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FROM THE PRESIDENT

At a recent meeting of the Executive the following items were dealt with which are of special interest to the membership.

- The Anderson House reroofing project will not be carried out this year.
- Priorities of other projects are to be firstly, repairs to the equipment shed attached to Anderson House; secondly, a provision of additional outside seating and suitable shade protection; and thirdly, exterior painting of the Anderson House stucco walls to unify their appearance with the other buildings.
- A new policy for Club tournaments is to be instituted that no sharing of a game be allowed. This means a tournament can still be shared but one person must play a given game within a tournament.
- Another new policy for Club tournaments was also established that due to the preponderance of skips and the lack of leads, the difference between points for and against be no more than ten.
- A small committee was formed to bring together all Club policies in a concise Policy Manual.
- Club members are asked to take care in locking doors and closing gates when leaving the Club premises as the last members.

KUDOS ARE EXTENDED TO:

- The greens keeping teams under the stewardship of Murray Robertson and Howard Turpin for their hard work and dedication on an almost daily basis.
- Mitch Fumalle for cleaning and servicing our four barbecues so that they are all now in working order.
- Jan and Jim Cline for donating a tent structure for temporary rain and sun protection.
- The whole gardening team of Alan Longstaff, Wendy & Bob Appleyard, Gerry Vanslyke, Lorraine Whiting, Joan Heyes, and Glenna Drummond for keeping the grounds in such beautiful shape.
- Phil Bissell for a superb job in refinishing the benches.
- Jennifer Letkeman and her helpers for June tea days and kitchen duties.
- Louise Mason and Pat Thomas for managing the Degoutiere tournament.
- Marilyn Turpin and Louise Mason for running the Jubilee Pacific Pairs.
- Laurie Matheson for looking after the Maddalon Tray Women's Scotch Pairs.
- Leo Schofield and Jack Lalonde for managing the McEwan Cup Men's Pairs.
- Sheridan Elston for cleaning the Club's silver trophies.
- Lois Young for donating a set of bowls.
- Sandy Coupe and Prim Wood for providing fresh flower arrangements.

SPECIAL EVENTS

By the time you read this we will have had our President's Strawberry Tea but the Friday evening Pizza Night to welcome our new members on **June 26** will be just around the corner. Please come out and enjoy a game of bowls and social time together. Also, our **July 1st** Canada Day event is coming up soon and our new Club pins will be introduced and for sale that day. Canada Day is the day when all Clubs affiliated with Bowls Canada Boulingrin are asked to raise funds for the CHAMP program of the War Amps charity. Oak Bay has a generous history of giving in this regard. This is also the annual British Bulldog Tournament (Reds vs. Blues) and if possible you are asked to have a dress item in either colour. I am still somewhat new to the peculiar frivolities of the Bulldog but our experienced tournament managers, Mary and Barry Browning, asked me to convey these tongue-in-cheek remarks: "In past years sanctions have been invoked for such stipulated matters as bags and clothing on benches preventing bowlers from sitting, failure to wear name tags, not ringing the bias bell with sufficient enthusiasm, etc. Who knows what will invoke wrath this year?". Come out and lets have some fun together!

Gary.

Canadian Lawn Bowling Championships

We need volunteers to transport participants and their entourage from the airport to their hotel the weekend previous to the championship. Here are the details: each club is asked to take care of the transportation needs, on arrival, of 1 province yet to be named. It could be Ontario as we are the largest club around. The Championships are August 17 - 23 and we are needed for transportation for only the weekend prior to the games as teams arrive. We only pick them up at the Airport and transport to the Four Points Sheraton Hotel located just beyond Costco on McCallum Road, in Langford. Volunteers can be reimbursed for gas and airport parking costs from home-airport-hotel-home at \$.45 a kilometer. There is a sign up sheet in Anderson House and they can contact Louise Mason @ 250-592-0607 for further info.

Louise Mason

NOVICES! NOVICES! NOVICES!

Three special training sessions will be held in July to coach you in the game of singles. In this game there are no skips so it is important to learn a few points of strategy as well as to learn the correct way to measure bowls. As you have probably discovered there is more to lawn bowling than you might have thought! The club's Novice Singles Tournament will take place in the evenings on July 23 & 24 (note this change from the published dates in the Members' Information Booklet). Watch for the sign up sheets.

The top man and the top woman will go on to play other clubs' novice champions in September. Whether you are into tournaments or not, it is highly recommended that you attend these training sessions. I'm sure you will find them worthwhile.

Tuesday, July 7, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 12, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.

Coaches and Markers are asked to mark their calendars now. You will be needed.

Smile Cards!

Thanks to all members who have been loading money onto their Thrifty Smile cards. The club has received their first cheque from Thrifty Stores for \$484.79. Well done!

The more participants we have, the easier it will be to reach our goal of \$3000.00. New members and anyone else who would like to participate in this easy fund raiser can contact me for a card.

Marilyn Turpin 250 592 3666 Smile Card Coordinator

HOUSE REPORT

It is a busy time for our Cub. The Volunteers who give so freely of their time should know how very much they are appreciated.

Information Re: Duties of both Kitchen and Housekeeping are posted on the Bulletin Board in the kitchen.

The July 1st Dinner is now full (unless there is a cancellation) and thank you for supporting your Club.

The next and last Dinner of the season is Labor Day – September 7th /09. Tickets will go on sale August 4th /09 at a cost of \$15.00.

PRIM WOOD

OBLBC Executive Approves New Policy for Promoted Players.

There are specific expectations, roles and responsibilities associated with each position in lawn bowling. These range from playing skills and assignments; to responsibilities in the head; knowledge of rules and etiquette; and proper care of the green and equipment.

We have a thorough coaching and training program for new players when they first join the club, before they are admitted to membership. However, there is no systematic training thereafter. People are promoted from one position to the next without any accompanying education for their new responsibilities. It is often clear in draws and tournaments that most of us could benefit from additional training to understand our responsibilities in the game.

The Executive has therefore unanimously approved a new policy that any player promoted to the Third or Skip position by the OBLBC Ratings Committee will be required to successfully complete a workshop on the roles and responsibilities of the position to which they have been promoted. Promotion will be conditional on successful completion of the appropriate workshop.

Harnam Grewal offered a successful workshop for thirds last year, and I did one for skips. These workshops involve both classroom and on-the-green instruction. We are both prepared to offer these workshops on a regular basis to players recommended for promotion. They will also be made available for other interested players. From now on, promotion to a new position will be conditional on successful completion of the appropriate workshop.

John Cossom, 1st vice president.

OBLBC gets greener!

Several years ago our Executive approved a club "Green Policy." While this was laudable, it remained largely a token policy because we have been unable to effectively recycle our waste.

Recently the Executive wrote to Oak Bay Parks and Recreation asking if we could improve this situation. Manager of Parks, Lorne Middleton responded quickly, visited the club, and has now made it possible for us to more actively recycle our waste. We will now be able to put out blue boxes (glass, tin and some plastics); blue totes (paper and cardboard); and grey totes (non-recyclable garbage) for regular garbage day pick up at the Carnarvon Park gate at the end of the small Harlow Drive parking lot.

The bigger challenge is recycling our organic materials, largely grass clippings. A small Oak Bay garbage truck regularly picks up our many plastic bags of clippings. Unfortunately these are dumped straight into the garbage waste that goes to the landfill. Lorne is currently trying to work out a plan whereby these contents can be put into the organic waste that Oak Bay makes into compost for municipal and garden use. Let's hope he is successful in his quest.

So remember to do your bit for a greener world at OBLBC. There will be a blue box placed in both Anderson and Carnarvon House for paper, cardboard, glass, tin and recyclable plastic. The paper and cardboard will be transferred to our blue totes. Regular garbage containers will also be there for non-recyclable materials.

The Executive will work out a plan so that all our receptacles can be set out for regular garbage and recycling pick up. Progress can be slow. But it's welcome when it finally happens!

John Cossom, 1st Vice-president.

Member Services

Our membership as June 20th: Playing Members – 175, Social Members – 19, for a Total of 194.

If you are looking for a phone number for a member who has joined since the phone book was produced a list is on the wall over the phone in Anderson House.

Ray Troyer looks after the Classified Sheet with bowls etc. for sale. It is placed on the door on the storage cupboard in Anderson House and also on the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club website. Ray keeps the site up to date with lots of pictures etc. It is ever changing – so have a look every couple of weeks.

Friday nights are still popular - drop in with your family and friends. Tags in by 6:30 – Social time in Carnarvon house 8:30 – 9:30 pm. Half of our new members this year were brought to the Club by you members. Thank you and please bring us some more!

Dolores Troyer

COACHES' CORNER

REMINDERS

- a) Stand towards the centre of the rink and, when changing ends, walk close to the centre line. This way you avoid interfering with aiming line on adjoining rinks.
- b) Never encroach onto an adjacent rink.
- c) Read and be totally familiar with all of Law 28. Nothing in this permits you to encroach. Neither does a bad bias.
- d) *Thirds*:- Your task is to encourage and, if necessary, help your leads. You cannot do that while sitting on the bench.
- e) Be ready when it is your turn to bowl; if you have to be reminded of your turn how can you say that you are in the game?
- f) Move off the mat to the left; when you do, your opponent has an easier approach to it and you will avoid getting all tangled up.
- g) Remember, you surrender the mat when your bowl comes to rest but do not allow your opponent to make you feel pressured to do so earlier than that.

Barry Browning

Games

Oak Bay bowlers continue their winning ways with success in the Rose Bowl at Canadian Pacific. Linda Cowie and Pat Thomas were a VERY close second in the “A” event with Nancy Tyler and Sandy Coupe capturing the “B” event. In the Jubilee Pairs John Cossom and Harnam Grewal placed third and Michael Lum and Mitch Fumalle placed fourth in a tough men’s field. The Ladies Fours at Gordon Head saw the all-Oak Bay team of Marilyn Turpin, Joan Hall, Linda Carswell-Bland and Lawrie Matheson in the winner’s circle with Linda Cowie skipping the second place team of Ann Mathie, Bev Johnson and Jeanette Earl.

Twelve women’s teams took part in a highly competitive Maddalon Tray at Oak Bay which was won by Pat Metcalfe and Mary-Lou Richards closely followed by Linda Cowie and Joan Roberts. Third place went to Fay Nath and Jan Cline and Marion Woiblet and Wendy Barry placed fourth. The McEwan Cup men’s pairs was won by John Cossom and Claude Campbell, Claude being on the winning team last year as well. Placing second were Alan Whitehead and Allen Evans with Joe Rossi and Jeff Machan coming third and Michael Lum and John MacKay placing fourth. Congratulations to all winners and to all participants. Grateful thanks to Lawrie Matheson, Louise Mason, Jack Lalonde and Leo Schofield for all their help in managing the tournaments.

Helen Kempster

President's Bio

Born in Berlin in 1937, Gary arrived in Canada on January 1, 1953 as part of his family of mother and two sisters; his dad had died in the war and so he was the man in the house and initially the sole wage earner in Canada at the ripe old age of fifteen. Since you needed to be sixteen to get a job, he changed his age by a year and quickly found employment in St. Catharine's as an apprentice tool and die maker. By the time he was a true eighteen, there was an opportunity to get back into school and then continue on to university to obtain a civil engineering degree at Western in London and then Masters and PhD degrees in structural engineering at the University of Toronto. Once finished with schooling, he undertook structural engineering work by always wearing two professional hats: one hat was academic at Carleton University in Ottawa and the other was in practice as a consulting engineer heading up a small specialty firm for many years. Gary found the combination of teaching and practice very rewarding and it opened up work stints and projects in Scotland, Germany, USA, and of course many parts of Canada.

His expertise in structural engineering and building envelope design came in handy when he and Ruth decided to make a permanent move to Victoria in 2003. Looking for a condo in the Fairfield area, they found a unit in a load bearing concrete masonry building with a Hambro composite floor system. Since he had been intimately involved in helping to establish modern engineered masonry design in Canada since the late 1960's and had also been the development engineer for the Hambro floor system, all it took was a quick flight to Victoria and a review of both the drawings and the building to make the decision to buy their condo. Moreover, he knew from years of practice that such buildings are not prone to the fearful leaky condo syndrome.

Ruth and Gary have now been happy residents in Victoria for the past six years; they enjoy walking both as part of their daily routine and as part of a YM-YWCA based walking group. They were introduced to lawn bowling by Sandy Coupe five years ago and have become somewhat addicted to bowling not just at our Club but at two other clubs in California where they spend a good part of each winter.

- Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?
- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
- What's the definition of a will? (Come on, it's a dead giveaway!)
- A backwards poet writes inverse
- Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.
- A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.
- Without geometry, life is pointless.
- Middle age is when broadness of the mind And narrowness of the waist change places.
- Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
- Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
- Dogs Have Owners ~ Cats Have Staff

Ted Todd: Dunkirk and Burma Campaign Veteran



Some 338,000 British and Allied troops were evacuated from Dunkirk in the latter part of May and early June 1940. Ted Todd was among the evacuees. He had joined the Territorials in 1938 as war loomed in Europe, and had transferred to the Regular Army Royal Engineers, 2nd Infantry Division, the following year. At the outbreak of war in September 1939 when Germany invaded Poland, Ted's unit was deployed to the French-Belgian border as part of the British Expeditionary Force sent to help defend France and the Low Countries. The British suffered heavy losses, and the forced evacuation of hundreds of thousands

of fighting men from Dunkirk in the face of constant attack by German aircraft and ground-based firepower was described by Sir Winston Churchill as “a miracle of deliverance”.

Ted's return to England and the respite this provided proved to be short-lived. His unit was put to work almost immediately bolstering beach defenses along the Yorkshire coast which was thought to be the likely landing point for the expected German invasion of England. Then in December 1941, on the other side of the world, Japan launched its surprise attack on Pearl Harbour, and simultaneously on Hong Kong, followed by attacks on Malaya and Singapore. Burma was invaded also, and India's eastern flank came under direct and imminent threat. As a consequence of these developments in South-East Asia, Ted found himself on the move again. The Royal Engineers together with the remainder of the 2nd Infantry Division were shipped out to Burma to join up with Indian Army divisions already engaged in combat with the Japanese there. The British and Indian forces were consolidated into one formation, the 14th Army, which experienced some of the fiercest battles of the Second World War in the defense of Imphal and Kohima on the eastern edge of India. It took the 14th Army over three years to turn the tide and eventually defeat the Japanese. When the war ended in August 1945, there were no ships to take the British troops back to England. Ted was stranded in Rangoon for eight months before the Royal Engineers were sent home.

Ted was born in the rural village of Fearby, near Masham, not far from Ripon, in Yorkshire, England, on April 17, 1919. When he was three, Ted's parents and older brother moved to Sunnyside, a small mining village in County Durham, where his father, a lay minister, was appointed Vicar at the local church. These were hard years, made harder still for the family when Ted's mother passed away shortly after their arrival. In 1929, the Anglican Diocese decided that the church could no longer be funded. Ted's father retired from the clergy and took the family to Newcastle where he purchased a greengrocers. School was challenging in the early years but by the time Ted was 12, he had started to excel at sports. He played on the school soccer and cricket teams, and was a competitive cross country runner and cyclist. When he finished his schooling, Ted played semi-pro football in Northumberland and Durham, but was never to realize his dream of playing professionally as war was looming on the horizon.

Ted had met his wife, Dorothy, in England just before the war at a party. She was playing the piano there and caught Ted's eye. He sat at the end of the piano bench all evening, and says he realized there and then that he was going to marry her. Dorothy was originally from Newcastle, but had moved to Canada with her family when she was three. She returned to her birthplace in 1939. The outbreak of war put their budding romance on

hold, but they continued their relationship through the war years by letter. Shortly after his return to England in 1946 from Burma, Ted was discharged from the Royal Engineers. When Dorothy and her parents decided to return to Canada, he decided to follow them. Arriving in New York, he made his way to Calgary where Dorothy was staying. After a cold winter, they all moved to Victoria, and in 1947 Ted and Dorothy were married at the First United Church. Their daughter, Ann, was born in 1953, and Ted is now the Grandfather of Kelly and Dan, and the proud Great Grandfather of Kelly's son Declan Max McGuire. Both Ted and Dorothy were avid square dancers for many years, and Ted was a caller and teacher for the Happy Squares, Corncobbers and Belles and Beaus.

The Hudson's Bay Company was where Ted had his first job, as a commercial artist. He had done an apprenticeship in this field in England. He worked at the Bay for four years before an opportunity came for him to buy a sign business. As a result, he established his own company, Todd Signs, which he ran successfully for 31 years, first on Johnson Street, then on Yates, and finally out of his basement.

Ted and Dorothy became members of the Club in 1987. Dorothy was an active volunteer, helping with many different aspects of work at the Club. Apart from bowling, Ted has been an enthusiastic darts player, with an uncanny eye for scoring triples and doubles at will. He was the first to score a triple 20 here, and has many other achievements under his belt, including a 3-dart finish on 137. Ted is quiet and unassuming by nature, with a great sense of humour and twinkle in his eye. He has been very pleased with the way the Club has evolved over the years. He says it is a more friendly, relaxed and sociable entity with a high standard of bowling to offer, together with a wide range of worthwhile winter activities available to members. Although he has now turned 90, Ted is determined to continue bowling and playing darts for as long as he is physically able to. Given the fighting spirit he has in ample measure, that will be for many more years to come.

Harnam Grewal

MEMBER RETENTION AND YOU.

Too many novices sign up as members only to bowl a couple of times and are never seen again. They have many reasons, obviously, and few we that we can control. One, however, we must try to control. Some novices leave because their growing confidence as bowlers and their enjoyment of the game is shattered by our suggesting, by words or body language, that their standard of bowling, or their knowledge of the game leaves much to be desired. As experienced bowlers we should remember our own experiences and try to recall the early weeks of our own novice year when we struggled to master aim and weight and remember everything we were told or read about the laws and etiquette of the game.

Members who leave the club after a negative experience are usually lost to us, and the game forever. So are many of their friends who hear only their criticism of us.

We cannot claim to be a friendly club if friendliness is confined to the clubhouse, it must extend onto the green to be expressed in a sympathetically encouraging tone and attitude at all times. Skips should not, by body language or words, express negative criticism. Thirds should be where they belong, on the green encouraging and helping. All coaches should be alert for the continuing opportunities they have to gently offer advice, or a reminder that additional coaching is available at any time. We all have an interest in retaining our friends; please let us not risk the hours of coaching; the efforts of enthusiastic and encouraging skips, and the interest and helping hands of those thirds, and there are many, who do try to help novices improve.

It's called "Member retention" and no club will survive if this is not optimal.

Barry Browning

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