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Great
Summer!

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From Your President

To my fellow members, this has been and will continue to be a very different year for me and the club. Who was to know that work would be this slow at the office (and that I am still earning my keeps in Fort McMurray)? Fortunately, you have a very dedicated Executive working hard in every area of club activities to ensure our club is successful.

The Greens Advisory committee has met with the Oak Bay Parks personnel to work through the greens maintenance issues. As mentioned in an earlier email to you all, this is not an overnight fix. Our current dry weather is, unfortunately, not helping in coming up with a solution that everyone will be happy with. Give us some time, the greens will improve.

Editor's Note

We have been having such sunny and dry weather in the past couple of years that our newer bowlers have not had the experience of playing in the rain. Oh yes, play will still continue in the rain and will be delayed only when thunder and lightning strike. You will resume your game as soon as the condition disappears! Hopefully, the illustration in *You've Heard It All* will trigger some much needed precipitation on our island.

Forewarned is forearmed: you will know to pack a rain-proof jacket

A big THANK YOU to all the tournament managers, volunteers, drawmasters and league coordinators who have given their time to the club, without your help our tournaments and draws would not happen.

We still have a good stretch of summer in front of us, with many special events to get involved in. I encourage all of you to participate in as many events as you can, and support your club.

My congratulations to those who have had success in the BSI and our own club tournaments! Also, a warm welcome to our novices this year and to those of you who have recently joined.

Enjoy your bowling at Oak Bay! **AW**

(any colour other than red), loads of towels for drying your bowls, spare socks, perhaps a change of clothes, and large garbage bags to cover your bowling bags. However, one is not allowed to cover your bowls on the greens, and neither is one allowed to carry an umbrella on the greens be it a rainy or sunny day for safety reasons.

There will be many activities in the next few months. See page 5 for *Upcoming Events-Mark Your Calendar*.

On page 4, Donny and Brook enlighten us on *Mat Strategy*.

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Call for Dolce
Our supply of baked goods is fast depleting! Please help in any way you can!



Well done
Website Committee
and to those who
contributed to the
success of the
new website!



Marg serving up
Raspberry Ripples on
Strawberry Tea Day.
Check out strawberry
recipes in our club's
Cookbook!



Members put this
cookbook together
as a fund raiser.
Please see Faith
Magwood for a copy
(\$10).

Editor's Note ... from p.1

It is about time we meet Peter Insley, the incoming president, on page 4.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I am writing my last issue. THANK YOU to those who appreciated my journalism and the exuberant new format of the newsletter, which

Website Audience Overview

The audience of our new website has grown incredibly, and worldwide, since its launch less than one and a half years ago. Here are the statistics.

Our website was viewed by 92 countries, the majority of which were from Canada (over 60%), USA, Australia, Brazil, China, Germany, Japan, Russia, and the U.K. As at early July, there were 9,679 sessions and nearly 40% of these sessions were from new visitors.

Friday Evening Social Bowling

Like our website? You will like our Friday evening social bowling even more!

Everyone who has been to this event has all good things to say about it.

Novice Singles Move On To Champ of Champs At Juan De Fuca LBC

Our club's men's and women's novice competition was played during the evenings of July 15 and 16. It was a round robin format. The weather was ideal, and the play was at a very high level. The novices had obviously paid close attention to the training given by our coaches and helpers, because their game knowledge and skill was truly impressive.

David Anderson finished first, with Bryan Valdal in second, while Melissa Doyle won the women's title with Alyx Valdal finishing second. David and

I created to complement the club's fabulous website.

Please see *Website Audience Overview* below showing how well the club's new website has been doing globally!

Happy Summer! MF

Different users totalled 4,071, and page views were 31,126. The average time spent on the site was four and a half minutes. Top cities which viewed our website were: Victoria, Sun City, View Royal, Sidney, Vancouver, Kelowna, Glendale and Sydney.

Here is another great cyber fact: visitors to our Friday evening social bowling said they came to check out our club because they liked our website. How delightful! 🌿

As many as over 40 people join some of our members to bowl and have great fun on every Friday. If you haven't tried it, come on down. Bring your family, invite friends and neighbours. See you at 6pm! 🌿

Melissa will make fine representatives at the Novice Champ of Champs, September 3-6. It is hoped many of our members will drop by during the tournament to lend support for our novice champs.

Congratulations to all the novices who took part! Each and every one of you are winners. Well done too to Mort Nelson who organized the event, and much appreciation to Dolores Troyer and the other coaches and helpers who devoted many hours to the development of this year's novices. EB

Canada Day Bulldog Challenge – Another Fun Event

Go RED, go! The Red team was the winner and was presented with the Bulldog Pennant. You have bragging rights until next year's challenge. More of this event and photos can be

found on our website.

We were only able to raise \$884 for CHAMP this year, but the club will top it up to \$1,000 🌿



Red Team Won!

Winners @ 80+

Lawn bowling is a sport that you can still play and be a winner in your 80's! Six of our octogenarians took the podium at the BSI Adshead 80+ Triples which was held at the CP Lawn Bowling Club in May. Thirty six very seasoned bowlers from the south

island clubs participated in this event. In first place were Jim Brown (about to turn 90 then), Marion Woiblet and Fern Price. In second place were Hal Yardley, Gerry Emery and Betty Emery.

You did us proud. Well done! 🌿

SUMMER ESSENTIALS



An annual reminder at this time of year: We need to cover up and HYDRATE! Please remember that the warmer it is, the more you'll perspire, so you'll need to drink more during our warmer months.

10 x 9: An Excuse For Celebration

Two special birthday parties were held at Carnarvon House. Our club's latest nonagenarians, Lucy Gething and Jim Brown, celebrated their 90th in June.

Lucy's surprise party was organized by her family, and members were invited to join in the celebration. Jim's party was held after a Thursday Special Draw.

Lucy wishes to thank everyone who kept her surprise birthday party a secret. She enjoyed it very much, and

cannot wait to be 100! Jim Brown also wishes to thank everyone who was there to make his special day a memorable one. You are very welcome Jim! Thank you for buying us a drink and for your generous gifts to those who were so lucky to win them at the special lucky draw.

Both of you have set a great example of good health and cheer. We hope to be as active as you when we get to your age!

Well done Lucy and Jim! 🌿



Mat Strategy

This strategy is often seen played at our club. Newer bowlers can benefit from the moral of this story of a real incident. The author would like to remain anonymous.

During a game of pairs, a husband named "Donny" and his wife "Brook" played opposite each other as Leads. It came to pass that Donny, being a scallywag, decided to place the mat right up at the hog line. He was more daring than skilful, and promptly

delivered the jack into the ditch. Brook immediately moved the mat back to a point two metres from the rear ditch and was directed by her Skip to deliver a long jack. Knowing that if she delivered the jack into the ditch, it would be automatically set at the two metre mark, Brook confidently drove it down the rink, and into the ditch. Surely her Skip would be pleased? Wrong!

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SMILE Card

Currently, we're some \$600 short of our target of \$3,000. If you haven't joined the program to raise funds for our club, please contact Mark Lee. If you have a card, please remember to use it! We aim to purchase a commercial dishwasher and a Defibrillator.

SPLASHING OUT!
 Thanks to our ardent Garden volunteers, every corner of our gardens is splashed with exuberance. Enjoy these photos that were captured for the sheer splendor of colours.



Getting To Know You – Peter Insley



Peter will be our club’s next President. He usually prefers to keep a low profile but has agreed to share his biography with us. Here it is.

My wife and I came across the club’s Open House notice two years ago, and we came to give lawn bowling a try. Little did I know that it didn’t take long before the indomitable Mort Nelson persuaded me to fill an unexpected vacancy on the Board. With some serious trepidation, I agreed to fill this void that has left me in the position of 1st Vice President

Since my appointment, the reassurances that many members would provide me with the necessary support to an area that I am relatively inexperienced and new to, have followed through. And I thank you all.

While studying Commerce and Law at UBC, I was involved in student politics and the radio station, becoming the commerce representative on the student council, and later the commerce/law representative on the UBC Senate. Extracurricular activities included skiing, and on one and only occasion, parachuted whilst being a member of the Varsity Outdoor Club.

After University, I spent four months backpacking throughout Europe, travelling as far north as Trondheim, Norway, south to Morocco, and east

to Budapest. On a somewhat adventurous student tour from Prague to Budapest, I experienced firsthand a bit of the cold war. At the Czechoslovakia entry point, I was denied entry and given the option of obtaining a new photo for my London acquired visa or abandoning the tour. I chose to walk back some 300 metres of “no man’s land” to the West German side, with armed guards at my back. Fortunately I was able to obtain a Polaroid photo, walked back to “no man’s land”, and continued on my merry way. What a hairy experience!

Upon returning from Europe, I moved to Victoria to begin articling. Subsequently, I set up a law office with two other partners. After a year, I left to join the prosecution services in the Ministry of the Attorney General, where I spent some 35 years.

My wife, Edda, was born in Bianci, Italy. We have three adult children – a teacher, a municipal employee in Victoria, and an aspiring actor in Toronto. I have two young grandsons. I coached Little League for about ten years. Prior to taking up lawn bowling, I was involved with the Oak Bay Tea Party Society for some thirty years. I have played baseball, football, cricket, bocce, and made wine for many years.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, I look forward to being your president next year. 🍷

Mat Strategy ... from p.3

Brook then watched in horror as Donny, having regained the mat, simply marched it back to the hog line. The end was thus played with the shortest possible jack, and the

look on Donny’s face was that of a cat who just ate the canary! 🌿

“Bowls Canada Boulingrin Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, 2015, Law 10.3”.



July 22 (Wednesday): Visit to **CENTRAL SAANICH LBC**.

July 25 & 26 (Saturday & Sunday): **DORE CUP** – club's Mixed Pairs.

July 31 (Friday): **PIZZA NIGHT** for this season's novices and newcomers. Free pizza for you and your guest. All members (you have to pay) are welcome to join in the occasion. Enjoy bowling, followed by pizza and have a fun time with fellow club members. Please arrive by 5:45pm. Look for sign up sheet in Anderson House.

August 1 (Saturday): **SAGE GREEN**. A new bowler is partnered with an experienced bowler in a random draw. Pre-qualification: Novice bowlers must still have a Lead designation with little or no tournament experience.

August 15 & 16 (Saturday & Sunday): **BSI BATTLE OF THE SEXES**. A Pairs tournament held at our club in which the Ladies teams compete against the Men's teams.

September 4–6 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday): **CHAMP OF CHAMPS**. Winners of our ladies and men's singles as well as winners of our ladies and men's novice singles move on to compete against other local clubs at Juan De Fuca LBC.

September 7 (Monday): **LABOUR DAY QUADDIE**, followed by dinner.

September 9 (Wednesday): Visit to **QUALICUM LBC**.

September 19 & 20 (Saturday & Sunday): **BOWL FOR THE CURE** at Juan De Fuca LBC. A Quaddie format. All funds raised are donated to cancer research. Lots of door prizes!

Tourney Upshot

(Club) May Mixed Quaddie

1st: Mort Nelson, Helen Kempster, David Sinclair & Betty Emery

2nd: Michael Lum, Marcia Thorneycroft, Peter Insley & Faith Magwood

3rd: Linda Cowie, Eric Jones, Jack Coupe & Sylvia Sinclair

North Island McPherson Mixed Fours played at Qualicum Beach

2nd: Brent Merchant, Henriette Ballinger, Susi Merchant & Eric Ballinger

BSI Galleon Mixed Pairs

2nd: Harnam Grewal & Donna Blackstock

(Club) Victoria Day Triples

1st: Harnam Grewal, Mary Forster & Cheryl Stinson/Ronnie Stinson (shared Lead)

2nd: John Nadin, Susi Merchant & JoAnn Edquist

3rd: Al Neumair, Shelley Sidel & Marcia Thorneycroft

BSI Anne Webster Women's Triples

A Section–1st: Betty Walker, Louise Mason & Marcia Thorneycroft

C Section–1st: Kay Alexander, Jennifer Letkeman & Karen Evans

BSI Adshead 80+ Mixed Triples

1st: Jim Brown, Marion Woiblet & Fern Price. 2nd: Hal Yardley, Betty Emery & Gerry Emery

BSI Lynn McElroy Memorial Cup Women's Pairs

B Section–1st: Donna Blackstock & Mary Forster

(Club) Miller Cup Triples

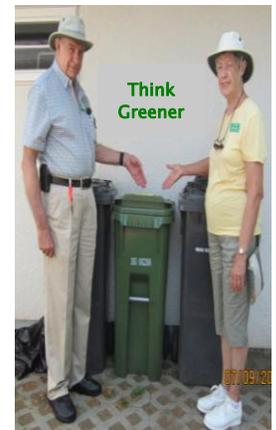
1st: Jim Sidel, Mel Forster & JoAnn Edquist. 2nd: Linda Cowie, Rod Armitage & Diane McMorran

3rd: Michael Lum, Duino Barbon & Sylvia Sinclair



Pizza Night
Friday, July 31

*Let's think **GREENER** and be more conscientious in helping our volunteers who have to spend hours sorting out the garbage at our club. It's not a fun task! They would appreciate your cooperation in placing your rubbish in the respective containers that are clearly marked in both club houses.*



2nd year novices and volunteers, David & Sylvia Sinclair, making a point.

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PRESIDENT: Allan Wood
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Tourney Upshot ... from p.5

BSI South Island Men's Pairs

2nd: John Cossom & Mitch Fumalle

BSI Jubilee Pacific Pairs (Open)

C Section-2nd: John Cossom & Donna Blackstock

BSI Wilkerson Men's Pairs

3rd: Jeff Machan & Eric Ballinger

(Club) Maddalon Cup Pairs

1st: Karen Evans & Diane McMorran

2nd: Betty Emery & Marcia Thorneycroft

3rd: Margaret Machan & Sandy Armitage

BSI Heart Trophy Mixed Fours

2nd: Jeff Machan, Henriette Ballinger, Margaret Machan & Eric Ballinger

BSI Silver Tray Women's Scotch Pairs

A Section-1st: Donna Blackstock and Margaret Machan & 2nd: Linda Cowie & Karen Evans

3rd: Betty Walker & Jennifer Letkeman

C Section-2nd: Mary Forster & Norma Alison

BSI Lions Mixed Triples

1st: Jaymee Sidel, Donna Blackstock & Harnam Grewal

3rd: Jeff and Margaret Machan & Mitch Fumalle

BSI Findlay Memorial Mixed Triples

A Section-2nd: Eric & Henriette Ballinger & Linda Carswell-Bland (*and Joan Roberts played substitute Lead*)

BSI Men's Quaddie (Open)*

3rd: Svend Klausen (GHLBC) David Gardner (GHLBC), Bakh Dhillon (VWLBC) & Mel Forster (OBLBC)

(Club) Novice Singles

Women's - 1st: Melissa Doyle. 2nd: Alyx Valdal. 3rd: Rosemarie Colterman

Men's: 1st: David Anderson. 2nd: Bryan Valdal. 3rd: Gordon Hryhoruk

If your name was inadvertently omitted, please let Marcia Thorneycroft know.

** For BSI Open tournaments, points for the Cameron Cup are distributed equally to each club's representative player.*

You've heard it all...

