

The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – Summer's Here Edition



All the President's Men

We all knew Kerrisdale had a pretty good executive. Now we have a handsome trophy to confirm it.



Our cup runneth over

Kerrisdale opened the competitive season, winning the Vancouver and District Bowls Association President's Cup at Granville Park on June 14.

The all-day closed tournament is put on for V&D club board members as a thank you for all the volunteer time and energy they have given to the sport of lawn bowls.

Club president Peter Lee and board member Brenda Rhodes formed the front end of Kerrisdale's fours team. Tom Berridge and Suphin Nakutnok stood in as last-minute replacements.

Your Kerrisdale fours compiled a 3-0 record, bettering both undefeated Richmond and host Granville Park with a six-point differential.

After dispatching both Vancouver and Dunbar in the morning 10-end games, Kerrisdale upset previously undefeated North Vancouver by nine points to secure the club's second-ever President's Cup win.



Kerrisdale held its usual Canada Day barbecue and bowls on July 1.

BC Week comes in threes



Triple A winners

Kerrisdale bowlers showed up in strength on the final day of BC Week.

Associate member Jack Green shared an A Group pay day with former Kerrisdale club bowler and Mann Park member Stan Turner and Ladner's Steve Main in the BC Week men's triples.

Green and company amassed an uncatchable 4-0 record on the second day of the two-day event with a tournament-high 26-point differential to take top spot in the 24-team field.

Tom Berridge, David Goddard and Stanley Park clubber Gavin Clifford won the B division title with a 3-0-1 record, edging Richmond's Kin On Lau, this year's V&D Bowler of the Week, by a single game point, following a draw in their final game of the week.

Berridge and Goddard also placed third overall in the B group of the men's BC Week pairs, which commenced on July 10, with a 2-0-2 result on the second day of the week-long competition.



First in the B's

Pennant penance

After last season's successes in the Vancouver and District men's Pennant League and Top 10, Kerrisdale's entries failed to make the playoffs in this year's inter-club competitions.

Kerrisdale finished it's home-and-home, four-team, round robin tied with Granville Park at seven points apiece in the A Western Division. Richmond's 3 Musketeers finished first with 12 points, while Richmond C was next with nine points.

The Kerrisdale team of Barrie Brown, David Goddard and Tom Berridge finished with the second-best -3 differential in the A group. The club men also recorded their only two wins in the six-game tourney against the first-place-finishing 3 Musketeers.

The club's Top-10 team were given a bye into the second round but were abruptly stopped by a Richmond Firebird team in Richmond on June 30.

Dardano dandies

There is something about the Andrew Dardano men's triples that sits well with Kerrisdale club lawn bowlers.

For the second time in the past three seasons, Kerrisdale's Barrie Brown and David Goddard will get their names inscribed on the Dardano mug.

Along with skip Tom Berridge, Brown and Goddard edged Mann Park's Stan Turner and Richmond's Heng Lee by a single point in the 10-team tournament.

All three teams finished with similar 3-1 records but Kerrisdale claimed its second cup since 2019 when the final outcome came down to overall point spread.

Last year, Brown, Goddard and Berridge tied for second place at the Dardano, making it three consecutive years that a Kerrisdale men's team has placed in the top-2 at the Vancouver club tournament.



Three times lucky



Winners and losers

Bravo at Boucher

Kerrisdale's Barrie Brown and Dianne Petrant placed first overall at the Tony Boucher Australian Pairs tournament at Granville Park on July 16.

Brown and Petrant won all four of their 10-end games, topping the overall field of 26 teams with a 10-point differential in the final two Group A afternoon games.

Tom Berridge and Suphin Nakutnok also recorded four wins on the day but wound up out of the money and in fourth place with an inferior 5-point afternoon differential.

Wednesday winners

New Kerrisdale club members fared very well at the special Wednesday Night Triples tournament for novice and intermediate bowlers.



The purple gang

Ross Gentleman and first-year bowler Ian Lawrie joined Suphin Nakutnok and Tom Berridge in the five-week competition, finishing third overall in the A group with a record of three wins and two losses.

The 20-team tournament is now in its second season and was created by Granville Park LBC to give new bowlers a venue into a more competitive play structure.

With so many new bowlers at Kerrisdale this year, the club should be able to field as many as three teams or more for the next competition.

Teams were made up of a first-year bowler at lead, an intermediate bowler as second and an experienced bowler skipping the threesome.

Third place at Armstrong

Kerrisdale's triples team of Dianne Petrant, Belle Chan and Shelley Tysoe claimed third place at the recent Norine Armstrong women's triples at the Elm Park green.

Former Kerrisdale associate and current Canadian singles champion Linda Ng of Richmond, along with team members Gillian Poon and Nana Tan, swept the 13-team field with 12 game points and a 21-point differential.



Armstrong strong

Jenny Siu of New Westminster claimed the runner-up spot, while Petrant, Chan and Tysoe snatched third with a nine-shot victory in the final match of the day.

Mix and Match

The team of Brenda Rhodes, Ricki Chan and Ross Gentleman won the recent Kerrisdale club's mixed triples competition.

Five teams of three bowlers each were drawn at random for the two-day tournament that wound up on the last Saturday of July.

The team of Belle Chan, Tracy Chan and Matt Stansfield posted the top overall score in the preliminary round. Dianne Petrant, Gene Wrangmore and Brittany Stansfield were runners-up after the round robin.



Three times lucky

Coach's Corner – Part 3 – Singles

Hello Kerrisdale bowlers! Here is the third instalment of Coach's Corner!

It's been a while since we've had a Coach's Corner, so it's time to get the keyboard tapping away.

This one is about singles play (and preparation). We have the club singles ongoing and there are a number of opportunities to play singles coming up in August.

When you play singles, you are playing the simplest, purest form of the game. And, you are engaged the whole time – no standing around and waiting for the next end. So, some useful advice about playing (and preparing for) singles play.

1. *Play the Long Game* – It takes 15 points to win a game. It is super rare to win 15-0. A typical win is in the 15–10 to 15–14 range. So, you are in the for the long haul – winning lots of ends and losing lots of ends. You don't need to be perfect, just consistent. Playing for a good second is generally a good idea.

2. *Just Play Good Bowls* – In the heat of a match, especially a close one, it is tempting to obsess about the result (“I have to get this to that exact spot!”). Ideally, you focus on the process. Just let the bowl go nicely and let it do its thing. Picture the result, have that in mind and then roll a nice comfortable bowl.

3. *DON'T CHANGE HANDS!!* – If you play a good shot on one hand, don't change hands! It is so much easier to repeat a shot than to change line and length when you switch hands. If you think your bowl is in the way, or your opponent has a bowl in your eye, stay with the hand anyway. I get that there is concern about hitting a bowl, but think about how often you miss a bowl than when you want to hit it!!

4. *Two Practice Tips: Just Your Jack Length* – Hopefully, you have a favourite spot to place the mat and a favourite jack length. When you practice, *ONLY* practice jack throws from your favourite spot to your favourite spot. But, practice different lengths – especially minimum and maximum (you probably already play lots of middle length in draws, etc.)

Around the Guard – Finally, one of my pet practices is to place a bowl 3-4 feet in front of the jack and in the draw line. Then I practice drawing past it to the jack. You can try going around the guard, or under it. Pretty soon, you'll find that this bowl, which used to force you to change hands, is no problem at all. Your goal in this exercise is simply to out-draw the guard. As you progress, you'll likely expect yourself to get closer to the jack.

Quote of the day – “Go out there and try to be good. If you go out there and try to be good, you've got a chance to be great.”

Small circle on the inside! Coach John



Good bowling everyone