

COSBURN CONNECTIONS

The voice of the Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club
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President's Message

Bruce Brackett

Fall is on its way with much cooler weather and shorter evenings. However, our Cosburn members have still been out in full force.

One of my goals as your President has been to create as many volunteer committees involving more members. The strength of our club depends on the level of membership involvement in our programs.

Committees this past year have created new policies, updated our Constitution, reviewed the jitney & outside tournament payments, hung the pennants and created a history of our champions.

I also believe that more policies and a focus in administration will help to guarantee the continuity of the club.

Recently Karen Bell, Barb Ross and John Weatherbed agreed to handle the upcoming elections as our nomination committee. As President, I urge all members to consider running for any of the board positions.

Rosalind Martin, Andrea McAnally & Richard Cripps have taken on the task of creating a fun evening for all of us at the President's Dinner/Dance.

New members who become involved with the Board of Management or working on various committees will also increase the sense of ownership among our members at Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club.

Tournaments

By Mike Mogan, Competition Chair

On July 16, 2011, twenty-eight teams competed in our **Dentistry in the Beach Open Pairs-One Novice** tournament at Cosburn. Unlike previous years, there were sunny skies all day and no rain to dampen the enthusiasm!



L to R: Martin Reiser & David Carmichael

Cosburn Park has always done well in this tournament. Although Martin Rieser of Kew Beach took the top spot, he was taken to the limit by the top two-game winners Nanci Myers and Liivi Summa.

The high one-game winners were Laila Hassan and John Adams.

The remainder of the prizes were dominated by Cosburn, led by Eric Brands and Jim Elliott, who came in a strong second place.

Third place went to the husband/wife team of Bill and Andrea McNally (a pleasant surprise considering Andrea has only been bowling three months)! Fourth place went to another husband/wife team, Dave and Raji Carruthers.

The day concluded with everyone going over to our co-sponsor Whistlers for drinks, prizes, laughter, and an amazing buffet for the participants.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Dr. Katherine Shields of Dentistry in the Beach, and Whistlers Restaurant, for providing great food!



L to R: Eric Brands & Jim Elliot

On August 17, CPLBC played host to **eighteen Women's' teams from across the**

GTA for a two-game Luncheon tournament, sponsored by Orchard Park Auto and Avondale Retirement Residence. Despite competing directly with the National Championships at Willowdale and Agincourt, the quality of competition at this tournament was very impressive.



Sherry Sweet, Leasing Marketing Mgr and Food Services Mgr Frederick Alexander from Avondale were welcomed by President Bruce Brackett.

Johanne Dafoe of Kew Beach took top prize, with Nanci Myers and Liivi Summa coming in a close second place. Rounding out the undefeated teams on the day were: Helen Riley, Leaside; Mary-Louise Matthews, Leaside; and Anita Gray, Kew Beach.



L to R: Dorothy Lundy & Joanne Dafoe of Kew Beach with Mike Mogan of Cosburn.

Our 2011 Bren Macken Novice Tournament was held on August 27 at Cosburn, and with 90 novices competing (from 16 clubs across the province), this tournament is becoming the premiere Novice tournament in Ontario. With the unique format used for the jitney draw, no one knew who they would be playing with, which added to the excitement for the day.



The Bren Macken Novice Tournament

While most of the games were highly competitive, the winning team, made up of Doug Durno (Kew Beach), Ken Bunner (Oshawa), and Pat Strickland (Lindsay) dominated by scoring 50 points in 3 games. This team went on to dominate the skills competition, piling up 18 points on the run and the draw with a combined score of 59 plus 9, eight points clear of the second-place team.

While Cosburn failed to place a bowler on the winning team for the first time in three seasons, we still placed four bowlers on the three remaining undefeated teams, the most of any club. Congratulations go to Glen Newell, Richard Cripps, John Adams, and Terry Brackett. Twenty-six Cosburn bowlers participated, the most of any club represented.

This tournament could not be run by one person-congrats go out to all the people who showed up to help, including the men who showed up to set up the greens at 8 am; the women in the kitchen who did an amazing job serving almost one hundred people; the six people who ran the skills competition, and Mike Vince, who helped with the pre-tournament registration, and several other tasks during the day.

This tournament has arrived, and will continue to be a showcase for our club and our bowlers for many years to come.



On September 5th despite very cool, chilly weather, our **Labour Day Tournament** sponsored by **Avondale Retirement Residence** had over 70 people sign up. Sixty-four played in the first game while fifty-two played in the second game. There were 15 two-game winners and 28 one-game winners. The BBQ with hot dogs, hamburgers & corn on the cob along with a fantastic array of salads & desserts filled everyone up to the brim!

Sherry Sweet, the Leasing Market Manager of Avondale sent her regrets. Sherry is looking forward to attending our President's Dinner and is delighted to hear that we are also holding a dance this year. Cosburn is thankful that Avondale has taken on two events this year as one of our sponsors.

Champions' Corner

Canadian Lawn Bowling Championship – 2011

By Bobby Billy

The week of Aug 14-20 was an exciting week for the lawn bowling community in Toronto as the Canadian Championships were played at the Willowdale & Agincourt Lawn Bowling Clubs.

With the top bowlers from Nova Scotia to B.C. in town I was able to watch several bowlers play who I had previously only known by their reputations. Most did not disappoint with their performances, especially later in the week once they got used to the local greens.

Of most interest to Cosburn members would be the results of the Ladies Pairs where Chrystal Shephard & Laila Hassan started winning their first few games by lopsided scores. At the end of Round Robin play they were in first place with eight wins and one loss, which resulted in getting them into the Gold Medal game. Unfortunately, they were beaten in the Gold Medal game by Manitoba and won the Silver Medal. Although disappointed not to win Gold, Chrystal & Laila can be proud of their showing. Cosburn salutes you!



L to R: Bob Bates, Ken Uyesugi, Laila Hassan & Chrystal Shephard.

Cosburn member Jeff Harding won Gold in the Men's Pairs. We rarely hear about Jeff as he is a 2nd year member at Cosburn but he plays in the Ontario's representing Milton & Niagara Falls where his team mates play. His work and travel schedule keep him from playing too often but this doesn't seem to affect his bowling. This was Jeff's 5th year in a row representing Ontario at the Canadians and his 4th medal (2 Gold & 1 Silver in Pairs, a Bronze in Singles). Jeff & his partner Chris Stadnyk won Gold by beating (Steve Mekerihen/Dave Anderson from James Gardens). Great work Jeff.



L to R: Chris Stadnyk and Jeff Harding

It was great to see so many Cosburn members out daily helping set up the greens, scoring games, acting as markers, working in the kitchen, umpiring, cleaning up and a multitude of other jobs. Like my bowls, I may be a little biased, but there were more Cosburn helpers than from any other club outside the host clubs. Great work and really appreciated by the organizers.

Originally Laila & Chrystal were listed as undefeated (9-0) during the round robin. However, near the end of their game against Manitoba, an umpire made an incorrect ruling. A Manitoba bowl had been removed from the head in error by the Manitoba Vice, thinking the end was over but there was still one bowl to be played by Laila. The umpire ruled the bowl dead but the correct ruling would have been to have the non offending

team place the removed bowl back in the head. This came at a key point in the game. After losing the game the Manitoba team appealed the game based on the umpire's incorrect ruling. They won their appeal so after all the red robin games were finished Laila & Chrystal had to go back and play Manitoba in a 6 end replay of the end of their game and unfortunately they lost the replayed game.

Anyone watching could see that lawn bowling is not just a sport for older people as six of the eight players on the Ladies & Men's Gold medal winning were under 24 yrs of age (three of them teenagers).

The next time the Canadians will be held in Ontario is 2015! With the ability I've seen in some of our newer members this year, I wouldn't be surprised to see some of them playing there.

NEWSFLASH!!

Results of the

ONTARIO NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN: Silver: District 10 Eunice

Chaffey, Liivi Summa Debbie Weatherbed



L to R: Debbie Weatherbed, Eunice Chaffey, Piper, Liivi Summa.

MEN:

Bronze: District 10 Doug Durno, Ken Harvey, Allan Durno

Ladies Three Day Tournament

By Nanci Myers

This event was held in London, Ontario. This event has been held for many years moving every two years to a new club. There are approx. 120 women participating with a long waiting list. Women come from all over Ontario to participate and include current and past provincial and national champions.

Cathy Larking, Nanci Myers, June Haskins and Diane Boyd, representing Cosburn Park, participated in Women's Pairs & Fours and Cathy and Nanci participated in the Singles.

For Nanci and Diane, it was their second year participating. Cathy and June have been going for many years.

Fri July 29 - Ladies Pairs
Nanci Myers/Diane Boyd
Cathy Larking/June Haskins

Nanci and Diane won all three games taking 4th prize. Cathy and June won two games earning them a spot with the 2 game winners. Special note about Diane who is not normally a tournament bowler, she played extremely well, improving game after game. All her practice has paid off!

Sat July 30 Cathy and Nancy co-skipped, June - second and Diane - lead
Placed in the one game winners circle

Sun. July 31 Cathy and Nancy participated in the singles amongst 42 other participants -great effort by both earning Nanci high one game for the day.

You have to understand that due to the draw, we faced Provincial & Canadian Champions in several of the games, and although not going our way, a tie breaker was required to determine a winner!

We will eagerly await next year's ladies three day being held in Kitchener.

The Spirit of Cosburn

By Nanci Myers

A history of any club is remembered by its traditions, upholding the spirit of the game and being a champion on the green.

Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club (CPLBC) started in 1929 and boasts several Provincial and Canadian Champions, who are determined at a local level, regional/provincial level, Canadian level and world level. No matter what level you are playing at, our champions are playing for CPLBC. We are proud of our members' accomplishments that are represented by the banners that grace our club. Current members are Lorry Bates, Bob Bates, Ken Uyesugi, Eric Brands, Laila Hassan, Chrystal Shephard and I have represented CPLBC the last few years in Districts', Provincials and/or Canadian Championships and have made CPLBC proud.

During the winter, our club was painted necessitating the removal of banners, awards and pictures. For those of us who participated in competitions that earn these awards, they are important to display so that members and visitors can see how successful CPLBC has been over the years.

Dave Carruthers and I volunteered at our spring meeting to come up with a plan to put these awards back up. We held many discussions and decided to hang them on wires spanning the full length and width of the clubhouse. The banners were sorted in yearly order and strung along the ceiling. There were hung in such an order as to display the history of the banners and presently you can see how the color, size and shape have developed over the years.

Pictures have been replaced on the wall of past Provincial and Canadian Gold

Medalists. The plaques with the champions; names have been placed below each picture.

I noticed while sorting the banners, that some of the names had faded over the years so I developed a Book of Champions, which has been left on the shelf. You may not recognize all the names, but for current members and relatives of past members visiting, this will give everyone an opportunity to see the accomplishments of our members.

We will continue to add to our Book of Champions and hang well earned banners. Cathy Larking of Bren Macken Sports indicated that she has many past OLBA books that may provide the names of additional Champions not listed in our book. Much to my dismay, older OLBA books never mentioned silver and bronze champions; however newer versions now record Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists at all levels.

On behalf of the Awards Committee, we would like to sincerely thank Frank Hibbs and Mike Vince who strung the wire up along the ceiling; no easy task as they had to find areas that would support the banners.



Speaking on behalf of fellow champions who have brought home banners and have their names recorded in the Book of Champions, it is an honour to represent Cosburn Park at any competitive level.

New Sponsors Come on Board!

By Terry Brackett, Publicity & Promotion Chair

I am pleased to announce that I have signed on three new sponsors who will be supporting our Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club this year and in 2012.

Dr. Anna Georgiou Chiropract/Chiropract Specialist of Danforth Foot Clinic at 852 Danforth Ave will be sponsoring our Victoria Day Jitney in 2012.

Trull Funeral Home located at 1111 Danforth Avenue is sponsoring the President's Dinner/Dance by paying the cost of our DJ and donating prizes for the evening.

Trull Funeral Home will be taking over the previous DLM Milk Bone Tournament next year with a donation of \$500 cash.

Also, I have signed on ***eye candy opticians ltd*** located at 2244 Queen St. East who will sponsor our Civic Holiday Jitney in 2012.

Welcome aboard!

Announcements

To all Members: The Board of Management trusts that you have enjoyed the bowling and special activities held at Cosburn Park this summer. It was a pleasure to meet so many new bowlers this year. The season is quickly coming to an end. So come out and enjoy the cooler fall weather that makes for great bowling.

Here are a few dates that you should mark on your calendar!

Nominations for Board of Management positions may be submitted from

September 12th to September 25th.

Nomination forms will be available at the clubhouse.

The names of nominated candidates will be posted on the bulletin board the following week. Elections will take place on October 10th at our Thanksgiving jitney, between the first and second game.

All positions on the board are open for nomination.

The following are elected for a **two year term**. President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Committee Chairs are elected for a **one year term**: Coaching Chair, Competition Chair, Games Chair, Premise Chair, Publicity & Promotion Chair and Social Chair.

If you are asked to run for the board please give it your serious consideration.

If you wish to nominate someone (with their permission) please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Nomination Committee: Karen Bell, Barb Ross, John Weatherbed.

PLEASE NOTE:

Nominations **will not be accepted on Election Day, October 10th.**

Advance voting will occur during evening jitneys from **October 4th to October 6th.**

The CPLBC Annual Fall General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 19th** at 7 pm. At the meeting, members of the Board of Management will present their year-end reports on our 2011 activities and some of the plans for next year.

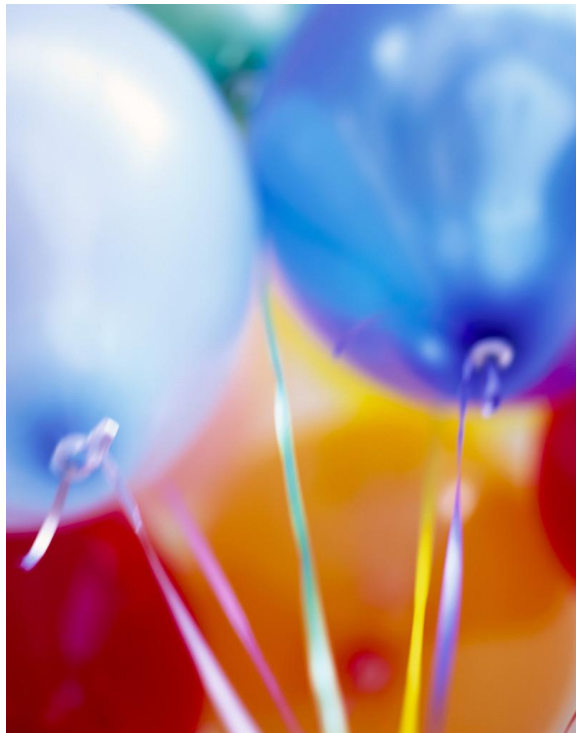
President's Dinner/Dance 2011

A fun evening for all!

Saturday, November 5, 2011
Royal Canadian Legion 1/42
243 Coxwell Ave (sth of Gerrard)
Free Parking
Tickets \$22.50 CPLBC members
\$25.00 Guests
6:30 pm Cocktails
7 pm Roast Beef Dinner or Vegetarian
Lasagna

A sign-up list is on the board at the clubhouse now. Tickets will be made available in the near future. More information to come!

Committee members: Rosalind Martin
Chair, Andrea McAnally & Richard Cripps.



**REMINDER: EVERY FRIDAY EVENING 7pm
4-3-2-1 Game – Fun and great way to
practice or join the card players for a
game of euchre or Wizard at 7 pm.**

Letter to the Editor:

If you are planning to vacation in Florida this coming winter, please accept my invitation to visit the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club.

I encourage you to visit our website at www.sarasotalawnbowlingclub.com for further information. The website has the 2011/2012 tournament scheduled posted which will give you some of the ideas of the activities.

Although the greens are available all year, our active season begins mid-October and continues until mid-April.

There are many attractions available in the area, including sandy beaches, sunsets, great dining, live theatre, opera, symphony, polo, professional baseball & hockey.

I look forward to meeting you.

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NEXT DEADLINE: October 1, 2011

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