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FROM THE PRESIDENT

How quickly we moved from a cool, damp June to the summer heat of July. Enjoy, but remember to wear a hat, use sunscreen, and drink lots of water on the green, especially if you are playing in a daylong tournament.

We are near the mid-point of the outdoor lawn bowling season. Our teams competing in BSI tournaments are representing the OBLBC very well and are to be congratulated on some strong performances and good outcomes. OBLBC prides itself on maintaining a balance between competitive and more relaxed, but equally important social bowling in the afternoon and evening draws and friendly visits with other clubs. We value and accommodate both approaches to play.

Remember to sign up for the first club visit of the year when Canadian Pacific come to play with us on Friday July 30. Tags are to be in by 6:15. Dress is informal – no whites for this event, especially since it takes place on a Friday evening. When you consider how close the CP club came to disappearing under the previous Victoria City Council, it's remarkable that they have just signed a new 15-year lease with the present council that secures their long-term future. I'm sure they are grateful to those of you who attended a Victoria City Council meeting a few years ago to show our club's support for them. Every little bit of support helps!

Our five-year lease too is coming up for renewal in January 2011. In preparation for this Linda Carswell Bland and I met with Mayor Causton on May 26, and then on June 22 at his suggestion with himself, Monty Holding, Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, and Hazel Braithwaite, Council Liaison to the Commission. We will meet again on July 20. We have been responding to some councilors' lack of familiarity with our club, and providing information on the activities and important data about our facilities and activities.

On the evening of June 10 your Executive also held an evening of lawn bowling and dinner with some Oak Bay Council members and members and staff of the Parks and Recreation Commission. It was a very pleasant social event that gave the Council and Commission members and staff a chance to get a good look at our greens and buildings, and to find out that lawn bowling is not as easy as it might appear!

On Monday July 12 Joan Firkins and I will be attending part of the Oak Bay Council meeting which is open to public response to our application for a liquor license. The Council does not have a decision-making role in this decision, but is required to hold this public session to hear any community response to our application.

So your Executive has been busy representing our club at the municipal level lately. We hope that those to whom we make representation now have a better understanding of OBLBC and its proud 57-year history of providing recreational opportunities in Oak Bay.

John Cossom

Short Mat Jacks.

Sometimes the ingenuity of our members is very impressive. For years we have had trouble with our extra heavy, lead short mat jacks. The yellow paint used to coat them continually chips off when the jacks are struck hard by a bowl. Harnam Grewal has dutifully re-painted the two jacks twice a year for many years in an attempt to keep them looking attractive. The yellow paint chips fall on the short mat and tend to cause a mess - a second nuisance besides the fact that they won't hold their paint coating!

At the end of last season Jim Brown decided to consult an electro-plating company that specializes in applying chrome to metal. He sought and was given permission to try having these jacks chromed as a solution to our problem. This involved Jim first drilling a small hole in the jacks so that they could be set on a tee for painting. He then had the jacks chromed and afterwards filed in the drill holes.

These jacks are now shining bright with a perfectly smooth, hard finish, With any luck the chrome finish will not break down with use. Let's hope so. I'm sure that the international body governing short mat would probably rule our jacks illegal for competition. (However, it's too bad they couldn't convince manufacturers to produce jacks that don't lose their painted surface when hit.)

Thanks Jim for your ingenious approach to solving this long-standing problem. We'll look forward to having shiny new jacks to play with come October! Jim also designed and then modified the special short mat rake that we use to gather up our bowls. It's good to have people in the club who can put their talents and minds to such productive uses.

John Cossom.

Lost

One large white wooden "picnic" table that used to sit under the Carnarvon House kitchen window. It was handy receptacle for putting hats on when one went in for tea. It was also used to rest the flagpole on while it was lowered for painting and changing the flag rigging.

Now it has "disappeared" from the OBLBC property altogether! A thorough search of all corners of Carnarvon Park has not uncovered it. Perhaps someone in the neighbourhood has a large picnic table in their yard? It must have taken a fairly large vehicle to move it. Anyone finding it and notifying a member of the Executive of its whereabouts is entitled to a reward of a free drink from the refreshment counter! Ho hum, so it goes.



Jaymee Strikes Gold Again!

For a second year running Jaymee Sidel has won gold at the B.C. Junior Women's Championships in Tsawassen. With Coach George Davey on deck, Jaymee successfully defended her junior crown.

She now goes to the Canadian Junior Championships in London, Ontario, August 4-7. We wish you all the best in your quest for a Canadian Championship Jaymee. Our thoughts and good wishes for a great tournament go with you.

We are happy that our second junior member Caitlin Mangiacasale also competed in the Tsawassen tournament. Unfortunately, Caitlin succumbed to the heat and had to withdraw, which is very unfortunate and disappointing for her.

The presenter is Jim Atkins – BOWLSBC President

Member Services

Total membership as of July 1 is 195 with 20 of these Social. 86 are male and 109 female. Oak Bay residents make up 54% of our membership.

Don't forget Friday nights. Tags in by 6:30 and bring along your friends and neighbours for a fun evening of bowling and a social gathering in Carnarvon House afterwards.

Margaret Machan

Player Development

Twenty Novices have now joined the Club, and the majority of them will be competing in the Novice Championships, which are scheduled for the evenings of 22, and 23 July 2010. Games start at 6.15 p.m. on both days. Come and cheer our Novices as they vie for the title of Club Champion in the Women's and Men's categories.

The Development Camp conducted by David Millard, Bowls Canada Head Coach, on 10 June 2010 was well received by those attending it. Millard focused exclusively on the basics of delivery: the need to be clear as to what shot to go for before stepping on the mat, the stance to be taken on the mat, the importance of the line of aim, and economy of movement in making the delivery. He emphasized that these elements were of critical importance in achieving and maintaining consistency and accuracy, and therefore improving one's game.

Mary Lou Richards video-taped Millard's presentation as well as the practice session that followed on the green. The Club website has a link which provides access to the video segments she has filmed. A screening of the video has been arranged for 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 15 July 2010 at Carnarvon House. Members are welcome to come and watch the showing on our big screen. A number of Club Coaches will be in attendance to answer questions, and if time permits, to help with practice on the green afterwards.

Harnam Grewal
Marilyn Turpin

Recognizing Our Volunteers (in no particular order):

George Davey - besides being an excellent umpire, who does more than his share at BSI and other South Island tournaments, also coaches our two juniors Jaymee Sidel and Caitlin Mangiacasale. On the weekend of July 10-11 he also accompanied them to compete in the B.C. Junior Women's Singles tournament at Tsawassen LBC. That's a wonderful commitment to junior development George. Thank you from our club.

For hosting the Canada Day dinner – Faith and Jon Magwood.

Sandy Coupe - for organizing the Canada Day raffle and for frequently bringing flowers for our Carnarvon House tables.

For running the Canada Day Event – our Games Committee - Helen Kempster, Art Antrobus and Louise Mason.

For refitting and painting our flagpole – Jon Magwood, Phil Bissell, Howard Turpin, Murray Robertson and the greens crews who raised and lowered it twice!

Thank you 13 Past Presidents for hosting and preparing the Strawberry Tea.

To Prim Wood for hosting the World Cup Final "Picnic."

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

Coach's Corner.

There is no law, rule, convention or expectation that in triples or fours games that leads and seconds step off the green after they change ends while skips are bowling. Indeed, it is encouraged that they stay on the green, taking an active interest in the game until after the last bowl of an end. Of course, when the head nears the ditch, all players should step onto the bank, but they should remain interested and supportive of their skip until the last bowl of every end.

Barry Browning.

GAMES 2010

Oak Bay teams continue to dominate both numerically and in the winners' circle at the various competitive events. Dorothy Bissell and Sandy Coupe took home the Rose Bowl at CP while Yvonne Stewart and Mary-Lou Richards were runners-up. Half the competitors at the Pacific Jubilee Pairs were from Oak Bay with the team of John Cossom and Lawrie Matheson finishing third overall. At the BSI Ladies Fours, Fay Nath, Mary Lou Richards, Louise Mason and Helen Kempster won the trophy with the team of Marilyn Turpin, Linda Carswell Bland, Lawrie Matheson and Joan Hall a close runner-up. The top two-game winner had Linda Cowie and Pat Thomas on a mixed team with Ann Mathie and Bev Johnson from Juan de Fuca. John Cossom and Mitch Fumale came third in the South Island Men's Pairs. The Lions Mixed Triples at Central Saanich was won by Jeff Machan, David Roberts and Gayle Wallach with John Cossom, Mitch Fumale and Lawrie Matheson placing third. Thanks to Marilyn Turpin and Louise Mason for managing the Pacific Jubilee Pairs and Louise for co-managing the Silver Tray held at our Club.

On the home front, the Degoutiere Triples was won by the team of Harnam Grewal, Jim Brown and Allen Evans. The Ladies Maddalon Tray was won by Jennifer Letkeman and Pat Metcalfe, the latter being a repeat winner from last year. In the McEwan Men's Pairs, our own "Italian Mafia" of Joe Rossi and Duino Barbon taking top honours! The Hadfield Women's Singles was won by Linda Cowie with Helen Kempster placing second. Mary-Lou Richards and Ruth Suter shared third and fourth place and, because of the extreme heat, elected to share placements. The Hart Trophy was won by John Cossom with Harnam Grewal as runner-up and Eric Ballinger and Jack Coupe placing third and fourth respectively. The list is long but many thanks to all volunteers who help manage and organize these tournaments including Lawrie Matheson, Pat Thomas, Alan Lightfoot, Mitch Fumale, Margaret Taylor and Linda Carswell-Bland. The singles competitions would not be staged without the 12 markers needed each evening and we sincerely thank all those who volunteered their time for this necessary task.

Canada Day had a new look this year. With a nod to multiculturalism the *Canadians by Birth* team took on the *Canadians by Choice* team with the latter prevailing for the coveted Bulldog Trophy. The games too had a different look with "Within the String" scoring and "Strategic Bowling" (Jack Last!) keeping us on our toes. We also introduced the prestigious Porcine Trophy (aka the Greedy Piggy Award) to those teams scoring at least 5 on an end. Best of all, as this was our major fundraiser for the year, we collected \$1126 for the Champs Program. Many thanks to Sandy Coupe for preparing the raffle basket, Lorraine Neumair for selling the tickets, Joan and Allan Hall for taking on the Wrong Bias Insurance and Games Committee members Louise Mason and Art Antrobus for their organizing skills. Well-done Oak Bay Bowlers!!

Helen Kempster, Games Chair.

House and Social Report:

June saw the kitchen operating at full speed, under the direction of Jennifer Letkeman. July will see two tournaments, which need to be covered, so please volunteer with help and baking – bowlers do love their goodies! Also Holiday Week in August will need donations, as each club donates baking for one day -a list will be posted.

Lois Badenhorst and Georgia Thorneycroft will share kitchen duties for July.

A big thank you goes to Faith and Jon Magwood for a delicious steak dinner on July 1st.

Labour Day, Monday September 6th will feature an informal barbecue, following the games. Details to follow. This will enable everyone to enjoy a day of bowling without over burdening some with kitchen duties!

Thank you to all who have volunteered this summer and that definitely includes the hard working housekeeping teams.

July 1st was a fun day, finishing off with a steak dinner, hosted by Faith and Jon Magwood, along with helpers, Elaine Hasler (responsible for great salad), Linda Carswell-Bland, Prim Wood, Betty Lapsley, Sandy Coupe, Mort Nelson, Gary Anderson and Barb Roemmele. Steve Dix, Susi Merchant, Brent Merchant, Gayle Wallach. Thanks Faith for great potatoes, and apple pie! Fran McAdoo has donated a beautiful quilt, which will be raffled for the club on Labour Day.

Kay Alexander, House and Social Chair.

DOWN TO THE LAST GLASS BLOCK

As part of fundraising for the 2006/07 Carnarvon House Expansion Project three windows were constructed with glass blocks. Those who contributed a minimum of \$100 had their names permanently attached to individual glass blocks. Members have been most generous and we are now down to one last block (of a total of 177) being still available. If you wish to have your name attached to this block, please contact Gary Suter at 250-721-9904 or gsbowl@telus.net.

The club would like to express its appreciation to Ron Ballard, owner of Fast Signs, for providing the artwork for the names on multiple occasions at deeply discounted prices.

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the car. "I'll make a deal with you," said his father. "You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut, and then we'll talk."

A month later the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

"Son, I'm real proud of you. You've brought your grades up and you've studied your Bible, but you didn't get hair cut!"

"You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."

"Yes son, and they walked everywhere they went!"

KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese :
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name.
Amen.'

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A little boy was overheard praying:  
'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.  
I'm having a real good time like I am.'

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.
His father asked him three times what was wrong.

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Finally, the boy replied,  
'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

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One particular four-year-old prayed,
'And forgive us our trash baskets
as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

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A Sunday School teacher asked her children as they  
were on the way to church service,  
'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'  
One bright little girl replied,  
'Because people are sleeping.'

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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan 3.
The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.
Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.
'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,
'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,
' Ryan , you be Jesus!'

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A father was at the beach with his children  
when the four-year-old son ran up to him,  
grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore  
where a seagull lay dead in the sand.  
'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked.  
'He died and went to Heaven,' his Dad replied.  
The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'

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A wife invited some people to dinner.
At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said,
'Would you like to say the blessing?'
'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.
'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered.
The daughter bowed her head and said,
'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

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