

Monday Morning Women's Open Pairs Interclub Competitive League History & General Information

The Monday Morning Women's Open Pairs Interclub Competitive League was created in 1997 and was then known as the Garden City Ladies Competitive Pairs. On the trophy it is still called the Garden City Ladies Competitive Pairs. In 1997 the first winners of this league were Sue Smith and Betty Walker who at that time were both bowling out of the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club (LBC).

The purpose of the league was to give ladies the opportunity to bowl competitive games with a partner from other clubs to prepare for bowling in the Provincials or BSI open tournaments. The league was originally run out of Burnside Lawn Bowling Club. Due to its increasing popularity, the league was transferred to Juan de Fuca where there were enough greens to accommodate the growing number of teams.

Anne Van Bastelaere ran this league from 2005 to 2019. Due to the number of teams that were registered, Anne split the teams into two groups. On the first day of play, each Pairs team drew a team number, and that determined which group they were in and therefore who they play against for the duration of the league. The playing format was a round robin within each group, which allowed each Pairs team to play a different team each week within their group. The teams could use spares to sub in if someone was unable to play, but if both original team members were unavailable, they forfeited the game. The spare always had to play in the lead position. When the league started, the teams played 18 ends plus trial bowls, and Anne made the changes to play 16 ends plus trial bowls.

Annie Mathie took over as coordinator of the league in 2022 and made changes to the Conditions of Play. The format will be 3 Bowl Pairs in line with BSI Women's Games, Provincials and National play. With 16 ends but no trial ends, one point for the first two ends in place of throwing trial bowls. In 2023 this switched back to 4 Bowl Pairs.

WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE Coordinators Past & Present	
Anne Van Bastelaere	2005-2019
No League – COVID	2020-2021
Annie Mathie	2022-

Refer to Poster for more information about the League and coordinator contact information.