



"GREENS GAZETTE"

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Back to Bowling

We were able to start bowling again on Tuesday June 15 with a morning time of 10:00 AM and an evening time of 7:00 PM. Both of these times saw 12 bowlers playing games of Pairs. On Thursday June 17, there were also 12 bowlers in the morning and 8 in the evening, again playing Pairs.

Facility Upgrades

For those of you who have been to the club lately, you will have noticed the new ditch boards and the new shelters. These upgrades were made possible by a New Horizons Grant which was the result of a successful application put together by Susan Horne. The work on the ditches and shelters was all done by a small army of volunteers under the direction of Ed Bertrand, who designed and worked on both. Ed solicited the help of his neighbour, Tim Hill and they both devoted over a hundred hours each to the projects. In recognition of their hard work, both were awarded Certificates of Appreciation from the club. As Tim was not a club member, he was offered a free membership for 2021 as well, which he has accepted.

The army of volunteers who worked hard dismantling and rebuilding the ditches and shelters included Board members, Ted Pickles and Tim Robbins as well as the following, Peggy Warring, Gord Patterson, Doug Jackson, Bill Snare, Ken France and John Jambrovic.

The shelter roofs are not quite complete as we are waiting for the material to finish them off. With money saved by our members doing the work, we have funds to replace the eaves troughs on the clubhouse, which will be done in July.

Tournaments

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions we are not allowed to invite visitors to the club. As a result we have had to cancel the Open Triples Tournament that was to be held on June 12th. We have moved the Helen Snare Memorial Tournament to September but the day is yet to be confirmed. The Marshall Tournament, scheduled for July 19, is still pending based on the restrictions that may come into place.

Timely Updates

Protocol Modifications

After the first week of play, we have decided to incorporate some modifications to the Protocols. These include allowing the use of rakes and foot mats. These items, like the Jacks, are to be handled by specific bowlers involved in each game. So here is how this is to be done.

For each rink of Pairs those involved should designate

- 1 of the Skips to place the Jacks to start each end (2 Jacks per rink)
- 1 of the Leads to handle all of the raking of the bowls (1 rake per rink)
- The other Lead to set the foot mat to start each end (2 mats per rink)
- The other Skip to pick up the foot mat after the last bowl is played

These modifications will help make the game run quicker and more smoothly but we must emphasize the importance of maintaining social distancing.

We are also looking at other possible modifications and hope to be able to implement them soon.

Canada Day

As Canada Day falls on a Thursday, we will be bowling on our scheduled bowling time slots of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. As in previous years, bowlers could come wearing red and white. Unfortunately we will not be able to celebrate with refreshments.

Forms

As you know, we have had to sign a number of forms with our membership registrations. These include an OLBA Waiver, OLBA Declaration of Compliance and our own Protocols. If you have not signed all of these forms, you will be asked to do so when you come to the club next.

News from the Green

Well the ditches have been rebuilt and the shelters will be completed soon. Only the new metal roofs still need to be installed. In the meantime the grounds are looking better every day. Our irrigation system needed some repairs (mainly cleaning but one head needed replacement) and since the backboards are higher now we needed to raise the heads in two places. That work should be completed this week. Our green is ready for play thanks to the hard work done by Gord, Doug, Peggy, Danny and Bill. We hope to see all of you on the green soon. Ted.