

## The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – End of Summer Edition



*It was a soggy end to an otherwise enjoyable pandemic Elm Park Triples* Brian Thomson photo

### *Kerrisdale in Elm Park top-3*

Richmond dominated the final standings at the 2021 pandemic shortened Elm Park Triples.



*Richmond 6 winners*

Richmond 6, skipped by Kelvin Lai, held the overall lead for all but a momentary hiccup in Week 3, finishing on top of the 14-team Tuesday morning, three-bowl triples league with a 12-1 record and an uncatchable 68-point differential. Dick Tang, Gigi Chan and spare Heng Lee shared the first-place payout with Lai.

Skip Eric Leung, Vivien Chan, Angela Lo and spare Eric Lo made up the Richmond 1 team that took the runner-up spot with an 11-2 record and 38 scored points.

Kerrisdale 3 broke the Richmond stranglehold on the top-3 placings, stealing a third-place finish on the final day of competition from Paul Lee and Richmond 5.



*Richmond 1 runners-up*



Kerrisdale 3 came third

Mired in ninth place for the first half of the seven-week season, skip Tom Berridge and Kerrisdale 3 teammates Brenda Rhodes and lead David Goddard fashioned a five-game winning streak to edge Lee by a mere two points on the final day of competition after both teams finished with identical 9-4 records.

West Point Grey earned fifth-place money, winning its final league draw to move ahead of Richmond 2 on the strength of a single-point loss earned the previous week. Stanley Park 1 slotted into seventh place.

Kerrisdale club teams made up the next three spots in the table. Jack Green's Kerrisdale 1 took eighth place, Simon Leung and Kerrisdale 2 was ninth, while Don Young and Kerrisdale 4 was 10<sup>th</sup>. All three teams were separated by just one win and six differential points.

Team	W/L	Last Week	Game 13	Total	Place
Richmond 1	10-4	10-4	10-4	30-16	1st
Richmond 2	9-4	9-4	9-4	28-18	2nd
West Point Grey	9-4	9-4	9-4	28-18	3rd
Stanley Park 1	9-4	9-4	9-4	28-18	4th
Stanley Park 2	8-5	8-5	8-5	24-22	5th
Richmond 3	8-5	8-5	8-5	24-22	6th
Richmond 4	8-5	8-5	8-5	24-22	7th
Richmond 5	8-5	8-5	8-5	24-22	8th
Richmond 6	8-5	8-5	8-5	24-22	9th
Richmond 7	8-5	8-5	8-5	24-22	10th

Final league standings

This year's 13-game schedule was completed over a shorter, seven-week period, with two eight-end games played each week instead of the weekly 14-end draws seen in 2019.

As well as bringing hours of exciting and thoroughly enjoyable bowls for all involved, the Elm Park Triples brought in more than \$700 to club coffers.

A big thank you to David Goddard, who got up early every Tuesday to mow the green before everyone arrived, and to Tom and Alice Kwan and Brenda Rhodes, who helped with the set-up and clean-up. Brian Thomson contributed many of the photos. Volunteers are wonderful people.

### Club singles champs named

Kerrisdale held its closed club men's and women's singles championships earlier this summer.



Dianne Petrant

Dianne Petrant defended her 2019 women's title, winning a four-game round-robin championship format over Rosemary Cryer, Alice Kwan and Brenda Rhodes. The 2020 championship was cancelled due to COVID.

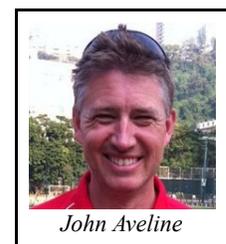
Trailing Cryer after the opening two games two wins to one and heading into the final round-robin draw, Petrant needed help from Kwan, who was matched up with Cryer.

Petrant did her job, defeating Rhodes with a 10-point differential, while Kwan also upset the previously unbeaten Cryer, giving Petrant the avenue she needed to win her second consecutive crown.

To throw a further twist into the final draw, a win by Rhodes over Petrant and a Kwan win over Cryer would have given the former a one-point advantage over the field.

Seven-time men's singles champ John Aveline made it a crazy eighth men's title, defeating Pennant League partner Peter Lee in the championship final.

Aveline, who won his first Kerrisdale club singles title in 2001 and had a



John Aveline

five-year run of consecutive men's titles from 2006 to 2010, also earlier knocked off Tom Berridge and Don Young by similar 21-13 scores to make it to the championship final.

### *Good showing at Barbara Williams*

An unlikely Kerrisdale club foursome made some noise at the Barbara Williams two-bowl fours at West Point Grey to begin the month of September.



*Kerrisdale placed 11th*

The Kerrisdale team, skipped by Tom Berridge, fashioned a competitive 2-2 record to finish 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the one-day, 24-team tournament.

Kerrisdale, including vice Tom Kwan, lead Alice Kwan and novice Suphin Nakutnok, playing in her very first Vancouver and District competition, opened with a 14-11 loss to the eventual runner-up from Richmond.

The Elm Park team rebounded in fine form with back-to-back wins, including a 12-9 victory over North Vancouver, followed up by an 11-8 win over West Vancouver after the lunch break. The North and West Van teams both placed among the eventual top-10 finishers.

However, that was as good as it got for Kerrisdale. The first-time foursome ran out of gas in their final game, losing by a wide margin to a fifth-place-finishing Stanley Park side.



*It was nice to see so many new bowlers come out and play*

### *Club welcomes new bowlers*

The Kerrisdale club added more than two dozen new bowlers this season.

The influx of new bowlers to our Elm Park family was a welcomed event and was largely due to the hard work of treasurer Peter Cook and the three huge signs he strung up around the surrounding park advertising for new members.

To date, Kerrisdale's total registration has ballooned to 54 members this year, a number that would better sustain the club financially going forward.

Hopefully next year, things will feel more like normal and likely with it will be a return to regular membership fees. Remember, that this year because of COVID registration dues were reduced by half from the usual \$220 per season.

Many of you might not realize that it cost upwards of \$10,000 annually to maintain the green in a reasonable condition for play. Looking at it that way, perhaps \$220 a year is not that expensive an investment in its upkeep.

### *Club holds first novice tourney in decades*

Kerrisdale played host to its first novice championship in more than two decades, and quite likely its very first gender-neutral tournament for first-year bowlers ever.



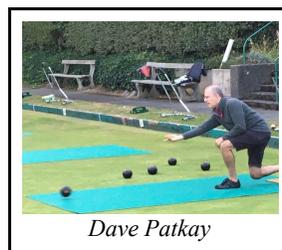
*The Top-3 novices*

A dozen new bowlers signed up for the two-day, early-evening competition held over consecutive Wednesdays. Suphin Nakutnok topped all first-year bowlers, defeating previously unbeaten Doug Allen in the A group final. Both Allen and Nakutnok finished the tournament with identical 5-1 records.

Kennedy Aragon-Scriven beat Doug Eakins in the third-place final, putting a second female on the novice podium. Well done, ladies.

The 12 first-year bowlers were divided into two groups, with the top-2 bowlers from each group playing off in a semifinal and subsequent final for top club honours. The rest of the bowlers played off in similar B and C group formats.

Also taking part in the competition were: Christine Allen, Lynn Booth, Stuart Carmichael, Jackie Freer, Debra Golabek, B group winner Dave Patkay, Richard Reid and Shelley Tysoe. Good bowling everyone.



*Dave Patkay*

We sincerely hope you all thoroughly enjoyed your bowling and that we will see you all out next spring when the outdoor season commences once again.

### *Rental groups help the bottom line*



*Bowling rentals = fun*

This year, the club was fortunate to attract 11 separate groups to date to rent our Elm Park green for a fun day of bowling.

Not only do rentals provide an opportunity to turn others on to this wonderful game of bowls, it also provides important revenue to the club's operating budget.

So far this season, the club has made just over \$4,000 from the rental groups, a princely sum that comes close to covering a significant chunk of the club's annual operating expenses.

Many thanks to all the club members, who came out to volunteer their time with the rental groups. Your added contribution to this effort is needed and much appreciated by everyone, including the renters themselves.

Thanks Brian Thomson for all the fine photos of our rental groups.



*Thank you volunteers*

*Fun format for mixed pairs*

Kerrisdale ended the competitive club season with a unique mixed pairs club championship.

Eight of our new first-year bowlers teamed up with a more experienced bowler in another two-day championship affair held on consecutive Wednesday evenings.



Barrie Brown and novice Debra Golabek came away with the pairs title, defeating club ladies singles champion Dianne Petrant and Brian Underhill by an 8-3 score in the A group final.



Tom Berridge and Donna, the other half of the Underhill connection, managed third place overall, edging the team of Tom Kwan and novice champion Suphin Nakutnok by a slim 7-6 score.



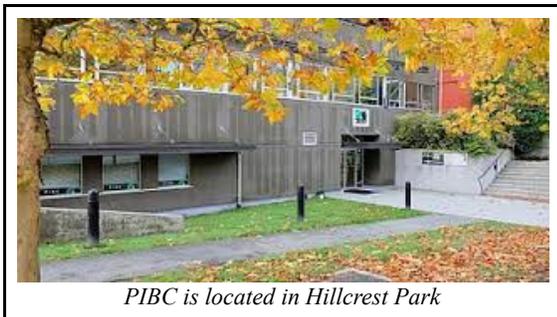
The semifinals followed a similar scoring pattern with Petrant and Brian earning a berth in the final with an 8-3 win over Kwan and Nakutnok, while Berridge and Donna dropped a 7-6 nailbiter in the final end to the eventual mixed club champions.



Also taking part were the mixed pairings of Don Young and Maureen Roulstone, Jack Green and Lynne Booth, Brenda Rhodes and Dave Patkay, and Alice Kwan and Doug Allen.

A big thank you to Peter Cook and convenor Peter Lee for putting on this fun, and hopefully annual club tournament.





*PIBC is located in Hillcrest Park*

### *Indoor bowls at PIBC*

Bowls need not come to an end when the Elm Park green eventually closes for the season.

When outdoor bowls clubs close for winter, the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club opens with daily league games and lots of opportunities for practice bowling well into the new year.

The indoor season begins on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving Day on Oct. 12 and runs into December, before starting up again following a brief Christmas break in January.

New bowlers can get all the information they need by logging on to the PIBC club's website at <https://www.pacificindoor.com/>.

First-time bowlers can sign up for a regular season membership for as little as \$189, including tax. That membership includes full access to the club for the entire 2021-22 season, including free practice times and the choice of joining any two available leagues at no extra cost.

Bowlers must also sign a Bowls Canada waiver, as well as showing a proof of vaccination passport from BC Health.

PIBC is located at 4588 Clancy Loranger Way, behind Nat Bailey Stadium and neighbouring Queen Elizabeth Park on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue diversion between Main and Cambie streets.



*PIBC has six full length, indoor greens*