

JUAN DE FUCA (JDF) FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S LEAGUE (FMML) HISTORY

The purpose of the FMM League is to give members of all Clubs the opportunity to bowl competitively as a team against other BSI Club teams, allowing them to prepare for Provincials or BSI open tournaments. The Friday Morning Men's League is classified as a BSI Tournament, and it is this classification that allows the BSI Clubs to enter teams.

The Friday Morning Men's League (FMML) was started approximately 50 years ago and was played on a Saturday morning. Each week it was scheduled to be at a different Club, allowing all the Clubs to share the responsibility of hosting. Over the years the coordinators found the membership for this league was waning as the interest in competitive play on the weekends increased. Gary Fletcher from Sidney, the current coordinator at that time, changed it to Friday morning, to resolve the decreasing membership. With a different Club hosting each week what happened more times than not, the players would go to the wrong Club and as a result play was delayed. So, in the early 2000 JDF became the permanent Host Club.

This league is comprised of 28 teams in total with the Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowls Club (JDF LBC) traditionally entering 5 teams. If there are only 22 teams entered from the other BSI Clubs, then JDF will field one more team. The league coordinator encourages all JDF men to enter regardless of their experience. The coordinator's intent is to have all JDF players bowl for at least half the season, this is of course, dependent on the number of entries from the men at JDF. In the past 30 to 35 players rotate through the five teams with three players per team. None of the five teams have set players, this stipulation applies to JDF only.

JDF Coordinators Past & Present:

- John Burns & Ann Mathie
- Vern Atkinson -2016
- Keith Hammel 2017-2018
- Army Van Klaveren 2019-

General Information:

1. No posters, word of mouth and an email sent to all JDF men
2. Check in is at 0845:
 - a. A team that is missing a member may substitute from their own spare list
 - b. If a team does not show the game is forfeited
3. Games start at 0900
4. Scoring:
 - a. Win - 3 points (7 ends won)
 - b. Ties - No points. Therefore, tie games must be resolved by playing an extra end
 - c. At the end of the season if teams are tied, then it goes to ends won throughout the year
5. Duration of league: Is dependent on the JDF field schedule, may range between 16 to 21 weeks
6. The cost per player is \$2.00 per week per person:
 - a. Monetary prizes for the top 10 teams
 - b. There is a wrap-up luncheon on the final day

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