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I am pleased to announce the 2008 Minor Bowls (under 18) and the 2008 Jr Men's and Jr Ladies (under 25) Championships will be held in Woodstock on June 28 and 29. This marks the first time both events have been combined at one location. It will add to the number of bowlers in attendance and will make for a great weekend of bowls.

The winners of these events will represent Ontario in Manitoba, August 5 - 9.

The Ontario Summer Games are set for Ottawa (Nepean) Mid August (14, 15 & 16). This will be a Minor Bowls (under 18) Championship for the right to represent Ontario in the 2009 Canadians. Qualifying for the OSG will be July 20 & 21 at multiple locations throughout Ontario (to be named shortly). Zones A, B, C and D are defined as (A District 1 -4) (B 5 - 8) (C 9 -12) (D 13 -16). This will dramatically reduce driving distances and costs for parents to enter their children in the provincial process.

The New Website is being developed and should be ready by APRIL 1, 2008

James McLellan

Bowls Canada Meeting – Feb 2 & 3, 2008

As an executive board member for OLBA, I also get to drive to Ottawa once a year for the Bowls Canada Board Meeting. I left Friday night on February 1st driving through the worst storm of the winter to get to Ottawa. Yes, it is true I am nuts. But that aside, these meetings decide what BCB will do with the money the clubs pay across Canada. They also set policy for our sport in Canada and look after a myriad of details that would take hours to write out. For example, Bowls Canada runs the national team program. This makes up a significant portion of the budget but by no means is that BCB's first priority. They also produce the *Greens* magazine distributed annually to all clubs. This magazine has recently become a lot smaller as there has been almost zero

news sent in from the clubs. Let's see if we can change this. Is there a member at your club who has played an important role in improving the game at the national level? Tell me about them so OLBA can nominate them for a national award.

Club News

I received this as an email and thought I would share it with the membership.

The Plate Rail Tale

In Hamilton's quaint two-story Roselawn Lawn Bowling Club is a sincere statement about the change in the equality of the sexes. This clubhouse was built in 1925 and has an office, women's lounge and washrooms downstairs. Upstairs is a large kitchen, dining room and glass windowed balcony where you can look down and see the bowling on double regulation sized greens. In the stately dining or meeting room is a venerable piano, tall sterling silver trophies such as the 1929 Eaton's cup and a plate rail hall of fame. On this plate rail are 36 picture frames with black and white portraits of sedate looking men in suits, who were presidents of Roselawn Bowling Club. Starting with 1925 with A.C.Blake and going back to 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1994 with R.H. Ovens who was president for those four years is a line up of sombre, no-nonsense types who look like they took their position in a serious manner.

Of course during this time, there was a women's lawn bowling club with a board of directors and a president but there is no visible show of this. Rumour has it that the men bowled most of the time and women had the greens only when the men were not using them!! The men would have tournaments and the women would cook meals for them whereas when women bowled in their white dresses or white blouses and skirts, they usually brought a bag lunch and made pots of tea.

In 1992 (only 15 short years ago) the O.L.B.A. said that all lawn bowling clubs must be amalgamated. No sanctification or support, never mind insurance, would be given to a club unless it had men and women as equal bowlers. In 1992, Etta Farquhar became the first female president of the joint men and women's Roselawn Lawn Bowling Club. She reported that some men and some

presidents before her were reluctant to help her or to share information. Since then there have been three men and three women as presidents and we now happen to have a male president, Brian Locke. Etta's portrait is in colour with her bright red dress and smiling face.

Next to Etta is Barbara Tytler, the next president of the amalgamated club. Her picture is also in colour and shows a relaxed expression. Barbara was president from 1995 to 1996. Following her were two men presidents, Sandy Santomero and Rick Davidson and then two women board directors, Glenys Bradley and Marilyn Hill before Don Ross in 2006. The big contrast is that the last seven pictures are in colour and show pleasant smiles from the men and women presidents which is quite startling after seeing the sombre appearances of the preceding thirty-six men presidents.

Now in 2007, both sexes are treated equally and all partake of the responsibilities and enjoyment of lawn bowling at our historic old club. The plate rail line up of presidents and the change in colour, tone and sex over the last fifteen years certainly tell a story!

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Marilyn on behalf of the OLBA thank you for sharing this well written story.....Chris

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<http://50plus.com/Health/BrowseAllArticles/index.cfm?documentID=21108>

To access the site use the left mouse button to highlight the web address and then paste it into the web address at the top of the screen. Press enter to go to the web address.

Special Award

Last issue, I mistyped my email address and Ted Hamilton caught it. I will be awarding a Super Sleuth Award to Ted at the Spring Meeting...Chris

For comments or suggestions please contact me at cdixon@rogers.com

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