

THE JOAN PRICE QUADDIE



The Joan Price Quaddie commemorates one of the founding members of the Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowling Club.

Joan Price was among the club's founding members when it was established in 1993. A warm, friendly Englishwoman, Joan loved the game of lawn bowls and was well known for her welcoming nature and enthusiasm for the sport.

In 1998, Joan passed away following a battle with leukemia. The following year, her partner of eight years, Sy Blair, donated the Joan Price Trophy in her memory. Each year, Sy proudly presented the trophy to the tournament winners, accompanied by his famous box of Purdy's chocolates—a tradition that competitors eagerly anticipated.

Sadly, Sy passed away in 2004. Although the chocolates have since become a fond memory, the tournament he established continues to be held in Joan's honour, ensuring that both Joan's and Sy's contributions to the club are remembered.



2004 Joan Price winners- L to R:

Sandy Kajewski (holding the chocolates), **Sy Blair**, **Juno**, **Janet White**, **Cecile Hammell** (holding the Trophy)

This team won the tournament 2 years in a row in 2004 & 2005.

The Origins of the Joan Price Quaddie

When the tournament was first proposed, former member Katie Chinery suggested that it be run as a Quaddie. At the time, to qualify as a Bowls Canada (BSI) tournament, the event had to be played over more than one day.

The original format was:

- **Friday evening:** Pairs
- **Saturday morning:** Triples and Singles (with the JDF men marking the Singles games)
- **Saturday afternoon:** Fours

This schedule also allowed for two of the club's four greens to remain available for regular club play on Saturday afternoon. In its early years, the Joan Price Quaddie was extremely popular, often requiring the use of three greens to accommodate all entrants.

The Tournament Today

Today, the Joan Price Quaddie is played as a one-day tournament. The format is as follows:

- **Saturday morning:** Pairs
- **Saturday morning:** Singles and Triples (and the JDF men are still marking the Singles games)
- **Saturday afternoon:** Fours

All BSI teams are welcome, put a team together and come and join the fun.



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