

JdF LBC Ladders League History

Monday Evening & Wednesday Morning

League bowling can be a real scheduling problem for clubs with small memberships or with many bowlers who are still working. Shift work, illness, vacations, and numerous other reasons cause many games to be postponed until a later date often with substitutes or then not played at all. A ladder system can assist in a resurgence of interest. With the ladder system the teams select themselves and change every week, making scheduling problems a thing of the past.

When you sign up to play "Ladders", you are essentially a team of one. Ultimately you are the only one that can affect your standings. If you cannot make one week (or more) you do not have to find a 'substitute'. Your point total remains the same and you are slotted in so you can pick up where you left off. Say goodbye to the guilt of letting your team mates down or the hassle of finding someone to sub in for you. Just have fun!



Keith & Cecile Hammell introduced the Ladder League to the Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowls Club in 2002. They brought the concept and instructions home with them from Arizona. They trialed the concept out rotating it different morning and evening to come up with a morning and evening slot that would have the biggest draw. Monday evening and Wednesday morning were the clear winners.

The Ladder League was an instant hit and 60 members registered for both the Monday evening and the Wednesday morning leagues! When the Hammell's started this league, it was all done with a ledger and calculator, that was a lot of work. The League is still extremely popular and going strong.

General Information:

- All players must be members of the JDF Lawn Bowls Club.
- Mixed league.
- Cost (if any) is currently \$5.00 per person, per season.
- All money collected is awarded back in Prizes.
- League may run for the duration of the bowling season, May to Sept with the possibility of two 8 to 10-week sessions.
- Check in no later than 9:45 a.m. / 6:15 p.m. (NO late arrivals).
- Start Time 10:00 a.m. / 6:30 p.m.
- All members are welcome, regardless of experience, come and enjoy some fun bowling.

Ladder Coordinators Past & Present:			
Wednesday a.m.		Monday p.m.	
Keith Hammell	2002	Keith & Cecile Hammell	2002-2013
John Burns	2003	Jean Chard	2014-2017
Keith & Cecile Hammell	2004-2016	Judy & Steve Hambleton	2018-2019
Nigel	2017-2018	Covid	2020
Cecile Hammell	2019	Cecile & Keith Hammell	2021-2022
Covid	2020	Steve Shulhan	2023
Nigel Corser	2021-2022	Chris & Laurie Hayman	2024-
Steve Shulhan	2023		
Steve Horvath	2024-		

