

E-Banter #18



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MESSAGE TO ALL BOWLING CLUBS:

RE: Drakes Pride Membership Rewards Contest

Bowls Canada site: <http://www.bowlscanada.com/bowlscanada/myweb.php?hls=10051>

Apply before August 15 to Bowls Canada for the Drakes Pride membership contest.

OLBA gives **membership awards** at the fall meeting based on the database report for the year:

- most brand new members
- biggest percentage increase
- most juniors - 18 & under

NEW BOWLER KITS: The summer is moving along and we are already into August! Please remember to give the NEW BOWLER KITS to your new bowlers. If you need more information or more kits, please call or email DEB HARE at 905-722-9534 or Deb Hare - tom.hare@sympatico.ca

Congratulations to Clubs Celebrating Anniversaries in the year 2008!

Paris LBC - 125 years

Oakville LBC - 100 years - July 6

Kew Beach LBC - 100 years - Aug. 4

Lucknow LBC - 100 years - Aug. 7

Port Perry LBC - 100 years - Aug. 23

Richmond Hill LBC - 90 years - July

Elmira - 80 years

Kingston LBC - 75 years - Special Tournament - Aug. 23 - 24

Leaside LBC - 55 years

Congratulations to clubs that celebrated anniversaries in the year 2007!

100 years - Brampton, Dundalk, Cobourg, Georgetown, Hagersville, Norwich

95 years - Lawrence Park, West Toronto

90 years - Lambeth

80 years - Whitby

75 years - Beeton

Clubs celebrating anniversaries of 75 years or more receive a special plaque from OLBA. Clubs with anniversaries of less than 75 years receive a congratulatory certificate from OLBA.

Information for all OLBA Awards and BCB Awards is available on the OLBA Website: olba.ca

Sign up to receive your copy of the Bowls Canada newsletter: office@bowlscanada.com

SYDNEY 2009 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: Competitor Registration. <http://www.2009worldmasters.com/>

Re: Bill 64, Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act.

On June 18, 2008 the Government of Ontario passed Bill 64 which will prohibit the use and sale of various pest control products for cosmetic (non-essential) purposes.

The Government of Ontario is currently developing draft regulations that will prevent many domestic pest control products from being purchased or used by Ontario residents.

The Government of Ontario is proposing to ban nearly 80 active ingredients and over 300 products that are used to control numerous pest problems even products to be used to control noxious weeds.

All Lawn Bowling Clubs in Ontario are asked to petition the Government of Ontario to ensure that, in the regulations being drafted, pesticides used in the maintenance of the lawn bowling greens/surfaces of the 140 lawn bowling clubs (and their 7700 members) be permitted to be used. Golf greens and lawn bowling greens require the same pesticides. If golf clubs receive special dispensation from Bill 64, then it would follow that lawn bowling greens would receive the same. To disallow the use of the current pesticides for the care and maintenance of lawn bowling greens would be the "beginning of the end" of a sport in Ontario that has been part of the sports scene for over 100 years.

Bowling clubs should petition both the Minister of the Environment and the Premier of Ontario before AUGUST 15, 2008

Minister of the Environment: minister.moe@ontario.ca

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