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Above left: waiting for the parade. Above right: Karen Price & Mike Vince are the King & Queen of Sheets.

CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES – EVERYTHING RED & WHITE

Photos: Karen Bell & Murray Fenner

The Presidential Hat.

Ron Larking and Ken Uyesugi manned the grill. Thanks also to Jan Luke, Vivian Harlow, Debbie & John Weatherbed, Frank Hibbs.

Ronnie Lau & Gord Barnum didn't consult each other before donning their outfits.

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Dentistry in the Beach Tournament

By Bradley Hayward ~ Just as Dick Van Dyke sings in *Bye Bye Birdie*, "Grey skies are gonna clear up, put on a happy face," so said 56 lawn bowlers at Cosburn on July 14.

It was an overcast day as 28 teams gathered for the Dentistry in the Beach tournament to play three 12-end pairs games. The sun made a brief appearance during the first game, humidity peaked during the second, and a smattering of rain helped cool things off before the third.

Mary Lou Richards was her usual organized self as tournament director, while Cosburn volunteers laid out a lovely table of breakfast snacks and lunch treats. Frozen ice pops were cheerfully divvied out before the awards presentation to keep everyone cool.

When all was said and done, the winners were as follows:

1st place & winner of the Corky trophy, donated by Corinne & Mike Vince: Jack Siboni & Hossein Zhian, Willowdale.

2nd 3-game winner: Rick Burrows & Bill McCollam (Willowdale).

3rd 3-game winner: Doug Durno (Kew) & Rob Charland (Cosburn).

4th 3-game winner: Ken Uyesugi & Peter Stuart-Sheppard (Cosburn).

High 2-game winner: Steve Miller (Etobicoke) & Nanci Myers (Cosburn).

2nd high 2-game winner: Don McCowan & Erman Ayra (Leaside).

2nd 2-game high Meno Jose & Maret Liik (Cosburn).

Last game high: Eric Brands & Ginette Cascallar (Cosburn).

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated. The gray skies never did clear up, but the clouds were brushed off and happy faces put on by all.

Heroes of the Day – Novice Sandi Wingrove signed up for kitchen duties. Instead she was co-opted to Lead for Balmy's Bert Harvey, whose original partner had a family emergency.

Under Eunice's direction, George Crichton worked the kitchen all day. Duties included tackling his first watermelon!

Other kitchen irregularities included Mary Lou chopping up cheese in between umpiring. Ann N doing the dishes between selling raffle tickets and taking pictures. Afternoon shift of Karen Bell & George Gorrie did the 2nd round of dishes. Many thanks to all. ◆

Look What You Missed at Executive Fun Night!

George Ferries & Chrystal Shephard

Chartwell Avondale BBQ: Sizzling Success

Margaret Donaldson places her order with Chef Rodrigo.

By Ann Nicholson ~
Sun was shining,
People were smiling,
Food was sizzling,
What a glorious day!

Chartwell Avondale treated 64 Cosburn members to their 3rd memorable BBQ on July 19. Beef, chicken, veggie burgers and hot dogs, two kinds of sausage, roasted corn, salads…all cooked and served by Chef Rodrigo.

Karen Bell won the first door prize of a $50 gift certificate for Gio Rana's Really Really Nice Restaurant. Charles Chaffey won second prize of a $25 Canadian Tire gift card.

Lucas di Giovanni of Chartwell Avondale said: "We love being a member of the Leslieville community so much that we continue to work to promote a real Leslieville vibe for those living and visiting our residence."

In presenting the prizes, Lucas joked: "You must pass our residence to redeem both these gift vouchers. Gio Rana's Restaurant is close by and Canadian Tire is at Leslie & Lakeshore. While you're nearby, drop in for a coffee."

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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!
EAST YORK TROPHY BACK HOME AT COSBURN!

Ann Nicholson

Well done, Cosburn. We won back the East York Challenge Trophy that we lent to Leaside last year. Cosburn claimed 6 out of 10 team wins.

Thank you to kitchen crew: Jan Luke, Ken Uyesugi, Karen Bell, George Gorrie, Jocelyn Mogan, Cathy Larking & Vivian Harlow. Thank you also to Draw Master Ron Sellen Jr. and to everyone who helped set up the greens for this annual, friendly (but not too friendly) event. ◆

Following The Winners' Trail

We are proud to report more impressive wins for Cosburn.

In the Provincial Men's Pairs at Hanover, Harry Hainey and Tom

Trattner (pictured here after winning the District Pairs) made it to the final day and won the Bronze medal in pouring rain.

Cathy Larking won Bronze in the Provincial Women's Singles at the three-day event in Belleville. She will join the top four singles winners at the Nationals in Regina, Sask.

Mary Hainey & Karen Price scored 1 game high at West Toronto Women's Pairs on June 27.

Harry Hainey with two Willowdale players won 2 game high at Stouffville's Mixed Trebles Strawberry Festival on June 28.

Mary Hainey, Freda Trattner & Judy Hemming won the Agincourt Women's Triples on June 29.

Eric Brands, with ex Cosburnite Bob Bates and a Cobourg player, won the 4th Annual Gordon MacMillan Men's Triples at Oshawa on June 29.

At Leaside Women's Lunch Mary Lou Richards who, at the last minute, partnered with sponsor Margaret Winters of Re/Max won 2nd 1 game high. At the

same event, Judy Hemming & Glynis Bowman, pictured above, placed 5th 1 game high. Also Lesley Ferries with a Balmy Beach partner came 6th 1 game high.

Keith Park, scoring 35 points, with a Balmy Beach partner, came 3rd in the Balmy 2 Bowl OPs on July 6. Just 3 points behind, Tom Trattner & Frank Hibbs came 7th at the same event where 28 teams took part.

Tom Trattner and Harry Hainey scored a 1 game high at the Cricket Club on July 10.

A great day for Richard Cripps and his lead, 2nd year Novice Ronan Corr. They won the West Toronto Groundskeeper's Trophy tournament on July 15. They also won the bounty wine from last year's winners and scored a perfect end – 8 points for their "Hot Shot" pins from OLBA.

At the same event, Steve Walsh & Peter Stuart-Sheppard won 2nd high 2 game. ◆

Jim Elliott

District Seniors Gold Medalists

Trebles team Meno Jose, Ron Larking & Ken Uyesugi captured gold at Balmy Beach. Photo by Jim Elliott

Spectators Galore for District MPs

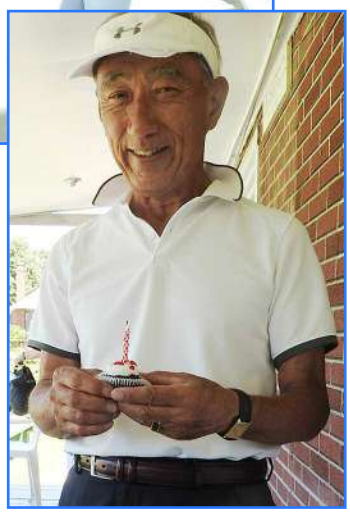
Story & photos Ann Nicholson ~ Spectators outnumbered bowlers as they cheered on their favourites from our veranda during the District Mixed Pairs on the week-end of July 7/8.

The five teams from Cosburn, four from Balmy Beach and one from West Toronto provided some fine bowling and lots of suspense.

In the the semi-finals, Richard Cripps & Sandy Johnson lost by one point to Rick and Erin Chambers of Balmy. Veteran Joe Green with Novice Andrea Hampton of Balmy beat our Ken Uyesugi & Jan Luke with a narrow 21-19. So it was an all Balmy final with Joe and Andrea winning the day. ◆

L-R Sandy Johnson, Richard Cripps, Jan Luke & Ken Uyesugi.

A very big thank-you to the many Volunteers who made this event possible!



Post game pursuits: Happy Birthday cup-cake for Ken.

A snooze on Sophie's shoulder for Richard.

Tournament Newbie Workshop *Basics of Tournament Play*

By Hilda Ureña (West Toronto Lawn Bowling Club) ~ I really enjoy lawn bowling but after playing for a few years I could not improve my game. I asked some Cosburn players at a tournament how Cosburn members played so well. They told me about the club's workshops.

I contacted Coaching Chair Mary Lou Richards to ask if I could participate in her workshops. She kindly extended an invitation to my club members as well as others.

I enjoyed the dynamic of the workshops. I have acquired a lot of information that I can apply in tournament play as well as in club games. For example, no more dead ends – re-spot the jack at the two metre mark. Remove a bowl that was released and did not travel the 14 metres from the mat.

After in-class workshops we practised what we had learned on the greens. It was great to have the help of certified coaches who are also competitive bowlers dedicating their time and patience to help us correct our "bad habits". I personally benefited from the workshops and now I will practise what I learned. I recommend Mary Lou's future workshops to bowlers who want to improve their skills.

I take this opportunity to thank the coaches who dedicated their precious time to assist us and Cosburn Park LBC for the use of the greens. ◆

Duties of the VICE

By Karen Bell ~

1. Help leads with getting out and putting away rakes, mats and jack.
2. Help the leads whenever necessary.
3. Be ready to signal skip if a bowl stops out of bounds.
4. Play bowls alternately with opposing vice. Ensure at least two bowls in the head. Should be capable of bowling a runner or block shot if requested.
4. **Be in the game at all times.** When skip is bowling, don't volunteer information, but respond to requests for information regarding the count, best hand to play and placement of bowls. *Vice can only communicate with skip when your team has possession of the mat.*
6. Always be ready to stop hit bowls from going onto adjacent rinks. Also be ready to avoid collisions of wide bowls with those on neighbouring rinks. A neighbouring bowl can be lifted and replaced to allow your skip's bowl to roll through.
7. Stand back after skip releases bowl in case bowls get knocked back towards your feet.

8. At conclusion of the end, assess the count; measure if necessary. Don't let a bowl be taken out until you're OK with it. You can request a measure. If other vice refuses to measure, you can do it yourself. If measure is in dispute, ask skip on neighbouring rink to double-check. Both vices should move out of the head while this happens.
9. Communicate score to your skip clearly with "taps" on top of head or side of leg to indicate "up" or "down" score.
10. Both vices kick in bowls to speed up the raking. ◆

Club coach and former teacher Tom Trattner, along with several Cosburn volunteers, introduced a group of 40 or so phys-ed teachers to the sport of lawn bowls on July 13. The teachers, many of whom work in East York, were completing advanced training at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).

"They picked up the basics quickly," said Tom. "They're all athletic and very competitive." For first-time bowlers, it was remarkable how many bowls were chalked and how few wrong biases were thrown.

The event was an opportunity to build awareness of the sport within the school system. "There's a changeover happening in lawn bowling," said Tom. "Younger people are joining." Showing phys-ed teachers that lawn bowling is a challenging and fun activity is a way of influencing the influencers – with the ultimate goal of having them promote lawn bowling to their own students. ~ Martin Zibauer

ERRATA or SORRY, WE SCREWED UP in the JUNE issue of *Bowling Matters*:

Debbie Weatherbed – you slaved all day in the kitchen at Sophies' tournament and we neglected to thank you.

Judy Hemming –you baked delicious brownies for Sophie's tourney and we only mentioned Bonnie's famous scones. ◆

Wild Bill on Life After 80

Wild Bill Haskins

The doctor gave me a prescription for pills and told me to take one every day for the rest of my life. I had the prescription filled but had to rush home and call the doctor back and ask, "HAD HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING?" The prescription was for **60 Pills with No Refills!**

I've had my **Driver's Licence** since I was 16. When I turned 80 they said I needed to be retested every 2 years thereafter. From what I have seen on the road lately, I think this should apply to those who have been driving for only 1 year.

Remember, LIFE is GOOD.

Gardener's Choice

By Martin Zibauer ~ "It's a bit overgrown right now. I keep leaving the clippers on my kitchen counter," says Margaret Donaldson. "Maureen, you should call me to remind me to put them in my purse."

Margaret has long taken care of the flower bed on the east side of the clubhouse, along with Cosburn's hanging planters, but this year she has been joined by Peter White, who is working on another bed abutting the tennis club fence. Peter, a long-time gardener, is starting with a backbone of perennials. "Once they're established, they're a lot less work." Margaret agrees, though she likes to mix in a few annuals too.

Much of the neighbourhood around the club's site was once used for market gardens to supply produce to the city of Toronto. Peter hopes to revive that tradition at Cosburn, on a small scale. He's planted a few vegetables among the flowers, notably some cucumber plants that "were being tossed at Loblaws," he says. "Who knows, maybe we can harvest them for the Labour Day lunch."

They both agree that they garden for their own pleasure ("I love doing it," says Margaret) and to help improve the club. But between the two of them, there's a visible difference in planting style – Peter's is more formal; Margaret's is looser – and a playful rivalry. "Oh, he better stay out of my plot," says Margaret, lowering her voice with mock gravity. "He's been warned." ◆

Next Time:

Simcoe Day Jitney

Sundae Monday

2-Day Combo 4s

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Send us your bowling related stories & pictures along with ideas for another great season at CPLBC ~ *Ann Nicholson*

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