



“In The Ditch”

September 2023

September 4th: Holiday Monday - No bowling, Community Centre Closed

4321 Tuesdays: 6:15 p.m. for registration, \$2.00

September 6th: Bowling moves back to afternoons, arrive by 1:15.

September 6th: Men’s League at NOTL 8:30 a.m. start

September 23rd: Ladies Frontier League at NOTL 9 a.m. start

September 30th: Tournament and dinner in memory of Ray Guy. 11 a.m. start

October 14th: Annual General Meeting 11 a.m. followed by lunch and bowling

October 16th: Short Matt Starts - be there by 1:15 p.m.

Upcoming Tournament

Our second in-house tournament is coming up on Saturday September 30. We need 24 members to sign up along with some spares. It will be in the same format as May with 3 games starting at 11:00 AM and finishing at 4:30.

There is an entry fee of \$10 per person.

Sign up in the Locker Room or by contacting Paul McHoull at pmchoull@gmail.com

As in May, there is a dinner afterwards. This is open to all members including those who have played in the Tournament. It will be Italian themed with lasagne. More information to follow.

Board Update

NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS NEEDED:

For the 2024 Executive we are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Please email Jean Baldauf at: jeanbaldauf@hotmail.com if you would like to put your name forward or for more information on the positions.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Simpson Room at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 14th. A light lunch will follow the meeting in the Mori Room, followed by bowling at 1:00 PM, weather permitting.

An email from Angela Lynch will be sent out with the notice of meeting with information and reports. There is also a proxy form if you are unable to attend the meeting.

A reminder that the minutes of all Board Executive Meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the Locker Room for those who want to stay informed.

Greens Update: Donna Twose

On Sunday August 27th, several members of the Board and the Capital Improvement committee were fortunate to spend a few hours with David Aarons, general manager of Berry Bowling Systems from Australia. It was very informative and certainly valuable in understanding the important attributes of a quality and lasting bowling surface. He has agreed to provide us with a written assessment of the status of our green as well as options and considerations for the club going forward. Upon receiving this and review by the Board, it will be shared with the membership.

We may not look a day over 139, but the 150th Anniversary of the Niagara on the Lake Lawn Bowling Club is on the horizon...2027 is our Sesquicentennial!

It's never too early to start planning! Send in your ideas for how we can celebrate and they will be collected for future planning.

Social Committee Update from Donna Twose

The after tournament and last dinner of the season on September 30th, will be an Italian theme: homemade lasagnes (including veggie and gluten free), salad, garlic bread, gelato and cookies for dessert. Estimated cost is around \$10.00. Light snacks will follow the tournament and people may bring a favourite beverage. More information to come.

Saturday Teas

We need YOUR help! Please sign up to do the between game teas on Saturday. The sign up sheet is in the Locker Room and working with a partner is usually the best idea. Cheese crackers, fruit, snacks...it can be as simple as you like. The Club provides lemonade, tea and coffee. Let's all pitch in to keep these going!

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!

Leagues

Ladies League Frontier update from Rose Connolly and Elly Warren

Aug. 3: Played in Port Dalhousie August 3rd and it was a nice day for bowling and we got our regular two twelve end games.

Niagara on the Lake did very well.

Heather P, Heather Q and Donna T had two wins and won 1st prize.

Rose C, Jenny L and Carol W had two wins and came in 2nd. Congratulations!

Pat R, Donna J and Elly W had a win and a loss.

Aug. 10: Frontiers was cancelled because of the weather. It actually turned out to be nice but that was not the forecast.

Aug. 17: It was Niagara on the Lake hosting Frontiers this week. We had ten teams.

Pat R, Anne M and Elly W had two wins and placed 2nd.

Rose C, Jenny L and Carol W had a win and a loss.

Heather P, Heather Q and Donna T had two losses.

Aug. 24: In Niagara Falls, it was cloudy and misty most of the day but we played out usual two twelve end games.

Heather P, Heather Q and Donna T, had a loss and a win. Getting last game high with their second game win. Congratulations ladies!

Carol W, Jenny L and Jean B, had a win and a loss.

Pat R, Donna J and Elly W, had two losses.

Aug. 31: It was a beautiful day to bowl, sunny but not too hot. We bowled at Glenridge.

Carol W, Jenny L and Jean B had a win and a loss.

Heather P, Heather Q and Donna T had a loss and a win.

Pat R, Donna J and Elly W had two losses.

Next week we bowl in Port Dalhousie.

Senior Men's League update from Ken Helowka

Team Helowka (Dick, Edward, and Ken) has won 4 games against 2 losses since the last newsletter and are in second place with a total of 20 wins and 8 losses.

Team Williams (Vic, Michael, George, and Doug) has won 2 games against 4 losses over the same period and are in eleventh place with a total of 10 wins and 18 losses.

The games in NOTL on August 23rd were rained out. We have 6 games left in our season. 4 will be played in Niagara Falls and 2 in NOTL. We hope they will produce great results for our two teams.

Happy Bowls Everyone!!!

Friday Pairs from Dick Stoddart

FLOPS Standings, Aug. 25

| | Win | Lose | Tie | Points | For | Against | Diff. |
|---------------|-----|------|-----|--------|-----|---------|-------|
| Edward & Ken | 6 | 0 | | 18 | 76 | 32 | 44 |
| Cathy & Rory | 5 | 1 | | 15 | 72 | 33 | 39 |
| Boris & Roy | 5 | 2 | | 15 | 52 | 60 | -8 |
| Heather & Ray | 3 | 3 | | 9 | 60 | 68 | -8 |
| Rose & Dick | 3 | 4 | | 9 | 56 | 64 | -8 |
| Joan & David | 2 | 4 | | 6 | 57 | 48 | 9 |
| Carol & Doug | 1 | 5 | | 3 | 46 | 60 | -14 |
| Fedora & Norm | 0 | 6 | | 0 | 26 | 80 | -54 |
| Totals | 25 | 25 | 0 | 75 | 445 | 445 | 0 |

| Win/Lost Matrix | Edward Ken | Heather Ray | Carol Doug | Joan David | Cathy Rory | Rose Dick | Boris Roy | Fedora Norm |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Edward & Ken | X | W | W | W | | W | W | W |
| Heather & Ray | L | X | W | | L | W | L | W |
| Carol & Doug | L | L | X | W | L | L | L | |
| Joan & David | L | | L | X | L | W | L | W |
| Cathy & Rory | | W | W | W | X | W | L | W |
| Rose & Dick | L | L | W | L | L | X | W | W |
| Boris & Roy | L | W | W | W | W | L | X | W |
| Fedora & Norm | L | L | | L | L | L | L | X |

4-3-2-1 update from Rose Connolly and Jenny Ley

Evening numbers have averaged out to be 10 players over the summer season. A good time is had by all and we encourage you to join us in the final weeks of play, ending on October 10th. with a scrumptious banquet! 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 6:30 PM. You should plan, of course, to be there at least 15 minutes earlier to register.

August 15th was rained out. Here are the winners for August:



Aug. 1st Dick Stoddart with 42 pts



Aug. 8th Cathy MacCon 56 pts



Aug. 22nd Ed Lounsbury 65 pts



Aug. 29th Rory McCon "lots of points"!

IF YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF LEAGUE, REGULAR PLAY OR CLUB NEWS, PLEASE SEND TO avalonjulia@gmail.com FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

GOOD BOWLING EVERYONE!