

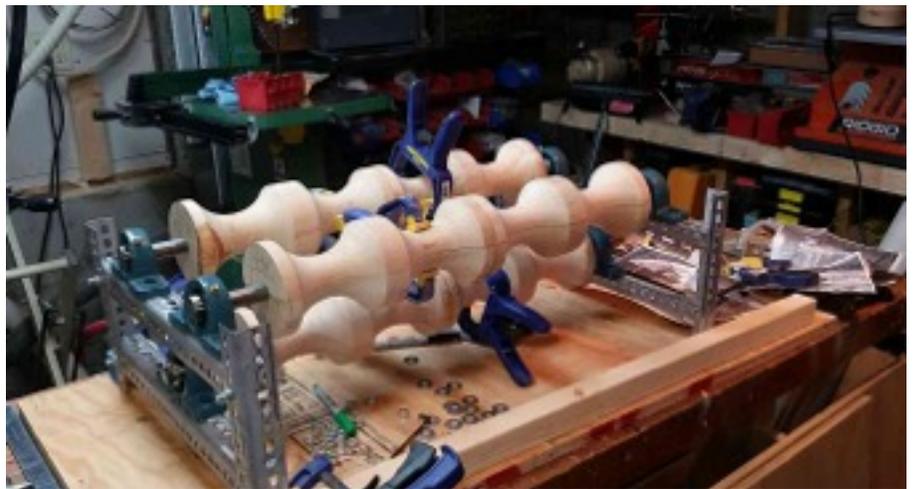


NEWSLETTER₃₉

Spring is in the air, can lawn bowling be far behind?

Bowl polisher

Larry Lee has been busy getting ready for our summer bowling season by making of a bowl polisher for us. The bench test worked well. With the help of Judy's sheep skin and some cabinetry it will be a great addition to our club. We are grateful to Harry Harrison for his help with the design. Janet Dong has very kindly offered to pay for the materials for our bowl polisher. Thank you Janet and Larry.



New benches and sun shades

Another project that is preparing us for our new lawn bowling season is the new benches and sun/rain protection. An early prototype was built last fall which is being proposed to be modified to better shade benches on the east and north sides. The original will work well on the east side. We may build a modified unit this spring so we can fully test out the units. These are expensive at \$1250 apiece so the executive wishes to proceed cautiously. In the end we hope to have a much better method of protecting our bowlers.



Merv's president's report

It has been a busy start for me as President, including Executive Meetings. The first task; which arose from an Executive Meeting was for me to form a Dues and Fees Review Committee. I wish to thank Ted Lewall, Judy Currie and Randy Small for agreeing to be on the committee and for all their input which resulted in the recommendations from this Committee. These recommendations were first brought to the Executive Meeting on January 31st and to be further discussed at the upcoming Executive Meeting on March 14th. Both the Dues Committee and the Executive Board agreed to bring the membership fees to a vote at the Semi-Annual General Meeting on March 25, 2017. Notice of this Semi-Annual General Meeting and vote is to be sent to everyone at the end of February.

George Schellenberg deserves a big round of thanks from everyone for re-doing the Lake Hill Bowling Club's "Volunteer Positions" Document. There were many out-dated versions of the document around and some changes were badly needed which were discussed at length at the last executive meeting. By now, you should have received the new version of the Volunteer Positions Document by either email or Canada Post. As George said, "Please review the list of volunteer positions available and sign up for any positions of your choice, including Chairs of Committee as shown on the document. Please continue to volunteer as without many volunteers, our club doesn't work.

It was a very successful Christmas Party and Valentine's Party, I'm told. We also had a recent in-house, successful short mat tournament – thanks to Deryk and Nick for all their hard work.



Our fearless leader Merv and his wife Eleanor enjoying our Christmas Party.

The by-laws committee is hard at work reviewing and amending our by-laws to conform to the Societies Act.

I also wish to thank Past President Mary Sullivan for her help and answering the many questions I have bombarded her with.

Upcoming events

Feb. 24/26 **Lake Hill Invitational Short Mat Bonspiel.** This annual event is much anticipated by many of our members and those from fellow clubs who enjoy short mat.

March 21 **Senior Expo at Pearkes Arena** this is the kick off of our promotion drive to bring new members to our club. Do come out and help us make it a special event this year.

March 25 **Semi-annual General Meeting** of our members. It is a time for all members to help set the direction for our club. The executive needs your input to help make your club even better.

April 7 **Pizza Party** for short mat bowling members paid for by our generous pig. It is the wrap up of another great season of indoor bowling. Everyone is invited non bowlers pay \$5.

April ?? **Spring Clean-up.** The date yet to be set but likely a week or so before our open house. We hope that a great number of our members, like last year, will again lend their hand in making our clubhouse and greens a great place for all.

April 29 **Open House** from 1:30 to 4:30. This is a time when we hope you will come out in force and bring friends to show them the sport and the great times we have together.

April 30 **Official opening day of the Lawn bowling season.** It is a time to start enjoying lawn bowling again, with the grand opening of the greens.

Year round Tai Chi Classes for both beginners and "advanced" students. Many thanks to our member Babs.

Short Mat Season, by Deryk Barker

After the usual scramble for positions (a new, hopefully fairer, method is under consideration for next year) the season got off to a good start and, despite new and inexperienced management, seems to have been going well.

So far we have had two in-house competitions: the Mixed Scotch Pairs in November ended with the closest possible final: a tied game followed by a one-bowl shootout, which meant a second game was required, which was also tied, resulting in another shootout. Ted Lewall and Gail Richards beat Deryk Barker and Mary Sullivan/Anita Wah



Ted's attempt to achieve the double and take the in-house triples in early February, was thwarted when he, David Glide and Brenda Murfitt, winners of the A group, came up against Don Bellows, Mary Sullivan and Margot Gillard, winners of the B group, who were undefeated and intended to stay that way.

Both teams coped well with having the mat laid diagonally across the clubhouse, but Don's team edged out Ted's to take the title.

The final competition of the season is the inter-club triples, February 24-26; the final event is, of course, the Pizza Party on April 7th. See you there.



Christmas and Valentine Parties

We had two marvelous dinner prepared by our dinner team led by Sulo. The helpers included Tallika Patel, Betty Sexton, Alice, Margot and Jean. Many thanks to all of you. Their home cooking was a lot of work but is so much better than catered meals.

The traditional turkey Christmas Dinner was a real treat and the plum pudding with the brandy hard sauce was to die for. Thanks, Bawan, for the excellent brandy! The Valentine dinner was Chicken Cacciatore with pasta and Caesar salad, finished off with a superb home made Black Forest Cake. All in all two delightful evenings with outstanding cuisine.

The only disappointment is that not very many members came out for these fun evenings. We are a bit of a loss as to why. All those that came out agreed the food was excellent, so perhaps we need to come up with more entertainment. One suggestion has been to run a casino night with various games for minor prizes. Please forward any and all suggestions you may have to make these parties more popular, to me. Nick



Sulo and friend Bev preparing our dinner



Margot with two of her friends.



Winners of island contest, no you don't win a cruise but a bunch of chocolates.



Our fearless MC Bawan

New members

We are delighted to welcome three new members this winter. Nick May joined us in the fall and has been very active bowling short mat this winter. Lucille Picard and Mick Rix joined us over the winter but due to an accident Mick had (he broke his neck falling in their kitchen) they did not get to join in in our short mat tournament. We are delighted he is on the mend and we hope to see the two of them out at our club soon.

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