

**Unapproved Minutes
SPLBC Spring General Meeting
Sunday, April 30, 2023 (1:00pm) Clubhouse**

1. Call to Order:

With 99 members present the meeting was called to order at 1:01pm by President Chris Chapman.

2. Acknowledgement: Anne Berridge, Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

Land Recognition: We acknowledge that SPLBC is located on the unceded and ancestral territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

3. In Memoriam.

Moment of silence to remember those who are no longer with us.

4. Approval of the Agenda and Approval of Minutes of SGM April 24, 2022.

Since the Spring General Meeting is not an official meeting that requires motions, but an informational meeting, President Chris Chapman declared the Agenda and the Minutes of SGM April 24, 2022 approved.

5. President's Report. (Attached).

Parks Board Agreement, Managers Workshop.

Truth and Reconciliation Committee Report: Trevor Ludski (attached).

Capital Priorities Committee Report: Mary Anne Gillies (attached).

6. Treasurer's Report. Financial Statements. (Attached).

Budget variances.

7. Vice-President's Report. (Attached).

Corporate Rentals, Bar, SPLBC Code of Conduct.

The corporate events have been put into the SPLBC online calendar. Click on the calendar entry to see the number of people coming in each Corporate group; if a large number, the draw might be affected or cancelled. Prepare accordingly.

Request for bar volunteers with SIR certificate.

8. Past President's Report. (Attached).

Membership Report: George and Susan Guthrie. As of today 213 renewals out of 350 have taken place.

Many thanks to Rob Berridge for agreeing to take on the new role of Participation Co-ordinator for this season.

9. Director's Report (Infrastructure). (Attached).

House Report, Greens, Gardens, First Aid/AED (Defibrillator), FOBS/Security. Request for volunteers.

10. Director's Report (Bowling). (Attached).

Games Report: Graham Mason (Attached).

Coaching Report: Petra Vanderley (Attached).

12. Director's Report (Social). (Attached).

BBQs, Friends and Family Fireworks Nights, Kitchen & supplies, Fridge. Awards night is scheduled for Sept 17.

Request: June 9,10,11 Tournament hospitality needs baking.

13. Q & A.

Question about whether the Club will be offering lessons using the Ubi launcher and other assistive devices.

Answer: Yes, Ubi launcher lessons to be offered. Discussion of the bowling arm tool – the Club does not have any but might acquire in the future. Petra has called a meeting for Open House demonstrators on Thurs May 4 from 6:30-7:30.

Information: Summer bridge starts with the first BBQ on June 16. To keep offering activities for Social Members, 3 sessions of bridge will be held between the end of Winter Bridge (now) and June 16. Participants in the bridge games should have basic skills – while the bridge group is a friendly one, no lessons are offered.

Question: Can we post financials on the website in the Members Only section?

Answer: Financial reports are posted on the website every month with the Board Meeting minutes.

Question about the use of hand signals during a game: will the lessons make the novice players aware of the correct use of signals and uniformity of such signals?

Answer: Yes. Skill refreshers will also be offered by coaching personnel for returning members who wish them.

Information: Syoko Watanabe who recently received her 25 year pin has made a beautiful framed display of the Bells' pins collected over the years from their trips competing around the globe. This framed work will be put on permanent display in the clubhouse for members to enjoy.

Information: Wagdy Senbal, who joined SPLBC 31 years ago today, very generously offered to buy everyone present a drink.

14. Golden Bowler: Lynn Kennedy. (Presentation notes attached).

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

APPROVED BY THE SPRING GENERAL MEETING ON April--, 2024.

President

Secretary

SPLBC Spring General Meeting – April 30, 2023

Presidents Report

Welcoming of members and Introduction of the board

Judy Lawson
Lisa MacLean
Rick McInerney
Sue Smolen
Wayne Hawrysh
Lois Goodeve
Claus Braovac

Thanks to Graham Kerr for his work in presenting the information slides at the meeting.

Parks Board Agreement

Unfortunately, we have nothing new to report and are still awaiting word on when we might receive a new operating agreement. As a result of not having an agreement in place our Capital Priorities Committee is hesitant to recommend any new major projects. Once the board is clear on what the club's responsibilities are under the new agreement, we will be in a better position to prioritise and allocate the clubs capital resources. Until then we are at a stand still

Managers Workshop

This year we held a manager's workshop on April 1st where 15 people from your team of Directors and club managers spent 4 hours brainstorming and sharing ideas with one another. As I call out your name, I would ask each of our managers to stand and remain standing until all have been introduced. I would ask that the everyone holds your applause until all managers are standing.

<u>Managers</u>			
Graham Mason	Games Manager	Nate Doidge	Accountant
Petra VanderLey	Coaching Manager	Mike Smolnicki	Communications / Webmaster
George & Susan Guthrie	Membership Managers	Lynda Brennan	Communications / Newsletter
Gavin Clifford	Greens Manager	Keith Bespflug	Corporate Manager
Harold Wiebe	House Manager	Anne Berridge	Corporate Manager
Christine Skelton	Kitchen Manager	Alan Jones	BBQ Manager
Iain Girvan	Bar Manager		

Many of the ideas that were discussed during the managers workshop have become a part of this year's programming and will be touched upon during the various director's reports. In addition, there were

several new initiatives discussed at the workshop that are now under consideration for future implementation. The largest being a possible Junior Bowls Program. Several members of the team have expressed an interest in this initiative and will be working to determine if such a program is a good and viable fit for our club and its membership. We will keep you posted on the outcome of these discussions.

Communications:

Website - Mike Smolnicki has added a new calendar interface to our website which means each director will now be able to maintain the details of each of their events in the club calendar. In addition Mike set up a members Only Section on our website which allows us to post items that will not be visible to the public.

Newsletter: Lynda Brennan continues to do an excellent job at keeping the content of our newsletters relevant and informative. If you have any suggestions on changes to the Newsletter, please feel free to forward them to Lynda and myself.

The work of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee to be presented by Trevor Ludski

The work of the Capital Priorities Committee to be presented by Mary Ann Gillies

Presentation to the Semi Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Truth & Reconciliation Committee

Anne Berridge, Rob Berridge, Chris Chapman, Pat Furlong,

Toni Ludski, Trevor Ludski

In July, 2022, shortly after the Pope's visit, one of our club members, Anne Berridge, was moved to take action about the injustices that have happened and continue to take place in regard to Indigenous people.

Anne met with a few members to discuss how we could / should support the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

We agreed that on Canada Day we would continue to invite members to wear an orange ribbon to acknowledge and remember those who were forced to attend residential school thereby continuing to offer condolences and respect to their families and communities.

Secondly, wearing an orange shirt during the month of September is a way to affirm one's commitment to raising awareness of the residential school experience and to honour the healing journey of Indigenous lives impacted by residential schools. Our committee would like to encourage club members to consider purchasing an orange shirt with the slogan, Every Child Matters to be worn on September 30, the day set aside for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Information will be posted on the club's website in regard to a safe site where orange shirts may be purchased from an Indigenous owned company.

Rob Berridge will be posting an article he has written that references the first caretakers of Stanley Park. It will include two excellent resources by Bob Joseph who has written extensively about relating to and working with Indigenous Peoples.

And finally, the committee will explore ways to support local Indigenous owned companies such as Talaysay Tours based in Stanley Park and we will share this information on our club's website.

Club members working with Anne Berridge are Pat Furlong, Toni Ludski, Rob Berridge and Trevor Ludski, along with Chris Chapman who has offered to sit as a representative from the Board. If this initiative sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please contact Anne Berridge.

We invite you to stay tuned to our club's website for updates and articles.

Capital Priorities Committee – Mary Ann Gillies, Spring Annual General Meeting report April 30, 2023

We are a committee that reports to the board through the president.

The committee is charged with planning for capital projects – by capital we mean facility expenses (building and greens), not operating expenses.

We have 3 main tasks.

1. Draft a Capital Plan and submit it to the board.
2. Assess proposals for capital expenditures > \$5000 and make recommendations to the board.
3. Assist with obtaining funding for large capital projects.

Process

1. **Capital Plan** - Normally, the Committee seeks input from the relevant committees and directors – the Greens Advisory committee prepares a capital plan and submits it to us; the Director-at-Large Infrastructure consults with those involved with maintaining and using the clubhouse and prepares a capital plan and submits it to us.

We then take that information and develop a Capital Plan that has 1, 3, and 5 year horizons. Because we don't yet have an operating agreement with the City, we've opted not to develop a Capital plan for the building since we need clarity around who is responsible for what.

We were able to develop a Greens Capital plan in 2020 which we sent to the board. Most of the items on that plan have now been dealt with – new plinth boards, the electric mowers and so on – so the Greens Advisory Committee will soon begin the process of developing its next Capital Plan. As soon as we have a new operating agreement, I anticipate that we will go through the process of developing a full Capital Plan which will be submitted to the board.

2. **Proposals for expenditures >\$5K.** From time-to-time time sensitive or urgent capital projects are brought to the committee. In 2019, for example, a proposal from the Director-At-Large Social to purchase a Commercial Refrigerator and Freezer to replace the inadequate ones we had came to the committee and we approved it even though we didn't have a Capital plan for the clubhouse. We don't accept proposals directly from individual members; proposals come from

the Directors-at-Large who are submitting them from committees or individuals in their portfolios. All proposals come with a budget, timeline and rationale attached.

3. **Funding projects** – this committee has taken on the task of writing grant applications for the capital projects we approve. We have a very good track record of obtaining funding from the New Horizons for Senior Program – in 2021-2022 grant year we obtained the maximum amount of \$25K for improvements to the greens, for example. The new Commercial Refrigerator and Freezer were part of our successful NHSP 2019-2020 grant. This year we will be applying for \$25K to help us fund the proposed LED Lighting project which we hope to move forward with in the Spring of 2024 which has an estimated Project Cost \$36K We've also been successful in grant applications to the BC Gaming commission.

I want to emphasize, though, that WE ARE NOT a fund-raising committee. Should the club opt to take on major capital projects in the future, the board will likely need to decide on a fund-raising strategy.

Treasurer's Report 2023 S.G.M.

Financial Statements:

The financial statements presented today are for the first six months of our fiscal year, which began on October 1, 2022 – just at the end of the last bowling season.

The Balance Sheet shows our assets to be about \$95,700 as of March 31st. These consist mainly of cash in the bank and term deposits. Our liabilities are negligible at this time.

The Statement of Revenues and Expenses shows that revenues were minimal during the period, as is normal for the off season. Expenses were well below budget, mainly due to a variance in outlays for club improvements covered below. Overall, we had a first half deficit of \$35,500 vs. a planned shortfall of \$71,337.

Significant Variances from Budget:

The only significant variance is that the expenditure on club improvements was about \$26k lower than budgeted. This is mostly a timing issue as the replacement of the plinth boards on the east green (~\$15k) was planned to be completed before March 31st whereas this wasn't done until earlier this month. Also, the planned installation of a BBQ shed (~\$6k) was cancelled and a design study on upgrading the greens lighting was postponed in lieu of replacing 4 burned-out lights (maintenance cost of \$3.6k).

Rick McInerney
April 30, 2023

STANLEY PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Simplified Balance Sheet

ASSETS	<u>31-MAR-23</u>	<u>31-MAR-22</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Bank Accounts	33,292	40,444
Term Deposits	61,820	21,668
Cash Floats	114	400
Vancity Membership Share	7	0
Accounts Receivable	0	830
Inventory	<u>445</u>	<u>1,389</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$95,678</u>	<u>\$64,731</u>
 LIABILITIES and EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	0	34
Current Liabilities	(412)	9,847
Total Liabilities	(412)	9,881
Equity:		
Designated Reserve	25,000	22,657
Retained Earnings	106,590	50,610
Profit for YTD	<u>(35,500)</u>	<u>(18,417)</u>
Total Equity	96,090	54,850
TOTAL LIABILITIES and EQUITY	<u>\$95,678</u>	<u>\$64,731</u>

STANLEY PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
YTD October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023

OPERATING REVENUES	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Membership Fees	225	0
Corporate Group and Other Rentals	0	0
Tournaments and Games	2,499	0
Social Activities	4,000	4,000
Bar Sales	525	0
Other Revenue	<u>1,606</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$8,855</u>	<u>\$4,600</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Greens Maintenance and Improvement	19,272	23,433
Tournaments and Games	0	0
Social Activities	3,713	4,000
Bar Purchases	0	0
Clubhouse and Gardens	9,975	9,769
General and Administrative	2,851	4,110
Club Improvements	8,504	34,500
Other Expenses	<u>40</u>	<u>125</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$44,355</u>	<u>\$75,937</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(\$35,500)</u>	<u>(\$71,337)</u>

Vice President's Report for the SGM

April 30, 2023

Corporate Rentals

This year we raised corporate pricing by \$10 per person, to \$50 for bowling, we left the social aspect the same, \$10 per person. Our bookings are full and barring rainouts we expect to exceed our budgeted goal of \$35,000 for 2023.

We have 20 corporate events booked, with close to 900 participants. Most will be held on Thursday afternoons but a few will fall on a Friday and even an occasional Monday or Tuesday. All bookings are being entered into the club Calendar for reference.

I would like to remind members, that Corporate rentals come with a Special Event Permit that usually includes a liquor licence and a time range, such as 11 am – 6 pm. We are not allowed to open the club bar during that time range while a corporate event is ongoing because liquor laws do not allow 2 simultaneous liquor licences for one location. Please keep this in mind when you are coming in from an afternoon of bowling.

Many thanks to our corporate managers, Anne Berridge and Keith Bessflug, and their team leads for all their hard work. They are an incredibly organized and well run group. It's going to be a busy year so I encourage everyone to participate in helping out with these events.

Bar

One of our goals this year was to raise the bar fridges off the floor to make the bartending work more ergonomic so we've ordered a table for the bar fridges to sit on. Our original plan was to move the raised fridges to the back wall behind the bar but then we realized we'd have to move the bar itself forward in order to have enough room to open the fridge doors. In fact, we'd have to move the bar so far forward that we'd no longer be in compliance with our liquor licence. So, in order to accommodate the fridge relocation, while staying within the limits of our liquor licence, we've had to modify the shape of the bar and reconfigure the layout of the bar equipment and supplies.

We will still encourage members to use their own recyclable cups, and we will sell off any remaining plastic glasses that we have in stock but once they are gone, we will no longer be selling plastic glasses at the bar.

Many thanks to Iain Girvan, our bar manager; Robert Knall, who does our purchasing and inventory; and the bartending team for all the time and hard work they will be putting in this coming year. If anyone wishes to join the bartending team, we'd love to have you. Once you get your SIR certification, please let Iain or myself know.

SPLBC Code of Conduct

Following the standard set by Sport Canada, Bowls Canada and Bowls BC and the requirements set by the Province of BC and viaSport, we've replaced our Code of Conduct with the BC Universal Code of

Conduct. There is a link to this on the website. The change is driven by the Safe Sport movement and sets the same standards of acceptable behavior by all participants in all sports organizations. It establishes common definitions, responsibilities, and prohibited behaviours. To go along with this change, we are also working on a Discipline and Complaints policy. This is fairly similar to our previous Code of Conduct with only a few modifications and should be ready and posted on the website in the next week or so.

Judy Lawson, Vice-President SPLBC

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT
SGM APRIL 30, 2023

First of all, many thanks to the Membership Team this season – George and Susan Guthrie. A lot of work has been done already with assistance from last year's team, and Mike Smolnicki and Lynda Brennan from Communications. Also working with Petra Vanderley in Coaching. Following is their report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
By George and Susan Guthrie

Renewals

Online renewals opened early and are, generally speaking, going smoothly now. Paper forms are available this year but we encourage using the online function as it cuts down on processing time. As with last year there is an issue matching applications with payments and the amount of time spent following up on missing forms or payments. This adds considerably to the workload.

Numbers up to April 16, 2023

- Active members last year: 350
- Renewals to April 16: 120
- Not yet renewed: 230

Of the members who haven't yet renewed 87 were new last year.

New

- Members Only page set up by Mike Smolnicki where members can access membership lists and meeting minutes. Feedback from members: have a viewing function when entering the password.
- E-transfer has been eliminated.
- Members who file online get automated confirmation by email of filing and a copy of the form.
- PDF Form is available to print and fill out.

Open House

- The large banner and two new banners for the back of the clubhouse and west fence are up.
- Fliers are available in the clubhouse for members to post in their apartment lobbies etc.
- Fliers will be posted at Barclay Manor and possibly at Vancity branch and WESN.
- The Open House teams are actively preparing for the event. A call for volunteers has been issued and members are responding well.

- Open House Reminder for the public on the website had a good response. 67 reminder emails were sent out on April 12.
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Volunteers

In the area of Volunteers, we are recruiting a Participation Co-ordinator, who would attend each of the first leagues and events and share the philosophy of participating (volunteering) in our club. This person could direct members on how to do this, whether sign up sheets or approaching the best person in the club for advice.

Questions?

Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club
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Wayne E. Hawrysh
Director-at-Large (Infrastructure Report)

House Report

Team Leader- Harold Wiebe

- Spring Clean Up Day was a Tremendous Success with 30+ Members contributing in All Aspects of Beautifying Our Clubhouse and Greens
- In Coordination with the Bar Team, a reconfiguration of the Bar Area was Accomplished and New Ballasts and Lighting Fixtures were Installed
- After a Few Adjustments, The New Furnace became Instrumental in keeping Our Card Players Warm this past winter
- In Coordination with the Greens Team Gutters were Cleaned and the 1947 Drainpipe was Replaced
- Our Bike Racks are now Installed at the South Entrance to the Club (Double Gates) and when “Parking” their Bikes at the Club, Our Members are Now being asked to Utilize the South Double Gates Only
- We have Met with and have been having Discussions with Abell Pest Control about their Commitment to Maintenance. After a Walkabout, a few areas of concern were Discovered and immediately addressed by the House Team
- With Gavin Clifford Coordinating a Meeting and Discussions with the Kitchen, House, Greens and Bar Teams, a Reorganization of the Storage/Games Shed is in Progress
- Repairs to the Water Fountain and Easier Access to the Shut Off Valves in the Men’s Washroom have begun.
- Harold and the House Team are in Research Mode to Upgrade the Amenities in the Handicap/Gender Neutral Washroom
- Upon meeting with the Kitchen Team, Harold has been requested to perform a few Minor Repairs and have Our Cleaning Team include the Kitchen (Floors and Counter) in their Routine Bi-Weekly Maintenance
- Our Security Company(Securigard) has been Outstanding in Deterring Vagrancy and Vandalism
- Our Club will Fly the New 2SLGBTQI+ during Pride Month

Greens Report

Team Leader- Gavin Clifford

- In Coordination with Scott Anderson, Our Turf Maintenance Professional and Brad Marchant, Gavin and his Greens Team have been Diligently Performing any Chore Necessary to Ensure the Integrity of Our Greens

- The Greens Team, consisting of Larry Crebo, Robert Prud'homme, Glen Young, Terry Furlong, Linda and Tom Gorman, Dirk Ricker regularly meet on Wednesday Mornings and Coordinate Grass Trimming, Crow Hole Filling, Weeding, Ditch Cleaning, Leaf Blowing
- Plinths were Replaced on the East Green
- Coring and Sanding of Both the West (March 30) and the East (April 5) Greens was Performed. The Call for Volunteers to Assist had Another Brilliant Turnout
- Our Greens Lighting was Repaired by Beaulieu Electric and a Call for Bids are being Submitted to Perform the Eventual Changeover to LED
- Owls, Reflective Streamers and Plastic Dead Crows seem to be a Fairly Effective Solution in Deterring the Crows and Geese from Creating Havoc with Our Greens
- Painting of the Doors and Awning is in Progress and will continue with Weather Permitting
- Gavin's Snow Shoveling Crew were on Standby and "On the Shovel", Diligently Staying On Top of the Major Snow Falls and Keeping the Walkways Clear for the Very Well Attended Euchre and Bridge Clubs

Gardens Report

Team Leader- Monika Hilson

- Monika Hilson, Wagdy Senbel, Barbara Coleman, Sue Smolen, Colleen and Maggie Fee, Yana Sabanskis, Ken Dierssen et al, have been Maintaining, Weeding, Planting, Pruning, Watering the Amazing Gardens throughout the Fall, Winter and Spring
- The Due Diligence and Brilliance of These Dedicated Gardeners is Now Being Exposed to You the Members, Our Visitors from Other Clubs and the General Public

First Aid/ AED(Defibrillator)

Team First Aid- Dianne Farlinger, Geordie Stowell, Eva Murray

- Dianne Farlinger has been performing a Monthly Inspection of the Defibrillator and Ensuring the Battery is Functional and Our Supplies are Up to Date
- The Team will Rotate the Inspection as the Season Progresses
- Always looking for More Volunteers to Participate in the First Aid Program and Eventually Establish a Safe Sport Program

FOBS/ Security

Team Leader- John Sinclair

- Keith Warriner has come on board with John's Security Team
- In Coordination and Support from Our Treasurer, Rick McInerney, a Backup System was Incorporated

All Teams are Always Looking for Any Member to Come on Board and Volunteer Their Time, Knowledge and Participation in the Beautification and Maintenance of the Most Beautiful Lawn Bowling Club in British Columbia!!!

APRIL 13, 2023

BOWLING REPORT from

Bowling Director Claus Braovac

Subject SGM REPORT

COACHING DIRECTOR PETRA VANDERLEY AND GAMES DIRECTOR GRAHAM MASON ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE UPCOMING BOWLING SEASON

WE WILL HAVE NEW MEMBERS' LESSONS BEGINNING AFTER OUR MAY 6TH OPEN HOUSE AND PETRA WILL BE ORGANIZING LESSONS FOR EXPERIENCED BOWLERS WHO WANT TO IMPROVE THEIR COMPETITIVE SKILLS

OUR TUESDAY NOVICE LEAGUE WILL HAVE COACHES ON BOTH ENDS OF THE RINKS IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE NEW BOWLERS WITH RULES AND TECHNIQUE

**PLEASE SEE SPLBC CALENDAR FOR
ALL THE 2023 BOWLING EVENTS FOR
OUR CLUB
THIS INCLUDES OUR CLUB CHAMPI-
ONSHIPS AND ALL THE V & D
EVENTS INCLUDING BC MIXED
PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Games Report

April 30, 2023

Congratulations to our club bowlers

Congratulations to our Stanley Park bowlers who did so well at the recent BC Provincial Men's Indoor Singles. David Lewis won the Silver Medal and will be one of the bowlers who will represent BC at the Indoor Nationals in October. Chris Chapman reached the quarter-finals, and Gavin Clifford came close to also making the quarters. Wayne Hawrysh was in a tough group but he also played very well. The winner, Will Hall, started bowling here at Stanley Park in 2018.

Tournament News

This year we will be hosting the usual four inter-club events, and early indications are that registrations should exceed last year, which was the first year back since COVID.

Inter-club events are an opportunity to showcase our club, and most entries are repeat entries that reflect the fact that people have such a great time when they come to our club. It is thanks to the volunteers (and not just our enviable location) that bowlers from other clubs come back year after year.

As well as inter-club tournaments, in June we will be hosting the Provincial Men's and Women's Fours. Although the three-day event is somewhat of an inconvenience to our bowling members, it is important that we do our bit to contribute to the larger bowling community. It puts our club in the spotlight, and as the largest club by membership in BC, we have a responsibility to step up to the plate when needed.

We were also asked if we could host the V&D Novice Men's Singles. Even though we did it last year, I agreed to do it again. It is held over three weekday evenings so the impact to our bowling members is minimal. Again—as one of only a handful of two-green clubs in the 22-member V&D—it is important that we contribute to the Vancouver and District Lawn Bowls Association. It also provides our novice bowlers with home-field advantage.

In addition to these events we will have the usual slate of one-day club championships. The dates are all posted on the website calendar and on the tournaments tab of the website.

Last year, I created a 'tournaments' tab for the website that has information about each of the club championships and inter-club tournaments. It was created as a way to disseminate useful information about the event and therefore make the job of convenor much easier. If you haven't checked it out yet, please do. Inter-club tournament registrants can see who has already signed up, the conditions of play, and even a parking guide to assist those visiting from other clubs.

Our usual leagues are back: Monday evening singles, Wednesday afternoon pairs, and Wednesday evening Twilight pairs. Weekly draws include the Shady Ladies, Short Jack, Blue Heron, the Sunday Aggregate plus an Open Draw every afternoon. Thank you to all the returning, and new, convenors of

these events. The season-ending Triples Twist tournament will also be back and there are a few other ideas that we are working on.

Bowls Canada Nationals news

Bowls Canada recently announced big changes to how the national competitions will be played and the changes are not going down too well with the competitive bowlers here in BC, in part because Bowls BC was not involved in the process. In the past, a top three finish in any of the events at the Provincials was good enough to get you into the nationals, but Bowls Canada announced that Provinces can only send five bowlers in total of each sex for the three events (singles, pairs and fours). So, for all but a few elite bowlers, the dream of playing at the nationals one day has become even more difficult.

Mixed pairs and triples have been dropped from the nationals, and there will be no more national indoor singles after this year, which is particularly upsetting for PIBC and its members.

Questions?

2023 Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club (the CLUB) Coaching Program SGM Report

The Coaching Team Leader will be the point person for all Club members who would like to teach or coach Club members, from novice to competitive levels.

Prior to the Novice Orientation & Lessons, all coaches must attend a session where there will be a run through of the Novice Orientation & Lessons. This is to ensure all coaches are teaching the basics in the same way and there is coaching consistency within the Club.

1. Open House
 - a) 1 or 2 demonstrators per rink each shift
 - b) 1 – 2 persons to handle lesson sign ups and collect lesson fee (\$30), each shift
2. Novice Orientation & Lessons (NCCP certified coaches available)
 - a) 2 lessons per person, cost of \$30 (applied to membership fee if person joins club)
 - b) Tuesday Night Novice League – preferably 2 coaches per rink
3. During the Season
 - a) Measuring Clinic
 - b) Individual Coaching (NCCP certified coaches available)
 - Tuesday Night Novice League - 30 minutes prior to draw coaching available
 - daytime week session
 - weekend session
 - individual coaching as arranged between coach and member
 - c) Preparation for Competitive Bowling
 - d) Strategy
 - e) Marking at competitions

The instructional session availability and frequency, will be dependent upon available volunteers.

Social Director's Report

April 30, 2023

I am looking forward to this season and am excited about our new team. Please welcome Christine Skelton, Kitchen Manager and Alan Jones, BBQ Manager. I am grateful that they have stepped up to fill these roles and look forward to working with them. They will be establishing a larger team of members to help with all the various events and tasks. Please sign up.

There will be 8 barbecues this season commencing June 16, 2023. Hope to see you there.

A big thank you to all of you who took the time to respond to the BBQ survey. We received a lot of good feedback from members. Overall the gist of it was that we want the BBQ's to continue and that it is the social element that keeps us coming back, food is secondary. Having said that, we have a few ideas about how to change up the menu and the quality. You'll have to attend to see what they are.

The following social events for the season have also been confirmed. Watch for details in the newsletter.

Victoria Day - May 22
Canada Day - July 1
Pride - August 3
BC Day - August 7
Labour Day - September 4
Awards Dinner (date to be determined)

Friends and Family night will return to the club on the two Saturday fireworks nights, July 22 and 29. Great way to introduce lawn bowling to family and friends, or just come watch the fireworks.

As Covid restrictions have been lifted we are stocking the kitchen with cookies, coffee and teas, including herbal teas. Help yourselves but please do tidy up before you leave and return items to the fridge and cupboards as necessary.

Two additional shelves have been installed in the fridge. We are awaiting delivery of one additional shelf for the freezer.



2023 Golden Bowl Award

Lynn Kennedy and John Sinclair joined SPLBC in 2001.

In 2002 Lynn joined the club executive as director of Membership.

At the time, the club corporate rentals were starting to grow in popularity and in 2006 Lynn stepped down from her membership role and devoted her time to taking care of Visitor groups.

A few years later Lynn and Dale Hoadley would become Co-Directors of the clubs coaching program.

After 12 years volunteering as a director or committee chair, in 2014 Lynn was nominated to the position of Club President and spent the next two years in the position.

I met Lynn when I joined the club in 2014. I spent my first summer on the greens thinking that this was one of the most beautiful places in the city and a great summer sport to transition to after curling each winter. In the Spring of

2015 as curling was winding down, I contacted Lynn and asked if I could organize a gay bowling league on one of the nights that the club wasn't using the greens. Lynn liked the idea but said that I would need to meet with the board, and they would have to vote on the idea. The next week I made a pitch to the board and with Lynn's support the board approved holding a Thursday night league that would be openly gay but still open to any other members of the club. That year the club's membership increased by over 100 new members and the Blue Heron League was formed.

Lynn's open mind and acceptance of the gay community was the starting point of our club becoming one of the most (if not the most) diverse and inclusive Lawn Bowling Clubs in the world. Thanks Lynn – your support over the years is much appreciated.

Lynn describes her bowling career as NOT STELLAR but says she enjoys the game and has had some success.

In her first year of bowling Lynn won the club novice tournament and in 2002 was on a team with Terry Delaney, Syoko and her sister Yuki, that won the Tournament of Roses at the Vancouver LB Club. Since then, Lynn has participated and enjoyed bowling in many club tournaments and interclub competitions. She fondly remembers the many interclub mixed fours tournaments that her and John would enter along with Harley and Dianne Schindel.

In closing I would like to share Lynn's own words with you.

"Lawn bowling and the club has been a wonderful addition to our life. We moved into the West End in Dec 1996 and we did not know people. After joining the club, we made friends and soon felt a part of

the community. I think this is what we all need – belonging to a group of people who have fun together, work together and are welcoming and accepting of others. I am honored to roll the Golden Bowl and open the 2023 season at SPLBC.”

