COSBURN PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Bowling Matters

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COSBURN'S CARNIVAL SPIRIT

was alive and well at the 2018 President's Dinner, held at the Estonian House. Rachel, with a little help from Sophie Bruton, took care of picking the prizes. Tanya Trachtenberg, a Nygard fashion rep, and Rachel handled the silent auction. Martin, resplendent in pink shirt and feathered mask, helped Tom Starfas set up "Sophie's Bar West" in a corner of the ballroom. Provincial & National Champions were honoured with an inaugural plaque. In-Club winners were in the money. DJ AJ's music had guests dancing. More on pages 2, & 3 ◆

L - R Ron Sellen Sr. Ron Jr. and,
we believe, Mike Mogan lurking behind the silver mask.

President's Dinner Accolades & Highlights

Thank you **Ian Venables** & **Tracey Ogonoski** for all the time you spent filming *The Faces of Cosburn 2018,* which premiered at the Dinner. You seem to have captured everyone! Hope we get a chance to see it again during our 90th Birthday celebrations. Perhaps we could show it to other local interest groups?

Congratulations to (novice bowler & Rainbowler) **Mary MacDonald**, the winner of a free 2019 Membership.

A special thank you to **Tom Starfas of Sophie's East & West**, who refused to accept a penny for bartending.

Thank you to everyone who worked on the event. Last, but not least, thank you all who joined in the spirit of fun. ◆

Games Chair Ron Sellen Jr. handed out the prize money at the President's Dinner to our in-house bowlers. What with his father Ron Sr. topping the list for Series 1 Thursday Night bowlers and Lesley Ferries beating her father George in the Skip/Vice Singles Group, there was some fierce competition.

Series 1, Tuesday night: Alan Stewart
Series 1, Thursday night: Ron Sellen Sr.

Series 2, Tuesday Night: Alan Stewart
Series 2, Thursday Night: Colleen Neely

Mix Pairs Winners: George Ferries & Lesley Ferries.

Singles Winners: Lead Group - Jan Sommerfeld
Singles Winners: Skips & Vices Group - Lesley Ferries

Canada Day Jitney, King & Queen Medal Winners: Mike Vince & Karen Price

In Club Tournament Trophy Winners: Frank Hibbs, Debbie Weatherbed, Mike Pirdavari. ◆

Dear Friends,

Bonnie and I would like to wish you all

A Very Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Hope to see you all in the spring for the start of a new season.
Happy Holidays,

President Frank

A Tribute to Cosburn's 2018 Medalists

By Mike Mogan,
Past V.P.

L-R Cathy Larking, Mary Lou Richards, Nanci Myers, Laila Hassan & Tom Trattner with the new commemorative plaque at the President's Dinner.

Cosburn Park has a long, successful history in the Provincial Championships, and this year was no exception. Five years in a row, a Provincial Gold Medalist called Cosburn home – a record of which we can be proud.

Our bowlers also won a National Silver, a National Bronze, a Provincial Silver, and two Provincial Bronze Medals.

Starting this year Provincial and National Medalists' names will be inscribed on a new commemorative plaque. By celebrating their achievements, we hope to inspire Cosburn's bowlers to even greater heights. The first six bowlers whose names will be added to the plaque are:

Nanci Myers

- I've known this bowler my whole life – got her started in bowling, and taught her the intricacies of the draw shot
- when the Open Fours format was announced, she was one of the most highly sought after free agents, ending up on a team with Helen Wright, Joyce Kruss, and Nicky Chamois
- went undefeated at Provincials to win her first ever Provincial Gold medal

Mary Lou Richards, Cathy Larking

- started bowling together two years ago and enjoyed immediate success
- they won Provincial Fours Silver this year with their front end of Lori Brendel and Lan Tran, losing only to the Gold medalists
- Gained momentum at Nationals, rode it to the Gold medal game, losing a close match to a strong BC team, and claiming National Silver

Cathy Larking

- No, this is not déjà vu. After taking the Silver medal in National Fours, Cathy decided to hang around Regina for a few more days and compete in the National Singles (since 10 games in four days wasn't enough punishment!)
- she competed in the National Singles, and after four more days of competition (and 10 more games, I believe!), she came away with more hardware, this time a National Bronze to pair up with her National Silver

Harry Hainey, Tom Trattner

- went into the District Men's Pairs this year as a decided underdog team, but had a Sunday for the ages
- referred to in Bowling Matters as "The Giant Killers," they took down both halves of a former Championship 4s team from James Gardens, and with a come-from-behind win in the last end against a strong Cosburn Team, went on to win the District title
- capped it off with a strong showing at Provincials, taking the Bronze medal

Laila Hassan

- this bowler really needs no introduction, as provincial medals for her are expected, being an OLBA Hall of Fame member and all!
- in a tough Women's Fours field, she led her team of Chrystal Shephard, Gloria Cheung, and Helena Ho to the Provincial Bronze medal ◆

Lynn & Karen Welcome Day Bowlers to their "Umpteenth" Mandarin Banquet & Awards

Part of Cosburn's traditional end-of-the season festivities, this popular event was well-attended.

Lynn awarded prizes to the top ten scorers, admitting this was his "umpteenth" time as host with the most.

Starting at tenth place, the winners were:

10. Steve Walsh
9. Murray Fenner
8. Isobel Walsh
7. Noreen Kuroyama
6. David Marcotte
5. Ed Laba
4. George Ferries
3. George Crichton
2. Karen Price

Once again, Ronnie Lau, who was globetrotting again in Turkey, won first place!

Lynn thanked his wife Karen for her help in keeping track of who won what. Vivian Harlow presented Karen with a bamboo plant and some ultra-dark chocolate. ◆

Meet New Vice-President Sandy Johnson

By Martin Zibauer ~ At the Fall General Meeting in October, club president Frank Hibbs announced the appointment of a new vice-president to serve out the remainder of the current two-year term (Mike Mogan has switched roles to become Tournaments Chair).

Sandy Johnson comes to the board with a few familiar traits – she's well known for her energy and enthusiasm – and some history that may be more surprising. Picture Sandy in her twenties, getting on her motorcycle every day to go to work. "It was only a small motorcycle," she says, "but at the time it was almost unheard of for a woman to ride one." She loves travel and white water rafting, and she only recently gave up roller blading. In her long career as a registered practical nurse, she sat on the board of the College of Nurses of Ontario and served on the organization's disciplinary committee.

One of the first projects she's taken on as VP is contacting members for feedback and ideas about the club. She's aiming to speak to as many members as she can. "But what I thought would be five-minute phone calls turn into twenty minutes," she says, laughing. "It's fantastic, but I'm still only up to L in the membership list!"

As Sandy is gathering opinions and suggestions, she's also asking members about their interest in volunteering at the club. "I'm hearing that many people who wouldn't sign up on a sheet in the club would consider volunteering for a specific, short shift if contacted personally. That's important to know."

Learning more about members is also confirming something she always knew: "The members are amazing. Cosburn is Cosburn because of its members." ◆

In concert with Sandy's informal phone survey, Cosburn is also seeking member feedback through a quick online survey. Check your email for a link, and then spare the club five minutes of your time to tell us more about yourself, your bowling preferences, and your views on club programs and events. Your input will help the club plan for 2019 and beyond.

Wild Bill Messed Up!

By Wild Bill Haskins

The "Old Crank" hibernated too early and forgot about this issue of our newsletter. Unfortunately, I cannot pick on our younger members or make fun of us older members.

I would like to wish you all a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON & A GREAT WINTER SEASON.

Warning! I have already reserved my chair & prime space on our great verandah for next year.

Life is GOOD. Wild Bill.

WINTERGREEN

Session ends Thurs., Dec. 20 – Christmas Party!

Return to bowling Thurs., Jan. 7

For more info call
John Adams 416-699-8303

Scarborough Soccer Centre,
45 Fairfax Crescent,
just off Warden Ave. ◆

Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB) Include Cathy & Mary Lou in the Development Squad 2018-2020

Mary Lou S. Richards & **Cathy Larking** have earned spots on the Bowls Canada Development Squad which "focuses on those athletes who have the potential to compete internationally in the near future."

Cathy & Mary Lou are among 9 athletes chosen across the county to form this Development Squad. BCB also announced the names of 18 top Canadian bowlers who will form the Senior Squad.

Check out BCB's full press release on our Facebook page. Or go to BCB's news release on www.bowlscanada.com

BCB is the governing body responsible for lawn bowls in Canada. Its mission is to advance the sport of lawn bowls in Canada. ◆

"WE HAVE BEEN ITCHING TO TELL!"

Cathy and I were invited to attend a Clinic by BCB in Kitchener, a week before the Nationals, because we had applied for the National Squad. The Senior & Development Squad coaches ran the Clinic. Some selectors were able to watch our games at the 2018 Nationals in Regina. The confirmation that we were selected came via emails on October 29, but we were asked to keep it to ourselves until BCB's press release on November 13. ~ *Mary Lou S. Richards*

THE COSBURN CALENDAR

Friday Games Night
at Cosburn 7 pm.
$3 covers snacks/refreshments. Mostly Bid Euchre, but Wizard and Board Game players welcome.

Special Nights of Bingo, Court Whist and the occasional party throughout the Winter months. Stay tuned.

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

More info on Special games nights: Jan Luke 416-443-8666.

***Thursday Afternoon Card Games**
Cancelled

Tai Chi Mondays at 7 pm.
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Your 2019 Board of Management

Fall AGM Highlights

Sad to say, the AGM was poorly attended. We lacked a quorum, so we could only receive reports rather than vote on them.

Treasurer Brian reported that we have 185 members. He thanked Martin and Freda for creating a new membership data base.

Mary Lou, last year's **Coaching Chair**, reported that the club now has10 certified coaches. She thanked Mary Hainey, Nanci Myers and Mike Mogan for their tournament work.

President Frank, wearing his **Premises Chair** hat, said he had worked closely with the City. He reported that City officials are costing out air conditioning for our Clubhouse.

Promotions/Publicity Chair Martin said: "250 visits per month on line helped bring in new sponsors." He noted that 45% of members registered online, and the up-dated email system means that Rachel can target specific groups.

Social Chair, Jan, reported 23 events and tournaments on five weekends this season. She thanked everyone who cooked and, said: "although I spent $1,800 on food, my budget came out $500 in the black."

Games Chair, Ron, said we will continue to play pairs and triples and invited Tom T and George F to act as draw masters for evening bowling. Ron thanked everyone who played in the East York Challenge and Agincourt Fun Night.

Kyle K: "It was a great year for the **Rainbowlers** with over 40 members. Typically 25 members were on the greens every Wednesday night and Flip Flop attracted 20 teams – more than ever before."

Mike M is back in his old **Tournament Chair** having tendered his resignation as Vice-President. "We need more volunteers, and I gladly hand the VP torch over to Sandy Johnson."

President Frank thanked the board for working with him this season. He remarked that we can count National, Provincial and District champs among our members. ◆

Seated L-R Vice-President appointee Sandy Johnson, President Frank Hibbs, Secretary Rachel Jones. Back row L-R Games Chair Ron Sellen Jr., Tournament Chair Mike Mogan, Social Chair Jan Luke, Treasurer Brian Tagg, Promotions/Publicity Chair Martin Zibauer.

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~ *Ann Nicholson*

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