



## *"In The Ditch"*

### Start of the 2016 Season

#### Week 1

Registration and the first day of bowling took place on Saturday, April 16. The weather was very pleasant with a high of 12 degrees, very little wind and sunny with blue skies. 34 bowlers turned out, registered and 28 bowled the first game. Many stayed for the second game. A very large thank you to Heather and Martin Quick and Ana, the Quick's Foreign Exchange Student, who provided the tea and snacks between games.

On Monday, April 18, 21 people turned out for the jitney. The weather was more like a summer's day than a spring day, with a high reaching 26 degrees! Only 12 remained for the second game as many of the players were dressed for spring rather than summer.

The weather on Wednesday, April 20 was sunny with a temperature of 14 degrees, but quite cold with a north wind of 25 km/hr that made it a bit chilly on the open green. All players left after one game due to the windy and cool conditions.

Members were saddened to learn that John McKeirnan passed away on Saturday night, April 16. Ellen, his daughter, said that "her Dad was very comfortable, watching the television in his pyjamas, but suffered a massive heart attack, so passed very quickly". The family kept the funeral arrangements/service very private between close family members - just as John had expressed - but said "Mass Cards" were very welcome. John enjoyed bowling, both outdoors on the Green, and indoors at short mat. We all enjoyed having him there. John was a true gentleman and he will be missed.

On Saturday, April 23 the weather was sunny with blue skies and a temperature of 12 degrees. However, there was very little wind and the day was quite pleasant for bowling. 20 people turned out for bowling with 12 remaining for the second game. A large thank you to Jenny Ley and Mary McHoull for providing the tea and snacks between games.

OLBA stickers and annual handbooks were available for people who attended on April 23 and will now be available in the locker room. At the end of the first week, we have 43 members registered, and 2 social members. Registration continues on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## **Week 2 -**

The weather for week 2 started with a damp, cold and windy day on Monday, April 25. Although the temperature reached 6 degrees it felt like 3 with the wind-chill. There were six brave people who showed up.....Dan, Donna, Jenny, Rose, Wes and Mary McHoull. Rory also showed up but left to make it even. The wind was worse than last Wednesday and it was colder, but the bowlers managed to survive one game and tied 8/8.

On Wednesday, April 27 the weather was sunny with blue skies but only 10 degrees. However, very little wind made it very pleasant on the green. 14 members turned out to bowl the first game and 10 stayed for the second game.

Saturday, the last day of April, was sunny but windy. Even though the temperature reached 14 degrees, it was cool with the northeast wind. Nevertheless, 26 members turned out for bowling. Thank you to Brenda Cooper and Pat Rees for providing the tea and snacks. At the end of the second week we now have 48 registered members and 2 social members.

## **4-3-2-1**

The first session that was supposed to be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM was cancelled due to rain, cold and wind. It's hoped that spring will return by May 3. Scores will count and be added to the yearly totals starting Tuesday, May 3. The handicaps from last year will count until May 17. Jack Hazell will return May 24, but in the meantime, Dan and Donna Jansen have kindly offered to look after things until Jack's return.

## **Tournaments**

The first Tournament occurs on Friday May 6. Simpson's Pharmacy has again agreed to sponsor this tournament. The tournament consists of triples and all seven lanes will be filled. Well done! If you are interested in playing in future tournaments, please talk to or e-mail Doug or Nancy Findlay.

## **Friday Night 'Under the Lights' League Open Pairs**

This is a slightly competitive league allowing teams to develop strategy and consistency in a pairs team. Many new pairs have tried this and seen their improvement over the course of each series of round robin games. No series will be longer than 7 games, with a play-off and dinner evening at the end. The games are played each Friday evening commencing at 6.30 PM. Due to the fact that green 1 is unplayable, only 14 teams will be able to play. Sign up early on the sheet in the Locker Room to ensure that you are able to participate. Starting date is Friday, May 27. Currently, there are 12 pairs signed up to play. 2 more pairs are needed to make a total of 14 teams. Also, we only have 2 persons signed up as 'spares', so any additions would be welcome.

## Official Opening Day

The official Opening Day is Saturday May 14. This will include a piper, the parade of members on the Green and the Lord Mayor delivering the 'first bowl'.

## Potluck

As a reminder, please remember that instead of a barbeque on the last Saturday in May (May 28), there will be a potluck dinner following bowling. The sign-up sheet is in the locker room

## Finally

This guy goes into a restaurant for a Victoria Day Breakfast Special while in his home town for the holiday weekend. After looking over the menu he says, "I'll have the eggs benedict." His order comes a while later and it's served on a big shiny hubcap. He asks the waiter, "What's with the hubcap?" The waiter sings, "There's no plate like chrome for the hollandaise."

A guy goes to a psychiatrist. "Doc, I keep having these alternating recurring dreams. First I'm a teepee, then I'm a wigwam, then I'm a teepee, then I'm a wigwam. It's driving me crazy. What's wrong with me?" The doctor replies, "It's very simple. You're two tents."

Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much.

The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.







All 85 pictures are on the following link:

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