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Bowling Matters

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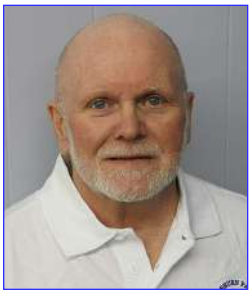

Well, folks, old man winter is getting ready to go to sleep for the summer, and the time is quickly approaching when we will be back on the greens, getting reacquainted with friends not seen all winter and also making new ones.

I am looking forward to a new season of fun and games. See you on the greens. *~ President Frank*

Don't miss our Spring AGM Sunday, April 28 at 3 pm

COMING EVENTS

It Won't Be Long Now!

CLEANUP DAY
Sat. May 4 at 10:00 am

OPENING DAY
for Returning Members
Sat. May 11 at 1:00 pm

New Member
OPEN HOUSE
Tue. May 14 at 7:00 pm
and
Thu. May 16 at 1:00 pm
and
Thu. May 16 at 7:00 pm

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Fun! Fun! Fun! We are definitely going to have fun this season at Cosburn.

Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club began in 1929. It turns 90 years of age this year!

A Committee is planning events to celebrate our Birthday. We plan to have something special for Opening Day, Canada Day and Closing Day.

Stay tuned! Follow your e-mails for further information.

~ Sandy J. Vice President

90th Anniversary SPECIAL EVENTS

Here are some of the main events during our 90th Birthday Year. Closer to the dates, check the bulletin boards for signup sheets and our website for up-to-the-minute info about what's going on.

Opening Day for Returning Members
Sat. May 11 at 1:00 pm
Dignitaries & media invited
Birthday Surprises Galore

Victoria Day Jitney and Chilli Dinner
Monday, May 20 at 1:00 pm

Canada Day
Jitney / Hot Dog Lunch
Mon. July 1 at 10:00 am
More Birthday Surprises

East York Challenge
Fri. July 5 at 7:00 pm
at Leaside

Chartwell/Avondale FREE BBQ
Thu. July 18 at 12 noon

Sundae Monday
Mon. July 29 at 7:00pm
sponsored by **Dairy Queen.**

Civic Holiday
Jitney & Pancake Brunch
Mon. August 5 at 10:00 am

Labour Day
Jitney & Burgers
Mon. September 2 at 1:00 pm

Thanksgiving Meal
Jitney / Board Elections and
More Birthday Surprises
Mon. October 7 at 1:00 pm

Fall AGM
Tues. October 22 at 7:00 pm

President's Dinner
Fri. October 25 at 6:30 pm

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Cosburn Tournaments in 2019

There are plenty of opportunities at Cosburn to test your skills in a fun and competitive tournament.

Register at www:cosburnbowls.ca or at the clubhouse. Click on a tournament listing for more details and registration forms. Online tournament registration closes ONE WEEK before each tournament.

If you need to cancel your entry, please call or email our Tournament Chair **as soon as possible** to allow time to invite a team from the waiting list. Notify Mike Mogan, Tournaments Chair at 416-363-6828 or cosburntourneys@gmail.com

Tournament Chair Mike Mogan with wife Jocelyn and George Starfas of Sophie's.

Triple Play Tournament
OP - Sat. May 18 at 9:30 am

Sophie's Sports Bar & Grill Tournament
MP 3x12 ends
Sat. June 29 at 9:30 am

Dentistry in the Beaches Tournament
OP 3x12 ends (one player must be a novice)
Sat. July 6 at 9:30 am

Balmy-Cosburn Two-Day Combo
Mixed Fours (one player must be a novice)
Sponsored by **Wintergreen**
Day 1 Sat. July 20 at Cosburn;
Day 2 Sun. July 21 at Balmy

President's Trophy Tournament
WP 3x10 ends
Wed. July 31 at 10:00 am
Co-sponsored by **Delmanor** and **Orchard Park Auto**. Lunch provided by **Delmanor Inspired Retirement Living**

MVP Novice
OT 3x10 ends & Skills Competition
Sat. Aug 17 at 9:30 am
Individual; entry – drawmaster will create balanced teams. Win a set of new bowls from MVP Sports! All players eligible for the draw.

Bruton Investment Group, National Bank Financial Fall Classic
OT 3x12 ends
Sat. Aug 31 at 9:30 am

Bruton Investment Group Tournament of Champions Invitational
OT 3x12 ends
BY INVITATION ONLY
Sat. Sept 7 at 9:30 am

Rainbowlers' Flip/Flop LGBT Tournament
Co-sponsored by Meridian Credit Union and Georgian Bay Spirit Co.
3x10 ends
Sat. Sept 14 at 10:00 am

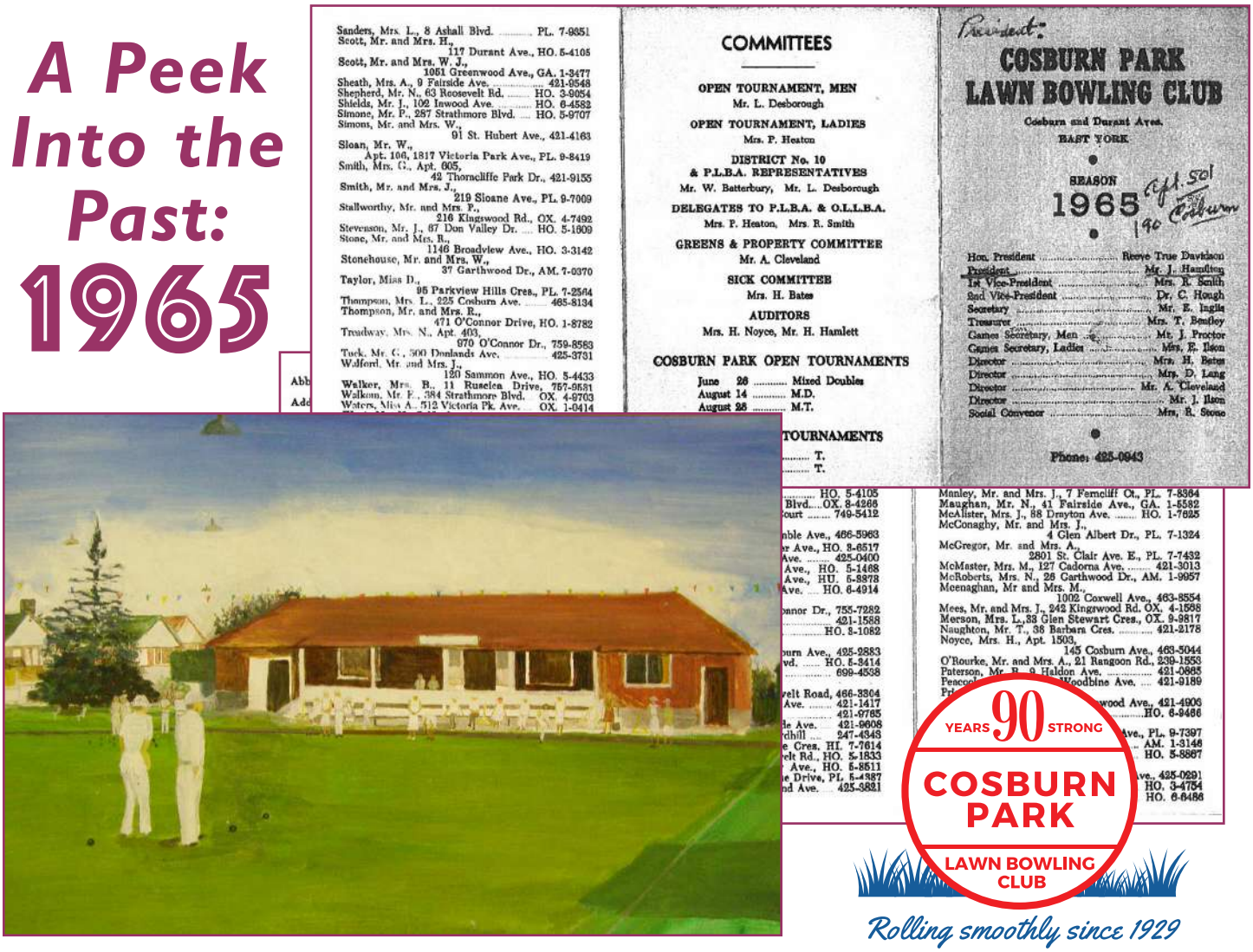
REMEMBERING RICK DUNN

We are sad to report the death of Rick Dunn. Not so long ago, Rick enrolled both his elderly parents at Cosburn and patiently encouraged their participation in our evening jitneys.

Rick's longtime friend, Jim Elliott, remembers Rick fondly as "a great guy, always cheerful, friendly, very chatty and a decent lawn bowler."

Our condolences to Rick's family and friends. ◆

A Peek Into the Past: 1965



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August 14 ..... M.D.
August 25 ..... M.T.

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90 YEARS STRONG
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LAWN BOWLING CLUB
Rolling smoothly since 1929

By Ann Nicholson ~ **It's1965!** South of the border, young men are shipping out to Vietnam. Across the pond a state funeral is held for Winston Churchill and Beatlemania is in full swing.

Here at home, Lester Pearson is our Prime Minister. The Red Maple Leaf becomes our official flag. Toronto's "New City Hall" opens.

Even closer to home, 170 members celebrate Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club's 36th year.

This fragment of local history came to light following a search of Toronto's library system and a chat with a live librarian which led to a tiny envelope labelled "'The Club' Description based on 1965 season." It turned out to be someone's (Honorary President Reeve True Davidson's?) working copy of the 1965 roster.

Just a glance is a lesson in social history. Formal names: Mr., Mrs., Miss, or Dr. – no first names. Married women listed under husbands' initials. I wonder if members addressed one another as Mr., Mrs. or Miss on the greens? "Oh, good shot, Miss Jones." Or did they let their hair down a bit? "I say, good shot, Tom." Or, "Perfect spot, Elsie."

The phone numbers were a bit of a puzzle, too. Seems the letters referred to different regions. For example, PL = Plymouth Exchange, Scarborough & East York. ◆

Editor's Note: During our 90th year, Bowling Matters will run a feature "Legend(s) of the Month" – stories written by longtime members who remember many of those listed in the 1965 roster. We will also post a copy of the roster in the clubhouse for people to browse.

If you have a story to tell or a photo to share, please contact me at ann.nicholson@rogers.com

LEGEND OF THE MONTH

Former Member Jack Christie Honoured

By Karen Bell ~ Former Cosburn member Jack Christie has had a laneway named after him in the St. Clair and Glen Eden Crescent area where he lived. Jack, who passed away in 2008, will be remembered by many longtime Cosburn members as a fixture on the greens and a formidable opponent.

Mike Mogan recalls the time that he and Jocelyn were in Laguna Beach, California, and bought a baseball cap for Jack that said: "Old Guys Rule - Aged to Perfection." He proudly wore it while bowling.

Jack's interest in sports was not limited to lawn bowling, however, as he served as chair of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and secretary of the Toronto Softball League and several other softball leagues.

"It amazed me that someone who wore a crest on his sweater proclaiming *East York Minor Hockey-1935* would be bowling, much less at a level that equalled most of our members," says Mike. "I purchased his book when he was selling it, and the man's life was amazing. We were fortunate to have a legend like that in our club."

Deeply involved in his community, Jack was once chair of the East York Planning Board,

president of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association District 4, and president of the East York Federation of Ratepayers. He also was the longest serving Hydro Commissioner in East York history. [*East York Chronicle, February, 2019*]

Jack's daughter Jacqueline Brammer is a former lawn bowler and current social member of Cosburn. ◆

Life is Good "Wild Bill" Haskins

Wild Bill's Birthday Greetings

HAPPY 90th, COSBURN

…and I thought I was the oldest thing at the club.

WARNING!
I have booked my FRONT ROW CENTRE chair on our great verandah for most upcoming tournaments.
I suggest it would be nice to have a CUSHION for my chair??

I was even thinking if it was a cold day, maybe a HEATED cushion would be nice. On second thought, if it was too HOT, maybe an AIR-CONDITIONED cushion would be better.

I am not going to hold my breath waiting for any of the above.

But I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon. ◆

Wintergreen Indoor Lawn Bowling Season Wraps Up at the Mandarin

By Ann Nicholson ~ Wintergreen has been warming up winters for bowlers from Agincourt, Balmy Beach, Cosburn, Kew and Leaside clubs for 9 years now. With three jitneys a week from October 'til April, plus three sponsored tourneys, founder John Adams keeps a good thing going at Scarborough Soccer Centre, Fairfax Crescent. The inter-club mingling is particularly enjoyable.

Right now, John and his wife, Donna, are enjoying sunny Florida, leaving Wintergreen in the capable hands of Vivian Harlow and Marlene & Ken Grant.

At the end-of-season Mandarin banquet, Vivian presented Marlene with a silver pendant and matching earrings. Marlene & Vivian sparred compliments, including "thanks to everyone for cooperation in setting up and clearing up."

Thanks also to sponsors: Delmanor Wynford Retirement Living, Sophie's Sports Bar & Grill and CUPE 4400. ◆

(L-R) Vivian Harlow and Marlene Grant.

THE COSBURN CALENDAR

Friday Games Night
7 pm.
$3 covers snacks/refreshments.

Mostly Bid Euchre, but Wizard and Board Game players welcome.

More info on Card Games: George Ferries 416-469-2848.

Call Jan Luke for more info on Special Games Nights: 416-443-8666. ◆

From Bonnie's Kitchen

Bear Claws

2 to 3 cups semi-sweet or bittersweet choc. chips
Cashews
1 pkg Kraft Caramels (269 g)
2 tbsp milk

1. Melt choc. chips in microwave (on defrost) until smooth.
2. On waxed paper paper, spread chocolate into disks about 1-1/2 to 2 inches in diameter.
3. Put cashews around the edge – leaving the centre open.
4. Melt caramels in microwave (on defrost) with milk until smooth, about 4 min. Tip: put caramels in the freezer for a little while – makes them easier to unwrap.
5. Put a tsp of caramel in the centre of the nuts and another cashew or two on the caramel, then cover with chocolate.

(makes 30)

Cosburn Welcomes Back Coaching Chair LAILA!

By Chrystal Shephard ~ Cosburn is proud and thrilled to welcome back this season's Club Coach, Laila Hassan.

Laila's achievements are remarkable: Asia and Pacific Championships, Atlantic Rim Championships, North American Challenge, US Open, Champion of Champions, PBA World Bowls, World Indoor, World Short mat and, recently, a back-to-back-to-back Gold medalist at the Canadian Championships. Laila has a gold medal now in every format possible: singles, pairs, triples and fours. I'm sure mixed pairs is on her radar to complete the golden crown of jewels.

Laila's extensive experience, knowledge and undeniable talent will surely bring out the best in any player. An expert tactician, Laila can break down a game or just simplify a delivery!

Her fun and bubbly personality makes her very easy to approach, so don't be shy, walk up and say, "Hi!" Laila will be more than happy to discuss and work through any bowling issues from the new and/or experienced bowler.

Her ability to develop, inspire, encourage and motivate bowlers of any skill set is a huge and beneficial contribution to Cosburn. Welcome Back Laila! ◆

Editor's Note: Chrystal forgot to mention that she and Laila were honoured in 2018 at the OLBA's first ever Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

SINCE 2011, LAILA HAS WON:

Provincial Gold, National Silver, Womens Pairs (2011)
Provincial Gold, National Silver, Womens Pairs (2013)
Provincial Silver, National Gold, Womens Pairs (2015)
Provincial Singles (2015)
Provincial Gold, National Gold, Womens Fours (2016)
Provincial Gold, National Silver, Womens Seniors (2016)
Provincial Gold, National Gold, Womens Triples (2017)
Inaugural inductee into OLB Hall of Fame (2018)

And all of this while working full time!

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Send us your bowling-related stories & pictures
~ *Ann Nicholson*

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