



## “In The Ditch”

### Opening Day

The Official Opening took place on Saturday April 26. Jim Cooper started the proceedings with a stirring rendition of the national anthem. As per tradition, the members, dressed in whites, paraded across the green and back led by a piper. The Lord Mayor, David Eke, expressed his best wishes for our season and delivered the first bowl. With a bit more coaching from Ray Pettit, he tried again and this bowl came to rest about a foot from the jack.

It was a cool day and everyone was glad to come in after the first game and enjoy the Tea provided by Rory and Cathy MacCon. Afterwards, a few dedicated bowlers went back out and played a second game.



More pictures are available on the web site [www.notlbowls.ca](http://www.notlbowls.ca)

Look for Club Photos on the page named Links

## Stamford Estates Tournament

Our first tournament of 2014 took place on Friday May 2. Sixteen teams of mixed triples took part. Kathy Smith put in a lot of work to make the tournament a success and even came up with a new version of a "Spider". The bowlers stood at the ditch around the green and, on the count of three, rolled a bowl out into the middle where there were 20 loonies, each sitting on a double ticket. Spotters went out and placed the closest bowl onto each loonie. The owner of that bowl then had the choice to either pocket the dollar or to put the loonie and half the ticket into a bucket for a later draw. Most chose the second option and one lucky person went home with \$19. The winning team was from Burlington; the runners up from Cosburn Park in Toronto. Niagara bowlers took third prize and the Last Game High, while a team from Kitchener finished fourth. Full results are available on the web site [www.notlbowls.ca](http://www.notlbowls.ca)

Not even Kathy could control the weather and it was cool and damp. Still the bowlers had a good time and greatly appreciated the efforts of those working in the kitchen : Cathy and Rory MacCon in the morning and Donna Jansen and Jackie Taylor in the afternoon. John Grieve and Wayne Jones looked after the draw and kept things running smoothly.

Our next tournament is Tuesday May 27 and is sponsored by Butler's Bar and Grill. There may still be one spot available in this Women's Pairs/ Mixed Pairs tournament. Contact Kathy Smith if you are interested.

## 2013 Volunteer Award

From Mary McHoull



At the District 6 spring meeting held at the Glenridge Lawn Bowling Club on April 29 Paul was presented with the 2013 Volunteer of the Year award. There were several nominations and at the November 2013 meeting Paul was chosen as the recipient. He was nominated by Kathy Smith who presented the award to him. Four other members of the NOTL Lawn Bowling Club were at the meeting to show our support. Congratulations to Paul on being recognized for his dedication to our club.

This award was presented to Gerry Rive in May 2012. He was recognized as the District 6 Volunteer of the Year for 2011.

## Kitchen Sign Up

From Rory MacCon

The deadline for signing up for kitchen duties is rapidly approaching. As was announced on Saturday, our current membership numbers necessitate that we all do two stints in the kitchen. Consequently, anyone who has not signed up for 2 duty days by the 10<sup>th</sup> of May will be randomly assigned to those duties remaining.

# Friday Pairs League

From Heather Pettit

The Friday League Open Pairs, from hereon in known as FLOPS!, will commence on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May. We have an almost full slate of teams and 6 spares and it should prove both entertaining and fun. Please be there by 6:00 PM. Details of participants and schedule will be emailed out prior. Special thanks to Computer Wizz Wayne who has spent considerable time in creating a format that hopefully I won't mess up.

## Comments from your President

From Ray Pettit

The Season is off and running. Although a little cool, events have been well attended so far. Our first BBQ will be held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014. A sign-up sheet will be in our Club Room. The cost will be \$10 per person for the BBQ and a tournament with prize money for winners. Non-bowlers/guests will be charged \$6 only.

Don't forget that 4-3-2-1 will commence on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May. Jack requests that bowlers be there by 6:00 PM for briefing.

As the greens are kindly set up for us, it would be helpful if Members would assist with putting equipment away after they have finished bowling.

## Membership

We now have 53 members plus 2 social members. There are about 8 members who we expect will soon be rejoining, but we need more new members if we are going to get back to last year's total of 72, and why stop there?

Sometimes the best advertising is word of mouth. If you know someone who is interested, encourage them to come out!

## Finally

The pilot of an aerobatic biplane landed in the recently mown field of a Scottish farmer to make a few adjustments to his engine. While he was tinkering with his machine, he noticed the Scotsman and his wife watching with a great deal of curiosity. The Scotsman asked the pilot how much he would charge to give both he and his wife a ride.

"Well", said the pilot, "Normally I charge 50 euros each, but if you are both completely quiet throughout the flight, the ride will be free of charge. If I hear the least amount of noise, you will owe the full fare."

The couple quickly climbed aboard, and the pilot taxied and took off. Immediately, he proceeded to put his plane through all of its paces: barrel rolls, stalls, spins, split S manoeuvres, you name it and he did it. The couple in back were completely silent throughout the thirty minute flight.

Upon landing, the pilot said, "I really have to hand it to you for keeping quiet through all that!"

"Aye", said the Scotsman, "but I'll admit, ye almost heard me when the wife fell out."