



“In The Ditch”

Official Opening of the 2015 Season

The Official Opening took place on Saturday May 9. Jim Cooper once again started the proceedings by leading us in singing the national anthem. This was followed by the traditional parade of the members across the Green led by a piper. The Lord Mayor, Pat Darte, gave his best wishes and delivered the ceremonial first bowl of the season.

It was a warm day and everyone was glad to come in after the first game and enjoy the Tea provided by Elly Warren and Pat Rees. Afterwards four dedicated bowlers went back out and played a second game.



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David Klooz also took photos of the Opening : Click [Here](#)



Val McWilliams on the right presents the Sportsperson of the Year trophy to Katherine Smith. This award from District 6 of the Ontario Lawn Bowling Association recognizes Kathy's contributions to the sport and her outstanding achievements. In 2014 Kathy was a member of four District 6 championship teams. One team went on to win the Ontario Gold Medal in Women's Fours; another won the Ontario Silver Medal in Senior Triples. In 2012 Kathy won the Ontario Gold Medal in Singles. In 2009 she was on the Gold Medal team with Heather Pettit and Vi Hirst in Senior Triples.

The picture below shows Neville Robson and Kathy with the District 6 Championship banner.



4-3-2-1

4-3-2-1 started on April 28. The winners so far have been Martin Quick, Heather Quick, and Jack Hazell. Play continues on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM, with registration no later than 6:15. If you haven't tried it, come out and see what it is all about. Each participant is assigned a handicap, so everyone has a chance to win. New members usually find this to be a good way to practice!

Friday Pairs League

The first game of the series was played on 15th May with a full turn out of teams. The series is divided into 2 leagues and round robin play will proceed for 5 weeks, followed by a one night playoff game with pizza and wings to celebrate. A brief downpour did not dampen the participants' enthusiasm! The first night showed some very big scores with two Hot Shot Ends – one by Cathy and Rory MacCon and one by Lindsay and Jim Cooper – congratulations to both teams.

Tournaments

We need people to play in our Pairs tournaments on June 2 (Women's/Mixed) and June 19 (Open). The June 2nd tournament is in danger of being cancelled because of too few entrants. At present, we have one NOTL player for each tournament who is still looking for a partner. If you are interested, contact Nancy or Doug at ndfindlay@yahoo.com or 905-468-1597

Simpson's Pharmacy Tournament : May 8



The Sponsor



Derek Shervill and Ed Peterson doing the draw



Doug and Nancy Findlay were running their first tournament after taking over from Kathy Smith. Kathy, playing with Neville Robson and Ruby Du Feu, was on the team that finished third. Doug and Nancy and Denise Lundy won the prize for Last Game High.

Finally

An optimist looks at a glass and says that it is half full. A pessimist looks at the same glass and says that it is half empty. An engineer looks at the same situation and says that the glass was poorly designed, it should have been smaller.

What's the difference between England and a teabag? A teabag stays in a cup longer.

Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.