



“In The Ditch”

May 2023

WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON!

Have you registered and paid for this year? Forms are available in the locker room.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!!

Official Opening Day: Saturday May 13 see times below

12:30 PM: Official Photograph – be there if you want to be in it!

1 PM: Lord Mayor and Piper open the season, first jitney follows.

Be there for 12:30 and wear your whites for Official Photograph!

4321 First day: Tuesday May 16th at 6:15 PM to register

Pairs League: First Round Friday May 19 at 6:30 PM

In House Tournament: May 27 11 AM – 4:30 PM followed by BBQ

Sign-up sheet is in the locker room.

Deadline to sign up is May 21st 1:30PM.

Open Houses: June 4 and June 11 2-4 PM invite any friends or neighbours who have shown an interest in lawn bowling!

A Message from the Social Committee

Hello all,

I am reaching out to members to address the topic of Saturday Teas during this lawn bowling season.

If Saturday Teas are to continue, it is essential that ladies and gentlemen volunteer to assist in providing snacks, setting up and washing up. The sign-up sheet is posted in the locker room.

Typically, each Saturday the first jitney has been followed by a short break during which to socialize and have a light refreshment. It has been the practise that 2 people will sign up for a Saturday Tea.

The Teas are not expected nor meant to be fancy or elaborate: between the two people, they can bring something sweet (i.e. cookies, or a fruit loaf, or mini muffins, fruit) and something savoury (ie crackers, cheese, nachos etc). Coffee and tea are provided. Pop (\$1.00) and water (25 cents) are available to purchase.

The helpers are also responsible for making the tea and coffee which is provided and there are instructions posted inside a cupboard in the kitchen. They are also responsible for clean-up, although there are usually thoughtful souls who step in to help wash and dry.

Our recent Teas are in no way the Saturday Tea expectation. These were different. The Christmas one was in lieu of not having a Christmas social event, the short mat bowling meeting recently was to encourage attendance at the meeting with opportunity for some socializing as the season ended. The Saturday Tea on April 15 was the first of the season and was hosted by all members of the Social Committee.

Perhaps people would like to see some change with respect Saturday Teas. I welcome any suggestions, comments, or thoughts. Some considerations:

- Do people still want a Tea with the condition it remain simple with a sweet and a savoury choice and are willing to sign up for a stint?
- Similar to short mat bowling, would members rather pay for a cake or catered light snack each Saturday and have a coffee/tea cake break?
- Any other suggestions??

Thank you very much for your feedback.

Donna Twose (on behalf of committee), Anne Milliken, Jean Stoddart

Board Update

NEEDED: GROUNDSKEEPER (There are those who have offered to be helping hands for you!)

Contact Gwynne Giles at: gwynne.giles01@gmail.com

Membership Update and News

Have you filled out your 2023 membership registration and paid? Forms are available in a folder in the locker room, payment by cheque or cash.

39 members have filled out registration and paid so far this year. We are still waiting for the new database at OLBA to get up and running, so there will be a delay in numbers for new members, cards and 2023 stickers.

Leagues

Ladies League Frontier

Any ladies that are interested in joining can contact Rose Connolly. You can join up as a team of three or as a spare for another team or just be a substitute for when a team is missing a person. It would be wonderful to see more Ladies join up. The League meets up every Thursday at various Clubs in the area and play 2 games with 12 ends.

The Frontier Ladies League will have their spring meeting on Thursday May 4th at 11:00 a.m. at Glenridge with a potluck lunch after the meeting.

Senior Men's League

The Men's League consists of 12 teams (5 from Niagara Falls, 3 from Beamsville, 2 from NOTL, 1 from Glenridge, 1 from Welland). The season starts on May 3rd. Players for the two NOTL teams are: Ken H., Edward L., Victor K., Joe B., Paul M., Buzz A., David T., George W., Boris W., Doug W. For more information contact Doug Williams

4-3-2-1 update

4-3-2-1 is part practice, part competition on an individual basis. You score points based on being the closest to the jack. Tuesdays at 6:15 PM to register.

First date for play is Tuesday May 16th at 6:15 PM.

Looking forward to seeing everyone come out and give it a try. For any other questions contact Jenny Ley or Rose Connolly.

What's under the carpet?



Photo taken on May 29, 2016 during repairs to base

Layers : 1. Crushed Stone 2. Black rubber base 3. Underpad 4. Carpet

IF YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF LEAGUE, REGULAR PLAY OR CLUB NEWS, PLEASE SEND TO avalonjulie@gmail.com BY THE 25TH OF THE MONTH FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

GOOD BOWLING EVERYONE!