



# E-BANTER



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

I know, I know! It's not December 31 (yet)!

**HOWEVER**, it is a **NEW YEAR** in the life and history of the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association. A new Board of Directors, new ideas, new challenges, new personnel, new financial initiatives, etc.

Your Board of Directors is looking forward to the upcoming year and we trust this is true for all 7575 lawn bowlers in Ontario.

Working Together, (Board, District personnel, and Club personnel) the upcoming year can be an exciting adventure.

The OLBA Board Executive Members  
for the 2008-2009 Bowling year are:

President

Arja Nesbitt [anesbitt@olba.ca]

Past President:

Bob Machan [machan@olba.ca]

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**The OLBA Board Members  
for the 2008—2009 Bowling year are:**

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Jack Fine	[fine@olba.ca]
Karen Peart	[kpeart@olba.ca]
Mike Landry	[landry@olba.ca]
Ian Jones	[jones@olba.ca]

**Some of the Board Appointments  
for the 2008—2009 Bowling year are:**

Webmaster

Weston Nesbitt [web@olba.ca]

Annual

Jan Bauer [annual@olba.ca]

Data Base Administrator

Elaine Stevenson [membership@olba.ca]

**NOTE:**

**Questions about:**

District Playdowns / Provincial Championships should be directed to:  
Ian Jones: [jones@olba.ca]

Officiating should be directed to:  
Bob O'Neil [oneil@olba.ca]

Achievement Awards should be directed to:  
Herb Nesbitt [hnesbitt@olba.ca]

Financial Matters should be directed to OLBA Treasurer  
Richard Peart [rpeart@olba.ca]

Health, Safety, Risk Management and Insurance should be directed to:  
Edith Pedden [pedden@olba.ca]



**THE COSMETIC PESTICIDES BAN**

In June of 2008 the Ontario Government passed the Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act.

On November 7, 2008, the Ministry of the Environment posted the proposed new pesticides regulation that contains the provisions necessary to implement the COSMETIC PESTICIDES BAN ACT, 2008 on the Environmental Registry ([www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca)) for a 45 day consultation period.

**Proposed Exceptions:**

Only the following uses of banned pesticides are proposed to be allowed.

- a) Public health or safety exception (Sections 18, 21 of the Act)
- b) Golf Courses (Section 21 of the Act)
- c) Sports Fields (Section 25 of the Act)
- d) Specialty Turf (Section 27 of the Act)**
- e) Trees (Section 22 of the Act)
- f) Protection of Natural Resources (Section 23 of the Act)
- g) Exception for uses required by other acts (Section 24 of the Act)
- h) Agriculture (Section 18 of the Act)
- i) Forestry (Section 18 of the Act)

**Lawn Bowling falls under the category of Specialty Turf. (Section 27)**

Section 27 reads:

- (1) The use of a pesticide to maintain turf that is used for **lawn bowling**, cricket, lawn tennis or croquet is prescribed for the purposes of Paragraph 5 of subsection 7.1(2) of the Act if the turf is the same kind of turf that is used on golf course greens.
- (2) If the pesticide is used for the purpose described in subsection (1) above,
  - {a} the pesticide shall be used by a licensed exterminator who is certified in accordance with the integrated pest management certification requirements of an approved accreditation body or by a technician or trainee who is supervised by such a person,
  - {b} the owner or operator of the turf shall ensure that a report is prepared in a form approved by the Director no later than February 1 in each year following a year in which the pesticide is used setting out, with respect to all pesticides used in a land extermination in the previous calendar year,
    - {i} for each Class 2,3,4,5,6, or 7 pesticide that was used, the name of every pesticide that is an ingredient in those pesticides

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and location where they were used,

{ii} the quantity of each pesticide ingredient used,

{iii} the reason for using each pesticide ingredient and the method of use, and

{iv} an explanation of how future use of each pesticide ingredient will be minimized.

{c} a copy of a report described in clause {b} shall, for a period of at least five (5) years after it is prepared be,

{i} kept at the head office of the owner of the turf,

{ii} on request, given as soon as practicable to a provincial officer or the Director, and

{iii} on request, given to any person without charge within seven days after the request.

More information, for interested parties/greens keepers, can be found at:

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/index.php>



.... The deadline for nominating someone for the Bill Boettger Volunteer of the Year Award for 2008 is November 30. Email nominations to Bob Machan (machan@olba.ca)

.... The deadline has now passed for club information, district tournaments lists etc. to be submitted .  
Membership information to: (membership@olba.ca)  
Annual information to: (annual@olba.ca)

.... Items for future E-Banter newsletters (club news, special events, special people, etc.) are encouraged to be sent to the E-Banter editor.

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**Did you Know?** The official colours of OLBA are: **RED** **WHITE** and **BLACK**