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Suggestions for articles and
notices are welcome.
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News from the OLBA Board Room

The spring general meeting is fast approaching. All OLBA lawn bowlers are invited to attend in Woodstock, Saturday April 22nd. There will be vendors and demonstration areas for you to enjoy. This is also a chance to renew your acquaintance with bowlers from across the province. **Delegates need to register by April 15, 2017. Proxies must be submitted by April 20, 2017. If you haven't already done so, please go to the OLBA website and register now.**

NEW THIS YEAR at the General Meeting: Friday evening April 21st Ontario bowlers are invited to attend a meet and greet hospitality room at the hotel from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. This is a chance for all bowlers to meet with the directors and appointees one-on-one in a pleasant social atmosphere the night before the general meeting. The hospitality suite is open to official delegates and all Ontario bowlers who are able to attend.

2018 championships: The OLBA Championship Committee has finalized their report concerning the proposed BCB changes for 2018 going forward. The Committee received input from many Ontario bowlers (see below). BCB will take into consideration the input from Ontario and the other provinces and make a final decision concerning the program for 2018 going forward.

Conditions of play: The championship committee has completed a huge undertaking in redoing the Conditions of play. Hats off to Tom Roth and his committee for the many hours that they have worked on this. Please note that the Championship committee will be undertaking a complete review of Conditions of Play for 2018 to address participation issues and the expected changes for championships coming from BCB. The championship committee will start this process immediately following the Spring general meeting and will be looking for input from Ontario Bowlers at that time. The 2017 conditions of play are posted on the OLBA website.

The new conditions of play have many changes to bring them into line with the BCB conditions of play which are in effect at the Nationals. These changes provide two advantages for our athletes: a) they get experience with the rules they will face at the Nationals and; b) conforming to BCB officiating and conditions of play helps us qualify for government grants.

The Ontario conditions of play have been altered to allow TEAM sponsors to have advertising on team clothing. This initiative is designed help Ontario athletes secure sponsors to help defray the cost of competing.

Grants: The grants process in Ontario has evolved. This required a number of changes and documentation had to be developed and approved by the Board. Hats off to Phillip Francis and his committee for working their way through the mountain of paper work and finally achieving this year's approval for our organization and member clubs.

Greens: The director for Greens, Steve St. Pierre, and his committee headed by Charlie Roach have set up a seminar for greenskeepers to be held April 29 at the Burlington Lawn Bowling Club. Please check out the article on our website for more information.

Ken Simpson
President, OLBA

OLBA CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT BCB CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW: 2018 SEASON

After having very limited response from our competitive players in Ontario the OLBA Championship Committee has the following recommendations:

We support option #1:

- 1) Elimination of the triples;
- 2) Fours and Pairs for the National Championships with the National Singles at the same venue, following the Fours/Pairs event;
- 3) Random draw for "wild card teams" from all Provinces;
- 4) Players competing in the National Fours, Pairs and Singles will not be allowed to play in the Senior and Mixed Pairs events;
- 5) Multi-province teams allowed for the smaller Provinces;
- 6) Age restrictions for all Youth events.

Our Concerns and consideration for change:

- 1) Seniors age limit should be a shorter time to get to age 65; "Grandfather" in those already playing and get the age up to 65 over 5 years instead of 10;
- 2) Schedule of events: We feel it is better to leave the Championships where they are in the "calendar year" to accommodate the weather, teacher and student players;
- 3) Senior and Mixed Pairs should be held on different dates and kept separate as these are very popular events in Ontario and gives players more of a chance to get to the Nationals;
- 4) BCB should establish a minimum green condition and speed for holding a National Championship and have available a qualified person to give advice on getting a Host Club's greens up to the target criteria;
- 5) BCB should develop a plan for training and compensating umpires for National events.

Tom Roth
OLBA Championship Chair

2017 Coaches Clinics and 2017 Player Development Camps



To: All OLBA Member Clubs:

Please let all your members know about the availability of the 2017 Coaches Clinics and Player Development Camps, especially any that may fall in or near your District. These will happen as early as April 28th, so please do not delay in spreading this information.

To access the exact dates see below or go to the OLBA Website: www.olba.ca

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Development Camps



Dave Burrows
OLBA Coaching Coordinator
OLBA Player Development Chair

2017 Club Coaches Clinics

April 28, 2017

Milton Lawn Bowling Club at Milton Soccer Center
821 Main Street East, Milton, L9T 3Z3

Registration: Heather Comba, 8320 First Line, R.R.#
2, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; Tel: 905-854-2114
hcomba@comcast.net

May 6, 2017

Etobicoke LBC, Islington Avenue, just south of
Dundas, Toronto, 416-239-5315

Registration: Doug Turner, 6 Glenaden Avenue East,
Toronto M8Y 2L3; 416-233-0966, captain16@bell.net

May 13, 2017

Kingston LBC, 100 Napier Street, Kingston
613 542-6693, kingstonlawnbowlingclub@hotmail.ca

Registration: Judy Steinke 594 Davis Drive, Kingston
K7M 7Y3: 613 384-9891
kingstonlawnbowlingclub@hotmail.ca

May 14, 2017

Dufferin LBC, 158 St. Paul Ave., Brantford, N3T 4G4
519-756-6494 www.dufferinclub.ca

Registration: Karen Jackson 198 Dufferin Avenue,
Brantford, N3T 4R6; 519 756-0887
karenj@townsendmutual.com

FREE !!!!

Greenskeeping Seminar

Burlington Lawn Bowling Club
April 29, 2017 -- 9:30 a.m.

Topics that will be covered include:

- fertilizing (when and what to use)
- irrigation
- leveling
- verticutting
- setting up the greens for bowling
- use of the equipment.

There is no charge for this seminar. Coffee and snacks will be available, bring a bag lunch.

Please pass this information on to clubs in your district.

If you are interested please contact, Steve St. Pierre, stpierre@olba.ca or Charlie Roach, roach220@outlook.com

2017 Player Development Camps

May 7, 2017

Strategy, Communications, Head Building

Willowdale LBC, 150 Beecroft Road, Willowdale, M2N 5Z5; 416 221-6362 wlbc@bell.net

Registration: Zharina (Zee) Jones, Suite RG06 – 23
Lorraine Drive, North York, M2N 6Z6
416 730-0359 zeemia@hotmail.com

June 12, 2017

Weight Control & Line of Aim

Almonte LBC, 157 Robert Street, Almonte, K0A 1A0

Registration: Jane Maloney, 1105 - 1100 Ambleside
Drive, Ottawa, K2B 8G6; 613 820-9591
mjmlawnbowls@gmail.com

June 13, 2017

Competition Training (Skips & Vices)

Lindsay LBC, 140 Elgin Street, Lindsay, 705 324-9901

Registration: Jan Bauer, P.O. Box 489, Cannington,
LOE 1E0; 705-432-3074, a19can@persona.ca

Priority given to District 14 bowlers. The camp is designed for Skips and Vices who play in open tournaments and are looking to develop their game. The Camp will also help bowlers who are considering entering District Playdowns and Championship play.

Sept. 16, 2017

High Performance Camp

Leaside LBC, 190 Hanna Road, Toronto
416 483-1428 communications@leasidebowls.ca

Registration: Dorothy Robertson, P.O. Box 43567,
1601 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, M4G 4G8
416 425-7237 drobertson225@rogers.com

Membership Reminders

INVOICES (Member Assessment)

Invoices have been sent out by email. Your club cheque can be postdated to June 15. Affiliation stickers will **only** be given to clubs that have paid the member assessment. ***If clubs have not paid, their members are not allowed to enter district playdowns.***

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP (\$5 per person)

For people who don't go on the greens but need to be covered with liability insurance.

Please note that failure to register these individuals leaves the club & directors liable for any mishap that occurs while they are on the property. Send a list of social members with your club update.

OLBA GREENSKEEPING COMMITTEE



Need Help?

The OLBA Greenskeeping Committee is ready, willing and able to help clubs improve the condition and pace of their greens. Advice and guidance is available on such topics as:

- fertilizing (when and what to use)
- irrigation
- leveling
- verticutting
- setting up the greens for bowling
- use of the equipment
- taking the pace of the green

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National Bowls Day

June 3, 2017

Bowls Canada is promoting a national **Bowls Day in Canada** on **Saturday June 3rd, 2017**. This is an opportunity for Provincial Bowls Associations and affiliated clubs to encourage Canadians to check Lawn Bowls off their ParticipACTION 150 Play List by visiting their local bowls clubs on June 3rd. Events could include (but are not limited to):

- try-bowls events
- fund raisers
- social tournaments
- open houses

Bowls Canada Boulingrin will be coordinating a campaign to help clubs and provincial associations capitalize on this opportunity. Stay tuned for more details!

ParticipACTION has produced a series of resources to help community organizations participate in the 150 Play List. By registering your Bowls Day in Canada event or program you can opt-in to receive:

- Event Celebration Kit containing signage
- prizes
- possibly a feature on the ParticipACTION Tour Stops & Event Page

You may even qualify for a micro-grant to support your event. Micro-grants are available on a first-come-first-served basis, so sign up your event today!

For more information on **Registering an Event or Program**: <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/participaction-150-play-list/community-resources/register>

For access to the **Community Toolkit**: <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/participaction-150-play-list/community-resources/community-toolkit>

For more information on the **Tour Stops and Event Map**: <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/participaction-150-play-list/events>

For more information on the **ParticipACTION 150 Play List** please visit: <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/participaction-150-play-list>



Bowls Canada Boulingrin

Navigation 101

OLBA Website

The new OLBA website features main headings with drop-down menus. There is a lot of information and access to many resources available on the website that some members may not have been able to locate. This is a guide on how to navigate through the prompts for any members who may be new to the website, or are still getting accustomed to the new set-up.

The Main Themes of the website are in the dark blue header string to the right of "Ontario Lawn Bowls Association". The Main Themes and sub-sets are as follows:

➤ **About Us**

- Club Directory & Information
- Websites for Clubs and Districts
- Indoor bowling
- District Directory & Information
- Publications: Annual & E-Bulletin
- Governance:
 - Directors
 - Committees and Appointments
 - Bylaws and Policies
 - Compliance manual re persons with disabilities
 - Financial Reports (2017 budget)
 - Board Minutes

➤ **Competition and Awards**

- Championships Events
- General Information
 - Host Club guidelines
 - 2017 Ontario Conditions of Play
 - Officiating Committee and Umpires,
 - Round-Robin format in District playdowns
 - District winners report
 - District playdowns participants report
 - Medical form for Provincials
- Tournaments
 - Drawmasters Handbook

➤ **Awards**

- Club Membership Awards
- Individual Membership Certificate (members with 5 years or more)
- Lifetime member certificate
- Certificate of Appreciation
- Bowls Buddy Certificate
- Perfect End Pins

➤ **Programs**

➤ **Membership & Marketing**

- Overview
- Sample Club updates
- New membership cards
- Member recruitment
- Membership benefits
- Indoor bowls manual

➤ **Marketing**

- how to create club website
- techniques to introduce people to the game
- Open House, Guest Group Agenda
- OLBA Marketing Plan

➤ **Coaching & Player Development**

- Information on becoming a coach,
- Coaches Clinics and Player Development Camps
- Coaches Code of Ethics,
- Materials on coaching and player development (click on prompt to go to Google Drive)

➤ **Umpiring**

➤ **Youth Bowlers**

➤ **Greenskeeping**

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- IPM Report and example
- Preparing greens for winter

➤ **Bowls Buddy**

➤ **OLBA Memorial Fund**

➤ **Club Insurance and Claims**

Many thanks to Jerry Michaels, OLBA webmaster, for the hundreds and hundreds of hours he has put in on the redesign and management of the new OLBA website.