



## **“In The Ditch”**

**August 2022**

### **Upcoming events and dates to remember!**

BBQ and Potluck Dinner: August 27 4 pm

NOTL hosts Ladies League Frontier: August 18 and September 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 start

Annual General Meeting: October 15th

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### **Social Committee Update from Donna T.**

#### **BBQ and Potluck Dinner: August 27**

Save the date, save your appetite! Happy hour/Appetizers begin at 4, we plan to start barbecuing at 4:30 with dinner at 5 p.m.

Marinated chicken kababs are on the menu for barbecue and the cost of dinner will be \$8.00 per person, pay when you come.

A pot luck item of an appetizer, salad, dessert or set-up/clean up would be welcomed. A sign-up sheet is on the usual desk in the back room of the Mori room. If you don't get to the clubhouse to sign up, you can also email your intention to participate and pot luck contribution to Donna T. at [dorjtwose@sympatico.ca](mailto:dorjtwose@sympatico.ca). Looking forward to another great time of good food and good company!

## July BBQ

The July BBQ was a success with 35 people at the dinner and 38 out to bowl the first game. Ideal weather along with the efforts of our Social Committee and grill master Wig helped make it a success. Thanks to Susanne and Donna for buying the food and all the organizing!



38 Bowlers, 7 lanes used!!



All 38 out on the Green to start the first end.



Wig cooked burgers, Roy supervised.



Good food, good company!



A good time with good friends!

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## **Board Update from Paul McHoull**

Club Annual General Meeting 2022

We now have just two months left in the 2022 season and the Annual General Meeting is approaching. This year it will be held on Saturday October 15.

Most members of the Executive joined before the pandemic and some have been volunteering their time for 5 years or more. For the 2023 Executive we are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

Membership  
President Secretary  
Social Committee  
Treasurer

Please email Paul McHoull at: [pmchoull@gmail.com](mailto:pmchoull@gmail.com) to put your name forward or for more information.

The membership will also be asked to vote at the AGM on an increase in fees. The proposed annual rates for 2023 would be \$140 for residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake and \$150 for residents from other parts of the Niagara region.

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## **Membership Update from Judi Allen**

Our membership is now at 75 plus 4 social members. Welcome back Tom and Diane Schulz, Diane Harry and Ross Smith and welcome to our newest members: Rob & Donna Bruce, Michael and Linda Murphy-Boyer, Joe Bradley, Vic & Mitzi Klassen, Ed Lounsbury, Diane Stremlaw, Tady Saczkowski, Ian & Jackie Rowley, and Ann Gnoinski. Julie Hagan joined us as a transfer from Balmy Beach Club. Please make all our new members feel welcome!

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## **Leagues**

### **Ladies League Frontier from Elly Watson**

**\*NOTL will be hosting the Ladies League Frontier on Thursday, August 18 and Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>. Come out and cheer them on! 9:30 am start time. \***

**July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Played in Niagara Falls. Weather was quite warm and 2-10 end games were played instead of 2-12 ends. It was a pretty good day for our three teams. Rose C., Carol W. and Nadia had 2 wins and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall! Congratulations! Heather P., Heather Q and Nadia had a win and a loss. (Editor's note: I didn't catch that Nadia's name was down twice until too late, apologizes to the missing name!) Pat, Donna and Mary Beth (spare from another club) had a win and a loss.

**July 28<sup>th</sup>:** Played at Glenridge in St. Catherines: Weather was extreme! Late start due to torrential rain, but everyone persevered and play went on when the sun came out! 2-10 end games were played. See pictures next page. Heather P., Heather Q. and Donna T. had one win, one loss. Anne M., Elly W. and Donna J. had two losses Rose C., Julie H and Ann D. (spare from Beamsville)



**August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Frontier ladies bowled in Port Dalhousie. It was overcast but extremely humid. We played 2-10 end games.

Elly W., Donna J., Anne M. had a win and a loss.

Rose C., Carol W. and Angela L. had 2 losses.

Heather P., Heather Q. and Donna T. had 2 losses.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>:** Frontier ladies bowled in Beamsville. The weather was nice but it did get hot around 1PM. We bowled 2-12 end games.

Heather P., Heather Q and Donna T., had a loss and a win.

Carol W., Jenny L. and Angela L had two losses.

Elly W., Donna J. and Anne M. Had a win and a loss.

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### **Senior Men's League from Ken Helowka**

We had some great matches in Welland, Niagara Falls, and Beamsville this past month. Team Helowka (Ken, Paul, Dick) and Team Williams ( Doug, Buzz, George, and Dave) are now tied in the standings. This will make for an interesting home stretch to the season for NOTL bragging rights.

As of August 10: Team Helowka 8 wins 14 loses Team Williams 8 wins 14 losses  
Team pictures next page



Team Williams with Buzz Allen, David Taylor and Doug Williams. Absent, George Watson



Team Helowka with Dick Stoddart, Ken Helowka, and Paul McHoull. Absent: Wig Baldauf. Credit also to Edward Lounsbury who has spared for both teams.

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## 4-3-2-1 Update from Rose Connolly

4-3-2-1 is part practice, part competition on an individual basis. You score points based on being the closest to the jack. Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. You should plan, of course, to be there at least 15 minutes earlier to register.

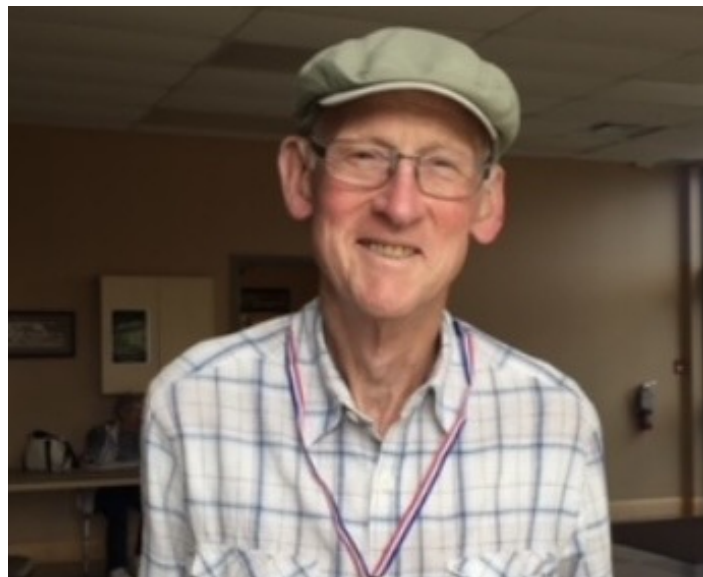
High Scorers for July below.



July 5<sup>th</sup> Cathy McCon 54 points



July 12th Dick Stoddart got 59 pts



July 26 Rory MacCon got 54 pts

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## **Teas**

A new member at a Tea asked "Where does all of the food come from?" The answer is that we ask members to volunteer and bring something. The sign up sheet is in the Locker Room and working with a partner is usually the best idea. The Club provides the tea and coffee.

The plates that we use are compostable. These plates and the napkins and any scraps of food go into the organics bin. Be careful! The Garbage Lady is watching you!

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## **Evening Sessions**

The Mori Room has been booked for Thursday evenings for practice and/or coaching sessions by appointment with a coach. It is also available on Friday evenings for Pairs competition. Unless we get someone to run it there won't be a League but any Pair can challenge another Pair and come out to play.

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## **Other News:**

### **BOWLS FOR SALE**

\$200 Drakes Pride, Size 3 Professional  
10 yrs old with Drakes Pride carry bag  
See Roy Richardson or email him at [royjanrich@yahoo.ca](mailto:royjanrich@yahoo.ca)

### **NEW BOOK ON HOW TO WIN AT BOWLS!**

How to Reach the Pinnacle by Nic Laage Available for \$4.66 Kindle version on Amazon.ca

If you are a social bowler this booklet (57 pages) goes well beyond what you need to know. But if you are keen to improve your skills and become a competitive bowler in tournaments or inter-club play it will give you insights into the basics plus game strategy and practicing techniques.

**If you have any photos, club news or ideas for the newsletter, please send them along to Julie at [avalonjulie@gmail.com](mailto:avalonjulie@gmail.com).**

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**GOOD BOWLING EVERYONE!**