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ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
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E-BANTER



Start the Happy Dance!
Only 3 to go!!



The following items are brought to your attention:



{1} **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:** All clubs are reminded of the awards available to all club members and clubs.: Big Shot Pins, Beaver Pins, Anniversary Awards and/or certificates, Appreciation certificates, Life member certificates, Membership certificates, etc. Contact Achievement Award Convenor, Herb Nesbitt (hnesbitt@olba.ca) for further details. Every club should have bowlers worthy of recognition. Please note: Increase in cost for: Eager Beaver Pins (now \$5.00) and Big Shot Pins (now \$7.00).

{2} **RULES:** Further to the revised Championship Rules (2009) from the previous E-Banter (#3), please note the following additional changes:

5 (f) **ELIGIBILITY**

SENIOR TRIPLES competition now includes those who become 60 years of age during the current year of play. Convenor of District Senior Playdowns may check age of eligibility. –This changes was made at the recent meeting of Bowls Canada.. It is now possible for bowlers 59 years of age to bowl in the Seniors as long as they will be 60 before the end of the year.

6(b) **PROPER DRESS**

*For all Provincial Playdowns, at all levels, all members of a team must wear regulation Footwear and Attire.
Tennis shorts are NOT acceptable.*

A.2**FOOTWARE-**

*All Players ,Umpires and Markers shall wear flat soled (heel-less) footwear when they play on the green or act as Umpires or Markers. Flat soled (heel-less) shoes with grooves not exceeding a maximum depth of 0.250" are acceptable. "Cros" or similar type shoes are **not** acceptable*



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OLBA 2009 Annual

The deadline is fast approaching for all material to be submitted to the printers for the printing of the Annual. Thanks to annual editor JAN BAUER for her diligent work in preparing this 'masterpiece'.

[It should be noted that the annual will be available, for checking out, on the OLBA website. The Districts' Tournament Schedules are already posted to the website. Thus, if anyone wants to know date, time, or place of a tournament, just go to our friendly website.] With this in mind, a fewer number of annuals will be printed. It is also felt that bowlers new to the sport not likely require an annual in their first year. However, clubs are encouraged, at some point in the early bowling season, to do a mini workshop with new bowlers about the features of the annual so that when they return for a second year, they may desire an annual (or direction to the website).

Sponsors

OLBA is pleased to announce that Prime Time Insurance and The Brick will be offering incentives for lawn bowlers again this year. More info will be presented at the Apr. 25 OLBA meeting.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about these sponsorship incentives or if you would like a quote please contact:

Scott Logan / Primetime Ins.
1-877-482-7463
or
Ron Bartleman / The Brick
1-800-991-3232

Bowls Canada Mtg.:

Feb. 6-9, 2009

Highlights

- Time limits for games at the Canadian majors will be 3 1/2 hrs. OLBA officials will be encouraging teams at the Ontario Championships (District and Provincial) to abide by this time limit.
- All players in a Canadian Championship will be required to pay a \$50 entry fee.
- Provincial shirts with two logos will be permitted at the Canadian Championships, but logos should be no bigger than a credit card. [This will apply for Ontario championships as well]
- Juniors who play undefeated in round-robin play at the Canadian Juniors will be presented with a prize.
- Age for seniors: see page 1
- Winners of Canadian Championships may be offered opportunities to represent Canada at International competitions if a competition exists.
- Due to the difficulty in finding sufficient hosts, the Majors may have to be split up, with different provinces hosting Fours, Pairs, and Singles. Also, within a province, the majors may have to be split up with three different clubs hosting the events, regardless of location of the host clubs. e.g. In Ontario in 2011, when Ontario is scheduled to host the Majors, it would be possible for one event to be in eastern Ontario, another event in southern Ontario and the third event in central Ontario. See "call for host clubs" on page 4

Special Needs Bowlers

The Ontario Lawn Bowls Association is investigating competitions for lawn bowlers with a physical disabilities to complement the ongoing program of visually impaired lawn bowlers.

If there are bowlers that would be interested in competitions for the physically challenged, please contact Alan Dean at dean@olba.ca or Lynn Donahue at donahue@olba.ca.

This will be an exciting addition to the OLBA tournament and competitive programs.

COACHING CLINIC:

- Instructor: Georgina Bellamy (President of Bowls Canada Boulingrin).
- Grimsby LBC
- Saturday, April 4, 2009.
- Registration at 8:30 a.m.
- Cost: \$50
- Contact gillian.wood@sympatico.ca.
- Bring pen, paper, brown bag lunch, and lots of enthusiasm!

Other clinics can be arranged by contacting Georgina Bellamy or OLBA president Arja Nesbitt.



OLBA Board Member
KAREN PEART
has assumed the
role of
Chairperson
of the
CHAMPIONSHIP
Committee
[kpeart@olba.ca]

Kitty and Jack



My husband took up bowling
and he bragged upon the phone
about some dame called Kitty
whom he couldn't leave alone.

He played with Kitty
he stayed with Kitty
he picked her up without a hitch.
He missed Kitty, he kissed Kitty
he even layed beside her in the ditch.

So I took up bowling
to win my hubby back
and found that
what he could do with Kitty,
I could do with Jack.

[<http://ronatkinson.wordpress.com>]



- Affiliation fees for 2009 have increased from \$22.50 to **\$23.50**. The OLBA portion of the fee is \$10.00 (as approved at the OLBA fall meeting) and the Bowls Canada portion remains at \$13.50/
- Entry fee for all District Playdowns has increased to \$20 (as approved at the OLBA fall meeting)
- Entry fee to the Novice Provincial Championships will be \$10. All other Provincial championships: \$25.

Rebate from Sponsors:

OLBA has been in receipt of monies from our two sponsors: The Brick and Primetime Insurance. These monies were OLBA's share of business transacted with the sponsors from lawn bowlers.

By OLBA motion, all monies received were to be split: 50:50. 50% to be 'distributed' to ALL clubs in Ontario and 50% to be retained by the OLBA Board.

Although the amount was not outrageously high, the OLBA is encouraged by the fact that lawn bowlers are taking part in this sponsorship program. Hopefully in 2009 more will realize that significant savings are available to lawn bowlers and that all transactions benefit both the bowler and the OLBA clubs.

The rebate that each club will receive will be noted on the invoices received from Data Base manager, Elaine Stevenson. Each statement will have a line indicating a (small) deduction from the invoice. This method is being used in lieu of our treasurer having to write 139 cheques for the clubs' shares of the monies.



**Financial
Rebate**

2011 Provincial Championships

Host clubs are being sought to host the 2011 Provincial Championships in Ontario: Six clubs are needed to host the following six events: Fours, Pairs, Singles, Mixed Pairs, Seniors, and Novice. Clubs willing to volunteer to host one of these events should contact Championship Chairperson, Karen Peart (kpeart@olba.ca)

Check out the website (olba.ca) for hosting guidelines for clubs entertaining the thought to host a Provincial Championship.

Canadian Championships

Ontario is the host province for two Canadian Championship events this year (2009). We thank the Heritage LBC (Canadian Seniors) and the Midland LBC (Canadian Mixed) for offering to host these prestigious events.

In 2010 Ontario is hosting the Canadian Junior Championships. Thanks to host club: London Fairmont.

It is Ontario's turn, on the rotation cycle, to host in 2011 the Canadian Major Championships (Fours, Pairs, Singles)

Applications are being sought for a club or clubs willing to host the 2011 Canadian Majors. One club with three greens is needed, or two clubs with double greens, or three clubs with single or double greens. Two or more clubs willing to host these major events need not be in geographical proximity. Clubs willing to be considered to host one, two, or three of these 2011 events should make application to OLBA president, Arja Nesbitt by **August 31, 2009**. Host clubs for 2011 will be announced at the 2009 fall mtg.