



“InTheDitch”

May 17, 2022

Official Opening Day

We had a very successful Official Opening last Saturday. We had 49 members in the group photo and we needed all 8 lanes for the first game. I think that the Lord Mayor was impressed with the turnout and the enthusiasm of those present. By the way, she won \$2 in the Spider.

Special thanks to our Greenskeeper, Ken Helowka, for setting up the equipment and to Teresa Gouett and Nadia Roudenko for providing the Tea with the assistance of Suzanne Vaillant and Judy Griffin.

Player Development Clinic

On Sunday we had a very successful player development clinic although it did get hot in the afternoon. A note from the OLBA Facebook page :

A big thank you to Angela and the Board members for organizing a Niagara-on-the-Lake Delivery, Vice-Skip & Skips clinic yesterday. 28 participants from NOTL plus Burlington, Dundas & Beamsville Clubs all went home happy having learned something new to improve their game. We left participants with drills to practice. A Kinesiologist participant shared some exercises to improve balance and strengthen ankles.

Thank you to Heather my co-facilitator for the day who arrived with coach Cammy, and Donna & Wig who are coaches in training from NOTL for their help in making this day a big success.

Wig and Jean Baldauf along with Ken Helowka set up the equipment and put it all away at the end of the day. The Social Committee also did a great job with the refreshments.

Leagues

Ladies League Frontiers started Thursday May 12, Beautiful weather, sunny and hot. Two twelve end games were played.

NOTL had two teams playing. Rose C., Jenny L. and Angela L. won third prize with a loss and a win. Elly W., Pat R., and Donna J., lost both games. It was a great day and we had a lot of fun! It's good to be back!!!

Senior Men's League started Wednesday May 11 at the Niagara Falls LBC with two twelve end games. NOTL had two teams playing. Ken H. Dick S. and Paul M. lost both games as did Doug W. George W. and David T. It takes a while to get used to playing on grass! If anyone would like to try it and play at some point as a spare please send me your name and I will pass it along.

4-3-2-1

4-3-2-1 is part practice, part competition on an individual basis. You score points based on being the closest to the jack. The first session of 4-3-2-1 is this evening (Tuesday May 17) at 6:30 PM. You should plan, of course, to be there at least 15 minutes earlier to register.

Long Weekend

With the long weekend coming up there will be bowling and a Tea on Saturday May 21. But there will be no bowling on Sunday May 22 or Monday May 23. The Community Centre is closed on Victoria Day and on the Sunday afternoon there will be a bridal shower present, some of whom will be bowling.

Teas

A new member at a Tea asked "Where does all of the food come from?" The answer is that we ask members to volunteer and bring something. The sign up sheet is in the Locker Room and working with a partner is usually the best idea. The Club provides the tea and coffee.

The plates that we use are compostable. These plates and the napkins and any scraps of food go into the organics bin. Be careful! The Garbage Lady is watching you!

Tournament and Dinner Saturday May 28

The final day for tournament registration is Thursday, May 26th. If members can't make it to the club to sign up, they can email/phone Angela Lynch. The teams will be put together on Friday.

The cut off for dinner numbers is Friday May 27th. Spouses are invited to the dinner, and those members who don't want to be in the tournament can just come to dinner. Again you can email or phone Angela to be added to the list.

Evening Sessions

The Mori Room has been booked for Thursday evenings for practice and/or coaching sessions by appointment with a coach. It is also available on Friday evenings for Pairs competition. Unless we get someone to run it there won't be a League but any Pair can challenge another Pair and come out to play.

NOTE : The shed and gate were left unlocked last Friday. The last person to leave must make sure that the shed and gate are locked and that the key has been returned to the lockbox on the fence

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We need a volunteer to produce this newsletter. It comes out monthly and presents updates on our activities. Some word processing skill are needed but the reports (and hopefully pictures) will come from those involved with activities such as the Men's and Ladies' Leagues, 4-3-2-1, etc.

