

SPRING NEWSLETTER APRIL 2011



Season Opening: 1:30 pm, Saturday, May 14

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:

- Hosted by Marjorie, Monica, & Sheila Finimore.
- New members are invited as our guests.
- Returning female members bring a food dish.
- Returning male members pay \$5 to cover costs.

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.

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.

- **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 be determined by the condition of the green. If you are interested in having lessons before May 14, just call Lock.



Membership Survey:

We'd like to hear from you about how you would personally prefer to help out our Club.

- Starting this year, we're asking our members to fill out a survey to let us know.
- On opening day, you can pick up a form from John Rattray or from the membership team.
- After opening day, the forms will be distributed by Keith Fenton, our Membership Assistant.
- Please fill in only the parts that apply to you and then hand in to Dorothy Morgan or Keith.
- There will be options for choosing timeframes like "I'm available at any time," or "I would like to wait for a few years first," or for some others "I've already contributed more over the years."
- The main purpose of the form is to help facilitate matching members' interests and skills with the various tasks that it takes to run our Club.
- Everyone's contributions and participation on whatever level are greatly valued and appreciated.
- Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete the form. Any questions—please ask Dorothy.



"According to CBC radio's Stuart McLean, lawn bowling may become the new tennis. No longer your grandfather's afternoon pastime, this is the **sport of the smart set**, who don their whites (or not) to play all over the country." *unknown source*

Membership Fees: Due by Monday, May 30

- \$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 meet up with Keith Fenton before May 30. Your support in joining by then really helps with the tasks behind the scenes. Thanks in advance and welcome back!

OLBA's Sponsor Affiliation Program:

We have the following great OLBA Sponsors who offer lots of good deals for our members. Please check them out and enjoy the benefits.



Book all your travel needs with Volo. They provide one-stop shopping for flights, hotels, car rentals, packages, cruises, and more from the world's best brands.

Phone: 1-866-214-4847 (travel agent support)
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



Ingle International finds the best travel insurance for you at the best price. 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



Rules of the Game:

This year brings a new edition of the book and a change to the rules that you might like. **2011 Laws of the Sport of Bowls:** The latest rules used in Canada and internationally are all covered in one handy book for both indoor and outdoor games. This is a recommended resource for all bowlers and may be purchased from Lock Morgan.

Option for Shorter Jacks: This year, the minimum jack length is being changed from 23m to 21m for all play in Canada. Check out the new location of the hog lines on our greens and see what you think.

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 by date of each tournament throughout the province.

E-Banter Newsletter:

- Go online to read the E-Banter directly or talk with Wayne Simington to get it by 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.

OLBA Annual:

Prefer it in print? Then pick up your 2011 copy on opening day from Dorothy or later from Lock.

Wentworth District #22 Senior Games:

- **Date:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 26 at Ancaster.
- **Eligibility:** Any club member 55 years of age or older by midnight December 31, 2011. All of our members who qualify are encouraged to enter.
- **Format:** Open Triples only this year.
- **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.

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.

- Both the Women and Men will follow the same schedule again this year and therefore will be playing at the same locations on the same dates.
- Both leagues will start on May 25. Our Club representatives will be able to provide more details during our opening day event.
- **Women's:** Please see Kath Walker who will be organizing and co-ordinating this year's teams.
- **Men's:** Please see John Rattray who also happens to be the President for the league again this year. The men's luncheon is set for September 14. All our members are encouraged to participate!

Club Notice:

As requested at our 2010 Fall General Meeting, the following is to clarify the proper procedure for any member to recommend possible changes for Club policies and/or operations. The process is to submit such suggestions in writing to the executive. Please include all of the following:

- A description of the proposed change.
- Rationale for such a change.
- The pros, cons, and benefits to our Club and our members.

The executive will thoroughly review the submission to determine if the item merits inclusion on the agenda of a general meeting and therefore a vote by a quorum of the membership. Then the executive will advise the person submitting the idea with their decision and supporting reasons in writing.



Guests to Sign-In:

Just a reminder for our members to sign-in all guests whenever they visit 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.

Learn More:

Please join us on opening day for more up-to-date news from OLBA and to learn more about the current possibilities for our Club.

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.

Special Occasions:

Please join us for fun bowling (sometimes with a twist), scrumptious food and refreshments, engaging games, prizes, and fond memories!



All of our members and their partners are welcome to attend. "Special" thanks to all of the hosts who have volunteered to organize these events:

- Let's Start Rolling: 1:30 pm, Saturday, May 14
Hosted by Marjorie, Monica, & Sheila Finnimore
- Canada Berry Fun: 1:30 pm, Friday, July 01
Hosted by Betty and Brad Berry
- Labour of Love: 1:30 pm, Monday, September 05
Hosted by Marjorie, Monica, & Sheila Finnimore
- Bowled Over: 1:30 pm, Saturday, October 01
Hosted by Ken Cundy
- Year End Banquet with awards: (date/time TBA)

Please Volunteer:

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

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.

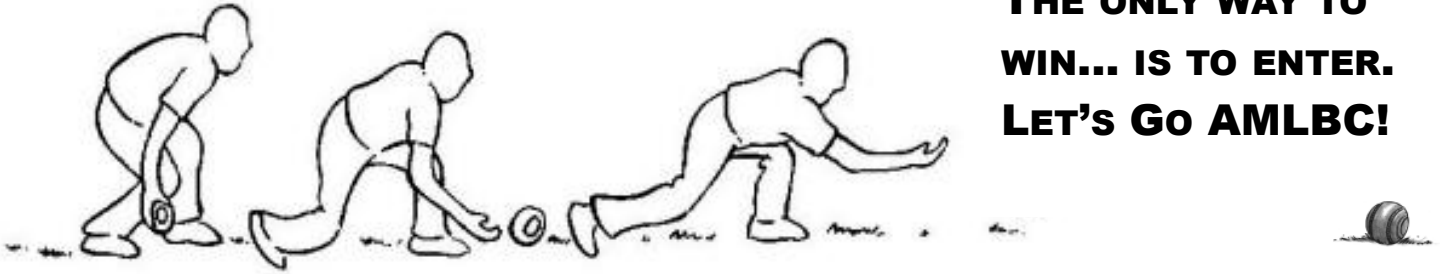
- Please remember that anyone who wishes to try bowling must sign a waiver form before stepping on the greens. You know—insurance regulations.
- It would be preferable that newcomers receive basic instructions from either John Rattray or Lock Morgan, Club Coaches. Coaching is offered all season long. (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.

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.



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




Club Games Schedule:

The regular club games start Monday, May 16 and conclude Friday, September 30 (details below).

Jitney Bowling: 7:00 pm, Mondays

- May 16 to September 26
- Dress code in effect
- 2 x 8 end games
- Only \$2/person/event to cover prizes and refreshments (Great Deal!)

 **Note:** Starting this year, Jitneys will only be played on Mondays. Therefore, holidays and rained out evenings will not be rescheduled.

Kut Throat Kapers: 7:00 pm, Fridays

- May 20 to September 30
- **Please note:** No Kut Throat on Friday, July 1st (holiday special event instead)
- 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 17 to September 29
- 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, Tues. & Wed.

- With 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: As of Monday, October 03 So the City can do the final maintenance.

Open Tournaments: 10:00 am, 5 Tuesdays

 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).
- A big thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors for their generous support!
- This year there will be three Open Pairs events and two Mixed/Women's Pairs events.

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

- **Tuesday, June 21, Open Pairs**
Rastin's Wilson St. Pharmacy, \$100 1st prize
 - **Tuesday, July 05, Open Pairs**
Wimpy's Diner, \$150 1st prize
 - **Tuesday, July 26, Mixed/Women's Pairs**
Monica Hogan, \$150 1st prize
 - **Tuesday, August 30, Open Pairs**
Sammy's Bar and Grill, \$150 1st prize
 - **Tuesday, September 13, Mixed/Women's Pairs**
Dodsworth & Brown Funeral Home, \$150 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!

