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I thought that I would try something new here and provide you, the reader, with a table of contents. That way you can jump to your favourite section then go back and read all the other stuff. Let me know what you think. Every time I add something I have to re-format the table so it may not last long!

Editor



From the President’s Desk

Elly Warren, Club President - 2018

The season is coming to a close, there are not too many weeks left of lawn bowling. However we’ll try to make the most of these coming weeks!

A few weeks ago I was sorry to hear that Angela's long-time partner, Jerry Augustine, passed away. Jerry was a member of our club for many years. He also audited our financial statement before it was presented at the AGM for many years.

The AGM is a couple of weeks away, on October 13th. You should have received all the necessary information a few weeks ago. It is important you attend.

We are still looking for members to join the "board". We have been able to fill a few positions but the Vice President position is still not yet filled. At this point that position is for 1 year only, followed by 2 years as President then 2 years as Past President. It seems long but really it is fine. From experience I know, that the first year you have to learn everything but the second year should be easy!

I have been on the board for 5 years and have 3 to go, I would like to finish after those years but someone has to step up so that I can.

Let's enjoy these last few weeks of lawn bowling!

Birthday Greetings

Carol Williams, Club Secretary - 2018

On behalf of the President, the executive and the entire Club I would like to extend Birthday Greetings to all members who celebrated a birthday in September, you know who you are.



Happy Birthday Everyone!

New Member Contest

A new Member's contest started on September 22nd

Guess the Member

Over this past several months a number of photographs were taken during Jitney play of **Active** Members delivering their bowls. Well actually it was probably a few hundred photos but who's counting.

These photos were then reviewed and the best selected. They were then cropped to show only the bowl being delivered by the bowler. The photos were then converted to greyscale to mask bowl and clothing colours and patterns. Fifty (50) photos were selected and randomly numbered from 1 to 50. The numbered photos were then developed into a collage for the contest. Note, there are 60 Active Members in the Club.

Objective

Identify the member in the photo then place the number of their photo beside their name on the **Entry Form** provided.



Guess the Member Photo Board

The contest runs from **September 22nd to October 10th**. The photo board will be available for viewing during bowling times only and shortly before and after and sometimes at tournaments.

Good luck to all!

Ladies' Frontier League

Elly Warren, Pat Rees

September 6...the Frontier League bowled at Beamsville. There were 14 teams.

Elly W, Pat R and **Donna J** took last game high. **Heather P, Pat G** and **Marguerite L** had one win and one loss. **Rose C, Jenny L** and **Sandi J** had two losses.

Rose Connolly

September 13...the Frontier League bowled at our lovely spot in NOTL. The weather was on our side. There were 14 teams playing 2 twelve end games. Your NOTL Club had two teams playing. **Heather P, Mary W,** and **Pat G.** won one and lost one. **Rose C, Jenny L** and **Sandi J** also won one and lost one. **Ray P** and **Derek S** managed the Draw.

Rose Connolly



Ladies Frontier League - NOTL Sep 13th

Photo by Staff Photographer

September 20...September 20th was played at Port Dalhousie; this was the last official session of the season. There were 14 teams. The weather was perfect for bowling and the outcome was even better. **Rose C, Jenny L** and **Sandi J** with two wins; took 1st place in this tournament and took home the **Snowbird Trophy** (*first presented to the Niagara Frontier Ladies Lawn Bowling Association by The Ontario Blue Cross for annual competition in 1972*).

Rose Connolly



Rose C., Sandi J., Jenny L. - Snowbird Trophy Winners 2018

Photo by unknown

Congratulations Ladies!

Elly W, Pat R and **Denise L** took third place with two wins. **Heather P, Mary W** and **Pat G** finished off the day with one win and one loss.

Well done to all the competitors and a most heartfelt **thank you** from the entire "In the Ditch" staff for all your support and updates throughout the season. And I really do love the hats!!

If any of the ladies in the Club are interested I am sure that the league would welcome new participants next year, why not give it a try!

September 27...Frontiers today sucked for both teams!!!! There were 12 teams and we played in Niagara Falls.

Rose C, Denise L and **Lynne G;** **Pat R, Mary W** and **Elly W,** we each lost both games!!!

Oh well.

Elly Warren

Everyone is encouraged to go out and watch the ladies bowl, especially when they are bowling here in town at your club. Remember;

Support your local teams.

Senior Men's League

Dave Taylor, Wes Turner

As usual, there is no update on the Senior Men's League.

My understanding is that this league has finished for the season. If any of the men in the Club are interested I am sure that the league would welcome new participants next year, why not give it a try! Check with Dave Taylor or Wes Turner if you are interested.

Tales of the Tournaments

Doug and Nancy Findlay, Tournament Secretaries

Montyro Financial Tournament



Richard Montyro - Montyro Financial Services

Photo by Staff Photographer

The Richard Montyro Financial Services Tournament held on Tuesday, September 25th, a cooler and somewhat “misty” day. Ten teams of pairs from Glenridge, Welland, Burlington, Collingwood, Milton and Niagara on the Lake participated; two teams represented the NOTL Club, **Doug and Nancy Findlay** and, **Elly Warren and Denise Lundy**.



Montyro Financial Services Tournament

Photo by Staff Photographer

1st place went to Kevin and Sarah O’Shea from Collingwood. 2nd place went to Charlie Lyle and Margaret Beacroft from Burlington. 3rd place was captured by Gabe Basset and Mary Westco from Burlington The prize for last game high was won by **Nancy and Doug Findlay** from NOTL (who also won the 50/50 draw).



Doug and Nancy Findlay - Last game high

Photo by Mary McHoull

In House Tournament

Cancelled, yet again, due to rain this time! Maybe next year the weather will cooperate and these tournaments will be a go.

Final Tournament of the Season

Do not forget the **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.** tournament hosted by former Club member **Enzo Mancuso**.

This tournament is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 3rd**. Judging by what I have read, I am sure that the Tournament Secretary would welcome any new entries!



Why not "Give it a Go"

And I know that the players from your Club would be very pleased to see other members come out to watch and would likely play harder if the spectators cheered them on as they do “battle” on the **Big Green Mat**! How much more excitement could there be in one day? Bring your lunch, buy your lunch, have a picnic, enjoy the day!

4-3-2-1

Jack Hazell

I guess that 4-3-2-1 is over for the season, congratulations to all the winners throughout 2018.

Friday League Open Pairs

Wayne Jones

The Friday League Open Pairs is over for the 2018 season; see you all next year when we will be looking for a full slate of 16 teams so keep you Friday evenings open.

Social Convenors

Jenny Ley, Rose Connolly

Our last hurrah will take place at the AGM luncheon on Saturday October 13th.

Suzanne Vaillant and **Lynne Gourlay** have kindly consented to replace **Rose** and **Jenny** as social convenors for the 2019 Lawn Bowling season and **Judy Griffin** will be their assistant. Many thanks to them! We will endeavour to help and guide them as much as possible!

I would also like to thank **Donna Jansen** who has come up trumps, when required, in keeping an eye on supplies and replacing them if necessary; she has also agreed to help us at the luncheon.

Don't forget to sign your name on the sheet provided in the locker room for the AGM lunch. We look forward to seeing you there!

September 29th BBQ...The BBQ on Sep 29th turned into a very successful Pot Luck. Not only were there a record number of bowlers (30) that afternoon, there was a fantastic dinner served afterwards.



A Successful Pot Luck



Organization in Action



The Fantastic Food

*Well, I must say that **Jenny** and **Rose** will be missed all by the staff at "In the Ditch" news H.Q.; it has been a "slice" working with them this past season. We are looking forward to working with **Suzanne** and **Lynne** the up-coming season and to their wonderful wright-ups for your newsletter. We know that you all will give them your maximum support as they take on the reins in 2019.*

Editor

Saturday Teas...After Tea on, September 15th, the Garbage Lady (**Mary Mc**) found a quarter in the Blue box. She was pleased that not only did someone tip her, but they knew that scrap metal goes in the Blue box!!

Paul McHoull

I do not recall when a quarter became "scrap" metal but there you go, I guess the quarter is going the way of the penny and dodo bird. Pretty soon you will need a bucket full of loonies to purchase a pint of beer!

Editor

Greens Keepers

Buzz and Judi Allen

Thank you to everyone who helped with watering and taking care of the flowers this year. Without your support the flowers would not look as beautiful as they have throughout the season.

As we move into the fall season with all the trees turning their wonderful fall colours, you can be assured that the green will remain green.

There is no indication as to when the surfaces of the green will be replaced by the Town.

Monthly Membership Factoid

Of the 60 active members of the Club, 98.33% (59) have active email addresses thus speeding up communication and the dissemination of information to members. Only one (1) member, 1.67%, does not provide an active email address!



Who is this mystery “no email” person?

“Keep to the Code”

E. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

14. All World Bowls Officials agree to act for the benefit of World Bowls when making decisions that affect, or may affect, World Bowls and to do so without reference to their own personal interests, either financial or otherwise. Should a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, arise between World Bowls and any World Bowls Official, or if there is a danger of such conflict arising, the individual concerned must refrain from taking any further part in the handling of the matter. If it is unclear whether such a conflict of interest exists in any given

situation, the matter shall be submitted to the group handling the matter to be decided.

F. RESOURCES

15. The resources of World Bowls may only be used for Lawn Bowls purposes.

16. World Bowls recognises the significant contribution that sponsors, partners and other supporters of sports events make to the development and prestige of Lawn Bowls throughout the world. However, such support must be in a form consistent with the World Bowls Constitution and its Rules and Regulations as well as the principles set out in this Code of Ethics. By virtue of their position, they must not be allowed to interfere with the running of the sport by World Bowls.

World Bowls Code of Ethics

Moments in History

Wes Turner, Club Historian

“**Moments in History**” will be a series of quotations, etc. from the Minute Book of the Niagara Lawn Bowling Club and other sources of historical information.

April 3, 1916, “Mr. Brown spoke about the damage done to the green by some cows of Mr. George Mather and he thought that he should be made to pay for the damage done.” *A committee was appointed but the outcome is not known. This is probably related to the Queen’s Royal Hotel bowling green down by the Gazebo because this entry is dated before the club moved to the Regent and Johnson Streets green.*

January 16, 1920, a meeting was held to discuss letting the Niagara Athletic Club use the bowling green as a skating rink. “Mr. V.E. Davey [*president of the bowling club*] spoke as a member of the Athletic Club’s board of management and requested the Bowling Club to share the expense of installing a lighting system on the green and in the Clubhouse.” A motion was made to accept an equal share of the cost which was not to exceed \$50. *Outcome not clear and no such expenditure appeared in the Treasurer’s report.*

And; some Club expenditures from 1923:

- \$3.75 for insurance on the club house;
- \$8.11 for the lights bill, and;
- \$1.00 for ground rent.

Oh how times have changed!

“Green” Speak

The Mat

The Jack and all bowls are delivered from a small area called “**The Mat**”.

The **Mat** is a rectangular piece of durable material *measuring 600 millimetres long and 360 millimetres wide*. The implication here is that as long as the mat meets the correct size requirements, it can be made out of any suitable material. Ice or bubble gum would not be suitable materials for the **Mat** however, old conveyor belting, providing it meets the size requirements, would work just fine.

At the beginning of every end the **Mat** is placed, by the lead player for that end, at a distance that is a *minimum of 2 metres from the Rear Ditch Line* and, up to a *minimum of 25 metres from the Front Ditch Line*. (See the “Typical Rink Layout and Distances” diagram in the Special Appendix at the end of this newsletter and on the Club’s bulletin board.)

Working in conjunction the Skip and the lead bowler centers the **Mat** on the rink centerline. The front of the **Mat** then becomes the **Mat Line** for that end.

Now, as with most anyone else, the **Mat** does not like to be trod upon. However, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition, (law 7.1) insists that; “*Before delivery a player must be standing on the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the mat. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.*”

I guess that the poor **Mat** will just have to bear the weight!

And, a bit of clarification; there is no “**HOG**” line in lawn bowling! If there were to be a “hog” line, it would be located 14 metres out from the mat

line, i.e. the minimum distance that a delivered bowl must travel. Bowls not travelling the minimum distance of 14 metres are declared dead and are removed from play for that end. Considering that the location of the mat line can be different every end, the “hog” line, if there was one, would also be in a different location every end.

In addition, the “pigs” on the sides of the green have no bearing on the position of a delivered jack. A delivered jack must be a minimum of 21 metres (outdoors in Canada) from the mat line. See the previous paragraph with respect to the location of the mat line.

Club Statistics

Stats-O-Rama, the Stats Guy

Once again I am here to bore you to tears with the Club’s statistics for another month.

September Stats

The weather this month was typical for a mixed up September, hot, cool, wet, dry, calm or windy. Just about what you would expect from a transitional month that does not know if it is summer or fall.

Jitneys

Scheduled	12
Played	9
Not Played	3

Draws

Scheduled	24
Played	15
Not Played	9

Bowlers per Draw

Average Bowlers per Draw in September					
Monday		Wednesday		Saturday	
20.0	0	11.3	11.0	20.8	17.0

Number of games played in September – 45

Number of games played year to date - 265

“Iron Person” of the Month

This month’s Iron Person is...**David Klooz** with a total of **13** games and **328** bowls delivered throughout the month. A true “Iron-person” of the lawn bowling green.

Congratulations David Klooz!

Green surface temperature

This month, the average surface temperature of our green was **48.0°C** (118.4°F), the warmest recorded at **71°C** (159.8°F), the coolest at **21°C** (69.8°F).

Greenside Humour

From around the world

Finally some useful health related news regarding washing your hair in the shower.

This news involves your shampoo as it runs down your body when rinsed from your hair. I do not know why this was not brought to everyone’s attention sooner!

Most people use shampoo in the shower! When they wash their hair the shampoo runs down their whole body. Printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning:

“For Extra Body and Volume.”

No wonder they have been putting on extra weight!

Well, now is the time to get rid of that shampoo and switch to showering with Dawn dishwashing detergent instead. Its label reads;

“Dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove.”

Sorry, I am getting desperate!

Lawn Bowling Trivia

This was found someplace on the internet.

“The Knighthood”

A unique occurrence called the "Knighthood" competition is held annually when the members play in top hats and frocked tails suits, the winner being allowed the title of "sir", (in lower case). Those who win are banned from future Knighthood competitions.

This is the annual competition of the club with rules which are different from the normal variant of the game.

The competition used to start on 1 August but now starts on the third Wednesday of the month and is open to all members of the club, except the knights.

The game is played "roving jack" style in that the jack is placed on a penny anywhere on the green. Each player takes it in turns to bowl his two bowls at the jack. Each bowl when it comes to rest is measured and the distance from the jack is recorded before the bowl is removed. If a bowl moves the jack, the jack is placed back on the penny before it is measured. If the penny is partially covered by the bowl it is a toucher, if totally covered it is a lodger. After all the players have bowled the player with the closest bowl is awarded one point. If he also has the second nearest he scores two. The jack is then reset at a different position and the game continues until somebody has scored seven points.

The winner is made a "knight-of-the-green" and can never enter this competition again. It is a rarity for the knight to be declared on the first day and the competition has been known to last ten days.

The 243rd “Knighthood” winner, September 2017, was a Mr. Ron Glossop, an 89 year old member of the Southampton (Old) Bowling Green.

According to Wikipedia, “the **Southampton Old Bowling Green**, situated on the corner of Lower Canal Walk and Platform Road, Southampton, England, is apparently the world’s oldest surviving Bowling Green. It was first used in the year 1299.”



Southampton Old Bowling Green Members 2016

“In the Ditch” “Backhoe” Research Department

Surely some young(ish) member(s) of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Lawn Bowling Club could be inspired to come up with something similar to start at our club, perhaps the “lord” and/or “lady” of the green or, baron, etc. of the green, or the green baron, or Green Hornet, in a similar annual competition? Perhaps in a couple of hundred years the Club could be naming its 200th member to win the competition and coveted, by then anyway, title.

Editor



"I just can't wait for winter"

Special Appendix

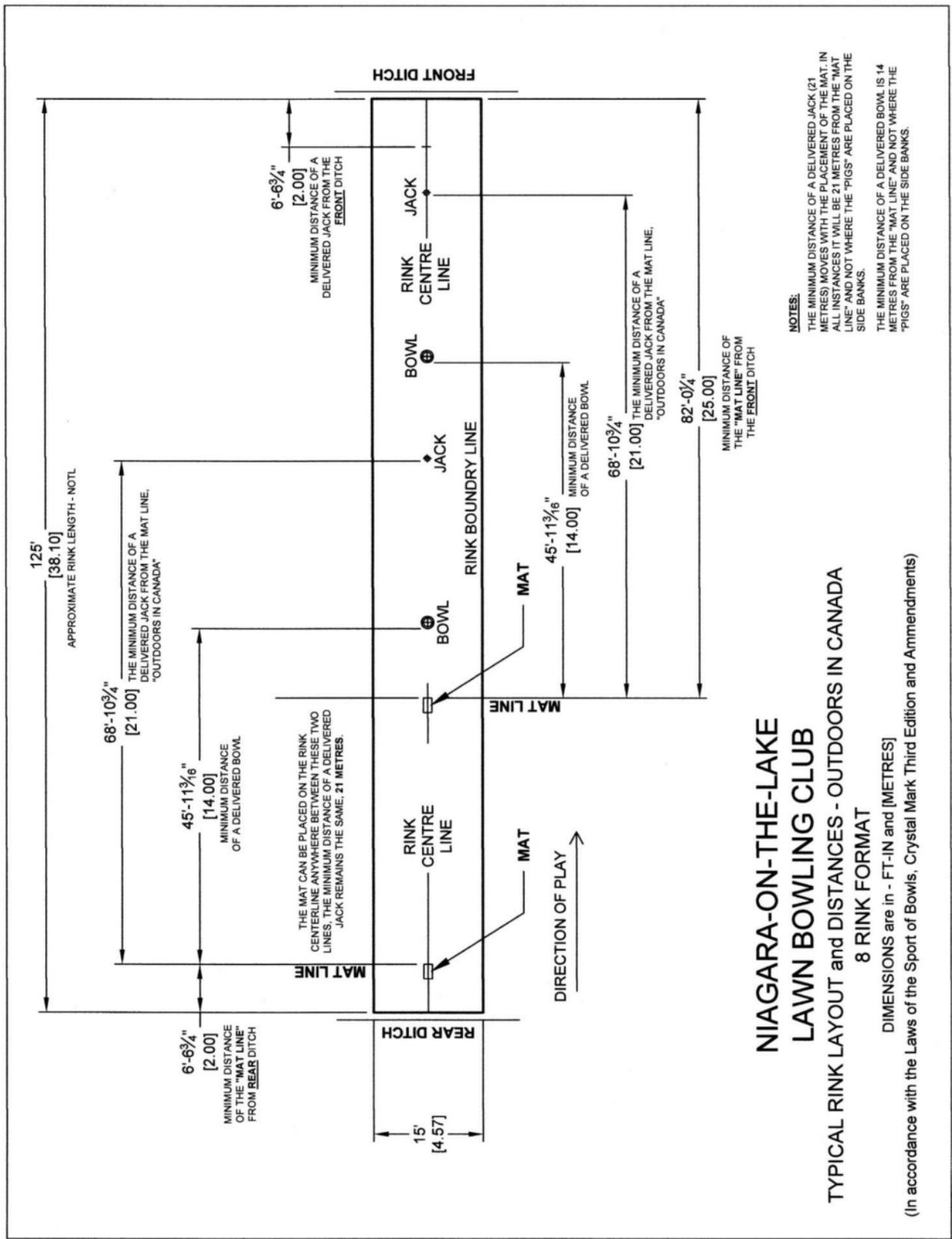
In Closing

Q. What do you call two guys sitting in a window sill?

A. Kurt and Rod!

Do not forget to attend the Annual General Meeting on October 13th and exercise your franchise and; enjoy the luncheon provided by your Club!

Remember to come out and support your fellow members as they participate in the various lawn bowling activities throughout the month and entire season as they play in venues across the District.



NOTES:
 THE MINIMUM DISTANCE OF A DELIVERED JACK (21 METRES) MOVES WITH THE PLACEMENT OF THE MAT. IN ALL INSTANCES IT WILL BE 21 METRES FROM THE "MAT LINE" AND NOT WHERE THE "PIGS" ARE PLACED ON THE SIDE BANKS.
 THE MINIMUM DISTANCE OF A DELIVERED BOWL IS 14 METRES FROM THE "MAT LINE" AND NOT WHERE THE "PIGS" ARE PLACED ON THE SIDE BANKS.

**NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
 LAWN BOWLING CLUB**
 TYPICAL RINK LAYOUT and DISTANCES - OUTDOORS IN CANADA
 8 RINK FORMAT

DIMENSIONS are in - FT-IN and [METRES]
 (In accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition and Amendments)

Green Layout