



Club Communiqué

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

(Gordon Horton)

*Hello Bowlers! Well, that's enough winter; **Bring on the Spring.** The 2008 season looks to be busy with something for everyone, so mark the following dates on your calendars.*

*The biggest news is Bowls Manitoba and St. James LBC are hosting the **National Juniors Under 18 and Under 25** players August 5-10. Anyone wishing to volunteer, contact Ed Mulholland the event chair.*

*To try and encourage more junior age participation in bowls, we are hosting an event at 1212 Dakota on June 1st. The **Bowls Manitoba Family Day** is an opportunity to introduce your children and grandchildren to Lawn Bowls. Bring them out to have fun, play some games and enjoy the **FREE** bar-b-que. We hope to see as many young people as possible.*

The subject of Interclub has been discussed and changes are being made this season to encourage the member clubs to support these competitions. We want members to get a chance to visit and play on different greens. If you have never tried it, please do. It's open to all levels of bowlers. Where can you get a game, meet fellow bowlers and have a light lunch for the price of a toonie?

***Open House** this year will run May 20th to May 25th. We need to introduce new members to our great game, so let's all try to bring out someone new!*

Enjoy your bowling this season!

Mother/Daughter Lawn Bowling Event

With support and guidance from CancerCare Manitoba, Bowls Manitoba is considering holding a "Mother/Daughter fundraising event" in support of women's cancers. 100% of the funds raised will remain in Manitoba to the benefit of people living with Cancer. If you're interested in participating, please contact Elaine Jones (257-8821) or Shirley Fitzpatrick Wong (488-1862).



BOWLS MANITOBA SEMI – ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 26, 2008

1:00 PM @ 1212 DAKOTA

WEBSITE ADDRESSES:

Bowls Canada Boulingrin www.bowlscanada.com
Sport Manitoba www.sportmanitoba.ca
Canadian Sport Centre MB www.cscmb.mb.ca
Coaching Manitoba www.coachingmanitoba.ca

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Bowls Manitoba (Cathy) bowls@shawbiz.ca
Bowls Canada Boulingrin office@bowlscanada.ca

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A Great Big Thank-You!

A special "thanks" goes out to **all our volunteers** who willingly give their time, constant support, and a tremendous amount of help, to assist our Association run more smoothly and efficiently. These include: Shirley Fitzpatrick Wong who helped coordinate the Fundraising event at the recent Brier Curling Championships held at the MTS Centre. Also to Elaine Jones, Sandra & Ed Mulholland, Marilyn & John Baron, Matthew Chan, Blaine Hyslop, Clarice Fitzpatrick, and Betty & Bob Van Wallegghem.

Special thanks also go out to our former Coaching Coordinator **BEN HOCHMAN** and Interclub Coordinator **SUSAN WHITING**. We appreciate all your efforts!!

UMPIRES CLINICS

Saturday, April 26th @ 10:30 a.m. at 1212 Dakota

Umpires Test for new umpires or re-testing
Open to anyone!

Soup will be available at lunch (prior to SAGM)

Sunday, June 8th @ 1:30 p.m. at 1212 Dakota

Measurement Testing

Review of rules

Clinic for Markers working at Jr. Nationals

Contact Emilie Ammazzini @ 222-3612



KICK OFF THE SEASON !!!!

As a "Kick Off" for the 2008 season, we will host a **FUN DAY** of bowls at 1212 Dakota Street, on May 7th starting at 10:00 a.m.

The format for the day will be: a morning game of Fours, lunch, and then an afternoon game of Pairs.

Each club is invited to send a team of four people. They will play as a Fours team in the morning, then split into two teams of Pairs for the afternoon game.

Participants should bring their lunch and we will provide tea, coffee and cold beverages.

An entry fee of \$5.00 per club will be charged and one prize will be awarded to the top fours team and one to the top Pairs team. Total points scored will declare the winner. If that ends in a tie, most ends won will be used to break the tie.

Teams will draw their opposition from the hat.

Please send entries via email to: Elaine Jones @ ejones@mts.net or call **257-8821** if you do not have email.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BINGO UPDATE

Effective April 1, 2008, the required number of volunteers for MLC bingo events will be reduced to seven (7) volunteers per bingo session. This means there will be fewer opportunities for volunteering at the bingos. Please contact our bingo coordinator (Sandra) at 895-8088 to volunteer!

Upcoming Bingo: June 3rd @ Regent (4:30 – 6:45 pm)

COACHING EVENING

Tuesday, May 13th @ 7:00 pm

1212 Dakota

All Competitive League members are expected to attend.
All others are welcome!

BOWLS MANITOBA OPEN HOUSE WEEK

MAY 20 – 24th

At all participating Bowls MB affiliated clubs
Contact the office for days and times at each club.

BOWLS MANITOBA FUN DAY @ 1212 DAKOTA

Sunday, June 1st

Introduce your Children & Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews to the game of Bowls.

Bring them out for a day of fun games and a FREE Barbecue

Contact: Gord/Lorraine at ghorton@mts.net
Phone 253-9904 or your club rep to confirm

INTERCLUB

The 2008 Interclub season will start in June. If your club is interested in participating, please contact **Sandra** at 895-8088

PROVINCIAL TEAM TRIPLES

Commences Thursday, May 8th
Participants should contact Gord Law gordlaw@mts.net

CONGRATULATIONS! Eight-Enders scored:

Nick Panko & Gerry Schillaci on March 5th at Gateway.

Elio Tacchi & Dennis Ducharme on January 26th at Pan Am

TUXEDO SATURDAY SOCIAL BOWLING

All bowlers and visitors are invited to join us at Tuxedo for our Saturday social bowling. This will start Saturday, May 24 and will continue weekly until fall. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. with teams drawn at random. We usually bowl 10 ends and then go into the air-conditioned clubhouse for a light lunch. The cost is \$1 with the opportunity to win back part if not all of this in after-lunch activities. You are welcome to join us as frequently or infrequently as you desire. Fun and camaraderie is the emphasis here!

1212 Facility Rentals

Contact

Gordon & Lorraine Horton
@ 253-9904

Lawn Bowling Equipment**Henselite Lawn Bowls & Accessories:**

Anne Wright

Home Ph#: 257-4076

Email: annewright@shaw.ca

Bowls Canada Update

Bowls Canada Boulingrin is accepting nominations for the following positions:

- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Executive Committee member at large

* All shall hold office for a term of two years.

Nominations should be submitted by June 30th, 2008. Anyone interested in any of these positions, please contact the Bowls MB office for more information.

2008 PROVINCIAL TEAM TRIPLES (Gord Law)

This year sees very few changes from 2007.

The competition for 2008 will **not** be divided into two halves, so that there is intended to be (subject to number of entries) a complete round robin with playoffs and prizes at the end. The deadline for entries will be at 11:59 p.m. on May 3rd (one week after the Bowls Manitoba Semi-Annual meeting on April 26th) and should be sent with all 3 players' names and a telephone number and/or email address) to Gord Law either by telephone to 832-9844 or sent by e-mail to gordlaw@mts.net.

The triples will again be open (3 bowl) triples – being any combination of three players per team, men or women. The entry fee per team will again be \$90 (equivalent to \$30 per player, which is the same as in 2007) payable to Gord Law on or before the first match of the season.

One important matter to note again for 2008 is that all players in the competition must be 'Level 3' players - players who have paid their \$25 competitor's fee, signifying their eligibility and intention to enter provincial playdowns in 2008. This is required to ensure an appropriate connection between this event and the remainder of the Provincial Team program, which is recognized as such by Sport Manitoba.

Spares need not have paid their competitor's fee, and up to 2 spares may be used in any one game; spare(s) will again be permitted to play in any position, except in tiebreakers and playoff games, when any spares must play lead.

The league will commence with games to initially (for 4 games) be played on the artificial green at 1212 Dakota, starting on Thursday May 8, 2007 at 1212 Dakota at 7:00 p.m., and afterwards continuing every Thursday at different venues in Winnipeg. Clubs will be asked to provide the league with the use of their greens on specific Thursdays after May 2008 (expected to be no more than 2 occasions). There is also to be a "coaching evening" (no game) on Tuesday evening May 13th 2008 at Dakota at 7:00 p.m., which will be led by Bowls Manitoba coaching personnel.

Further information will be available at the Bowls Manitoba Semi-Annual meeting on April 26th (any entries will also be taken then).

Spectators are welcome.

REPORT OF MARKETING & PROMOTIONS - 21 January 2008

Since my last report in November, I have sent a letter and Certificate for two free memberships to Mr. Bill Henry from Headingly. Bill was the lucky recipient of this free membership at the Healthy Living Seminar held on October 26th. I would ask that the representative from St. James contact Mr. Henry to determine if he will attend their Open House in May.

Adam & Eve Trophy - arrangements will be made by the Competitions Committee and myself to have a couple of playoffs for this trophy in 2008. Norwood is the current holder of the trophy.

I will be sending out information to all clubs shortly with regard to a "Kick Off the Season" event 1212 Dakota Street. My thought was to invite each club to send a team of four for a day of bowling with fours played in the morning and pairs in the afternoon. A fee of \$5.00 per team will be charged and the top team in each category will receive a prize. The intention is just to get people out bowling earlier in the year, and to get more use of our artificial green. Participants will be encouraged to bring their lunch and refreshments will be provided. I will accept the entries.

Our Open House events will run from May 20 to 25 and notification will be sent to all media in advance of these dates. New posters and pamphlets are being printed. It is my intention to send copies to the neighbouring schools and community clubs as well.

The Board came up with the idea of looking into having some sandwich boards made up for clubs to put on the boulevard close to their club. These would be portable and would be put out and taken in on a daily basis. Prices will have to be obtained, but I would like to get some input from the individual clubs first.

Finally, I will also get some prices on "bumper stickers" promoting Lawn Bowls, for our vehicles. Does anyone have any input on this idea? Would you put one on your car?

If anyone has any further ideas for promotion and marketing for 2008, please get in touch with me.

Elaine Jones

BOWLS MANITOBA WEBSITE

Send Pete Williams any information that you would like posted on the Bowls Manitoba website. His email address is: wilpeter@mts.net

PROVINCIAL TEAM FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

Provincial Team members looking for volunteer hours can contact Gord/Lorraine Horton or John Baron to volunteer some time to help with the annual spring clean-up at 1212 Dakota. 253-9904 or 256-6744

BOWLS MANITOBA EXECUTIVE CONTACT INFO

POSITION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PHONE (H)	EMAIL
President	Gord	Horton	(204) 253-9904	ghorton@mts.net
Past President	Bob	Buchanan	(204) 339-5020	bobbuchanan@royalpage.ca
Vice President	Bob	Van Walleggem	(204) 254-8610	bvanwall@mts.net
Secretary	Edna	Stengel	(204) 338-0614	n/a
Treasurer	Bob	Simmons	(204) 254-0983	Bob_simmons@hotmail.com
Dir of Admin	Lorraine	Horton	(204) 253-9904	ghorton@mts.net
Dir of Prom & Mktg	Elaine	Jones	(204) 889-7742	ejones@mts.net
Dir of Competition	Ed	Mulholland	(204) 895-8088	esmul45@mts.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bowls Manitoba will be hosting the Canadian Juniors and the Under 25 Championships at St. James LBC, August 5-10. If you're interested in helping out, please contact **Ed Mulholland** at 895-8088

BOWLS MANITOBA – 2008 Schedule of Events and Important Dates to Note

Thursday Evenings, beginning in May – Provincial Team Triples	Gordon Law, 832-9844
Wednesdays, beginning in June – Interclub Triples	Sandra Mulholland, 895-8088
Wednesday, May 7 – 10 am at Dakota – Season Kick Off	Elaine Jones, ejones@mts.net or 257-8821
Sunday, June 1 – 1:30-7:30 pm – Bowls MB Family Day	
Saturday, June 7 – President's Day Fours at St. John's LBC	Phil Clark, 668-9180
Sunday, June 8 – Umpires Clinic , 1:30 pm at Dakota	Emilie Ammazzini, 222-3612
Friday, June 13-16 – Provincial Men's Fours at Dakota	Edna Stengel, 338-0614
Friday, June 13-16 – Provincial Women's Singles at Dakota	Pete Williams, 257-3014
Friday, June 20-23 – Provincial Boys' & Girls' Junior Singles at St. James LBC	Shirley Dech, 888-4440 or Edna Stengel
Friday, June 27-30 – Provincial Men's Pairs at Norwood LBC	Edna Stengel, 338-0614
Friday, June 27-30 – Provincial Women's Fours at St. John's LBC	Clarice Fitzpatrick, 775-1675
Friday, July 4-7 – Provincial Men's Singles at Sargent Park LBC	Edna Stengel, 338-0614
Friday, July 4-7 – Provincial Women's Pairs at Tuxedo LBC	Sandra Mulholland, 895-8088
Friday, July 11-13 – Provincial Mixed Pairs at Wheat City LBC, Brandon	Tim Lane, (204) 727-5929 or Edna Stengel
Friday, July 18-21 – Provincial Senior Men's and Women's Triples at St. James	Ed Mulholland, 895-8088 or Edna Stengel
Friday, July 25-28 – Association Men's & Women's Triples at Norwood LBC	Pete Williams, 257-3014
Friday, Aug. 1-4 – Tri Province Challenge Trophy at Regina LBC	
Tuesday, Aug 5-10 – Canadian Junior Championships and U-25 World Championships Qualifying Tournament at St. James LBC	Ed Mulholland, 895-8088
Monday, Aug. 11-14 – Association Open Senior Fours at Tuxedo LBC	Edna Stengel, 338-0614
Wednesday, August 13 – Provincial Team Send-off at Dakota	
Friday, Aug. 15-18 – Association Tom Moore Pairs Trophy at Norwood LBC	Emilie Ammazzini, 222-3612
Monday, Aug. 18-24 – Canadian Major Championships in Halifax, NS	
Friday, Aug. 22-25 – Provincial Boys' & Girls' Junior Singles 2009 Qualifying Event at Tuxedo LBC	Joan Donald, 489-6801
Thursday, Aug. 28-Sep. 2 – Canadian Senior Triples Championships	Maple Ridge, BC
Saturday, Sep. 6-8 – 'The Guzunda Cup' Association Mixed Fours	Gimli LBC – Edna Stengel, 338-0614
Monday, Sep. 8-14 – Canadian Mixed Pairs Championships	Penticton, BC
Saturday, September 13 – Bowls Manitoba Year-End Bowl-Out & BBQ	Gord Horton, 253-9904

NOTES

For all Provincial Championship games, the Bowls MB artificial green will be the official designated alternate venue in the event the original site is unplayable. For all competitions, green times will be strictly observed, except in adverse weather.

CLUB PRESIDENTS & CLUB SECRETARIES

The following is a list of Club Presidents, Secretaries and Club Reps to-date. Please advise the Bowls Manitoba office of any changes/additions (names, address(es), city/town, postal code, phone numbers, email addresses) as well as for updates of club executive positions. This will assist us to ensure the appropriate person(s) receive applicable correspondence.

CLUB PRESIDENTS	CLUB SECRETARIES	CLUB DIRECTORS (Club Reps)
Gimli ----- Larry Kutz	Gimli ----- Shirley Michaluk	Gimli ----- Don Smith
Norwood ----- Pete Williams	Norwood ----- Betty Van Walleggem	Norwood ----- Betty Van Walleggem
River Heights ----- Richard Strauss	River Heights ----- Maria Vasquez	River Heights ----- Richard Strauss
Sargent Park ----- Bob Strong	Sargent Park ----- Madeleine Muloine	Sargent Park ----- Bob Strong
St. James ----- Shirley Clark	St. James ----- Carol Smith	St. James ----- Shirley Dech
St. Johns ----- Phil Clark	St. Johns ----- Jack Dubnicoff	St. Johns ----- John Gifford
Tuxedo ----- Greg Schmidt	Tuxedo ----- Edna Stengel	Tuxedo ----- Sandra Mulholland
Wheat City ----- Rod Rose	Wheat City ----- Chris Moore	Wheat City ----- Tim Lane
Thistle ----- Bill Pooley		

Exciting New Challenges Await you!

Support our association! Volunteer your time to the sport you **love!**
 Contact President Gord Horton - ghorton@mts.net or 253-9904
 or Cathy at Bowls MB @ 925-5694
We would love to hear from you!