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Cosburn Captures District 10 Men's & Women's Novice Triples – Congratulations!

District 10 Novice Men's Triples Champion (L) Peter Stuart-Sheppard.

Women's Champs (L-R) Lesley Ferries, Sandy Ford and Betty McQuay.

Cosburn's Lesley Ferries and Betty McQuay with teammate Sandy Ford (Balmy) won the District Novice playdowns and went to Kingston to compete in the Provincials. Unfortunately, they were eliminated on day one.

On the men's side, Peter Stuart-Sheppard, along with teammates Rick Mitchell (Kew) and Robert Hunter (Balmy) won the District Novice playdowns and also competed in the Provincial Championships in Kingston, August 24-25.

Peter told Bowling Matters: "We experienced a lovely weekend in Kingston at the Provincial Novice Triples Championship. The team enjoyed meeting novices from all over the province and some great competitive bowling before eventually losing an elimination game to Port Credit on day two.

"The Kingston LBC led by President Louise St. John were very welcoming, and volunteers from the Kingston, Belleville and Cambellford Clubs all helped make for a wonderful summer weekend of bowling in the Limestone City." ◆

COSBURN'S FLOAT in the East York Canada Day Parade made headlines in The East York Chronicle.

Chartwell Avondale Perfect Day for it!

By Ann Nicholson ~ Fifty-some meat eaters and five vegetarians feasted on their chosen burgers, hot dogs, chicken, corn, potato salad, posh Perrier beverages and all the trimmings at Chartwell Avondale's Annual BBQ.

A slight hotdog emergency: Chef Rodrigo forgot to load them! Not to worry! His new boss, Chrissy Kelton, Avondale's Retirement Living Consultant, popped back to base and 20 minutes later, we were all lining up.

Chrissy takes over from Lucas Di Giovanni, who has been promoted. She hails from a small town near Windsor and confesses to feeling passionate about her job. ◆

Thanks to Pat D., Karen P., Vivian H., & Deanna W. for kitchen support and clean up.

Lucky door prize winners: Janice Allan (right of Chrissy): $25 LCBO Gift Certificate. Jim Elliott: $25 Canadian Tire Gift Certificate.

There's more than one way to cook breakfast sausages.

Simcoe Day Jitney & Pancake Brunch

Cosburnites love to eat. With a feast of pancakes, maple syrup, sausages and berries washed down with orange juice and coffee, who can blame them?

Around 40 hungry people turned out for the Simcoe Day Pancake Brunch. Ron Larking & Ken U. manned the grill. In the kitchen, Jan & Cathy Larking handled the rest.

After the feast, everyone staggered out to the green for some much-needed exercise. ◆

Washed Out!
Cosburn's 10th Annual Novice Tournament

By Ann Nicholson ~ Relentless rain spoiled 66 novices' hopes of winning this popular tourney and the magnificent set of bowls donated by Dan Milligan of MVP Sports.

Huddled in the clubhouse, bowlers made the best of it with Bonnie's Chelsea Buns and lots of coffee brewed by Jan and Nanci in the kitchen.

Ron Jr. and President Frank were soaked to the skin having hopefully set up the greens only to take them down again!

For some, next year will be too late to enter this tourney. You're only a novice for five years! ◆

Dispirited novice bowlers huddle in the clubhouse, hoping for the rain to end.

***OLBA umpires** Jan Bauer and Doreen Sempler gave a master class on some of the finer points of lawn bowling.*

But all was not lost...

Top ranking OLBA umpires, Jan Bauer and Doreen Sempler, spent over an hour answering novices' eager questions and clarifying bowling jargon:

"We never roll anything. We deliver."

"Unless both vices agree, there is no score."

Doreen & Jan discussed rink awareness, wedging the jack, and how to correctly measure when the jack is in the ditch.

Cosburn Lends Kew the Greens for "Sweetheart" Tourney & Scoops Some Top Prizes

For the second time this season, Kew's east green was flooded and Cosburn came to the rescue. Mary & Harry Hainey (left) won the tournament. Freda & Tom Trattner (right) won 2-game hi and Rachel Jones with Peter White won 3rd 2-game hi. ◆

Laila Hassan's Clinic for NEW VICES & SKIPS

Approximately 15 newly promoted vices and skips attended Laila's information-packed August 27th clinic.

Laila covered the responsibilities involved: skips provide leadership and should encourage their team. Observe your team's strengths and weaknesses (and those of your opponent) and strategize accordingly.

Vices must be able to play various challenging shots as requested by the skip. It's not just about drawing to the jack!

Vices and skips share some responsibilities – they must analyze the head and see the possibilities, communicate information and give direction (when needed) to the player who is bowling.

Laila also covered the geometry of draw shots versus blockers, taps or take-outs, measuring, etiquette, teamwork and positioning of bowls.

If you missed this one, you missed a lot of good information. ◆

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Kelly James (R) awards the door prize to Jeanette Del Carlo of Leaside. Kelly, who has been working for Delmanor for 14 years now, said: "I love my job."

Fun & Games at President's Trophy Women's Pairs

Harry Hainey & Tom Trattner were two of the guys who wore the (in)famous aprons to wait on the women contestants of the annual President's Trophy Tournament, catered by our popular sponsor, Kelly James of Delmanor Retirement Residences.

Chrystal holds a certificate presented by Mike Mogan to mark her 25 years of lawn bowling. (More on this next month, when Chrystal will be writing about Legends Sam & Marg Anderson). ◆

2nd Hi 2-game -- (L-R) Rachel Jones & Nancy Lord (Cosburn).

3rd Hi 3-game -- (L-R) Lesley Ferries & Sandy Ford (Balmy).

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Elections for the Board of Directors are coming up. We need one more person for the Nomination Committee to help identify candidates to manage the club. If you are interested in helping management in any capacity, please volunteer. **IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE.**

LEGEND OF THE MONTH

Reflections on the 1965 Roster

By Past President Eric Brands

Hec Scott lived directly across the street from the Club. Played regularly in jitneys. He was "Club Gadget Man." If you needed measuring devices, he would find a way to make them. Very good at it. Nice man, besides.

Roy Stone I knew him as the Henselite rep. Bought my first set of bowls ($183) from him. He participated in afternoon games.

Margaret Walford a great bowler. Nice lady. Participated in all Club activities. Head Coach. When my wife Helen, Kelli (my daughter), and I joined, she taught us. In June 1984, she invited Helen and I to a night jitney and strawberry festival at Humberside Lawn Bowling Club. The greens were like an uncut front lawn. We won! In 1987, Margaret became the Ontario Ladies' Singles Champion.

Jack Walford Nice man. Tough as nails on the greens. Participated in jitneys and tournaments. When he was upset, get out of the way. A runner was coming! Played in tournaments with Eleanor Bain (a longtime member) and myself in several events.

Lorry Bates Ontario 4s Champion twice over. Lorry invited Helen, Kelli and I to join Cosburn in order to get her husband, Don, interested. (I worked with Don for 25 years.) In my opinion, Lorry was the best lady skip at Cosburn in 40 years. Tough as you can get. Probably the best draw bowler ever at Cosburn and in tournaments.

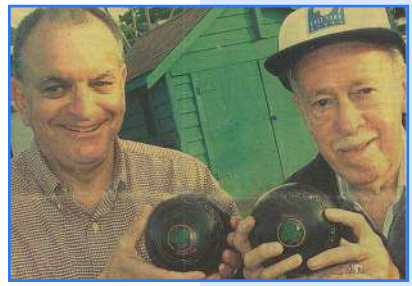
When events were held at Cosburn, Lorry's baking was prominent, especially the lemon squares. Lots of recipes were distributed to members.

Lorry was also a great knitter. Many members were grateful recipients of her sweaters, bowl socks, etc. To this day, on a chilly evening, Lorry's treasured sweaters still put in an appearance.

Lorry's Accomplishments:

(*photo*) Ontario Ladies' Pairs, 1989, with Kelli Brands
Ontario Ladies' 4s, 1993, with Kelli Brands, Pat Gemmell & Helen Brands
Ontario Ladies' 4s, 1995, with Marg Anderson, Pat Gemmell & Helen Brands
Cosburn Open Ladies' Triples 1990 & 1991, with Kelli Brands, & Helen Brands.

These ladies were also dominant at many outside tournaments. ◆



Eric Brands

Eric chose to base his story on bowlers he recognized in the 1965 Roster. He joined CPLBC in 1983 along with his wife Helen and daughter Kelli. Pictured here on the left with the legendary Jack Christie, Eric served as President in 1998, 1999, 2004 and 2005. (The photo ran with an interview with the now defunct *Town Crier* during CPLBC's 75th Anniversary.)

Before retiring, Eric was Assistant VP and Office Manager at Gooderham & Worts where he worked for many years with Don Bates, Sr. While many people today think of G & W as distillers of Whiskey, the plant also handled antifreeze for Dow Chemicals in Sarnia. "We'd bottle it, put it in cases, and ship it to Canadian Tire. We also made industrial alcohol for hospitals and, believe it or not, for Coca Cola & Pepsi."

Eric is still a force on the tournament circuit. His specialty: men's 4s with Bob Bates, Ken Uyesugi and Dave Carruthers. ◆

50 Ice Cream Lovers Attend Sundae/Monday

Thanks to June & Bill Haskins who delivered the goods from sponsor Steve Frantzis – owner of **Broadview Avenue Dairy Queen**.

Ice cream and your choice of topping went down well on a hot evening after bowling. Twelve Rainbowlers turned out to join us. Unlike the rest of us, they played a second game after the feast. ◆

Rob Charland & Richard Dini enjoying their ice cream.

Yummy! Did I leave room for some cherries?

ROZ, BETTY & JAN
served pancakes on Simcoe Day

What Will You Do?

Colour Me CRAZY Contest

As part of our ongoing 90th Birthday Celebrations, we held two "wildest colour top contests" – one for afternoon bowlers and the second for the evening crowd. Prizes: bottles of our signature Birthday Vino, of course.

Thank you Clown Toons Kelly (a.k.a. David Marcotte) who added bottles of his own 70th Birthday Wine to the prizes. ◆

1st prize daytime: Deanna Wolf (above). 2nd prize daytime: Sharon Revoy (L).

1st prize evening: Murray Fenner (above). 2nd prize evening: Vivian Henderson – sorry, Vivian, can't find your picture. Other winners: (top right) Josh Mudrick and (R) Chris Harron.

Following The Winners' Trail

Mary Lou Richards, Peter Stuart-Sheppard & Meno Jose won all three games and placed 2nd in the Leaside Open Trebles (one novice) on July 27.

Mary Lou Richards, Kevin Boyce, Rachel Jones & Hossein Zhian (Willowdale) won all their 7 games to win Agincourt's Combo 4s on July 28.

A three-game win for Richard Cripps who, with three bowlers from other clubs, placed 4th out of 32 teams at the Gold Cup in Oshawa on August 3rd.

Nanci Myers, with Elaine McSween of Balmy: 3rd Hi 3-game winner Ladies' Pairs, Ladies' Three-Day in Kitchener, Aug. 2-3.

Winners: Nanci Myers, with an outside player in Morrison Memorial Trophy MP in Oshawa, Aug. 5.

Nanci Myers, with non-Cosburnites, won the MTs at Markham on Aug. 7.

Tom Trattner & Mary Lou Richards tied for Hi 2-game at Balmy Beach MP on Aug. 8.

Wed. Aug. 14, 2nd Hi 3-game at Richmond Hill: Nanci Myers women skip with another player.

Freda Trattner & Frank Hibbs won 3 games and placed 2nd in Port Perry on Aug. 15.

Aug. 22, 1st place in the Oshawa Ladies Triples: Nanci Myers with other players.

Aug. 24, Leaside Anniversary MT, Hi 2-game: Nanci Myers playing with non-Cosburnites.

Aug. 25 at Agincourt in the Wheler Family Memorial, MP winner, hi 3-game Nanci Myers and an outside player. ◆

(L-R) Ron Sellen Jr., Sandy Johnson and Bev Lennox came second at the RCYC Nancy Smith Tournament on Aug. 10. Colleen Neely, Michael Seberras and novice Lorraine Quartaro came third.

On Aug. 21, Keith Park and Richard Cripps with Marina Dranitsaris (Balmy) came first in the Delmanor MT held at West Toronto. Tom Trattner, Karen Bell and Peter Stuart-Sheppard finished second.

2019 Canadian Lawn Bowling Championships

The "Nationals" are being held at Kitchener's Heritage Greens and the Burlington LBC Aug. 20-30. Development Squad member Cathy Larking is attending. ◆

"The small circle goes on the inside."

Upcoming...

Labour Day Jitney & Burgers

Mon., Sept. 2
Sign up in the club for a burger. We're not a fast food joint; if you don't sign up, millions will not be served.
Lunch at noon; first game at 1 pm.

It's also **Volunteer Appreciation Day plus more birthday prizes and surprises!**

Rainbowlers' Flip Flop Tourney

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IN MY DAY...

We were taught:
HEADS UP,
EYES FRONT,
CHIN IN &
CHEST OUT

TODAY IT'S...

HEAD DOWN,
EYES DOWN,
CHIN DOWN,
THUMBS UP,
ready for your cell phone, i-pad, tablet & computer.

IN MY DAY...

There was a famous coffee shop (Fran's Restaurant) with a great motto: "As you wander thru life, brother, whatever be your goal, keep your eye upon the donut and not upon the hole." TODAY, PEOPLE WITH THEIR EYES DOWN WOULD LOSE THEIR DONUT! ◆

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