lot of fun. Come along on Friday nights and bring your friends.

Dolores Troyer

Tid-bits from the President

- for your date-book: mark September 12th in your book as we will be hosting a group of 40-45 players from England, along with veteran bowls player David Bryant. More to follow!
- Dore Cup Reminder: If you have signed up as a team you are in and *you will not be phoned*. Be on deck by 9 a.m. Those who have put their names down without a partner must keep checking the sign-up list. If someone joins you, you will be in.
- I hope you are all regularly checking our web site at www.bowlsoakbay.ca to keep up with tournament results, photos and any other news of interest! The web site is for you!
- Do you have your ticket or tickets yet on the Inuit carving so generously donated to the club by Shel and Barbara Rowell's daughter (see picture on website)? We continue to be in need of funds to fully complete the renovation of Carnarvon House so please make your contribution today by purchasing tickets! See Barry Browning, myself or Harnam Grewal.

CLUB VESTS AND SHIRTS INVENTORY

ITEM	S	M	L	XL	PRICE
Unisex Fleece Vest	2	1	1		\$45.00
Ladies Golf Shirt		1	1	1	\$35.00
Men's Golf Shirt		1			\$35.00

Please see Joan to purchase any of the above – if you would like either a shirt or vest and your size is not currently in the Inventory we will order one for you.

Be a proud supporter of the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club!

Who am I?

I was born and grew up in Missouri, long enough ago that I now get to ride the BC Ferries free on weekdays. I went to college in Arkansas where I met my mate who was from Florida. We lived in the US in the east (Pennsylvania) and the west (Colorado) and settled in Virginia for several years before immigrating to Canada in 1975 with our three sons. For 22 of the 25 years that we lived in Alberta I was Executive Assistant to the President of Alberta Opportunity Company, a Crown corporation that made business loans.

Since retiring in Victoria six years ago I've had many new experiences: I've become a Canadian citizen, eh!; learned to lawn bowl; become a novice bridge player; volunteered with the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Saanich Newcomers Club and Swans; and am currently owned by a mini Dachshund. I enjoy biking (I biked down Haleakala Volcano in Maui), reading (currently reading Annie Dillard's "The Maytrees"), traveling (latest excursion was on the tall ship Maple Leaf through the mystic Haida Gwaii), spending time at our cottage on Pender Island (which cuts into my lawn bowling time), genealogy (I'm mostly English and Irish although I have a Southern accent) and, of course, lawn bowling (I haven't won any tournaments yet).

The answer is at the bottom of the Newsletter, if you haven't already guessed it.

Coaches Corner

The Setting of the Mat

Our Novice bowlers were taught a new method of setting the mat this year. This method was introduced to our Coaches who took the new National Canadian Coaching Program Level #1 instruction during the past two years.

The Skip stands on the bank behind the rink number. The Lead straddles the rink number at the other end and then walks FORWARD towards the Skip (that is behind the number) along the centre line of the rink. The Lead keeps walking forward until the Skip holds up two hands to indicate that the Lead should stop and place the mat on the green. The centering of the mat is done as usual.

This method makes the Skip in charge of the distance the mat is brought up and makes for more variety of mat lengths. Most Novice bowlers have mastered their part of this new method and now that we have explained we encourage the Skips to try this new method. You might really like it!

Foot Faulting

There seems to be some confusion about what constitutes foot faulting under the new 4th edition of the Laws of the Game. The previous law stated that "A player, at the moment of delivering the jack or a bowl, shall have one foot entirely within the confines of the mat." This meant that, at the time of releasing the jack or bowl, one foot had to be entirely in contact with or above the mat. The new law introduces a definition of "delivery" – "deliberately releasing a jack or a bowl from the hand using an underarm movement." It then refers to a player's position on the mat both before delivery and at the moment of delivery. Before delivery, a player should stand on the mat with one foot fully on the mat. At the moment of delivery, all or part of one foot must be on or above the mat.

Under the old rule, it was often difficult for an umpire to judge whether a player's foot was entirely on or above the mat at the moment of delivery, because there can be a lot of simultaneous actions. Under the new rule, it is easier to judge whether a foot is entirely on the mat when it is stationary, and so long as a foot is partly over the mat at the moment of delivery, there is no foot faulting.

There is one more significant change to the new rules which empowers the umpire to call foot faulting by his/her own observation. In the past, an opposing player would have to bring a foot faulting issue to the umpire's attention, the umpire would then have to witness it and give the player a warning, and the umpire would then have to witness a subsequent infraction before any penalty could be imposed. This meant that there could be three infractions before any action was taken. The new rule eliminates one of these steps.

In practice, it is hard to deduce what advantage a player may gain if they start their delivery with one toe slightly over the front edge of the mat or one heel off the back edge. However, these do constitute foot faulting, and the umpire can bring this to your attention with a warning. This may upset some players, so the best advice is to always be aware of where you stand at the start of your delivery.

Realistic Humor!

**A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!"
The husband said, "Oh my God! What should I pack? Beach gear or Mountain gear?"
"Doesn't matter," she said. "Just get out."**

**One day a man came home and was greeted by his wife who was dressed in a very sexy nightgown.
"Tie me up," she purred, "and you can do anything you want."**

So he tied her up and went golfing.

The text of Joan's Speech at the Opening of the expanded Carnarvon House

Honorable Minister Chong; Mayor Causton; members and friends of the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club.

First of all I would like to thank both Ida and Christopher for being with us today ~ and particularly for taking time away from their families on what is a busy Canada Day in all corners of Greater Victoria. Thank you both very much.

And it's our particular pleasure to have with us from the Provincial Government offices, Senior Advisor Mary Slanina and Program Analyst Lori Ramsay, both who have been involved in our project right from the beginning. Thank you both for being here.

Today is an exciting day in the ongoing history of our club – the official ceremony to mark the completion of the Carnarvon House Expansion Project. As you can see, there remains work to be done regarding the enlargement of the kitchen area but the contracted Expansion project itself is complete.

When I was preparing my words for today I was reminded of the premise that a good speaker follows three guidelines: Be Good; Be Brief and Be Seated. Unfortunately I'm not able to completely follow those guidelines today as being brief would be to dishonor the many people there are to thank for the fact we are here this afternoon to witness the re-opening of Carnarvon House.

Firstly, without the support of Minister Chong and Mayor Causton this project would not have gone as smoothly as it has. Their involvement in our procuring of both Provincial and Municipal grants, to stepping in when problems occurred, to voluntarily contributing to our fundraising by purchasing a glass block, has shown tremendous support both for the project and for the lawn bowling community. We can't thank you enough and I promise you both that we will fulfill our responsibilities to both the 2010 Olympic/ParaOlympic Live Sites program and to the Oak Bay Municipality to ensure that our Oak Bay citizens continue to be invited to our club, both as members and as visitors.

Thank you to architect Charles Kierulf and to project superintendent Jim Angus and his boss, Ron Warrington of Van Isle Projects. These men spent an enormous amount of time on site dealing with everyday challenges and all have earned our respect for the manner in which they conducted themselves. They do their respective industries proud!

Our Planning and Development Committee also deserves to be thanked for their tireless efforts in getting this project up and running and then seeing it through to completion. Mickey Sendall, Harnam Grewal, Shel Rowell, John Nadin, Gary Suter, Barry Browning, the late Dave Jantzi and Mort Nelson. A dedicated team of workers who had a vision, revised their vision and finally their vision came to reality as we see today. Thank you to each one of you for what you have done for your club.

Projects such as the Carnarvon House Expansion project would not come to fruition without significant fundraising efforts. These efforts over the past year have been ably led by Barry Browning as Chair of the Fundraising committee. We have had a number of activities that contributed to our overall fundraising goal and I'd like to mention some of them:

Thanks to Eric Ballinger for all his work with the Thrifty's SMILE program; thanks to Prim Wood and her team for the many fundraising events out of the kitchen and particularly to Faith Magwood for the many lunches provided which raised a significant amount of money. Thanks also to everyone who worked with me on the committee for the very successful Dinner and Silent Auction held at the University club; to Mary and Barry Browning and Mavis Beechey for another successful Garage Sale. It is almost impossible to name every person

who was involved in each of these events ~ you know who you are, club members know who you are and we are grateful to each and every one of you.

A great deal of thanks is owed to both Howard Turpin and Murray Robertson for their work in organizing the transfer of existing machinery and tools to the new maintenance shed. They were also responsible for designing, fabricating and installing the new storage shelving units. I wish you could have all seen their eyes and smiles when the new shed was completed – they were like two little boys with a new toy! Thanks Howard; thanks Murray.

Another man to the rescue and who deserves our thanks was our own Jon Magwood and his team of Vern McBeth and Fred Lyseng for the work involved in changing the main door location and now working on the expansion of our kitchen facilities. Many thanks to each one of you.

I have already mentioned each of these next two names but I would like to re-emphasize the important role that each has played in this project – Gary Suter as Project Manager and Harnam Grewal as Chair of the Planning and Development Committee. Both have been totally committed from the outset and both have spent countless hours dealing with all that has had to be dealt with ~ both are unflappable and I just want to say thank you from me personally as you have both made my job as President that much easier in dealing with the Expansion project. And many thanks to the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Executives for their input and assistance which is also much appreciated.

And last but by no means least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the individual members of this club who have made cash contributions to the Expansion project and whose names are now inscribed in perpetuity on the three glass block windows here in Carnarvon House. Each of you now has a vested interest in the operation of this club and you have shown your commitment to the club by your generous contributions. Particularly moving is the number of glass blocks recognizing members who have passed on – Al Matheson, Bill Van Druten, Hugh Noakes, Ada Akins, Irene Walker, Fred Rabbits and Ken Baggott. They will be long remembered as well.

For any of you who may not have had the opportunity to purchase a \$100 glass block, as you can see there is room for more and a donation would be gratefully accepted as we continue to incur expenses relative to the expansion of our kitchen.

This club is blessed to have an army of volunteers who take it upon themselves to ensure this is a well run club and a club of which we can all be proud. We are thankful to the greenskeepers for their tireless and somewhat challenging efforts during this expansion to ensure the greens remain in good shape; to men like Phil Bissell who, with a little help from his friends, spearheaded the refinishing and painting of the benches this past week. To the House Committee chaired by Linda Carswell-Bland who have also been challenged but who have made sure that we have all been fed and watered and that the buildings have been cleaned as well as they could be during construction. Thanks again to all of you.

In closing, please be proud of your new facility and of your club and let's ensure that we are all on the lookout for new members to join us in fun and fellowship and to also enjoy our new facilities.



Who am I?

Barbara Floyd

Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement, which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, --- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity, which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, press buttons as follows:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALING, PRESS THE STAR (*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH

- #1. To make an appointment to see me
- #2. To query a missing payment.
- #3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- #4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- #5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- #6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home .
- #7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required.
Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.
- #8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.
- #9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.
- #10. This is a second reminder to press* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call. Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?
Your Humble Client Jane Dough

(Remember: This was written by a 86 year old woman)

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