

NEWSLETTER

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Good-bye Dear Eva

Our good friend and great helper left us on April 16th. It is with great sadness all your friends at our club say good-bye. You were always a very active member in over 20 years with our club and a great help in your many roles from organizing Fun Nights to making the flowers arrangements to helping in the kitchen to your final role of looking after the telephone committee. Most of all we will miss your smile and cheerfulness. To Ron, we share the loss of your partner of 56 years but also share good memories.

There was a private service held in Eva's memory as Eva had wanted. She was never one to want anyone to make a big fuss over her.

As you have said Ron, Eva was camera shy. Of all the pictures

that I have taken and been given of events at the club there was only one very blurry image of her at last years Christmas party. She perfected hiding from the camera. Thank you for providing the attached images, Ron.

In June of 1999 Eva was a trophy winner with Gus and Eleanor. Eva and Gus are waiting for us to share games on greener



Official Opening Day

On April 30th we have our official opening of the the lawn bowling season. Mayor Frank Leonard will be on hand to deliver the first bowl. We hope that several of the Parks staff will also be present and that we can encourage them to challenge the mayor to a game. It will be a great time to again thank Saanich staff for all their efforts in getting us our new clubhouse. Come out and enjoy the bowling, festivities and goodies. It is a great time to wear your club blue shirt or a blue top, but no matter do come and enjoy.



Open House

Our open house was held on April 16th and we were blessed with a sunny day. Forty five potential new members signed in and Linda did an excellent job of introducing our club and the game to them. Most of the guests have signed up for lessons and we hope a number will join our family of bowlers. Thanks to Betty who supplied the goodies and to Reta and others who helped in the kitchen. We ended up with bowlers on all 8 greens and most did remarkably well, helped by the excellent coaching. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this a successful event. Thanks also to Haji and his team in promoting the event. There is a good chance we will make our target of 120 full memberships this year.

Green Fun Night

Have you started your plant for this event in July yet? *Why not?*

Upcoming events

April 30th

Official Opening Day 1:30 pm with Mayor throwing out the first bowl. Wear your whites or club shirt. Refreshments.

May 17/18th

Ann Webster Women's Triples BSI tournament at our club. Sign up sheet is posted. Starts at 9 am. Come play or cheer on our teams.

May 23rd

Victoria Day Holiday Tea & Bowling - 1:00 pm tags Games start at 1:15 pm. Tea half way through the game.

May 27th

Club's 80th Anniversary Fun night. Formal dress optional. Starts at 4 pm dinner at 5 pm. Bowling between dinner and dessert. Live music by Reynolds jazz band. Come and party with your friends.

June 4th

Bridge/Bowl tournament. Starts at noon, sign up early. Get both physical and mental exercise in the same afternoon.

June 5 - 7th

Bedford Men's Doubles club tournament starting at 6 pm. Sign-up. Ladies come cheer on your partners as we need all the help we can get.

June 12th

Percy Middleton Mixed Triples tournament starts at 9 am, This is a club event. Come join your fellow club members in friendly games. All skill levels welcome.

June 25th

Cec Sarles Women's Triples club tournament starts at 9 am. Guys come cheer on the ladies and help in the kitchen.

July 1st

Canada Day Tea and Bowling tags at 1 pm. Wear red and white to celebrate. Tea break at half time.

Our Club's 80th Anniversary

We want to celebrate the club's 80th birthday and that of all the members who were born before the club was, in 1931. Please make plans to join the special fun night on May 27th to celebrate this milestone for our club and members. 80 Years is a long time, this was when they still bowled with wooden bowls. There will be a set of wooden bowls that members can try.

Ann Webster Women's Triples Tournament

On May the 17th and 18th there will be a Bowls South Island tournament at our club. It is a time for us to provide a friendly welcome to members of other clubs. Lots of help is needed at the clubhouse but also on the greens. Do come and show these ladies a good time.

May Victoria Day Tea and bowling

This is our first holiday "tea" of the year, on May 23rd. It is a very civilized way to spend the afternoon with a tea break in the middle of the game. Tags up at 1 pm. Do come and enjoy. New members are especially encouraged to join in the festivities.

Work Day

There was a great turn out for our work day. Thanks to all who came out. The weather held so we got the concrete sidewalk finished on the north side of the greens. In the process we trained two new concrete finishers, Joe and John. The sprinkler system was installed in the garden area, the south ditch had its sand installed, the back boards were marked with the lanes, concrete cleaned off the building siding, greens were edged, fence was painted, field light poles were painted (Mel is continuing to paint as high as he can on these), score board posts were reinstalled, flag pole relocated, new folding draw table was installed, new shelving in the kitchen was installed and the outside area was cleaned up and plants trimmed. I am afraid to try to name all who were involved as I am sure to miss someone. You know who you are. Again, thank you for all the hard work.

There are still the extra lockers to be made and installed which will have to wait until late in May when I am back from our cruise. Volunteers will be appreciated to help with this work.

Welcome to new members

We are delighted to welcome new members to our club. I will introduce each of the new members in the next newsletter, hopefully with pictures of each, so we get to know you and can welcome you personally.



Banners

The new banners have been completed by the “Banner Babes” and they now add a great feature to our clubhouse. Thanks to Mary Hooper and her team, Linda, Mary S, Rita P, Jill and Jean.

Semi annual meeting

The semi annual meeting was held on April 9th with over 60 members in attendance. Thank you all who came out, it is great to have your support. The minutes are posted at the clubhouse. The motion to allow for notices for future meetings to be sent by e-mail was approved. We are pleased that the introduction of a student category was well received. A student member has already indicated that she will join our club, transferring to us after two years experience, at Burnside L B C.

Team Singles

On our schedule for weekly bowling there are some new and changed games. We now have Scotch Pairs aggregate and most of you know what this is. (pairs with the skipping changing after 4 ends). There is also Team Singles which seems a contradiction in terms. Victoria LBC started this type of game three years ago and have found it to be very popular. In brief, it is two singles games played together where one is teamed up so that your partner is your marker and your “skip”. On one green, two singles teams play parallel games. If your partner wins you receive an extra point for that game. The full rules are posted. Both these new games are scored by the players and overall winners will be on a best percentage basis. As per our other weekly bowling, the teams are based on a draw using our tags. We will go over the rules before the first few sessions. Are you confused yet? Do come out and try it.

This May issue is coming out a bit early as Jean and I are off on vacation in early May.

Nick your Pres with the help of editing by Jean