

# Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The season is now well underway with the first club, BSI tournaments and Victoria Day event completed. The weather has been typical for spring, with a few glorious days and more than our fair share of cool damp weather. Nevertheless, it's great to be able to get onto the green and roll 'em up!

We have a great group of new and novice members at the club this year and it's great to see many of you diving right in to social and competitive events. Welcome to you all. We're happy to have you join us and hope you get as much out of the game as we do.

The installation of a new sprinkler system for our north side gardens and flower boxes on the west fence has been completed. This system is controlled by a new locked, electrical timer box mounted on one of the light poles between the east and west green. No longer do we have to rely on the idiosyncrasies of a battery-controlled system, and our garden beds and boxes should respond favourably to a regular, more reliable watering system. We will also avoid the occasional flooding of the greens that occurred when the old system timing sequences failed us. When Alan Longstaff returns from holidays in July he will complete the sprinkler system by re-hooking up the system to our south side shrub and flowerbeds.

We have been able to obtain a very good bargain on a nearly new Scott-Bonner lawn mower, identical to the pair that we currently own. This machine cost well over \$10,000 new and was available to us for \$2,000 from the White Rock LBC - since they have converted to an artificial green. This investment should serve us well for the future. We will now have a spare mower and a source of parts, which can be quite expensive. Sincere thanks go to Juan de Fuca's Davie Mathie who brought this mower from White Rock for us in his S.U.V. Much appreciated Davie.

As most of you know Oak Bay Council turned us down for funds to re-roof Anderson House and the Equipment Shed again this year. A roofing specialist has given us a full assessment of the state of these roofs, and they clearly need re-shingling. Stay tuned for further developments!

We have been approved for a \$2500 Smile Card grant by Thrifty's for 2010-2011. The dates for us to raise these funds by using our Smile Cards are May 2, 2010 to May 7, 2011. Please load up your Smile Card the next time you shop at Thrifty's. If you don't yet have a card please see Mary Lou Richards, 250-208-6295, e-mail: [marylourichards@gmail.com](mailto:marylourichards@gmail.com)

Enjoy your bowling and social activities at OBLBC. Cheers.

John Cossom.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

## To Our Oak Bay Lawn Bowls Club:

As many will know, we are giving up our little “cabin in the city” and moving back to our home at 108 Mile Ranch the end of May. We will really miss the bowls matches and, just as important, the fellowship offered by the members. You have made us most welcome. It is our plan to continue membership, visit, and play, as often as opportunity permits. We would welcome any members visiting or passing through the South Cariboo. Beginning in 2011 we would be interested in house exchange or house sitting. We have a four-bedroom house, on a lake, with nature walks, golf, horseback riding, tennis, and Nordic as well as Downhill skiing near by. Our Email will remain [barrie.bolton@gmail.com](mailto:barrie.bolton@gmail.com) and our telephone will be 250.791.6450

Barrie and Anne Bolton

## New Policy:

A relatively small organization like OBLBC hates to become a “policy-bound” society. However, sometimes we have to develop new policy, e.g., to keep us up-to-date in the electronic world we live in.

The Executive unanimously decided that with next year’s membership application you will be asked to approve in writing the listing of your e-mail address in the club’s “Telephone Book.” (The 2010 version is now available in Anderson House.) In addition you will be asked to approve the use of your e-mail for group e-mail updates from the President.

We try to use this means of communication as infrequently as possible to avoid filling your in-box with messages. But now that 89% of you are on e-mail, it is a very fast and economical way to get information out to you. It also saves our telephoning committee a great deal of work, since they only have to call a few members without e-mail with club information.

We list e-mail addresses in the Telephone Book to help you communicate with individual members. The policy is now that members are not permitted to use these e-mail addresses to send group e-mails to advertise an individual member's personal or business interests.

The Executive also decided that the OBLBC web site will not allow links to members' personal or business web sites. Our web site provides place where you can list lawn bowling items for sale – contact Ray Troyer to list here. He will also print a hard copy of items for sale posted in Anderson House.

## Member Services

Total membership as of May 28 is 189 - 20 Social and 169 full memberships. The new phone books are ready and an updated list of members who joined after the book was printed will soon be available by the phone in Anderson House.

Don't forget Friday night is "Visitors night," so bring your friends or neighbours and enjoy an evening of bowling with a social gathering in Carnarvon House afterwards.

Margaret Machan

Two elderly couples were enjoying friendly conversation when one of the men asked the other, "Fred, how was the memory clinic you went to last month?" "Outstanding," Fred replied. "They taught us all the latest psychological techniques: visualization, association, etc. It was great." "That's great! And what was the name of the clinic?" Fred went blank. He thought and thought, but couldn't remember. Then a smile broke across his face and he asked, "What do you call that flower with the long stem and thorns?"

"You mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's it!" He turned to his wife, "Rose, what was the name of that memory clinic?"

## Oak Bay LBC: Player Development

### **Novices:**

Our Open House held on April 11 resulted in 28 visitors signing up for the club's coaching course. Six more signed on in the following week or two. Of these 34 prospective inductees into the club:

- 18 are now Full Members;
- Two more are expected to complete their membership applications in the next few days;
- One is still undergoing training;
- One was unable to complete the course, and has become a Social Member instead; and
- The remaining 12 have dropped out.

The club coaches have as usual done a sterling job, as have the coaching assistants. We would like to record our deep appreciation for all their hard work over the last few weeks.

### **Coaching of Members:**

Four afternoon sessions over the two-week period from 27 April to 6 May were set aside for the coaching of members wanting help with improving basic aspects of their game. Nine members took advantage of these sessions.

While no specific times and dates have been set aside for more of this type of coaching, a notice has been posted in Anderson House to the effect that any members, including novices, who wish to have further help with their game may contact a club coach to arrange coaching sessions for themselves as needed.

### **Development Camp:**

Bowls BC has offered a one-day 'Development Camp' to be run by the newly appointed Bowls Canada Head Coach, David Millard. The camp is intended for coaches and competitive bowlers, and will be held at the club on 10 June 2010 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Twenty players and coaches have been invited to attend. To offset costs, Bowls BC is levying a charge of \$20.00 per attendee. This charge will be met by the participants themselves.

David Millard is the Bowls Administrator for the Cardiff Bowling Club in Newcastle, Australia. He was in White Rock at the end of May over-seeing the Bowls Team Canada trials for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi, India in October 2010, and will be conducting Development Camps in various parts of the Province in the first half of June.

Would Members please note that the Thursday Special Draw on the day of the Development Camp will be held as usual. However, only one green will be available for play.

Harnam Grewal  
Marilyn Turpin  
Player Development Co-Chairs  
Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club

### **Recognizing Our Volunteers** (in no particular order):

For running the Miller Cup – Joan Firkins, Alan Whitehead and Keith Walker.

Our gardeners – Bob and Wendy Appleyard, Glenna Drummond, Chris Slade and Alan Longstaff (who did the “planning spade work” for the new sprinkler system.)

Jeff and Margaret Machan for preparing the 2010 OBLBC Telephone Book.

For running the Quaddie – Art Antrobus assisted by Jack Coupe.

For managing the Greenslade – Bob Akins and Barry Browning.

To our six rotating greens cutting teams who work every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to care for greens.

To all our cleaning teams who care for Anderson and Carnarvon Houses each week, particularly Dorothy Bissell, Mary Browning and Prim Wood, who have cleaned together on a weekly basis ever since the cleaning teams were formed three years ago. That’s Yeo(wo)man service! Thank you.

For running the Victoria Day Special Triples – Lois and Vic Badenhorst and Mitch Fumalle.

To Barry Browning who brought a selection of books to our lending library after serving as a volunteer at the T-C book sale.

(If you know of a volunteer who should be recognized, please let us know.)

### **GAMES 2010**

The 2010 bowling season shows every signs of being one of the best ever. Oak Bay teams are to be found in all Bowls South Island tournaments in great numbers and always in the “count” at the end. Teams from Oak Bay took part in the Galleon Cup at Juan de Fuca LBC and H. Grewal and J. Firkins placed third. In the Adshead Mixed Triples J. Rossi, P. Metcalfe and J. Brown came in third. In the Ann Webster Ladies Triples at Lakehill, Oak Bay teams were in all finals. L. Cowie, G. Walach and B. Roemmele narrowly lost the “A” group while J. Firkins, Linda-Carswell-Bland and S. Armitage took the “B” and P. Thomas, S. Coupe and B. Regan took the “C”. In the Greenslade held at Oak Bay H. Grewal, D. Roberts and J. Machan won “best two game” winners, and E. Ballinger, M. Robertson and C. Slade “best one game.” The Baker Cup Ladies Pairs once again saw Oak Bay in all finals. The team of B. Walker and L. Matheson lost in the “A” final, J. Letkeman and H. Kempster lost in the “B” and L. Neumair and L. Mason prevailed to win the “C” event.

The Miller Cup was the first of Oak Bay’s competitive tournaments with a playoff deciding the eventual winner of M. Nelson, J. Brown, R. Suter and B. Regan. The team of J. Cossom P. Metcalfe and A. Bolton came a close second. The Victoria Day event saw L. Matheson, P. Metcalfe and C. Slade take top honours. In the Mixed Quaddie the L. Neumair team of J. Coupe, W. Barry and Horace Kempster were the top winners.

Congratulations to all and particularly for those just starting out their bowling careers. We were pleased to see so many novices taking part in the tournaments.

Helen Kempster, Games Chair.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

## CLINIC FOR MARKERS

On Thursday June 24 at 7 p.m. a clinic for markers will be held at OBLBC in Carnarvon House. Anyone is welcome to attend who has an interest in serving as a marker in men's or women's singles tournaments. Nick Watkins and George Davey will run the clinic. Those already holding a valid marker's card are not required to attend to update their certification, but are welcome to attend if a refresher is needed. Qualified markers are always in demand and singles tournament bowlers certainly appreciate their services.

## CLASSIFIED

Please get in touch with me if you have anything for our classified bowling items for sale. Pictures of your items are accepted. They will be posted on the storage room door as well as on the Web-site. After your items sell, phone to let me know, so that they can be taken off the list.

Ray Troyer - 250-472-1971 [mail to: ray.troyer@telus.net](mailto:ray.troyer@telus.net)

## HOUSE

Eighty-eight (88) people attended the pasta dinner. This dinner would not have happened without the help of Joan Roberts, Prim Wood, Betty Lapsley and Margaret Taylor; salad Marilyn Turpin, garlic toast Pat Thomas and Gary Anderson; dessert Alan and Joan Hall; servers Yvonne Stewart and Barbara Floyd; clean up crew of Wendy Barry, Pat Thomas, Mary-Lou Richards, Pamela Potter and Marg Machan; and a thank you to the kitchen fairy who snuck in and cleaned the pots! It does involve a whole lot of volunteers to successfully put on such an event.

Our next dinner will be hosted by Jon and Faith Magwood on Canada Day, Thursday July 1st. Come and enjoy a steak dinner and home made apple pie a la mode. Price \$15.00. Bookings and payment to be made with Kay Alexander -598-4040 or e-mail at [kayian@shaw.ca](mailto:kayian@shaw.ca)

Appreciation goes to the May convenors: Maureen Whetstone, Glenna Drummond and Susan Lum. The June convenor is Jennifer Letkeman. Remember all donations of goodies are gratefully accepted. Please sign up for kitchen duties. For new members volunteering in the kitchen it is a great way to meet your fellow bowlers and to be of service to your club.

Kay Alexander - House and Social Chair

## CAMOSON COLLEGE STUDENTS

Four Camoson College nursing students visited the Campbell Cup ladies bowling league for the past three weeks. The Camoson teacher made arrangements for the students to come to observe adults in a sport. Before the students write their paper they will visit three different stages in the life of a senior. Andrew, Erica, Tracey & Alesha played pairs, triples & Scotch pairs with different members of our club. Gayle Wallach gave them a club pen to remember us by. This pen has our website & e-mail addresses on it. They are going to make wonderful nurses and they plan to come to visit us on a Friday night when it gets warmer. We did assure Andrew that men do play lawn bowling too!

Campbell Cup Coordinators – Gayle Wallach, Prim Wood & Dolores Troyer

## Ray and Dolores Troyer: The Webmaster and the Coach Par Excellence



Born in Edmonton, Ray Troyer developed an abiding interest in electronics from an early age. His father was a restaurateur, and he could have stayed with the family business if he had wanted to, but decided in the end to pursue his own interest in the electronics field. Ray joined the BC Institute of Technology in 1963, and was in its first graduating class of 1966. That same year, he married Dolores whom he met at a skating club where she was coaching. Upon graduation as an Electronics Engineer, Ray took up a position with BC Telephone, later to become Telus, and this entailed them moving to Victoria.

In his younger years, Ray was a keen and talented skater, competing at the National Figure Skating level in Pairs and Fours (a form of synchronized skating which was eventually dropped from competition). He went on to become a Gold Level Figure Skating Judge, and officiated regularly at local and provincial figure skating competitions. Ray's other sporting interests have centered around cycling, tennis, and since 2003, lawn bowling. He is an avid fan of NASA's space programme, and is a serious participant in Geocaching (i.e., treasure hunting by GPS navigation) - he has chalked up between 250 and 300 finds so far locally and on his travels!

Ray joined the Club in 2003, and took over its website as Webmaster the following year from James Strickland who launched it in 2002. Together with his responsibilities as official Club photographer as well, Ray shoulders a heavy burden in chronicling the many-faceted cycle of activities that members pursue throughout the year, a task which he executes with a steady hand and beguiling sense of humour.

Dolores, for her part, has had an illustrious career in her own right as a professional Figure Skating Coach, a career that has spanned 45 years. She is a Level 3 National Certified Figure Skating "Technical" Coach as well as a Level 3 National "Theory" (All Sports) Coach. Two years ago, she obtained a qualification as a Level 1 Lawn Bowls Coach to add to her impressive coaching portfolio as well.

Skating has been a passion with Dolores from early childhood. This is perhaps to be expected, born as she was in Regina. She has skated her entire life, she says, and fondly recalls some of the outstanding skating coaches she has had as her tutors - Sheldon Galbraith (who taught Barbara Ann Scott, the Olympic Gold medallist), and World Champion Hans Gerschwiler. The highlights of her career include her being named the Vancouver Island Figure Skating Coach of the Year in 1996, British Columbia Coach of the Year and Canadian National Figure Skating Coach of the Year. She has worked on the Organizing Committees of three Skate Canada International competitions and two Canadian National Figure Skating competitions. In all of these competitions, Dolores was Chairman of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Medal presentations and the Skating Galas. She was for twenty years the Coaching representative on the Vancouver Island Figure Skating Liaison Committee for resolving conflicts between Clubs and Coaches.

Dolores joined the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club in 2000, having been encouraged to do so by Nancy Mawle and Mary Lawrie. She has served on the Executive for six years as Member Services Chair, and enjoyed her work in this capacity as she had the opportunity to meet so many members. Her favourite volunteer 'duty' at the Club, she says, is lawn bowls coaching. Her motto, in which she takes much pride and joy, is: "Skate, Curl and Lawn Bowl Forever".

Ray and Dolores have two sons who are both partners in accounting firms, and one granddaughter who is seven years old. Hard though it may be to believe, they have six telephones, seven television sets and five computers between the two of them! Ray assured the writer that they have downsized!

Harnam Grewal

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