



## “In The Ditch”

### News

#### Activities

Ten bowlers came to the Vices and Skips seminar run by Jack Hazell and Bob Findlay on Thursday August 1. The attendees were: Bill Bradford, Brenda and David Cooper, Lindsay and Jim Cooper, Berkeley Lambert, Dennis Kam, David Klooz, Richard Osborn and Elly Warren. Angela came to welcome those who were there, presented them with copies of the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" and set up coffee and sweets for a mid-session break. There was a little advanced shot skills competition at the end, won by Brenda Cooper.

The team of Heather Pettit, Mary Watson and Pat Girgenti finished first in Ladies Frontier at Glenridge on July 25 and were awarded the Rosa Sutton Trophy.

The Simpson's Pharmacy Tournament was held at our club on Saturday August 3. Club members Bob and Joyce Findlay finished first and Ray and Heather Pettit third! Congratulations to all who played!

On August 4, 20 members came out to bowl on a Sunday afternoon. On Simcoe Day (August 5) there were 32 members present, all in their whites.

The winners of 4-3-2-1 in the past month have been Cathy MacCon, David Klooz, Rory MacCon and Nancy Findlay. Play continues on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

#### Friday Night Pairs League

The 26<sup>th</sup> of July was the final date of play for the 10 week series. A celebratory event was held on August 2 with appetizers, pizza and wings and the appropriate beverages. Fortunately, almost all those involved in the League were able to attend and it proved to be a great success. Prior to the meal, a fun 12-end game was played, mixing the teams and creating some interesting results. The highest score winners of this event were Rory MacCon (Skip) and Jim Cooper (Vice), who were each presented with a bottle of fine wine at the party.

There were many surprising results and some very close games during the course of the League. As the final results were so close, an unbiased Auditor was called in to check the scores and final figures. The presentation of the Winner's Certificate for this series was made by the Auditor, Wayne Jones, to the winners, Heather and Ray Pettit, who finished with a 1 point advantage over Nancy and Doug Findlay and Mary and George Watson.

Two - yes - two birthday cakes were presented to George in celebration of his birthday. (Two were needed because of the number of candles required.)

Since it has been decided to end the actual League and the 6.30 - 9.00 P.M. time is still available until the end of the season, the League players decided to continue to play a pairs game every Friday. All club members are invited to participate but must come with a partner. The organization of games will be done according to attendance.

## BBQ

Although bowling was rained out on Saturday July 27, we still enjoyed a pleasant social get together and a fine meal prepared by Ivan and Evelyn Eaton, Aldo Potenza, David and Brenda Cooper and Elly Warren.

The next BBQ is Saturday August 31. Look for the signup sheet in the locker room!

## Fundraising Event in September

Once again we will hold the fundraising lunch and tournament on Saturday, September 28. This year Newark Neighbours will be the recipient of our efforts. We have enjoyed very good member response to the charity events over the past four years, raising a considerable amount of money in a short time for a variety of charities, and having fun in the process. We welcome your support again this year. We do, however, need some volunteers to help with this year's event: people to prepare lunch; organize the raffle prizes; sell tickets and collect money. If you can help, please contact Angela.

## Welland LBC Joining Us for Jitney

A group of approximately 15 bowlers from the Welland LBC will be joining us on Saturday, September 14 to participate in our jitney. These are always fun, non-competitive events, and an occasion for those members who do not go out to tournaments to bowl with people from other clubs. We will follow our usual two-game format with a tea break between games. Be sure to be there to welcome the folks from Welland.

## Annual General Meeting

The 2013 Annual General Meeting will be held on the final day of bowling, Saturday, October 12 in the Simpson Room. The business meeting will commence at 11:00 AM, followed by a "pot luck" lunch and an afternoon of bowling (weather permitting).

This is a departure in format from past meetings, but we are trying to avoid last year's fiasco when less than half of the members attended and we did not have a quorum. We will also be including a Proxy vote form along with the Notice of Meeting, which will be mailed to members in mid-September. If you cannot attend the meeting, please complete the Proxy and return it prior to the meeting.

## Finally

A southern Baptist minister was completing a temperance sermon.

With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he then sat down.

The choir leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, Shall We Gather at the River."



Mary Watson,  
Heather Pettit and  
Pat Girgenti with the  
Rosa Sutton Trophy



First Place in the  
Simpson's Pharmacy  
Tournament :

Joyce and Bob Findlay



Third Place in the  
Simpson's Pharmacy  
Tournament :

Heather and Ray Pettit  
with Tournament  
Director Jim Stewart



Ivan and Aldo cooking in the rain for the BBQ.



The Friday Night Pairs League wraps up their season.



The top pair : Ray and Heather Pettit