

The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – Spring into Bowls Edition



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Open House a Big Hit

Kerrisdale's Open House on May 7 saw a large number of interested people come out to learn what lawn bowls is all about.

Many thanks to Dianne Petrant for mustering her curling group in sizeable numbers and also to Peter Cook and Rosemary Cryer for their work in bringing out others, as well.

More than 30 individuals had a merry old time under sunny skies rolling bowls up and down the green, resulting in keen interest by many to sign up for the three-day coaching clinics offered by the club.

Dianne P led the Tuesday night clinics with a wonderful turnout of support from other club members. The coaching nights produced as many as 20 new bowlers taking out a club membership. Well done everyone.

Following the final Tuesday night session on May 24, Dianne P has committed to coming out on subsequent Tuesday and Thursday nights to further support the first-year bowlers in their development and practice.



Dianne shows the way

The two added evening sessions will also be a marvellous opportunity for new and experienced bowlers alike to mix and come together in their shared interest for bowls, and to enjoy the fine west coast evenings together. So let's have a strong turnout.



Full house at Elm Park Triples

For the first time in the three-year history of the Elm Park Triples, the weekly Tuesday morning league fielded a full 16-team schedule.



A team from the Vancouver club from Queen Elizabeth Park joined the competition this year and is currently sitting one spot out of first place in the league table.

A second team from Stanley Park was also welcomed in, making up the two teams needed to reach maximum capacity on Kerrisdale's eight-rink green.

A Wild Card team also earned a spot in the schedule, via a random draw, after Kerrisdale failed to find sufficient numbers to field a fourth club team. The wild card will revert back to the host club next year upon the conclusion of this year's competition.

A big Elm Park Triples welcome to our novice bowlers Debra Golabek and Dave Pataky, who have both gotten involved and have teamed up to play on Kerrisdale 2 and Kerrisdale 3 teams, respectively, this season. Welcome aboard Debra and Dave. FYI, they both won their opening games.



With our large numbers of new bowlers this season, the club invites all of

you to wander down to the club green on any Tuesday morning and take in some of the action. It could be something you just might like to experience next year. You would most certainly be welcome.

Lots on the schedule this year

There is something happening every day this season at the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club.

It is encouraging to see so many new members already coming out to the open draws and taking advantage of what their seasonal registration offers.



On the greens, Kerrisdale hosts its traditional 1:30 afternoon open draw every day of the week for the duration of the outdoor season.

This year, as mentioned earlier in the newsletter, the club will hold nightly draws at 7 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On Wednesdays, club president Peter Lee will host an evening of Aussie Pairs. If you have not heard of Aussie Pairs, come out and learn a new twist on how to bowl in pairs.

At all club draws, teams will be selected randomly and will vary depending on numbers attending. It is an ideal vehicle for inexperienced members to learn alongside higher level bowlers in a variety of game situations.

Choose the time that works for you and be prepared to practice, practice, practice.

Rental popularity on the rise

We are barely into our first month of bowls and the club has already booked four rental groups for the month.

Income from rentals is a key contributor to the club's budget and therefore it is super important that we make the experience hugely positive for the visitors.

Thank you to all the club members who have signed up to come and help out, or who are thinking about giving a hand at the next rental event. It's both fun and important to the club, and sometimes there is even “free” food shared or leftover.



And remember, regardless of how little you may think you know about the game, you likely know more than the renters do. So, help the club out and volunteer for a rental group when you can.



Calling all male bowlers

Club men mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 27.

That is the date set for the resumption of the Whiskey Bowl – the annual friendly inter-club challenge between Kerrisdale and cross-district neighbour Dunbar Lawn Bowls Club.

The all-day, men-only competition has often been played as a triples tournament but with declining memberships at both clubs the format was last played as pairs in 2019.

This is another of those perfect opportunities for newer bowlers to get their feet wet on a competitive green and to support their Kerrisdale brethren at the same time. It's also a fun time to socialize and to wet your whistle with a wee dram or two of the barley bree.

Got a good idea?

Club president Peter Lee wants to hear your great ideas. To that end, Peter L has made available a booklet for club members to pen their suggestions in.

The booklet can be found on the front table as you enter the clubhouse.

The purpose of the booklet is quite simple – to give members a vehicle to offer their suggestions on what types of activities they might like to see at the club, or on whatever other topics of discussion may come to mind.

As you can see, the discussion could be far reaching and the possibilities for improving how the club currently operates, in fact, endless.

So, have you got some good ideas? Barbecues? Social nights? Fun Days? Let's hear about them. You don't have to leave your name either.

Lastly, as always, good bowling to everyone.

