



## EBANTER Issue #14

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### Message from the President:

1. By now it is hoped that every club has had a membership meeting and all club members in Ontario are aware of the many items that were in the Club Packages given out at the spring OLBA meeting.

Some of these items of which every club member should be aware are:

(a) Two major sponsors of OLBA this year are Primetime Insurance and the Brick. Both of these offer cash paybacks to OLBA for sales made to OLBA members. 50% of all monies received by OLBA from these two sponsors will be shared with all clubs in OLBA. Many people are getting great quotes from Primetime Insurance: Some as much as \$600 in savings. (My quote was \$100 less for combined auto/home insurance). Every bowler should have in their possession a card from the Brick entitled "Select Rewards". Find an item at The Brick that you would like to purchase, take down the stock number/price and call the number on the "Select Rewards" card you have. An appointment will be made for you to return to The Brick and you will be presented with a discount. Follow the instructions on your card.

(b) Club bowlers should have been made aware of the application forms available for club awards: Big Shot, Eager Beaver, etc.

(c) All club members should know that the Participate to Win program is back this year. Every bowler who enters a district playdown gets his/her name put into a draw for \$1000.00. If a bowler enters three playdown events, then he/she gets his/her name in the draw three times. District chairpersons are keeping track of these names and will submit a list at the end of August.

(d) Clubs wishing to host provincial championships for 2010 should contact Championship Chair Bob Machan. There are two championships still open for 2010: Singles, and Mixed Pairs.

(e) Although the deadline has passed, many clubs took advantage of the rebate that was available for newspaper advertising.

2. Congratulations to the winners of the Provincial Fours Championships. We wish them well in Halifax as they compete for Canadian gold. Many thanks to Theresa Martin, president of the Agincourt Club, and her 'crew' for the fine job in hosting the Fours!!

3. Many will be now aware that the OLBA Board members, by majority vote, agreed to a Bowls Canada directive to use the Crystal Mark rule 18.4 for district and provincial playdowns. Club and tournament play in Ontario will be by Ontario's rule 18.4 (i.e. winner of an end places mat, delivers jack and first bowl, in subsequent ends.)

4. The OLBA Board, by majority vote, has changed the suggested format of play for the Ontario Pairs. The Gold Medal game is now scheduled for Day Two (Sunday morning). Lighting conditions at Kingston was one of the factors influencing this vote.

5. Two members of the OLBA Board of Directors have resigned their positions on the Board: James McLellan and Chris Dixon. Both of these members had major responsibilities on the Board and we will miss their input and their efforts. Disagreement with some Board policies and Board actions led to these resignations.

6. The website has had two major interruptions this season and this is unfortunate. Our long-time webmaster, Ted Muckle resigned his position in May. James McLellan took over as 'interim' webmaster and did a great job at getting a revised website up and running. Now that James has resigned the 'flow' of the website is again interrupted. The Board is hopeful a new webmaster will be appointed soon. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.

7. **Junior Programs.** With James resignation, the Junior program is left in limbo. Juniors be assured that the Ontario Junior Championships scheduled for June 28 and 29 at Woodstock will go as planned. Thanks to Arja and Herb Nesbitt for volunteering to convene this event. Juniors: if you have not yet registered for this event please do so ASAP. The Ontario Summer games qualifying rounds for July 19 and 20 should go. Venues in Zones 1 [St. Mary's], 2 [Niagara Falls], and 4 [Peterborough] are in place. A venue in Zone 3 [Districts 9, 10, 11, 12] is still needed. All "Minor Bowlers" (ages 18 and under) wishing to qualify for the Ontario Summer Games should register with the OLBA president: [cmmrlm@cogeco.ca](mailto:cmmrlm@cogeco.ca) / 877-487-6936 by July 4. (see page 24 in the 2008 Annual) When registering, please include your name, OLBA number, your zone, and contact information: phone or email.

## **Ontario Fours Championships ...**

We had everything but snow this weekend...and what a weekend of bowls it was! Our various District Champions delivered some great bowls at the Ontario Fours Championships held June 15th & 16th at Agincourt Lawn Bowling Club in Toronto. There certainly was no shortage of nail-biting games to watch as game after game went down to the final bowl.

On the ladies' side the favorites in the competition, Laila Hassan's team from District 10 and Jo Anne Bugler's team from District 4, rose to the top to capture the Gold and Silver respectively, but not without some extremely close games throughout. Bugler's foursome gained a birth to the Canadian finals, held in Halifax this year, on her last bowl - a drive, which when the smoke had cleared, found her lying shot and winner of the silver medal.

The men's side was equally exciting with many of the early favorites being relegated to the B side of the draw right in the first round of play.

A most riveting Gold Medal game between last year's Ontario Fours Champions skipped by Brian McCartney, and the team from Oshawa skipped by Wayne Wallwork, came right down to the final bowl as Wallwork calmly played his last shot to the jack to claim victory, coming from behind a 12 - 2 deficit.

Last year's Ontario Silver Medalists and Canadian Gold Medalists fought their way through the B side of the draw to narrowly defeat the hometown team skipped by Larry Wales. The game was still in the balance as Wales' drive on his final bowl missed the mark leaving Steve McKerihen's foursome the opportunity for a trip to Halifax and a chance to capture their fourth Canadian Fours title.

Many thanks must go to the Agincourt Club for their outstanding efforts in making this a very memorable tournament! With at least four delays...thunder, lightning, hail and rain, the wonderful club members continued to keep bowlers and spectators happy, well-fed and dry.

### **Here are the final results ...**

**GOLD - DISTRICT 10 - LAILA HASSAN, CRYSTAL SHEPHARD, DOREEN CREANEY, HELENA HO**

**GOLD - DISTRICT 14 - WAYNE WALLWORK, AL PURCELL, AL HANDLECHNER, GORD TERWILLEGER**

**SILVER - DISTRICT 4 - JO ANNE BUGLER, MAUREEN THOMPSON, SHARON FARRISH, CAROL CARTER**

**SILVER - DISTRICT 11 - STEVE MCKERIHEN, DAVID ANDERSON, JOHN DEVONSHIRE, FRED WALLBANK**

**BRONZE - DISTRICT 3 - LEANNE CHINERY, RITA WRIGHT, JULIE FOWLER, ANDREA STADNYK**

**BRONZE - DISTRICT 10 - LARRY WALES, JOE GREEN, AL FERGUSON, BILL STEVENSON**

**Respectfully Submitted by Herb Nesbitt**

## Club News:

**0240 West Lorne:** 1 Correction - **Page 53** Butch's Small Engines should read **4 pm**.

**0432 Grand Cove:** Geo Tech tournament on Wednesday July 2nd/2008 - Cancelled due to the condition of the greens.

**0718 Galt LBC:** Open pairs Memorial Tournament on Friday 27th June at 10:00 am - sponsored by a gold mining company who are buying lunch for all participants. First prize a minimum of \$100. To enter contact Margaret Coleman at 519-623-5087

**0725 Kitchener:** Terry Ryan - new email: [atsterry@hotmail.com](mailto:atsterry@hotmail.com) – new web site: [www.kitbowls.com](http://www.kitbowls.com)

**1002 Agincourt: Add:** July 12, 2008 - Hickman Family Memorial - 9:30 a.m.

Stewart Wheler Memorial - **Aug 31, at 9:30 a.m.**

Bill Riddock Memorial - **Sept. 21 - 9:30 a.m.**

Mary White of the Oshawa LBC pointed out a serious potential hazard. When you are bowling, be aware of those ball retrievers that people are using to pick up the bowls. There is a tendency to leave them wherever the bowls are located. From personal experience they are easy to miss when you are concentrating on your next shot. Some of the ones used have hard fairly sharp points that could cause serious injury if you fell on them. Be aware and be safe!!

## OLBA News

As many of you know the Provincial government is preparing legislation to reduce and in some cases eliminate the use of pesticides, fungicides and other chemicals in Ontario. Here is a copy of the correspondence I have had with the Minister of the Environment. The OLBA Greens expert Lloyd Woods has also written a letter on our behalf which takes a more technical approach to the problem....Chris

### ENV1283MC-2008-1679

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 2008 regarding our government's proposal to introduce a provincial ban on cosmetic pesticide use. I appreciated receiving your comments and they will be taken into consideration.

The proposed Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act, 2008 (Bill 64), would give the province the authority to make a regulation that will list the specific pesticides and active ingredients in lawn and garden products that would be banned. If the Bill is passed, our intention is to have the ban take effect by the 2009 growing season. This legislation is another significant step towards reducing Ontarians' exposure, regardless of where they live, to toxic chemicals in our air, water, land and consumer products.

The proposed legislation provides an exception for golf courses. However, it would also require golf courses to meet tough new conditions that would be set out in regulation. Our intention would be to require golf courses to develop and implement strong Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plans that would see reductions in pesticides over time. If they did not meet our requirements for management and reduction of their use of pesticides, they would lose that exception all together. We are committed to making sure that we reduce exposure to unnecessary pesticides on golf courses and their impact on the environment.

As the details of the ban are fully explored, the concerns about certain categories of operations, such as bowling greens, would be addressed. A wide range of approaches will be considered, possibly including such things as conditional exemptions, requirements for IPM accreditation and pesticide reduction plans.

The proposed legislation has been posted to the Environmental Registry for public comment until May 22, 2008. Any additional comments can be submitted on-line through the Registry posting at [www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca) under Registry #010-3348.

Thank you for sharing your views with our government.

Sincerely,

John Gerretsen

Minister