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FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Opening Day, weren't we fortunate. The sun was out and so were our members in record numbers! The Greens were full with only room for two more bowlers. As I said then, it is good to see those who have been on sabbatical for a year or more, back with us, and it was especially nice to be able to welcome the new bowlers who have endured unseasonably cold weather during their coaching period. They are a hardy lot! I hope the novices will all feel part of the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club family. I encourage everyone to maximize their involvement in the sport and in club activities in order to reap the most benefits from membership. Following the bowling on Opening Day, a number of members enjoyed a social time in Carnarvon House. A stranger came in and I went and introduced myself. His name was Pat Colbert and he was president of the club in 1979! He became very involved working with blind bowlers and traveled to various competitions with them, including a trip to Zimbabwe. He has been living on the mainland for a number of years but is in the process of relocating here. We may see him again and learn more about the club as it was 30 years ago.

The season is well under way with the Carnarvon and Campbell Cups leagues playing in the mornings, the fun special draw on Thursdays where you bring your lunch, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, bowlers are on the greens! Please consult your information booklet, posted signs in Anderson House, and our web site www.bowlsoakbay.ca to keep informed.

I wish you all a great season of bowling.

Marilyn

Who Am I

Match the names below to the following "one liners".

1. I worked with wood in many capacities in three countries on two continents.
2. When I lived in Scotland I developed a taste for single malt whiskey - it is still my favourite tippie.
3. I learned to bowl on brown greens; have been beyond Canada's northern "lands end"; and lived for some years beside Old Man River.
4. I was presented to the Queen.
5. This person couldn't come up with a "one liner" but is known as a passionate bowler who loves taking out the opponent!
6. In 1990, I won \$10000. on a Gold rush ticket!
7. Originally a teacher, I've been in publishing the last 25 years, but lately dog grooming seems to be my hobby.
8. In the course of performing my "office job", I drove enough highway miles to circumnavigate the earth 14 times.
9. I once worked in an optometry office, and in 2002, I received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for a different kind of work, sports related!
10. I was born in La Belle Province, danced to Oscar Peterson's Trio. In Nova Scotia I worked with the Administrator of the Mental Health Division of the Annapolis Valley. I spent my spare time on the stage for a number of years.

A. George Davey B. Gayle Wallach C. Ties Rubingh D. Garry Anderson E. Margaret Taylor
F. Ruth Suter G. Allan Lightfoot H. Ronnie Stinson I. Michael Lum J. Faith Magwood

Answers at the end.

BIO OF THE PRESIDENT

Marilyn was born in Calgary and moved to Vancouver when she was ten. She studied at the University of British Columbia for three years before her marriage to Howard. They moved east, where she graduated with a BA from The University of Toronto. Howard completed his theology training in Toronto and then they were sent to charges at Shawnigan Lake and later to Esquimalt. She had a very busy life as the wife of a minister as well as a mother to three sons. However, because of the desperate need for foster parents, they parented two foster children. A First Nations daughter that came to them as an infant, they later adopted. Calgary was again her home for three years and while there she took Teachers' Training at the University of Calgary. In 1968 Howard resigned from the ministry and the family returned to Vancouver. Marilyn enrolled in Special Education courses at UBC and was employed by the Vancouver School Board. She had a primary class for several years but most of her teaching years were in Learning Assistance Centres. She found working with learning disabled children was both challenging and rewarding. After taking early retirement she volunteered at the Museum of Anthropology, UBC. She again worked in the education field developing and delivering school programs and training volunteers. She also volunteered in the schoolroom at BC Children's Hospital and was on the Emergency Social Services team for the Dunbar area in Vancouver. Travel has always been an important past time and she and Howard have visited many countries in all seven continents. This year they have a trip planned to Slovenia and Croatia. Marilyn began Lawn Bowling at the Kerrisdale Club in 1993. She held various positions on the executive, including president. She became an umpire in 1997. In 2004 she and Howard returned to Vancouver Island after checking out the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club. They thought it would make a ++++++pretty good lawn bowling home, which it has!

Irish Medical Dictionary

ARTERY -----	The Study of Paintings	LABOUR PAIN -----	Getting Hurt At Work
BACTERIA -----	Back Door of a Cafeteria	MEDICAL STAFF -----	Doctors Cane
BARIUM -----	What Doctors Do When Patients Die	MORBID -----	A Higher Offer
BOWEL -----	A Letter Like A. E. I. O or U.	NITRATES -----	Cheaper Than Day Rates
CAESARIAN SECTION ---	A Neighbourhood in Rome	NODE -----	Was Aware Of
CAT SCAN -----	Searching for Kitty	OUTPATIENT -----	A Person Who Has Fainted
CAUTERISE -----	Made Eye-Contact With Her	PAP SMEAR -----	A Fatherhood Test
COMA -----	A Punctuation Mark	PELVIS -----	A Cousin To Elvis
D & C -----	Where Washington Is	RECOVERY ROOM -----	Place To Do Upholstery
DILATE -----	To Live Longer	RECTUM -----	Bloody Near Killed Them
ENEMA -----	Not A Friend	SECRETION -----	Hiding Something
FESTER -----	Quicker	SEIZURE -----	Roman Emperor
FIBULA -----	A Small Lie	TABLET -----	A Small Table
GENITAL -----	Not A Jew	TERMINAL ILLNESS --	Getting Sick At The Airport
G. I. SERIES -----	A Soldier Ballgame	TUMOUR -----	More Than One
HANGNAIL -----	Coat Hook	URINE -----	Opposite Of Youre Out
IMPOTENT -----	Distinguished, Well-Known	VARICOSE -----	Nearby

Thrifty Foods Smile Card Program

OBLBC is fund raising through the SMILE CARD program. We have had approval for a goal of \$2000. We receive 5% of the monies you load on your card while shopping at Thrifty Foods. So it is time to reload your card or if you need a card contact Marilyn at 592 -3666 or leave a note through the office door. Thanks for your participation.

HOUSE REPORT

Our next dinner will be held on July 1, /08 following the British Bull Dog Tournament, “Reds Vs Blues”. It will be a steak dinner at a cost of \$15.00. Tickets will be available June 1, /08 from Prim Wood – 477-1974. Looking forward to seeing you.

Prim Wood

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Victoria Day-May 19 Greenslade Men's Triples-May 20-22 Mixed Quaddie-May 24
Jubilee Pacific Open Pairs-June 13

Garage Sale

Thank you. If you donated, if you bought and, especially, if you helped thank you for all you did. At the close of reckoning we have taken \$1,897.88 but we also added several items to the inventories of the kitchen, the gardens, the refreshment counter, the tool shed and even a set of bowls to the coaching stock. Adding the value of those items we cleared, after expenses for publicity, etc., about \$2,000.

Kay Alexander and Joan Roberts donned the aprons to run a bistro, Linda Cowie ran the bake table, Dolores Troyer the book sales, Eric and Henriette Ballinger the general sales, Barbara Floyd was responsible for publicity, Marion Andrews collected the loot, John Nadin helped in the set up and clean up and I was much helped by Mary, and by Rick Armstrong during the display and pricing in the five days prior to the sale. There were many others who helped and they deserve equal time but I was asked for a brief report!

It is worth acknowledging that, this year, the quality of donated items was very good. We displayed almost everything that we were given without any concerns, unlike sometimes in the past when some items could not be put up for sale as they were more fit for the garbage. Thank you all for that.

We were very fortunate that Georgia Thorneycroft arranged for most of our unsold items to be donated to St Luke's Church to be used in their garage sale on the weekend which followed. In this regard Phil Bissell and his truck proved as helpful as we have come to expect him to be in helping to deliver our good excess to St. Luke's and our garbage to the dump. Special thanks, Phil for this unheralded but very necessary help.

Barry Browning

You have mail

How do I send mail to another Club member? It's easy. At the rear of the box file on the draw master's counter there are a number of round paper tags 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 Draw master's counter. When your recipient is next at the Club he/she will be alerted to your mail when putting their tag in for the draw.

Dolores Troyer – Member Services

Our membership count so far this season - 200 full members and 18 social members. Friday night draws have just started. Remember to bring your friends to introduce them to our sport and socialize after in Carnarvon House. Hope to see you there!

OBLBC's International Bowlers - Part 1

Have you wondered in recent summers when we hosted fellow lawn bowlers from England, California and Africa, to name a few, what it would be like to lawn bowl in another country?

Members of the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club can recall our pride when **Linda Cowie** scored three first-place wins at the United States Lawn Bowls Association's National Open in Sarasota, Florida in November, 2006. If you talk to a few of your OBLBC friends, you'll find that several other members have played in interesting and exciting places around the globe.

Fay Nath, the Whiteheads, Kempsters, Coupes, Ballingers and George Davey, are among those who have played across the border in the U.S. during this past year. Some, like **John Cossom**, have ventured even further away for a few games. Here's a bit of what they've encountered in their travels.

Many enjoy bowling on a regular basis while "snow birding" in warmer climes during the winter. **George Davey** bowls every year at the Daveys' place at Leisure World in Mesa, Arizona. Living in a gated community with a small lawn bowling contingent, the game is highlighted by the fact that the lawn bowling greens face the entrance to Leisure World as the original builder thought that bowlers in traditional whites on the green made an attractive welcome to the community.

In addition to daily draws, one special feature at Leisure World is a "ladder tournament" in which players challenge the person above them on a list in a singles match. The matches continue throughout the season. Another fun event is the "Sadie Hawkins" game where a lady chooses a gentleman player to be her partner in a pairs competition. George says it is not unknown for "Sadie" to be a rather tall, exceptionally strong "lady" wearing a large blonde wig! Hmm, just picture John Magwood in a stunning blonde wig blasting away with his cannonbowls on Sadie Hawkins Day!

This year, George added two more awards to his list of wins at the Arizona club: Triples and Pro/Am Pairs, the latter featuring teams which have one novice and one seasoned bowler on each team. We're grateful that George returns from his fun in the sun early enough each year to serve as one of our valued coaches for new members learning the game here at OBLBC.

For the past four winters **Alan and Jackie Whitehead** have lived in a retirement community just outside San Francisco, which has its own bowling club with three greens where the game goes on year-round. They have several winter tournaments in which Alan and Jackie have played.

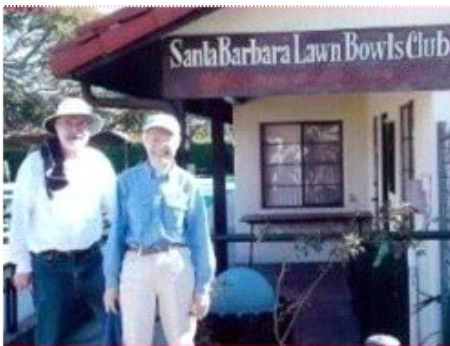
While some, like the Daveys and the Whiteheads, have been heading south of the border every winter for several years, **Henriette and Eric Ballinger** had their first experience as international bowlers when they spent last January in the retirement community of Sun City, just outside Phoenix. They played all five of the area clubs, and entered several competitions. In one major tournament called the "Arizona Fours" they played with friends John and Mary Burns from the Juan de Fuca LBC. Suffice it to say that although that tournament didn't result in a win, Henriette and Eric got the Ballinger magic working and came in second in a later club mixed-



pairs tournament. In Eric's words, "The Americans we met were without exception hospitable, although when we Canucks started bowling too well they would threaten to call Homeland Security to have us deported and the border closed." Uh oh! These OBLBC members may cause another border incident! Eric and Henriette WHO?

Meanwhile, back in Mesa, **Helen** and **Horace Kempster** have bowled the past few years at Venture Out Resort. There, while only 30 percent of the residents are Canadian, the Canadians make up 75 percent of bowlers, perhaps because most Americans there don't have access to bowling clubs when they return to their primary homes. Helen noted that this year the greens looked different in that they weren't even green. In efforts to promote water conservation, and grass that does well in desert conditions, they changed over to ecologically "green" grass with the result that the greens were yellow - like straw, which made for fast but rather rough surfaces; however, they are expected to improve once they are cut properly and groomed.

Gary and Ruth Suter ventured across the border to Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara, this year for two months of R&R which included lawn bowling with three local clubs. Wherever they bowled, they were welcomed warmly. Many of their bowling buddies had visited Butchart Gardens and had tea at the Empress, so perhaps now that they've met the Suters they will add lawn bowling to the itinerary on their next Victoria visit. While in California, Gary and Ruth had to learn to deal with different conditions on the green. The artificial turf on some greens was extremely fast and required great accuracy. They were told to use double the grass and half the weight as a guide. Gary and Ruth recommend this type of holiday in which they combined lawn bowling with sight seeing, visits to the local markets, and general holiday fun. Ruth says that, since they ate extremely well, she hopes the added weight will improve her bowling this season. Oh rats! Just when I was thinking that losing a few pounds might improve mine!



Gary and Ruth Suter take on California

Fay Nath headed to Sun City, Arizona, in February, where she has been participating in tournaments for several years. This year she competed in the singles, pairs and fours. While there she saw members from Gordon Head and Burnside. That whetted her appetite for her trip this month to South Africa where her group is combining a tour of various cities, a safari and 3-4 days of lawn bowling at various clubs, beginning at the Knysna Bowling Club in Durban. Fay sponsors a little boy in a village in South Africa through World Vision so she's hoping to see him while there. If she does, even though lawn bowling is the major focus of her tour, seeing him would be the highlight of her trip.

There's more to learn about our members' lawn-bowling adventures around the world. Check out our next newsletter for part two of this article where you'll learn about **Jack and Sandy Coupes'** bowling experiences in Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. And, where's the beef, you ask? **John Cossom** reveals that and more regarding his exploits in New Zealand and Australia. Plus, we'll find out if **Fay Nath** fulfilled her dream of meeting the child she sponsors in Africa.

Barbara Floyd
Publicity Chairman

LAWS OF THE SPORT

Rink Possession:

As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.

This means that the person on the mat should step back and the person in the head directing play should step back, allowing the opponent to direct play for their team.

Coaches Corner

- The club has two new certified coaches - Linda Carswell-Bland & Gayle Wallach. They completed their Level #1 Lawn Bowling certification this past weekend. Congratulations!
- This year a National Lawn Bowling Course Conductor came to talk to the coaches about the approved methods for teaching Novice bowlers. The club has adopted these methods for this year.
- This is what the course conductor said about the **Size of Bowls**: - Everyone should use the largest bowl that their hand can comfortably hold. The method of putting fingers around the bowls for size is not used any more.
- To date, the club has trained 23 Novice players and five more are in training. We know that you will make them feel welcome at the draws.

E-mail confusion

From the United States comes the following story from 2002 which reinforces the need to get E-mail addresses correct.

After being nearly snowbound for two weeks, during the winter, a Seattle man departed for Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day, at the conclusion of her business trip to Minneapolis.

They were looking forward to some warm, pleasant weather and enjoying a break from the children.

Unfortunately, there was a mix-up at the Departure Gate and the man was informed he would have to travel on a later flight. He tried to have the decision reversed but was told that he had no alternative but to travel on a later flight.

On arrival, he found Miami Beach was having a heat wave and the weather was as uncomfortably hot, as Seattle's was cold.

The receptionist gave him a message that his wife would arrive later in the day. He could hardly wait to get to the pool. So he hurriedly sent his wife an E-mail message, but because of his haste made an error in the address.

As a result, his message arrived at the home of an elderly widow, whose preacher husband had been buried the day before. The grieving widow opened her E-mail, took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream and promptly had a heart attack.

When her family found her, the following message was still on the screen:

Dearest Wife,

Departed yesterday, as you know.

Just now checked in.

Some confusion at the gate.

Appeal denied.

Received confirmation of your arrival.

Your loving husband.

P.S: Things are not as we thought. You will be surprised how hot it is down here.

Miller Cup

Winners-Barry Browning, Pat Thomas, Louise Mason

Second Place Tie-Jennifer Letkeman, Jim Sidel, Mary Browning

Second Place Tie-David Roberts, Henriette Ballinger, Marilyn Turpin

Third Place- Primrose Wood, Bob Akins, Alan Whitehead

Answers to "Who Am I"

1.C 2.F 3.A 4.J 5.I 6.H 7.D 8.G 9.B 10.E

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