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Bowling Matters

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L-R Silver medalists Ron Larking & Ken Uyesugi with Gold medalists Harry Hainey & Tom Trattner.

THE GIANT KILLERS

(Thanks for the headline, Mike M.)

Special congratulations to Harry Hainey & Tom Trattner on winning Gold in the District Men's Pairs.

They battled national champ Steve McKerihen and his son in game one. They beat another national player, Dave Anderson, in game two.

They won the finals at the West Toronto club playing against our own Ken Uyesugi and Ron Larking with a score of 21 to 20 in the last end.

Other results: Ken & Ron won Silver; Richard Cripps & Meno Jose came 4th; Keith Park & Dave Carruthers placed 5th; David Leeman & Rick Mitchell, 6th.

Cathy Larking Captures Provincial Singles Bronze

Cosburn's Cathy Larking went to Belleville where she won Bronze in the Provincial Singles Championships. She will go on to the Nationals in Regina and, if successful, to Australia for the "Worlds". Cathy also is due to compete in Regina in the Fours [see page 5]. Congratulations, Cathy!

Cosburn's Mary Lou Richards, Nanci Myers & Cathy Larking teamed up with other District 10 players in the Provincial Women's 4s at Leaside.

For news on how other Cosburn members did in District & Provincial Championships, see page 5.

Check it out!
There is nowhere quite like Sophie's!

Special thanks to Sophie and George Starfas, owners of Sophie's Sports Bar and Grill, our longest supporting sponsor.

George Starfas

For over a decade now, Sophie's has sponsored our spring Mixed Pairs Tournament. George (Mr. Sophie) usually joins us on the greens to cheer on the bowlers at the start of the first game.

Sophie's is just two blocks west of our club – a popular watering hole for Cosburn bowlers. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights will find many of us on Sophie's patio re-hashing our games over a pint of beer or a glass of vino. Inside locals gather to watch important sporting events on the large screens.

At Sophie's, you are warmly greeted by name and promptly served your favourite drink. Whether you need a snack or a hearty meal, Sophie's offers home-style cooking at a reasonable price. See you at Sophie's! ◆

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Something Fun and Exciting Must be Happening

By Martin Zibauer ~ **Toronto Rainbowlers** annual Pride Celebration, on June 20, was a mix of tradition and novelty. As always, the club's rainbow flag projected from the porch roof, and smaller flags brightened up the grounds. Liz Hughes led a team of volunteers who built a rainbow balloon arch – in record time this year, she says. Club President Frank Hibbs again rocked his shocking pink polo shirt, and Jordan Stewart's baby pink short shorts made a brief appearance.

Don Middleton, Clayton Wilson, and Meno Jose, who sponsor Toronto Rainbowlers, held court around the picnic benches. And two long-standing traditions combined in the hybrid greeting of "Happy Pride and Good Bowling!"

Along with tradition came new developments. The attendance for the event hit a new high – 46 on the greens and another 15 or so watching the games.

New Rainbowlers no longer hear about the group mainly through our connections with the city's LGBT curling leagues or through friends of bowlers, but are also coming from our outreach campaigns on Facebook and other social media, by googling us, and through word-of-mouth in the community.

One new Rainbowler told us she simply walked by the club. Seeing the rainbow flag, she knew something fun and exciting must be happening there. Turns out, she was right. ◆

Following The Winners' Trail

While we congratulate our members who have been busy winning Gold, Silver & Bronze in District and Provincial competitions (see pages 1 & 5), *Winners' Trail* has only received two reports to date…

June 2 - Well done, novices Peter White and Rachel Jones who won the Cobourg MP.

Congratulations to Jim Elliott who, with two players from West Toronto, won the Mixed Triples at Kew Beach on June 16.

Tournament bowlers: keep sending me fodder for *Following the Winners' Trail* ~ *Ann Nicholson* ◆

Steamy Sunday for Sophie's Popular Mixed Pairs

By Ann Nicholson ~ With temperatures inching up to the low 40s, 26 teams from Brampton, Kew, Willowdale, Balmy, Agincourt, Pickering, & Cosburn sweated out three 12-end games on Sunday, June 17.

Tournament Directors' Nightmare

Before the games could begin, tournament directors Mary Lou Richards (above L) and Mary Hainey were one team short. Mary had been taking registrations since January, but late Saturday night one team cancelled.

One team short? Yes! Mary Lou and Mary agree. However, thanks to Cosburn's Jan Luke & Ken Uyesugi dropping out, the games began just five minutes after schedule.

Earlier in the morning, our long-time sponsor, George Starfas of Sophie's Sports Bar & Grill, dropped by to wish us well. Besides his generous monetary support, George added two double packs of wine to the prizes.

Unlikely Tims Card Winners & Bounty Losers

Karen & Tom Marley. George Crighton & Diane Boyd. Peter Wong & Vera Richardson, pictured at right, who suffered the further indignity of losing to Mark Bernstein & Zee Jones the wine bounty they earned from winning last year's Sophie's tournament.

Many thanks to Karen Price, Pat D'Hondt & Vivian Harlow who kept everyone cool with watermelon, ice, and cold drinks. Thank you also Bonnie Hibbs for baking your famous scones. ◆

2018 Winners *It was close. Mark Bernstein & Zee Jones, Willowdale, won with 50 + 4 and 23 points against.*

Peter White & Tiina Korjus of Cosburn came a close 2nd with 50 + 3 and 21 against.

Perhaps it was the heat that caused the uninhibited reactions to winning!

Quirks of the "Provincial 4s"

By Ann Nicholson ~ Sometimes the camaraderie among competitive bowlers is heart warming. For example, the Men's 4s competitors included bowlers from Cobourg and Cosburn. Where did Cobourg's Skip, Bob B, stay overnight? At Cosburn's Ron and Cathy L's place, of course.

Women's Fours

Then there are bowlers who team up with members from other clubs in the province, hoping to win Gold. It's all legit with the OLBA to bowl with players from other clubs, but it makes it hard for spectators to decide which team to support. One hybrid team – three players from Willowdale plus Cosburn's Nanci Myers – won Gold in the **Women's 4s** at Leaside recently.

In the finals, Nanci's team beat Mary Lou Richards (S), Cathy Larking (V), both Cosburn's own. Two Leasiders completed this foursome which won Silver.

Cosburn's Laila Hassan, plus three Willowdalers, scooped the Bronze.

All three teams go on to Regina in August for the Nationals.

In the **Men's 4s**, Ken Uyesugi, Ron Larking, Dave Carruthers & President Frank, four thoroughbred Cosburnites, beat Bob Bates' Cobourg team by a cliff hanging 16-15. Alas, Cosburn failed to make it to the finals. A team from Southwest Ontario won the Provincial title.

Other News: District Pairs – Nail Biting Suspense at West Toronto

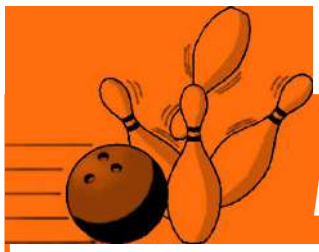
An exciting weekend with 13 men's teams and three women's competing. Of the 16 teams, six call Cosburn home. *See page 1 for Men's results.*

Kim McNulty & Elaine McSween of Balmy won the Women's Pairs. Cosburn's only team of Freda Trattner & Judy Hemming lost to both Balmy Beach teams. ◆

Three Willowdale players with Cosburn's Nanci Myers (2nd from R) won gold.

Bronze winners: three Willowdalers including former Cosburn member Chrystal Shephard & Cosburn's Laila Hassan (R).

(L-R) 2 Leasiders with Cosburn's Mary Lou Richards & Cathy Larking won silver.



10-PIN Bowling

The Kennedy Seniors Mixed 10-Pin Bowling League is looking for new members. 12-14 teams of senior men and women play on Wednesday at 1:00 pm at Kennedy bowl at Lawrence Ave. and Kennedy Rd. (White Shield Plaza).

Several Cosburn members already belong to this league so you won't be among strangers. The league starts the first Wednesday after Labour Day in September. If you are interested, call League President **David Sills** at **416-498-9511**. The cost is $16 per day. For more information, speak to Mike Vince. ◆

Duties of the LEAD

1. Help vices with getting out and putting away rakes, mats and jack.
2. Lay the mat and line it up with the rink numbers.
3. Roll the jack and, with **clear** hand signals, help your skip to centre it.
4. Play bowls alternately with the opposing lead. Try to get at least one (preferably two) near the jack.
5. If your team wins the end, kick the bowls into a row, pick up the jack and set the mat for the next end.
   If your team loses the end, be ready to rake the bowls back to a starting position as soon as the vices have agreed on the score. ◆

WHAT A CLUB this would be if Everyone did just HALF of what they expect Others to Do.

AN APPEAL FROM JAN LUKE

Come On! Lend a Hand!!

Recently, I was asked to write about setting up equipment before and after jitneys.

Yes, I know there are volunteers who run the draw. But wouldn't it be helpful if others, instead of just sitting on the veranda, assisted by bringing out the ground sheets, mats, jacks and rakes?

Posted inside the club house, you'll find a schedule for the rinks to be used, so it's easy to know the correct placement for the equipment. Also, please note that all the "stuff" we use in our jitneys must be returned to the sheds after your game. **So What Are You Waiting For... Come on! Lend a Hand!** ◆

Our Delivery and Weight Control Workshop

By Mary Lou Richards ~ This session had mostly first, second and third year bowlers in attendance with guests from Leaside, West Toronto & Balmy Beach.

We started with a review on grip, stance and smooth delivery with emphasis on being aware of what you do and doing the same thing to improve consistency. Watching the bowls finish connects action with results helping with adjustment on weight and line for the next delivery. Two new bowlers who are already members also came to listen and get more coaching.

Eight rinks were set up for some fun drills with bowlers discovering their natural weight, drawing to different lengths and practising some heavier shots. In the end, Thane Tweyman, who has only bowled three times, got top prize for drawing to targets with greatest consistency.

Thank you to our club coaches for their invaluable help with setting up rinks and helping out players giving tips and advice on how to improve their deliveries. ◆

LIQUID CHALK: USE AT YOUR PERIL

By Jan Luke ~ You probably know why a bowl is chalked. Well, this is not about that – it's about the chalk. Recently, liquid chalk has become available in Dollar stores. It's easy to use and falls within the rules. However, be careful: a Cosburn member got some on her clothes and it won't wash out! BE WARNED. ◆

Cosburn's New Web Presence

By now, you've heard that the club has a revamped website at www.cosburnbowls.ca

The site is still growing and changing, with user-friendly features to help you keep up with Cosburn happenings:

THE EVENTS CALENDAR shows club games, tournaments, special events, and more. It's viewable by day, week, or month and you can choose to show only tournaments, say, or special events if that's what you need. You can even subscribe so our calendar appears on your personal online calendar.

CLICKING ON A CALENDAR event shows you all the details: times, costs, contact info, dress code, etc.

The site has just launched BOWLING MATTERS ONLINE, a web companion to this newsletter. We'll include top stories from the newsletter and other relevant content for Cosburn members.

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OUR NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION forms for membership have proven popular—almost half of our members have registered online, an excellent initial response. More online registration means a more accurate membership list and less-stressed volunteers.

The site also includes SPONSOR INFORMATION so you can support the organizations that support the club – as well as pages for Cosburn's COACHING PROGRAM, TORONTO RAINBOWLERS, and the club's proud HISTORY of champion bowlers.

The site is now MOBILE-FRIENDLY, meaning it works (with a few minor quirks) on your smartphone and tablet.

We've also made an important shift in our FACEBOOK presence. In previous years, we operated a Facebook "group," which is a bit like a closed-door meeting – only the people who are already inside the group have any idea what's going on. Almost three-quarters of our members weren't part of the group. Now we have a FACEBOOK "PAGE," which means we've opened the doors so new people – potential members, friends, and others – can see how much fun we have. Anyone can post messages and bowling photos on the page (our page moderators will review them first) and the page is a great source of updates on club news and events.

We've already attracted some new members who tell us they learned about the club because of our Facebook presence. We're excited to introduce a new audience to lawn bowls.

Visit the club's Facebook page at facebook.com/cosburnbowls
~ Martin Zibauer

Wild Bill Haskins

Wild Bill Says...

TTC News: The TTC is thinking of replacing their GLASS bus shelters with CAGES WITH PERCHES so people will feel more at home when they stand there TWEETING & TWITTERING on their electronic devices.

BUSINESS News: Pillow manufacturers are upset that the price of goose feathers has doubled. NOW EVEN THE PRICE OF "DOWN" is UP.

Remember, LIFE is GOOD.

A Night Out with Nygård

by Rachel Jones~ Tanya Trachtenberg, a Nygård Stylist and Representative, visited the club on Saturday, June 9, to showcase Nygård's 2018 Summer collection.

Sixteen women attended and spent around $700 between them. This translates into $100 worth of Nygård clothing which Nygård will donate for a silent auction to be held at our President's Dinner on October 27.

Several Cosburn women (Sandi W., Sandy J., Mary Lou, Rachel), as well as Leaside's Jeanette Del Carlo acted as models for this attractive collection of clothing.

Because the event was so successful, Nygård will be returning to the club in September to reveal its Winter collection.

The hope is to have an equally successful sale, so that we have another $100 worth of Nygård clothing available for the silent auction at the President's Dinner.

An email and sign-up sheet will be available at the club house prior to the September Show – date to be confirmed. ◆

Editor's Note: contact NygardStyle.com for a catalogue or info on becoming a Stylist.

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