

SPRING NEWSLETTER APRIL 2010



Season Opening: 1:30 pm, Saturday, May 15

Launch your season with a flourish and join us for:

- Mingling and Membership Registration,
- Opening Day Ceremonies,
- Spring General Meeting,
- Fun-Format of Games (dress code for bowling),
- followed by a satisfying Potluck Supper.
- Please wear a name tag—either your own or a temporary one which will be supplied at the door.

Note: In the event of rain we will start at 2:30 p.m., just skip the bowling, and still have a good time.



Opening Day Potluck Tradition Reminders:

- Marjorie Hewitson is the event co-ordinator.
- New members are invited as our guests.
- Returning female members bring a food dish.
- Returning male members pay \$5 to cover costs.

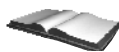
Membership Fees: Due by Monday, May 31

- \$100 ~ Regular Members
- \$ 50 ~ Juniors (under 18)

Your cooperation and patience in completing our club's registration process is much appreciated.

- **Opening Day:** Please check in with each of the people at the registration tables, in the order that they are sitting, to carry out all of the steps.
- **After Opening Day:** Please see Bonnie Angelini before May 31st. Your support in joining by then really helps with the tasks behind the scenes.

Thanks in advance and welcome back!



Guests to Sign-In:

Just a reminder to sign-in all guests to our Club.

- Non-bowlers are invited to the club at any time.
- For insurance purposes though, it is absolutely necessary that all non-bowlers sign the guest book at each visit to our club. This book is on the desk by the door leading to the deck.

Coaching Clinics:

Join our resident coaches, Lock Morgan and John Rattray, for some personal instruction before the start of the season and/or during the season.

- **Clinics by Position:** Separate sessions will be held for leads, vices, and skips near the beginning of the season. Polish your game and help out your team mates by sharpening your skills for one or more of the positions. Watch for announcements.
- **Learn to Bowl Program:** All potential new bowlers must take part in this program before starting on the green. Sessions are booked for 1:30 or 7:00 pm as required and weather permitting.
- **Review/Practise:** Hone your own skills and learn or review some additional techniques and practise drills. Sessions held as requested.
- **To Book an Appointment:** Call Lock Morgan at (905)648-3001.

Note: The start date will depend on the condition of the green. If you are interested in having lessons before May 15th, just call Lock for more details.



Please Volunteer:

As always, volunteers to help with the social functions of the club, including post game refreshments, are needed and appreciated. Please see our Social Co-Ordinator, Marjorie Hewitson and sign up early.



We're In the News:

- Our Club was mentioned on the first page of the April 22, 2010 issue of the Ancaster News.
- Article entitled, "Village Green, Pine Ridge Get Park Upgrades in 2010"
- Where we're mentioned = "The complete redesign of the park is expected to include...a five-metre expansion of the Ancaster Lawn Bowling Club green on the south and west sides."
- The information matches the design plans that we have for the Village Green Park and more details are provided about the tennis club expansion.

OLBA's Sponsor Affiliation Program:

We have a number of great OLBA Sponsors now with lots of good deals for our members and the added bonus of benefits all around.

- **Rebates Received:** 50% of all the contributions from the sponsors are placed into a pool and then distributed to the clubs on a per member basis. For 2009, our Club received a rebate of \$6.00. Hopefully, more people will realize the benefits and shop with those sponsors that best suit their needs.
- **Listing of Sponsors:**



Book all your travel needs with Volo. They provide one-stop shopping for flights, hotels, car rentals, cruises,

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Website: www.volo.ca (searches and booking)

Company/Access Code: OLBAmemberTravel

Membership #: GoLawnBowl



Personal auto and home insurance for members, dependents living in the same house, and spouses.

Primetime offers competitive group rates, superior service and many value added features.

Phone: 1-877-482-7463

Website: www.primetimeinsurance.com

Identify yourself as an OLBA member



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They are also able to arrange coverage for most pre-existing medical conditions.

Phone: 1-866-785-3170

Website: ingleinternational.com/primetime-olba

Identify yourself as an OLBA member



Receive preferred pricing when you shop at The Brick for home furnishings, appliances, and electronics.

Phone: Ron Bartleman at 1-800-991-3232

Website: www.thebrick.com

Item Code: "rewbowl" on the final line

Pick up a Select Rewards card on opening day or ask for one from Dorothy, Bonnie, or Lock

OLBA Annual:

Pick up your 2010 copy for information on:

- District and Open tournament dates,
- All of the clubs in Ontario,
- and more....

OLBA Website and Newsletter:



Be more informed about the sport of lawn bowling by checking out OLBA's valuable communication resources. It is a great way to keep up-to-date with current happenings.

Website (www.olba.ca):

- New features are continually being added.
- All of the sponsors can be accessed from the OLBA website, either on the home page at the right or from the "Sponsorships" link on the left.
- Want to go paperless? The Annual's content is all here along with a consolidated listing in date order of each tournament throughout the province.

E-Banter Newsletter:

- Go online to read the E-Banter directly or follow the instructions to have it delivered to your e-mail.
- Prefer to get a paper copy? Then just ask Wayne Simington to print a copy for you or to let you know when it will be posted at the Club.

Rules of the Game:

The latest publication of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, 4th Edition 2007, is a recommended resource for all bowlers. Copies are available at \$5 each and may be purchased from Lock Morgan.



In Ontario we don't follow the 4th Edition content for Law 18.4, Play in Other Ends.

- We use the format of "In all ends subsequent to the first, the Winner of the preceding end will place the mat and throw first."
- Ontario players only conform to the 4th Edition wording of Law 18.4 at Canadian Championships and International Events.

Player Development Camp: Saturday, June 5th

Interested in improving your competitive skills and learning from qualified coaching and National Team athletes? Then check out this great program.

- **Location:** to be announced
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m. (rain or shine)
- **Materials:** desire to improve, bowls, proper shoes
- **Topics:** delivery, team play, game strategy
- **Cost:** \$25.00
- **Registration Contacts:**

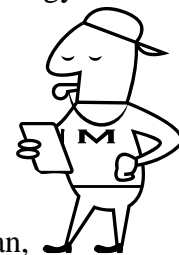
1. Ryan Stadnyk, 905-351-8792

ryanstadnyk@sympatico.ca; or

2. David Anderson 905-693-9802

danderson@sleep-clinic.ca

Also, please let our coach, Lock Morgan, know if you are going to participate in the camp.



Wentworth District #22 Senior Games:

- **Date:** Thursday, May 27th at Ancaster.
 - **Eligibility:** Any club member 55 years of age or older by midnight December 31, 2010. All of our members who qualify are encouraged to enter.
 - **Format:** Mixed Doubles *or* Mixed Triples.
 - **Actifest:** The District Gold medal winners go on to Actifest, the provincial championships, which are being held in Oshawa from August 10-12.
 - **More Information &/or to Sign-up:** The Events Guide and registration forms will be available from Steve Potter or the Ancaster Senior Centre. Other events are also included in these Games.
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Inter-Club: 9:30 am, Wednesdays

Sign up to join our teams and enjoy the chance to meet and play against the other clubs in our District.

- The plan this year is for both the Ladies and Men to follow the same schedule and therefore to be at the same location on the same date.
 - Both leagues would then start on May 26th.
 - Our Club representatives will be able to confirm this and provide more details at our opening.
 - **Ladies:** Please see Dolly Michener and Lynn Thorogood who together co-ordinate our teams.
 - **Men's:** Please see John Rattray who is the club representative and the President for the league. The men's luncheon is set for September 15th. All our members are encouraged to participate!
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Bowls Polisher Machine:



Improve the grip on your bowls and protect them easily and quickly thanks to our bowls polisher!

- Feel free to use this machine at any time.
- It is in the shed and costs \$0.25 for 4 bowls.
- Wipe off excess dirt and place all 4 bowls in the rollers with the little circle sides up.
- Please don't put Grippo or anything on the bowls before placing in the machine.
- Then relax for a moment while the polisher does all the work.



Club Bowls:

A reminder that the club bowls are available to new members at no charge for the first year only.

- After the first year, club members are required to pay \$2 per event to use the club bowls.
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Special Occasions:

Please join us for fun bowling (sometimes with a twist), scrumptious food and refreshments, engaging games, and fond memories! All of our members and their partners are welcome to attend. Special thanks to the Event Co-Ordinators listed below who have volunteered to organize the following special events for us:



- Let's Start Rolling: 1:30 pm, Saturday, May 15
Co-ordinated by Marjorie Hewitson
 - Canada Berry Fun: 1:30 pm, Thursday, July 01
Co-ordinated by Betty and Brad Berry
 - Labour of Love: 1:30 pm, Monday, September 06
Co-ordinated by Sheila and John Finnimore
 - Bowled Over: 1:30 pm, Saturday, October 02
Co-ordinated by John Rattray
 - Year End Banquet with awards: (date/time TBA)
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Introducing New Bowlers to the Sport:



Do you know anyone who might want to try lawn bowling? Help us introduce them properly to this great sport.

- Please remember that anyone who wishes to try bowling must sign a waiver form before stepping on the greens. You know—insurance regulations.
 - It would be preferable that newcomers receive basic instructions from either John Rattray or Lock Morgan, Club Coaches. Coaching is offered all season long. (See page 1 for more details.)
 - As with any sport, instruction from qualified instructors is essential for making the experience more enjoyable and increasing the chances for more success right from the start.
 - Our coaching process is also an integral part of our ongoing membership recruitment efforts so your support with this helps the club as well.
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Phone Fan:

Thanks to our volunteers, every attempt will be made to notify members by 6:20 pm when an evening game is being cancelled due to inclement weather.



AMLBC Name Tags and Shirts:

Make it easier for new members and others you may meet to know your name. See Wayne Simington to order your very own AMLBC name tag and/or shirt.



THE ONLY WAY TO
WIN... IS TO ENTER.
LET'S GO AMLBC!



Club Games Schedule:

The regular club games start Monday, May 17 and conclude Friday, October 01 (details below).

Jitney Bowling: 7:00 pm, Mondays

- May 17 to September 27
- Dress code in effect
- 2 x 8 end games
- Only \$2/person/event to cover prizes and refreshments (Great Deal!)
- Any Monday rained out will be played on the following Wednesday of that week
- The following Mondays will be played on the Wednesday of the same week due to holidays:
 - Mon., May 24 changed to Wednesday, May 26
 - Mon., Aug. 02 changed to Wednesday, Aug. 04
 - Mon., Sep. 06 changed to Wednesday, Sep. 08

Kut Throat Kapers: 7:00 pm, Fridays

- May 21 to October 01
- Casual dress
- 3 x 6 end games plus friendly banter
- Compete for your own points (3/2/1)
- Only \$2/person/event to cover prizes and refreshments (another Great Deal!)

Open Bowling: 1:00 pm, Tues. & Thurs.

- May 18 to September 30
- Casual dress
- Except for Open Tournament dates, when play will be on the Monday of those weeks
- To practise any other day, including weekends, please contact Wayne Simington or Steve Potter to make the necessary arrangements.

Club Championships: 7:00 pm, Wednesdays

- With Tuesdays and Thursdays as required
- Dates as posted in clubhouse
- Dress code in effect
- At a cost of only \$2/person/event you can compete to win the trophy and the prize money
- All of our bowlers are encouraged to sign up and participate. Teams are randomly drawn so everyone has a chance.

Club Closed: Effective Monday, October 04

Open Tournaments: 10:00 am, 5 days



As the name suggests, these tournaments are "open" to entries from all other clubs. Each one has a local sponsor and consists of three 12 end games.

- The number of entries from Ancaster is limited to **6**, unless notified of any change.
- Entry fees are a mere \$20 per team; 5 prizes are awarded with the first prize being the sponsor's donation (based on 16 entries).
- We have one Open Pairs event and the rest are all Mixed Pairs/Ladies Pairs.
- Please note that this year one will be held on a Thursday. The other 4 are on the usual Tuesday.

Our tournament dates and sponsors for this year are as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 22, Mixed/Ladies Pairs**
Rastin's Wilson St. Pharmacy, \$100 1st prize
 - **Tuesday, July 27, Mixed/Ladies Pairs**
Sponsor to be announced, \$150 1st prize
 - **Thursday, August 26, Mixed/Ladies Pairs**
George and Cicely Ireland, \$100 1st prize
 - **Tuesday, August 31, Open Pairs**
Sammy's Bar and Grill, \$100 1st prize
 - **Tuesday, September 15, Mixed/Ladies Pairs**
Dodsworth & Brown Funeral Home, \$100 1st prize
- Register your entry application with Lock Morgan without delay and join in the fun!

See You Soon:

We have such a great club because of our members!

We look forward to joining all of you in making this another fun-filled summer playing...

**the Sport for All,
the Sport
for Life!**

