

Presidents Corner - January 2022

Welcome to 2022, I hope everyone had a wonderful time during the Holidays, stayed safe and are looking forward to another Lawn Bowling season, we are only a few months away from Opening Day on April 30th with our Open Houses scheduled for April 16th & 17th and 23rd & 24th respectively, so mark these dates on your calendar and bring some neighbours, friends, or family to try out the sport. For more information select **CONTACT US** on the Home Page.



One subject you will be hearing more about this year is 'Safe Sport' which is to be adopted by all sport organizations in Canada and lawn bowling is no exception.

What is Safe Sport you may ask?

Safe Sport provides a framework to ensure that everyone in the sport of lawn bowls can enjoy the sport. Bowlers, coaches, umpires, and volunteers have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive environment that is free of abuse, harassment, or discrimination.

If you are interested in finding out more info on the subject go to Bowls BC or Bowls Canada websites <https://bowlscanada.com/en/safe-sport/overview/> . Your Executive will be working behind the scenes on an implementation guide for our Club.



The Victoria area has some other events to look forward to in 2022, the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club at Beacon Hill Park will be the venue for the 2022 Canadian Senior Triples Championships scheduled for September 21-25, 2022. The hosting of this event is a great opportunity not only for VLBC but also for the entire Vancouver Island's lawn bowling community to showcase their West Coast hospitality and support this event.

If you would like to be involved in some capacity and have volunteer time or resources to donate, I am sure VLBC would love to hear from you.

For more information and how you can be involved, please contact the event co-chairs:

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In addition, the Greater Victoria area will also be host to the B.C. 55+ Summer Games in 2022 which are scheduled for September 13th - 17th, this is the first time our region have had the privilege to host with different sport venues including lawn bowling happening around the Capital Region, the lawn bowling venue is yet to be decided but for more info go to <https://55plusbcgames.org/> .



So, here's to a successful Lawn Bowling season for us all in 2022 looking forward to seeing you all on the greens come April, meanwhile take care, and stay safe.

Regards,
Jack