

President's Corner April 2022

Now that Spring is finally here I hope you are all raring to go for a new lawn bowling season, it won't be that long now until Opening Day on Saturday April 30th followed by our Semi Annual General Meeting and as mentioned on my last update we will have a warm up by having our Open Houses on April 16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm where you can invite your friends, neighbours or other family members as well as the general public to join us and give Lawn Bowls a try.



Your Games Committee are already working behind the scenes on our Club Schedule & Calendar. They are just waiting on the finalizing of the BSI Tournament Schedule in order that they can schedule our own Club Tournaments & Fun Days and also determine start days for our Leagues & Ladders, this should be available by the first week of April.



Davie and I met with Westshore earlier this month for our contract renewal, related membership fees and some language reversals that were introduced because of Covid, there will be another email coming out shortly with the breakdown of this year's fees.



Since we will be hosting the Lawn Bowling for the BC55+ Games in the third week of September we were also able to get a one-week extension on our season with Clubhouse access until October 9th, this will help accommodate our Bowl for the Cure fund raiser on October 2nd & 3rd.



This year for the Canadian Government's "New Horizon Grant for Seniors" we applied for monies to replace all the rotted out plinths and backboards on the greens and we are pleased to report that we have been approved for the full amount of \$25,000 this is for materials only and Westshore personnel will supply the required labour, so during the season you will be seeing temporary closure of one green at a time while they work their way through the project with minimal disruption.



If you have been on our website lately and you read "Presidents Corner" you will already be familiar with "Safe Sport" if not here is the extract from:

What is Safe Sport?

All sports organizations in Canada are required to implement a Safe Sport Program.

Safe Sport provides a framework to ensure that everyone in the sport of lawn bowls is able to enjoy the sport where 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 program for our Club.

As a result, you will be hearing and seeing more information on the subject and its requirements, so please check our website for regular updates and related information, “Belonging in Bowls” is also another segment of Safe Sport where we sign a pledge to be respectful, friendly, inclusive, and welcoming to all.

In addition, we were also required to develop a Code of Conduct as per link below:

<https://juandefucalbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/JdFLBC-Code-of-Conduct-3.pdf>

So please become familiar with the Safe Sport program so that we all have an idea on what it’s about going forward.

Well, I think that’s enough news for now so stay tuned for further updates,

Cheers,

Jack

PS - Only 40 sleeps to go