



"GREENS GAZETTE"

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This newsletter is being sent to current and former members of the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club. If you no longer wish to receive emails from the RHLBC please let us know by replying to this email, sending an email to rh.lawnbowling@gmail.com or calling 416-239-3718 and select option 1, and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

COVID -19 Protocol Update

Although the Province has moved to Step 3 of its reopening plan, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of COVID cases in York Region in recent days. While these cases seem to affect mostly, if not all, people who have not been fully vaccinated, we need to remain vigilant with our protocols, for the safety of us all. As a result, please adhere to the following,

- Maintain the 2 meter distancing anywhere outdoors, otherwise wear a mask.
- We have relaxed the protocols for the clubhouse however we need to take precautions such as,
 - Restricting the length of time in the clubhouse to as little as possible for using the washroom or getting bowls from lockers.
 - Restricting the number of people in the clubhouse to as few as possible at any one time.
 - Wearing a mask if there are 4 or more people inside the clubhouse
- Practice good hand sanitizing procedures. Sanitizer can be found at various locations around the club. Sanitizing wipes are available in the washrooms and are to be disposed of in the special container provided.

- Initial the Attendance and Declaration sheet each time you come bowling. This is for contact tracing purposes, should it be required.

Good Reading and Viewing

Our bookshelf has once again been stocked with books and videos. This is a fund raising exercise for the club. The price for purchasing any of the books or videos is \$1.00. This is an honour system with a small bottle on a shelf for the money.

Volunteers

As many of you know, events and activities require volunteers to make them successful. Please look for signup sheets on the bulletin board beside the front door of the clubhouse for more information on where you may be able to help.

Events and Activities

Welcome Back Event – Tuesday July 27

Even with the intermittent rain, we had 29 members and former members attend this event. Refreshments were served as everyone got reacquainted after being apart due to COVID.

Open House – Saturday August 14 – 10:00AM to 12:00PM

We are welcoming the public to the club for our first open house since 2019. If you know someone who you think may be interested in lawn bowling, please invite them to come.

Scheduled Tournaments

Wednesday August 11 – Peaches and Cream

This is a Women's Pairs or Mixed Pairs event with a woman as Skip. It is fully booked with 12 teams from many clubs.

Monday August 23 – Marshall Trophy

This is an Open Pairs tournament with teams of any combination of 2 women, 2 men or 1 woman and 1 man.

Wednesday September 8 – The Fowl

This Men's Pairs tournament is a long standing tradition at the club.

Monday September 20 – The Helen Snare Memorial

This Women's Pairs tournament is an addition to our tournament schedule. It has been established to honour Helen, who was a valued member of our club.

These tournaments are team entry. If you wish to play in a tournament, let Peter Nixon, our Tournament Chair, know and if there is space available he will put you on the list.

News from the Green

Your green crew has been working hard to provide an excellent green for your use this spring and summer. We hope the results meet with your approval. The ditches and shelters are completed and looking great. Our thanks go out to Ed Bertrand and Tim Hill. Also Tim Robbins played a significant role in support of these 2 men.

Recently we took possession of a tractor /mower paid for by the federal grant New Horizons. It has already had an impact. We have used it to cut the perimeter grass but also to improve the green. We have a metal screen that levels the green and an aerator that when used gets water, oxygen and fertilizer to the roots of the grass. In the long run we will have an even healthier green that can withstand dry spells easier. The next few weeks will see 4 outside tournaments on our green. I hope you can find the time to watch some of them. Some excellent bowlers will be competing and they come from many of our sister clubs throughout the GTA. Ted.

New Horizon's Grant Update

As you know, Susan was instrumental in acquiring this \$25,000 grant. The original intention for the funds was to replace the ditch boards and shelters. However, because this work was done by several club volunteers,

under the direction of Ed Bertrand, there was money left for other projects. Here is what the funds have been and will be used for.

Ditch Boards - done

Shelters - done

Tractor Mower - purchased

Greens roller pad - done

Eaves troughs on the clubhouse – mostly done with minor adjustment needed

Rain barrel – to be purchased and installed

Drainage trench – to be replaced on the west side of the clubhouse

One other project, that did not use grant funds, was the refurbishing of two of the picnic tables. This was done by Peggy Warring and Bill Snare who took them apart, painted them with 3 coats of colourful paint and re-assembled them.

Newmarket Looking for Used Bowls

The Newmarket club has experienced a surge in new and potential members this year. As a result they have a shortage of smaller size bowl sets. If you have size 00, 0 or junior bowl sets, non-vintage in good condition for sale. Please contact David at email nlbc1907@gmail.com or call 905-836-0823.

Name Badges

If you are interested in getting an RHLBC name tag, a sheet is on the bulletin board by the front door for you to put your name on. The cost is \$10. Ken France has volunteered to make the name badges with proceeds to be for the club.

Club Security

All members are asked, when leaving the property unattended, even only for a few minutes, to please ensure that the windows are closed, the lights and fans are turned off, taps in the kitchen and washrooms are off and all doors and gates are locked.

Member Input

As you know, the club has a board of directors currently made up of 8 volunteers. We are still looking for someone to fill the position of Secretary. Even though the board is responsible for making policy decisions for the club, all members have a right to provide input for those decisions. If you have any questions or concerns about the operation of the club please feel free to bring them to the board for consideration.

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