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COSBURN PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB
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Bowling Matters

the Voice of Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club

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A Message from President Sandy

Friendship, fun, exercise, fresh air and relaxation are a few of the benefits you receive from being a member of Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club.

I realized this when I joined in 2011. You can be in a friendly jitney or, if you are competitive, in tournaments. I love it all.

When I am not lawn bowling, I play darts once a week and I'm a volunteer and temporary foster home for the charity Redemption Paws.

I will work hard for our Club, listen to members, act on their concerns, and create positive change where needed.

I have some good ideas to keep the club thriving, vibrant and moving forward in 2020.

I will be reaching out to you in the spring to join some new and exciting committees that will keep the bowl rolling. Looking forward to seeing you on the greens. ~ *Sandy*

MEET YOUR BRAND NEW BOARD

Front Row L-R: Mike Mogan (Tournaments); Frank Hibbs (Premises); Sandy Johnson (President).
Back Row: Rachel Jones (Sponsorship & Development); Martin Zibauer (Communications); Ron Sellen, Jr. (Games); Kevin Boyce (Treasurer); Richard Cripps (Vice President); Jerome Nguyen (Secretary); Glynis Bowman (Social). Not pictured: Laila Hassan (Coaching); Mary Lou Richards (Special Events).
Note that the huge portfolio of Publicity & Promotions has been split into three – Sponsorship & Development, Communications, and Special Events.

Afternoon Bowlers Enjoy Their Mandarin Feast

Karen gets some help from David Marcotte.

Top Ten Winners from the Bottom UP:

9 George Crichton, Janet Mather (tied)
8 Noreen Kuroyama
7 Sharon Revoy
6 Ed Laba
5 Maureen Winkie
4 George Ferries
3 Karen Price
2 Ronnie Lau – AWOL, last heard of floating in the Dead Sea, Jordan. (Don't worry, Ronnie, Diane has your winnings!)
#1 AND THE WINNER IS: DAVID MARCOTTE!

Sandy & Noreen tuck into the feast.

A good turnout at this popular end-of-season banquet, run for many years by Lynn & Karen Price

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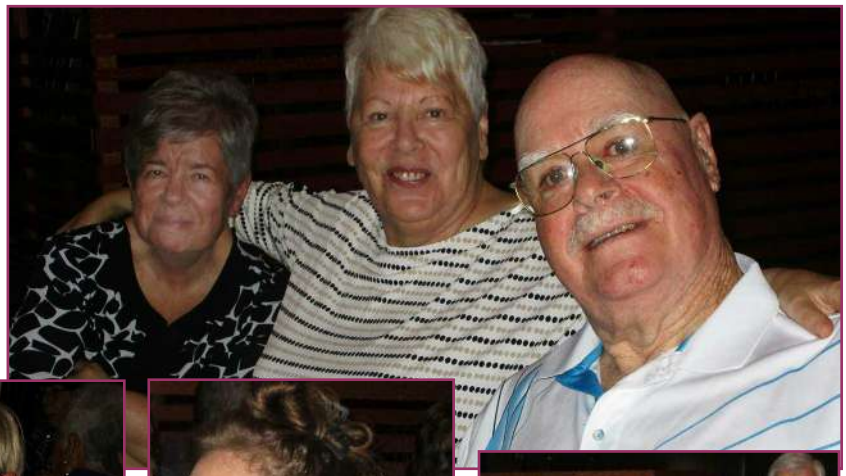
President's Dinner Caps Another Great Season

The annual President's Dinner on November 1st was held at Rally Sports Bar and proved to be a relaxed affair enjoyed by everyone.
The venue was comfortable and a cocktail party atmosphere made for plenty of pre-dinner conversation. Cheerful waitstaff kept us supplied with libations followed by a delicious dinner.

After dinner, emcee Ian Venables introduced incoming President Sandy Johnson who thanked outgoing leader Frank for his four years of very hard work as President and Premises Chair.



Ron Sellen Jr handed out prize money. Sophie Bruton helped give out draw prizes and the big prize: Kevin Boyce won a free membership.

Thanks to the organizing team: Tracey, Ian, Rachel, Jan and Martin. And thanks to sponsors Richard, Ana and Sophie Bruton, Kelly James, Don Middleton and Meno Jose who joined us. ◆

In-Club Prize Winners:

Series 1, Tues. night: Alan Stewart
Series 1, Thurs. night: Peter White

Series 2, Tues. night: Alan Stewart
Series 2, Thurs. night: George Ferries

In-Club Singles
Lead: Bradley Hayward
Skips & Vices: Laila Hassan

In-Club MP
Peter White / Glynis Bowman

Highlights of Cosburn's Successful 90th Year Reviewed at 2019 Fall General Meeting

By newly elected Secretary, Jerome Nguyen

Treasurer Membership at Cosburn has grown from 185 members to 196. Financial statements for 2019 are pending (year-end is November 30th). Current bank balance: $31,097.96 as compared to $24,696.05 last year. GIC balance is $25,527.70, which is an increase of $255.28 (1%) compared to 2018.

Coaching There were over 85 new try outs this year. We gained over 30 new members. Thanks to Keith Park and Tom Trattner for providing coaching sessions.

Clinics were held this year for new bowlers, game strategy, and new vices and skips.

Games The pairs format on Tuesday and Thursday night jitneys was a hit. All the regular and holiday jitneys went well. Twelve teams participated in the in-club triples tournament.

The East York Challenge was held at Leaside Lawn Bowling Club with Leaside winning.

Agincourt and Cosburn Park Fun Night was cancelled. Evening driving not popular with Agincourt members.

Premises The greens received many compliments. The city did some of the requested work, but there is more to do.

Publicity and Promotions CTV News and Beach Metro News covered opening day and Flip-Flop.

Promotional postcards were distributed at the Canada Day parade, attracting three new members.

Bowling Matters newsletter continues to get better thanks to Ann Nicholson and Karen Bell.

The website now has a membership management system.

We gained two new sponsors, Magda Zecevic and Nicholas Banks, and a new supporter for Flip-Flop, Two Blokes Cider. We lost Retire-At-Home.

For 2020, Publicity and Promotions will split into three committees: Communications, Sponsorship & Development, and Special Events.

Social The Social Chair oversaw 20 events. Thanks to all those who baked, served food, and did dishes.

Competition Congratulations to members who won tournaments this year, showing that we remain one of the most competitive clubs in Ontario.

The number of tournament entrants has plateaued. Numbers are down province-wide.

Rainbowlers There are now 58 Rainbowlers (10 more than 2018). Jitneys were busy all season.

Pride Week Open House was well attended.

Kevin Boyce successfully started a Rainbowlers' Aussie Pairs Competitive Series for July.

Flip-Flop had more bowlers than ever (26 teams) and was profitable. Media coverage included CTV News.

Vice President The 90th year celebrations for CPLBC were successful. There was signature wine and a float in the Canada Day parade. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the celebrations successful.

President Frank Hibbs thanked everyone for allowing him to be President for the past four years and thanked those who served on the board. Frank highlighted two accomplishments: Club membership growth (150 members four years ago to 196 members) and having more provincial and national medallists than any other board in the club's history.

New Business
The Club agreed to send a fruit basket to past Treasurer Brian Tagg who is recovering from surgery.

Mike Mogan announced that changes were coming to the Provincial and Novice Championships. Cathy Larking will present the changes to Sandy Johnson. ◆

OLBA Workshop

President Sandy Johnson and Special Events Chair Mary Lou Richards attended an OLBA Workshop held at Woodstock on November 15. The topic was "Empowering Women in Executive Positions." ◆

Wintergreen Indoor Lawn Bowling

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Come out and have some FUN every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.

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Wild Bill

I want to wish everyone

A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

and I want to leave you with something to ponder:

I was talking to someone yesterday who said something that wasn't very nice. I told him I was going to give him a "dirty look," but I noticed he already had one.

If it is "zero" degrees today and it is going to be "twice" as cold tomorrow…
How cold is it going to be?

How come, when you buy a TV "set," you only get one?

Life Is Good.

Indoor Singles National Championships

By Cathy Larking ~ So you think you know how to bowl!

Two Cosburn women (Mary Lou Richards and I) plus two other women and three men qualified to play for Ontario at the Indoor Singles National Championships.

Off to Vancouver, British Columbia, we went to represent our home province, Ontario. This was the first time playing at the Indoor Singles for both Mary Lou and me.

What an incredible surface to bowl on. It is a woven fabric bowling surface stretched over laser levelled plywood over a concrete pad.

We arrived three days early for practice and what a good idea that was. Green speeds were lightning fast (about 16 to 17 seconds) with a tremendous amount of curl. Ready or not, the event started with twelve men and twelve women playing a round robin of singles set play. Set play was also a new experience for Mary Lou and me as it is not played much here in Ontario. Instead of playing to a score of 21, you play 18 ends. Whoever wins the first nine ends wins the first set. You immediately play the same opponent on the same rink for another nine ends. If the same person wins that nine ends, they win the match. If you each win a nine-end set, there is a three-end tiebreaker. In this format you can't afford to go down in score early in the set as nine ends speed by quickly.

Our three days of practice was not quite enough. Once in a game situation the ends became more difficult. If your focus wandered, so did your bowl! Midway through the round robin (after about six games) we started to feel like we could compete and started to win a few sets, even a set or two against the BC players who have the opportunity to play on that surface more often.

Did I enjoy it? Absolutely – it was a great learning experience and a great surface to bowl on. I thought I knew how to bowl but apparently I have much more to learn.

Editor's Note: In her quest to carry on learning, Cathy, with Mary Lou Richards, plus Lan Tran from Agincourt and a friend from BC) entered the US Open Competition in Arizona. Cathy's feedback on the event is on page 7.

Cosburn Novices on the Winners' Trail in the Final Games of the Season

Congratulations to Novices Kevin Boyce, Rachel Jones and Hossein Zhian (Willowdale). They placed 2nd 3-game hi at Oshawa Park Novice Open Triples Sept 28.

Next day, Rachel and Hossein won another 2-game hi at the Willowdale Novice Pairs tournament. ◆

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US OPEN Competition: a FABULOUS Way to Extend the Lawn Bowling Season!

By Cathy Larking ~ Over the past two years, a few people had mentioned the US Open to me. This seemed like a good year to give it a try. With a team of four (myself, Mary Lou Richards from Cosburn, Lan Tran from Agincourt and a friend from BC) we travelled to Sun City, Arizona.

The competition consisted of Pairs, Fours and Singles. You could register to play in any one or all events. Of course, I played in all events!

This competition had 113 women (approx. 43 Canadians) and 230 men (approx. 63 Canadians) registered. Players came from all over: Canada, US, Scotland, Thailand and Australia. The event played at six different venues within 20 minutes of each other, all located amidst huge recreation centres. The grass was brown, fast and smooth with a good draw. The women's fours event was played on artificial surfaces.

Competition was tough but very friendly. The weather was dry, hot and sunny… my kind of weather! My Pairs partner, Lan Tran, and I managed to finish runner-up in the 2nd flight.

Our Fours team made it to the second day, but lost our qualifying game.

There were 80 women playing Singles; we all met challenges along the way, but were happy with our games. Thirteen games in five days… no complaints from me. What a fabulous fun way to extend the lawn bowling season! ◆

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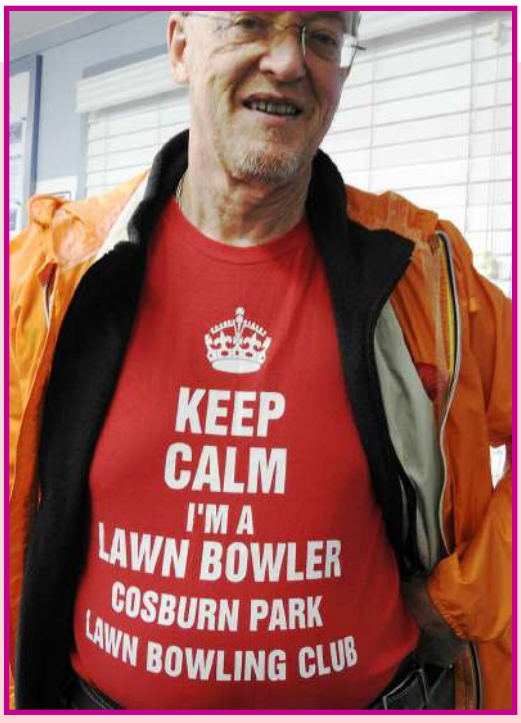

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