



EBANTER Issue 08-07

The **OLBA Spring meeting** will take place Saturday, April 19th in Newmarket. The meeting will take place at the Newmarket Seniors Centre located on Davis Drive east of Main St. There is ample parking on site and across the street at the Tannery Mall.

Spring Meeting Topics:

- **SPONSORSHIPS**
- **SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT / INSURANCE**
- **RECRUITING AND MAINTAINING MEMBERS**
- **OLBA'S REVISED JUNIOR INITIATIVES**
- **Greens Maintenance:** Paul White who is the Greens Superintendent at the Briars Golf Club will be on hand at the meeting to give a talk on greens maintenance.

"Greens Banter" - James McLellan

I wish to start writing a greens banter to help improve the quality of the greens in Ontario. Similar to the e-banter, this would be an email newsletter specifically catering to greens chairpersons and keepers and would deal with many problems our clubs face.

If you know a greens chairperson or keeper or are yourself one, get on a list. If you are a club president or executive, ensure we have your greens chairpersons or keepers email address.

Collectively, the clubs within our association can help improve each others facilities....alone we all struggle for answers to some of the simplest problems that affect our greens.

Send me a private message if you want on the list or email the OLBA and put in your subject line "Greens Banter"

James McLellan (jtmclellan@execulink.com)

Coaching Clinics & Locations:

Registration Fee: \$50.00, to cover the cost of the coaching manual participants will receive. All clinics are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and participants are asked to bring a lunch, pencils & paper.

- April 26th, Newmarket - Contact: Philip Long, 905-478-2360; phillong@rogers.com (Facilitators: Bruno & Shirley Lenarduzzi)
- May 10th, Simcoe - Contact: Earl Mayer, earl.mayer@sympatico.ca (Facilitator: Georgina Bellamy)
- June 18th, Collingwood - Contact: Norma Gee, njgee@rogers.com or 705-444-2631 (Facilitator: Georgina Bellamy)

2008 Venues for Ontario Provincial Championships:

June 14/15	FOURS	Agincourt LBC
July 5/6	PAIRS	Kingston LBC
July 26/27	SINGLES	Heritage LBC
August 9/10	MIXED PAIRS	Uxbridge LBC
August 12/13	SENIORS	Burlington LBC
August 30/31	NOVICE	Sarnia LBC

OLBA Advertising Program:

Last year we placed an advertisement in papers across the province. This year we have opted for a different program.

Each OLBA affiliated club will be reimbursed for 50% to a maximum of 100.00 per advertisement. There is a maximum of 2 ads which will be paid for. We do require that each ad have the Go Lawn Bowls logo at the top of the ad. In effect this means that a club buying advertisements could receive a maximum of 200.00 from the OLBA for their spring and summer ad campaigns.

To apply for reimbursement send the receipt for the ads and a copy of each ad to the OLBA and a cheque will be sent to cover our share of the cost.

Club News:

- **Harriston** - Harriston Lawn Bowling Club lost a very active member with the passing of Leonard Patterson on March 3, 2008. Len and his wife Ida joined the club in 1982 and were very active bowlers, competing in many tournaments. Len was president of the Harriston Club in 1997-98. He served as chairman of District 8 in 2002/03 and became very well known and respected in the district.

- **Cannington** - Wib Murray passed away while vacationing in Florida on Feb. 27. At 97 years of age, Wib was an active member of Cannington Lawn Bowling Club.

My Thoughts:

Over this winter we have suffered through some of the worst storms since 1939. On the surface winter is a time to close up the doors and hibernate until spring arrives. Or is it? Winter serves a very valuable part of our lives and more important our ecology. A heavy snowfall covers the greens and protects them. It also allows nature to store water for the droughts we can expect in the summer. Travelling around southern Ontario last summer I saw how depleted we were for water. Lakes were drying up, rivers and streams were at the lowest levels I have ever seen. Thanks to a heavy snowfall we can expect a comeback in our lakes and rivers. Winter also gives us time to plan for our spring and summer activities. So forget about how bad the weather is and get ready for Spring.

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

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