

Niagara-on-the-Lake Lawn Bowling Club

(Established 1877)

“In the Ditch”

(141 Years Strong)

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As I dredge up more bits from the “Ditch”, welcome to this fourth edition of your Club’s newsletter. It is truly amazing what one can find in a ditch and, in the dark recesses of one’s mind.

As we leave the summer behind and head into the autumn season, the cooler/cold weather is fast approaching. September and October see the days getting shorter and darkness coming earlier each day and the exciting move back to daytime bowling, yeah!

Editor



From the President’s Desk

Elly Warren, Club President - 2018

This has been another HOT month with a number of cancellations, which is a shame.

We are getting closer to the end of the season, although it is really still almost 2 months away! Let’s hope we get a lot more bowling in before October 13th!

Your Executive is starting to develop the agenda for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held on Saturday, October 13th. The Club is always in need of people to help out in the various positions to keep the Club functioning. Now is the time to start thinking about how you can help the club.

The Club is still looking someone to fill the position of Vice President. I am going into the

second year of my term and will become Past President at the end of October 2019.

The Club needs someone to step up and commit to the currently vacant position of Vice President and who is willing to carry on a President. In addition, there may be other openings for the next season, however this will not be known until after our board meeting on September 4th.

A notice about the AGM, the minutes from last year’s AGM and reports made by the board members, will be e-mailed to all members by September 13, except to those who do not have e-mail, they will get a hard copy. Requests for items to be placed on the agenda should be submitted to the Club’s Secretary by September 30, 2018.

Community Centre Booklet

A member brought forward interesting question during the month that warranted the attention of your Club’s Executive.

“Why the Lawn Bowling Club is not listed in the fall/winter edition of the Community Centre booklet?”

Apparently the Club is not listed in the fall/winter Community Centre booklet because the Lawn Bowling Club is not active at the Community Centre during the winter months. The Club is always listed in the spring/summer edition when the Club is active and trying to attract new members.

Monthly Membership Factoid:

Of the current Active membership, what is the most common given name; for the men and for the ladies?

Well, a survey of the membership list reveals that, in both cases, it is a multiple tie.

For the men

There are 3 members with the given name "David" in the club; **David Cooper**, **David Klooz** and **David Taylor**.

There are also 3 members named "John"; **John Grieve**, **John (Jack) Hazell** and **John Twose**.

For the ladies

There are 3 active members with the name "Donna" in the club; **Donna Jansen**, **Donna Twose** and **Donna Williams**.

There are also 3 members with the name "Mary"; **Mary McHoull**, **Mary Scott** and **Mary Watson**.

These four names (twelve members) constitute 20% of the Club's active membership.

Which name will be the first to break the tie? Or, will there be a fifth name added to the list? Stick around to find out.

Birthday Greetings

Carol Williams, Club Secretary - 2018

On behalf of the President, the executive and the entire Club I would like to extend Birthday Greetings to all members who celebrated a birthday in August and February (2019), you know who you are.



Happy Birthday Everyone!

Ladies' Frontier League

Elly Warren, Pat Rees

August 1... The Frontier League bowled in Port Dalhousie today. There were 14 teams.

Heather P., **Heather Q.** and **Pat G.** had a win and a loss.

Rose, **Jenny** and **Angela** had 2 wins and got 2nd prize. **Pat R**, **Donna** and **Elly** had 2 wins and got 4th prize.



Angela, Jenny, Rose, Elly, Donna, Pat

Photo by Heather Quick

It was hot again today but bearable because of a little bit of a breeze.

August 9...Today we played in Beamsville. There were 14 teams.

Heather P., **Heather Q.** and **Mary W.** came in 4th, **Rose C.**, **Jenny L.** and **Angela L.** had a win and a loss, and **Pat R.**, **Donna J.** and **Elly W.** had a win and a loss but won last game high.



Pat R., Heather P., Mary W., Heather Q., Elly W.,
Donna J.

Photo by Jenny Ley

August 16...Today's Frontier tournament, to be played at the NOTL Club, was cancelled due to the high temperatures and humidity. Instead the members of the NOTL teams went out for a luncheon at a local dining establishment.

Well done ladies!

August 23...Frontiers today was in Niagara Falls. There were 14 teams. **Mary W., Heather Q. and Pat G.** had a win and a loss as did **Donna J, Denise L and Elly W.** **Rose C., Jenny L. and Sandi J.** had 2 losses. None of us were in the money! That hasn't happened for a very long time!

It was a beautiful day!

Elly Warren

August 30...We played with 14 teams at Glenridge. **Rose C., Jenny L. and Sandi J.** had 2 wins and came in 4th. **Heather P., Mary W. and Heather Q.** had a win and a loss as did **Pat R., Donna J. and myself.**

Elly Warren

Everyone is encouraged to go out and watch the ladies bowl, especially when they are bowling here in town at your club. Support your local teams.

Senior Men's League

Dave Taylor, Wes Turner

There are two teams representing your Niagara-on-the-Lake Lawn Bowling Club in the Niagara Senior Men's League.

There is no report from the Senior Men's League.

Tales of the Tournaments

Doug and Nancy Findlay, Tournament Secretaries

As an introduction to tournament play, all members are encouraged and welcome to enter the club's first **members only:**

"In-House Triples Tournament"

Tournament, Tournament, Tournament...



"Come on, Give It a Go!"

The tournament will take place on the NOTL Green on **Monday, September 10, 2018.** This is a regular bowling day so there will be no Jitney that afternoon.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter in the locker room; do not forget to enter your name. Teams will be skillfully selected and balanced by the Tournament Secretaries.

"Rain, Shine or Snow, the tournament's a Go!"

Well, probably not Snow and, most likely a bit iffy if there is heavy Rain that day however, if the sun is shining, count on the tournament going ahead as planned.

This tournament is a mixed triples event. There will be three games of 8 ends each played

throughout the day. Teams will be established and skillfully balanced by the Club's Tournament Secretary(s).

All the fun begins around 10:00 a.m. on the 10th, food, prizes, drinks and lots of bowling, and **prizes**.

Even if you are not playing, come out and cheer on your favourite team and share the excitement of tournament play.

Offsite Tournaments

August 15...Jenny Ley and Elly Warren represented the Club in a 12 team tournament in Port Dalhousie. Because of the heat only 2 out of normal 3 games were played. The team lost the first game but won the second and, with that, won the prize for Last Game High. Prize money was \$25.00 each.

Elly Warren

4-3-2-1



Jack Hazell

4-3-2-1 August 14

Photo by Editor

This year, with 15 games played so far, we have four multiple winners, **Heather Pettit, Dan Jansen, John Twose** and **Rose Connolly**.

We were able to play only 3 games this month, with a deluge "washing" out the 4th. The winners were: **Rory MacCon, John Twose** and **Rose Connolly**. We only played 2 games out of a normal 4 in the last session due to the heat.

If you are interested in how the various players are doing, there is an up to date scoring summary posted on the bulletin board as well as a picture of the latest winner.

We have scheduled our closing for October 9, with a pizza and wings extravaganza, as well a series of strange games.

Pictures of August's winners follows:



August 7 - Rory MacCon



August 14 - John Twose



August 21 - Rose Connolly

Photos by Jack Hazell

Friday League Open Pairs

Final Report 2018

The Friday League Open Pairs (FLOP's) provides the Members of the Club a venue for a little more serious, albeit "gentle" competition within the Club environment. The league is "Members only" and is open to all members of the Club. Members are encouraged to play in the league regardless of their individual skill level, you never know.

Members are encouraged to enter the league in pairs however, singles are welcome. Every attempt, brow beating, arm twisting, puppy eyes, pouting, etc. will be employed to find them a partner.

Due to the maximum of 8 rinks available, the league is limited in size to a maximum of 16 teams or 32 bowlers. Entries generally open up in April as soon as the lawn bowling season begins. Entries are accepted on a first come/first serve basis, the first 16 teams gaining entry into the league.

Generally there is no cost to the Member to enter and play in the league.

Members, not wanting to play in the league on a regular basis, are encouraged to place their name on a "Spares List", affording them the opportunity to play on a more casual basis. Games are 12 ends in duration with a single game being played each Friday evening for the duration of the league. Games generally begin at approximately 6:30.

This year FLOP's consisted of a single session, 12-team Round Robin event. Eleven teams participated in the league with each team receiving a single "Bye" once throughout the session. The league commenced play on Friday evening May 18 and finishing up on Friday, July 27 with only 2 out standings games to be made up. One of these games was completed on July 29th and the other on August 2nd.

There were no rain-outs this year and, for the most part there were 5 games played every Friday, well done competitors.

Throughout this year's league 22 bowlers played 10 games each (220 player games). Each game was 12 ends with 4 bowls delivered per player, per end (48 bowls per player, per game) or, 480 bowls each over the course of the league. This resulted in 10,560 bowls being delivered by all 22 bowlers combined over the duration of play. At an average weight of approximately 2.94 pounds per bowl this amounts to a total of approximately 31,046 pounds or 15.52 tons of lawn bowls, yikes, no wonder we were tired.

Official League Results

With all the results submitted, your Friday League Open Pairs final standings for 2018 are:

2018 League Champions

Ray and Heather Pettit

Congratulations Ray and Heather

Second place honours, with a record of 8 wins and 3 losses, for a total of 24 points, went to **George and Mary Watson**.

In third place, also with a record of 8 – 3 and a total of 24 points – **Wayne Jones and Elly Warren**, missing out on second by a difference of only 7 points in the "points for" column.

Fourth and fifth place was also a tie between **Doug and Nancy Findlay** and **Dave and Jackie Taylor** with the Findlay's taking fourth by a difference of 11 "points for" over team Taylor.

Teams in positions six through eight fought a close battle and finished up tied with a record of 15 points each, with 5 wins and 6 losses. Sixth place went to the team of **Berkeley Lambert and Denise Lundy** with a total of 117 in the "points for" column, seventh went to **Doug and**

Carol Williams with 112 “points for” and eighth place went to **David** and **Joan Klooz** with 109 “points for”.

Positions nine and ten tied at 13 points, with 4 wins and a tie each. Only 2 “points for” separated the teams and produced the closest race within the league. **Martin** and **Heather Quick** took ninth position with 116 “points for” while **Ron** and **Lynne Gourlay** managed to score 114 “points for”.

Eleventh place was captured by **Buzz** and **Judy Allen** who managed to amass 9 points, 3 wins, and a total “points for” of 81.

12th – Bye

Congratulations to all Competitors!

A special thank you to **Martin** and **Heather Quick** who opened up their home to host the league’s windup function and, what a fantastic “pot luck” function it was, well done Martin and Heather.

And, a thank you to all club members who came out and played or spared or, who just came out to cheer on the competitors over the course of the season. Without membership participation the league would most certainly have not been a success.

Social Convenors

Jenny Ley, Rose Connolly

All is going smoothly with the volunteers in the kitchen. It is wonderful to see everyone helping out. I know everyone appreciates it.

The August barbecue was a lot of fun with bowling, salmon on the BBQ and lively music.

As an added bonus a magic hand cream was shared by **Heather**. That had everyone who used it smiling and,

Just a bit of humour added to the recipe to keep it sweet:

Why Seniors Still Need Newspaper.

I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

“This is the 21st century. We don’t waste money on newspapers. Here use my iPad,” she said.

I can tell you this. That damn fly never knew what hit him!

- Unknown-

Rose and Jenny

Greens Keepers

Buzz and Judi Allen



North Ditch East Ditch South Ditch West Ditch

Edge of Green after Heavy Rain and Wind

After heavy rains and strong winds overnight, the main surface area of the green was nice and clean and very playable, the ditches on the other hand were a much different story. Clearly the winds were out of the southwest and moving with some force as is evidenced by the buildup of material from the green’s surface on the north and east sides of the green. There was very little “lint” on the south and west sides.

Editor

“Keep to the Code”

From the “Code of Ethics” associated with the Sport of Bowls as provided by World Bowls.

B. [sic] FAIR PLAY

5. Fair play is the basic guiding principle in the sport of Lawn Bowls.

6. Doping is strictly forbidden at all levels. The World Bowls Anti-Doping Rules shall be scrupulously observed at all times.

7. Betting on Lawn Bowls and other corrupt practices relating to the sport of Lawn Bowls by World Bowls Officials or Participants, including improperly influencing the outcome and results of an event or competition are prohibited.

8. Friendly and loyal cooperation and understanding between all parties in Lawn Bowls shall be encouraged for the benefit of the sport as a whole. 3

9. All World Bowls Officials shall use due care and diligence in fulfilling their roles for, or on behalf of, World Bowls. Such persons must not act in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of World Bowls or Lawn Bowls generally, nor act in a manner likely to bring the sport into disrepute.

C. [sic] INTEGRITY

10. The standards of hospitality afforded to persons subject to this Code shall not exceed the standards prevailing in the host country concerned. Any hospitality afforded which exceeds such standards shall be disclosed to the World Bowls Board.

11. Only gifts of nominal value may be given or accepted as a mark of respect or friendship.

12. Except as may otherwise be permitted, no World bowls Official shall directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any concealed remuneration, commission, benefit or service of any nature connected with their participation in Lawn Bowls or with their function as a World Bowls Official.

13. No World Bowls Official may be involved with any company, firm or person whose activity is inconsistent with the objectives or interests of World Bowls.

World Bowls Code of Ethics

“Green” Speak

The Jack

The **Jack** is the small white (or yellow) ball that is the target in the Sport of Bowls.

In all instances, when delivered, the **Jack** must be a minimum of 21 metres (68’-10 ³/₄”) (“outdoors in Canada”) from the Mat Line.

The **Jack**; a much maligned and misunderstood aspect associated with the Sport of Bowls.

To find out more about the “Jack” we arranged an interview with our investigative reporter “Marcy Ditch-water” and “Jacque” (not Jack’s real name) on the condition that we changed his appearance and voice in order to remain anonymous.



Jack in disguise

Marcy “Tell me a little about yourself Jacque,”

Jacque “*Well Marcy, I started off in England as a small silver ball, a pin ball I think you call it, the kind used in games in an amusement hall. “From Soho down to Brighton I must have played them all.”*

Marcy “My goodness Jacque, those sound like exciting times”

Jacque “Yes Marcy, what good times they were, the flashing lights, the sounds, the excitement, yes, great times indeed. I remember this one “deaf, dumb and blind kid, a real pin-ball wizard; he sure played a mean pin ball.”

Marcy “And what happened after Brighton, Jacque?”

Jacque “After Brighton I moved around a bit looking for my place in life, it was a long and dark struggle, I had very little guidance in those days. Finally, after considerable time and thought I decided that the Sport of Bowls was for me, I wanted to become a “Jack”, I had heard so much about them, a classy lifestyle, calm, not too much excitement, especially after Soho and Brighton. With that in mind I headed off to University to learn how to be a professional Jack.”

Marcy “There is a university for Jacks?”

Jacque “Why yes Marcy, the hallowed halls of Jack University. Many different balls go to Jack University to learn their respective trade. There is the Facility of Baseball, of Football (Soccer I think you call the game), Rugby, Cricket, etc. The University has a large population from all around the world, At one time there were some oval shaped brown coloured balls there calling themselves “footballs”, they did not last as they only showed up once in a while, played a game and left.

Marcy “So Jacque, what was it that you learn while at University?”

Jacque “My time at “Jack U” was exciting and very educational. I grew and developed mentally and physically into a solid sphere (ball shaped), we had the choice of being either *white or yellow*. Now, because I might be working on “outdoor non-synthetic greens I would have to measure between 63 millimetres and 64 millimetres across (the diameter)”; and “weigh between 225 grams and 285 grams.” Some of us had to bulk up so as to be able to play on “outdoor or indoor synthetic greens” in which case we must be “between 63

millimetres and 67 millimetres across (the diameter)”; and “weigh between 382 grams and 453 grams.”

There was so much to learn at “Jack U”, Marcy; the Laws of the Sport, courses on the different bowls we would encounter, the length and composition of the green’s surface, the physics associated with the sport, etc. Being a Jack is not as simple as the average player realizes.

Marcy “Is there any aspect about your profession that you do not like Jacque?”

Jacque “Yes Marcy, as a matter of fact there is; we Jacks are sometimes referred to by different names.

Marcy “Such as?”

Jacque “Well, we are sometimes referred to as “the White”, and we find this as being somewhat racist, especially by the coloured (yellow) Jacks. Another term used is “Kitty. I am quite sure that this term gets animal rights activists upset somewhere in the world. Then again, we are sometimes called “Sweetie”, a term that could be considered somewhat sexist. I do not know why bowlers cannot just call us by our give title, the **JACK**.

Marcy Ditch-water, Staff Reporter

Club Statistics

Stats-O-La, the Stats Guy

Once again the Stats-O-La is here to bore you to tears with the Club’s statistics for the month of August.

August Stats

The weather this month was not typical for August in Niagara-on-the-Lake. August was too damn hot and humid to be a regular August, it must have been a “fake” August sent up from the south.

Jitneys

Scheduled	13
Played	12
Not Played	1

Draws

Scheduled	17
Played	15
Not Played	2

Bowlers per Draw

Average Bowlers per Draw in August					
Monday		Wednesday		Saturday	
16.3	-	11.4	-	19.0	10.0

Number of games played in August – 41

Number of games played year to date – 220



Monday, August 27, 2018

“Iron Person” of the Month

This month’s Iron Person is...**Joan Klooz** with a total of **11** games and **322** bowls delivered throughout the month. A true “Iron-person” of the lawn bowling green.

Congratulations Joan!

Green surface temperature

This month, the average surface temperature of our green was **46.0°C** (114.8°F), the warmest recorded at **72°C** (161.6°F), the coolest at **24°C** (75.2°F).

Greenside Humour

From around the world

A little old man boards a bus with a bowl in each of his front trouser pockets.

A beautiful lady, sitting close by, stares for so long that the man finally says, "Bowling balls".

The lady seems shocked and continues to stare.

Moments later, she says, "My goodness, does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

They made me include it.

In Closing

Well, that is “it” for the fourth edition. See you next month.

Remember to come out and support your fellow members as they participate in the various lawn bowling activities throughout the month and entire season as they play in venues across the District.

The kids are back in school!

Remember to drive with all care and caution, especially through school zones.



So long to the summer; hello fall.