

'IN THE DITCH'



Here we are with a month of evening bowling already gone - and with the temperatures we have experienced during this month, the decision to move to the evenings, made several years ago by the Executive, was obviously a very good one.

MEMBERSHIP

We are very pleased to welcome 2 more members to the Club. Mary and Paul McHoull. As they joined at the beginning of the month, I am sure you have met them and seen how quickly they have learned to play our game. The Join in July campaign was helped by Ward Simpson's generous gesture in allowing us the use of his sign. Also the big spread in the Advance publicised our search for new members.

4-3-2-1

Report from Jack:

Over the last 10 weeks the 4-3-2-1 group have been rained out twice, but on the days when we could bowl we averaged a turnout of 8 people. Our most dedicated members are Rory and Sushil who have been out every time. Kathy Smith is a close second, having missed only one. Cathy McCon and I have missed two.

Newcomers this year are Marjorie Angus, Jean Penic, Bill Plumer and Wes Turner. Welcome!

The weekly winners have been Bonnie Dawe (who immediately left for the West!), Wes Turner, Kathy Smith, Rory McCon, Bill Plumer, Cathy McCon and Jack Hazell.

We had a couple of folks who came out only once. We look forward to seeing you back, we're really an easy group to bowl with.

Look for the weekly photo gallery: you too can be a media star.

See you on Tuesday nights at 6.30. *Jack*

OUR GREENS

Gerry did not give me a report this month, but I would like to say how saddened I was to see what has happened to our beautiful greens after all his work and care. He is still there, daily, trying to do the best he can and we all appreciate the dedication he has shown.

OUR KITCHEN

Report from Ray

The response to signing up for kitchen duties has been truly great. There are just a few gaps still to be filled - so, if you haven't yet done a shift, or you feel you have the time to do another it would be great. We have had several compliments from other Clubs about the guys working in the kitchen - who knows we may have started a trend!!! Thank you everyone - *Ray*

TOURNAMENTS

Our final tournament for the year, sponsored by Morgan's Funeral Home, is on Sunday, 29th August. We have some very good bowlers in our Club and have had some excellent results this year. It would be great to fill this final open tournament **EVER** at this location.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays throughout August - 4-3-2-1 @ 6.30 pm. Join Jack and the group for some fun.

Wednesday, 18th August - Retired Men's League make another visit to our Club.

Thursday, 26th August - Frontier Ladies will be back.

Saturday, 28th August - Our monthly BBQ. Bowling from 2-4pm as usual - BBQ at 5.00pm

With John and Jean P. in charge, it promises to be a very good one. Make sure you sign up, family and friends will be welcome.

Sunday, 29th August - FINAL, FINAL tournament of 2010 and at this location ever.

Generously sponsored by Morgan's Funeral Homes - Ladies/Mixed Pairs an event not to be missed. Phone Derek - 905-468-1401 to participate.

JULY EVENTS

Sunday, 11th July - A very successful tournament with 13 teams of triples competing in an event sponsored extremely generously by Just Christmas on Queen Street. Pat, Ray and Heather placed 2nd with 3 wins and Leona, Jim S. and John G. won Last Game High Score. The Scoremaster Ed. and his able assistant Ruth, did their usual fantastic job. As everyone who participates in tournaments knows, a great deal of organization and help is needed by Club Members to make it a success. The help is always offered generously and it is VERY much appreciated.

Thursday, 22nd July - Visit from Frontier Ladies. A unique event in that it was the first tournament that could be played by the Ladies in July due to extremely hot weather.

Again thanks to Ed and Ruth who were Scoremasters and to all those who helped to make it a good event.

The greens were the fastest we had ever been on!!!!

Saturday, 31st July - 'THE FABULOUS EATON BBQ'

This was certainly an affair to remember and I am sure all 38 attendees were overwhelmed with the hospitality they received. The garden setting was totally delightful, the weather cooperated, the food was incredible and the company was superb. What a memorable occasion. Our total gratitude to you Evelyn and Ivan.

Sunday, 1st August - (I am including this event in July

as the next "In the Ditch" will not be out until mid-Sept.- due to vacations)

With a great deal of effort and the gracious participation of Jean G. and Sushil, Derek was able to field a full number of teams for the tournament so generously sponsored by Simpson's Pharmacy on Hwy55. The weather was perfect a pleasant breeze reduced the heat, the greens were "challenging" and the event went smoothly with a great deal of enjoyment from the participants. Again, our thanks go to Ed and Ruth who have become Masters of the art of scoring. And a very special mention indeed to Leona who baked up a storm of incredible delights for us all to enjoy. Thanks too to the volunteers who set up the greens and helped in the kitchen. Our top team were Heather and Ray who finished 3rd with 2-game high score and Alfie who placed 4th also with 2 wins.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the 4th July at Glenridge, Kathy, placed 4th in a pairs event. On the 11th July, Kathy participated in the District Singles Playdowns at Glenridge. Although not moving on, she did do well and was marginally defeated by the eventual winner of the Gold Medal at the Provincials. On the 16th July, Kathy won the OLBA Pairs tournament at Roselawn and the following day, placed 3rd in triples at Glenridge. At Grimsby on the 20th, Kathy and Heather placed 4th and on the following day, Pat and Heather placed 2nd, winning all 3 games and Kathy placed 5th in a pairs event at Beamsville. The 29th saw Kathy winning a Trophy at Caledonia in mixed pairs. On the 31st Alfie placed 2nd with 3 wins and Kathy placed 4th in a mixed pairs tournament at Glenridge.

I am sure you know that Kathy, Pat and Heather won the District Seniors Playdowns at Glenridge on the 13th July and are now off to represent our Section, 6, at Kitchener in a 2-day event on the 3rd/4th August. It is an honour and a privilege to represent our Club at this level. Alfie, John G. and Jim S. also competed in the Seniors Playdowns and put up a very good showing.

MEMBER PROFILE

This month's Member is the "Ultimate Volunteer" and you probably can guess that this would be Pat. Born in Mount Royal, a suburb of Montreal, Pat was the middle child having two brothers. Her early school years were in a bilingual programme until, at 10 years, the family moved to Niagara Falls. Here she grew up, attending local schools, got her first job with the Credit Union and married at 19. After her two sons were born, 2 ½ years apart, in the late 60's, she was introduced to Bowling (the 10-pin kind) by her sister-in-law. They and another friend became an exceptional local team with many successes over a 5 year period. In the late 70's, Pat moved to St. Catharines where she found a position with Royal

Trust as a Mortgage Collector. After 4 years she became a Financial Advisor and remained in this position until her retirement in 1999. She was extremely successful in this career winning cruises, trips to Bermuda and to Banff for her high performance. She found the job both challenging and rewarding and made many friends at that time with whom she is still in contact.

In 1986 she met Guy and began a relationship which led to a happy marriage in 2004. During this period Pat and Guy built their first home together just off Lake Shore Road in NOTL. They lived there until down-sizing in 1999 to their current townhouse on the edge of Old Town.

In 2000 Ed and Ruth persuaded them to try Lawn Bowling and, with Pat's previous bowling experience, she took to it with ease. Her game has continued to develop and she now has increased the number of tournaments which she enjoys. Prior to her marriage Pat became a Catholic and was very active at her Church, in the choir, running the Peach Festival and on the executive of the Catholic Women's League. She has also been a volunteer at Upper Canada in the Day Care Unit where her cheery personality brightened the day. Pat is a Member of the executive of the Supper Club, the Copperfield Homeowners' Association and, of course, has been on the Club's executive in various capacities since 2001.

In her spare time! she runs a small clothing business from her home.

Pat was open and honest with me about her health - she is a 2-time survivor. Until 1999 she experienced no problems and then had to deal with breast cancer and all its ramifications. After several years in remission, in 2008, Pat had to have part of her lung removed as the cancer hit again. However, in typical Pat style she now says she is a "little healthy camper".

She regards the Club as a place to enjoy people's company, loving the monthly BBQs. She feels this year there is less tension at the Club, we have some great new Members who are obviously enjoying the experience and participating fully. Pat feels that the Executive has been working extremely hard, dealing with many different things and lead by an excellent President. (Take a bow Ivan!!!)

MONTHLY CHUCKLE

A man was bragging to his neighbor "I just bought a new hearing aid. It is state of the art and cost me \$4,000 but it's perfect!" His neighbor is stunned and responds "What kind is it?" "Twelve thirty", is the reply! (Thanks Gerry)

Good Bowling you guys

Heather