

# The Grass Rink



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## President's Corner – *Sandra Osborne*

Thanksgiving is just about here and it's a time to reflect. It made me think of how lucky we are to have so much. Enough clean drinking water, food, shelter and a safe place to live. So many around the world would be happy just to have one of those things let alone all. We also have the luxury to do what we want when we want.

We don't have to worry about our homes and towns being destroyed by the force of nature. Many of us remember the flood the club suffered in 2013 and it truly brought out the spirit of helping. Everyone pulled together to help with the clean-up. Maybe it was scraping mud off the greens and hosing them down, removing the debris in the fence, putting back the equipment or helping to clean and wash the club house. Truly an amazing feat to be back up and running in 30 days!

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## Editorial - *Dave Osborne*

What a year we have had! So many good things happening. It all started at the open house which was our largest ever. Then Doug Turner and the Coaches taught over 30 new members, a number which also increased during the summer. Thanks to Derek Peacock and publicity.

Many of these new bowlers along with some from recent years have become valuable members. They have taken an interest in events. A lot of these events have half new bowler's i.e. The Pot Luck was more than half new members.

Canada Day was fun with the 150 game and lots of bowlers. Our social events were well attended- especially the Barbeques. Thanks to the kitchen people.

Our tournaments were great with lots of entries. The Twilight Pairs had over 20 teams. Our open tournaments had entries from nine outside clubs. Our In-House also had lots of teams along with In-House games and Golden Girls and Sunshine Boys. Hank Spencer is an important contributor to our improved participation with his wonderful greens. Thanks for a lot of hard work. Other club players know that!

It's not possible to mention everyone, but it shows we have a healthy club. We are lucky but each one contributes to our good fortune.

**Special thanks.** My thanks to those event conveners who sent me reports for the Grass Rink. It saves a lot of work. What about Sandra who has typed 26 pages this summer, I could not do it without her. Thanks to Vickie Hayler for proof reading.

Have a good healthy winter. I look forward to spring.

*Dave*

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## President's Corner, continued

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to the club this year whether big or small.

Thank you for allowing me to be your president for another year. It was an honour to represent this club. Keep safe and have a healthy winter. Roll on spring!

*Sandra*

## **COACH'S CORNER - DOUG TURNER**

I would like to thank the coaching staff for all their time and effort to teach our new members. I would also like to thank all of our members who encouraged and assisted our new bowlers as they began their bowling experience.

Many thanks to you all,

*Doug Turner*

## **LABOUR DAY – SEPTEMBER 4TH**

Our annual Labour Day celebration was held on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. There were 42 bowlers on a hot humid day who played the Etobicoke 150 12-end game. Dave Osborne made the draw, prepared the score cards and explained the game. Once again everyone enthusiastically enjoyed this.

Sandra Osborne welcomed everyone and made the announcement of future events and thanked the volunteers.

After the game we all enjoyed cake and refreshments along with friendly visiting.

A special thanks to Christa Hass, Jo Cook and Joan Camilleri for serving in the kitchen.

The rinks were set up by Douglas Laird, Jo Cook, Joan Camilleri, Deborah Holdsworth and Vickie Hayler.

Thanks to all who made this a fun day.

## **AUGUST BBQ – AUGUST 18TH**

On the evening of Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed our second BBQ of the summer. It was a humid and overcast day but fortunately with no rain.

There were 64 bowlers who played 12 ends of 4 3 2 1 which was drawn by Marianne Henn. It's always a fun game.

Our chefs were Paul Dickey and Don Cook. They also provided the salads. How do they do it so well?? Not me. A total of 87 members enjoyed themselves and certainly didn't go home hungry having also had dessert.

Deborah Holdsworth welcomed everyone before the game and thanked the volunteers who made the day possible. At dessert time Sandra Osborne added her thanks and announced upcoming events.

Elizabeth Barker took registration and collected the \$5 per member while Teresa Glenn sold the 50/50 tickets. Fred Malone won \$123 and gave back a portion to the club. Thanks Fred.

The kitchen was ably served by Carol McCall, Ann Harris, Maureen Clancy and Patricia Anne Elliot.

Pat Bamber was the photographer, smile! The rinks were set up by Hank Spencer, Deborah Holdsworth, Marianne Henn and Brian McCran.

Aren't we lucky to have these lovely social events? Hope they continue next year.

## **POT LUCK SUPPER – SEPTEMBER 23rd**

Our annual Pot Luck Supper was held on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> which was a very hot day. Did you eat too much? I always do but enjoy it.

We had so many good cooks who brought several hot dishes along with a huge variety of salads and cold plates. How about the desserts? If you were not full from the main course you would be after several desserts.

There were 30 members who bowled ten ends because of the heat. They were joined by several Associate members and other club members who along with the volunteers added up to 48 for supper.

The convener was Joyce Clitheroe who was assisted in the kitchen by Doreen Gallagher, Joan Lloyd, Joan Camilleri, Sandra Osborne and Patricia Anne Elliot.

Dave Osborne was draw master assisted by Fred Patterson. Pat Bamber was the official smiling photographer.

Deborah Holdsworth, along with her helpers, set up the rinks.

We all enjoy these social times to chat, have fun and eat too much. I hope next year more members will be able to attend.

## **GOLDEN GIRLS 2017 SEASON**

There were six Etobicoke teams which played every other week for the Golden Girls trophy, which was won by Oakville # 2 with a total of 10 wins and 171 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Etobicoke # 1 with a total of 8 wins and 148 points.

These are combined teams, and ELBC #1 is: Sharon Christian, Georgian Gerring, Bernice Paulley, Sandra Osborne, Liz Chlebus and Liz Ferris.

There is also an in-house trophy which all six ELBC teams compete for and was won by:

1<sup>st</sup> team # 5 of Vickie Hayler, Penny Willis and Robin Stewart with 4 wins and 100 points

2<sup>nd</sup> team #1 Sandra Osborne, Liz Chlebus and Liz Ferris with 4 wins and 76 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Team #4 Sharon Christian, Georgia Gerring and Bernice Paulley with 4 wins and 72 points

I would like to thank Liz Chlebus for helping throughout the season and, with the assistance of Liz Ferris, for looking after the kitchen when we hosted three times.

I sent out weekly standings to all players.

Thank you to Hank and his crew for giving us great greens to bowl on and assisting with the rink set up.

Looking forward to the 2018 season.

*Sandra & Liz*

## **GOLDEN GIRLS FUN AND WIND UP DAY – AUGUST 28th**

After another successful summer of Golden Girls, the annual Golden Girls end of season Fun and Wind-up Day was held this year at ELBC. There were 60 bowlers from Oakville, James Gardens, Port Credit, West Toronto, New Toronto and ELBC. There were also 7 who were not playing. Draw Tickets were handed out as each bowler arrived for many draws made though out the day. Breakfast of homemade goodies and fruit skewers was served along with orange juice, tea and coffee. The organizing committee were Liz Chlebus, Liz Ferris, Penny Willis and Sandra Osborne. They all served the food and helped during the day.

The room was decorated in red for a Canada 150 theme along with a special centrepiece including a Golden Girls flag designed and made by Liz Ferris.

Sandra welcomed everyone and explained the Etobicoke 150 game. A spider was played and won by Joan Nicholson of Port Credit. Unfortunately a lady from Oakville had a nasty fall just before play began and the EMS had to be called, but glad to say that she is now recovering well. She was well looked after by Jo Cook and Liz Ferris until help arrived.

Every one thoroughly enjoyed the new Etobicoke 150 game and asked to take blank cards back to their clubs so they could play the game. Well done Dave for thinking up the game for our Canada Day celebrations. There were two bottles of wine donated by Penny passed to the bowlers who hit the jack while playing. Julie Shuster drew a score card from all the winners for a Tim's gift cards and one from the non-winners for chocolate maple leafs. All teams were mixed with the various clubs so it was a great opportunity to really meet other bowlers from different clubs.

Julie Shuster was representing DelManor who very generously sponsored the lunch of various sandwiches, pasta and green salads. Plates of Penny's butter tarts were placed on each table as Helen Byrnes, the overall convener of the league presented the trophy to the Oakville teams. Team # 2 was the overall winner. The In-House ELBC trophy was presented to Etobicoke team # 5. Dessert of ice cream sundaes with fresh strawberries and blueberries and whipping cream were enjoyed by all after the presentations.

Julie Shuster also drew all the draw prize tickets through the day. Pat Bamber was our official photographer and she has made a wonderful SmileBox which has been sent to all the club conveners. A copy was sent to DelManor who will put it on their blog.

Many thanks to Hank Spencer for cutting the greens and to Milos Belcha, Dave Osborne and Robin Stewart for setting up the rinks. The biggest thanks has to go to the three ladies who assisted me with the organization of the day, purchase of prizes, food, home baking and serving and clearing away on the day. Thank you Liz, Elizabeth and Penny. Somehow thank you doesn't seem enough, ladies.

*Sandra*

## **ELBC SUNSHINE BOYS LEAGUE 2017 SEASON**

As your Sunshine Boys conveners for 2017, Rob Bartlett and I would like to thank those club members who participated during this season and hope that you enjoyed the experience. Also we would like to congratulate the following teams for their success this year:

A) Team of Jeff Harding, Stephen Gerring and George Martin 2017 E.L.B.C. Sunshine Boys trophy winners with a record of 11 wins against 3 defeats

B) The team of Jeff Harding, Stephen Gerring and George Martin for winning the 3rd prize in the High 2-game category.

We would like to thank the following for making this a wonderful season:

Penny Willis and her volunteers for preparing and serving the beverages and food when our club was hosting the games.

Del Manor for sponsoring the playoffs and providing a wonderful lunch at our club.

Hank Spencer and his volunteers for providing the league with great greens to bowl our games.

The volunteers who set up the rinks for the games.

Doug Turner and Mary Ellen for acting as parking directors the morning of the Playoffs and the parking attendant Barbara for increasing the spaces available to 26.

A special thanks to Lynn Spencer for her work during the playoffs, preparing the team/ game draw sheets and calculating the winners for each category.

Thanks to Rob Bartlett for his efforts in increasing the number of club members and teams participating in the Sunshine Boys League (5 teams and 10 spare players) and keeping the teams informed about their in house standings.

In conclusion, this will be my last season as a convener for the E.L.B.C. Sunshine Boys.

Cheers,

*Jerry Toczylowski*

## **GOLDEN GIRLS VS SUNSHINE BOYS AT OLBC – SEPTEMBER 17th**

Etobicoke had two teams of Golden Girls entered in the very competitive SB vs GG Art Harrison memorial Challenge tournament at Oakville on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>, on a perfect hot and sunny day.

The team of Sharon Christian, Skip, Georgian Gerring, Vice and Joyce Clitheroe, Lead lost their first game by one point to an Oakville team and won their second game against a Port Credit team and picked up the prize for the one-game high.

The team of Christa Hass, Penny Willis and Robin Stewart were also one-game winners. Well done ladies.

There were two Sunshine Boys teams entered from Etobicoke. The team of Rob Bartlett, Dan Bell and John Rainbow won both of their games, well done guys.

The overall winners were a men's team from Port Credit.

## **THE ETOBICOKE MIXED TRIPLES OPEN TOURNAMENT – SEPTEMBER 6th**

On Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> the Etobicoke mixed triples open tournament was held. There were 18 teams from Cosburn, Milton, Agincourt, Willowdale, Brampton, Port Credit and Etobicoke.

It was a sunny, cool day (perfect for lawn bowling). Three 12-end games were played. The tournament was sponsored by Remax and Revera Retirement Living. The tournament was convened by Rob Bartlett with Dave Osborne.

The winners were:

High 3-game winner: Richard Cripps with Leslie Ferries and Jim Elliot of Cosburn

2<sup>nd</sup> 3-game winner: Ryan Bonne with Ron Bonne and Dorothea Hair of Port Credit

3<sup>rd</sup> 3-game winner: Vince Donohoe with Pat Rawluk and Herb Simek

High 2-game winner: George Ferries with Frieda Trattner and Doug Durno of Cosburn

2<sup>nd</sup> 2-game winner: Tom Osika with Joyce Clitheroe and Tom Tabor of Etobicoke

3<sup>rd</sup> 2-game winner: Vince Chiappara, Sue Mizzi and Deborah Holdsworth of Etobicoke

Last game high: Hank Spencer with Lynn Fair and Lynn Spencer of Etobicoke

In the kitchen serving refreshments were Penny Willis, Sandra Osborne and Elza Wright.

The rinks were set up by Hank Spencer, Doug Laird, Deborah Holdsworth and Dave Osborne.

This was a very successful tournament. Thanks to all the volunteers.

## **NOVICE DISTRICT PAIRS – AUGUST 26th**

The Novice District pairs was hosted by Etobicoke this year. There were five teams of ladies and five of men who played two games each plus the tiebreakers on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> on a cool, sunny weekend. Erin Chambers of Balmy Beach was the convenor.

Etobicoke entered three ladies teams. They were Christine Leclair and Sandy Marven, Sue Mizzi and Deborah Holdsworth and Georgia Gerring and Tish Khomasurya.

The men entered two teams. They were Lynn Fair with Stephen Gerring. Neil Montgomery with Gerry Gorman placed third in the tournament.

While they did not win, Lynn and Stephen forced a tiebreaker for a fifth game. The outcome was unfortunate. The ladies won more than half of their games.

It was great that we had more teams than we have had for years. I hope they will stay together, play some tournaments and compete next year.

Set up was done by Gerry Gorman and Lynn Fair.

Serving refreshments were Nan Kerr, Marianne Henn, Joan Lloyd and Irene Fair.

## **1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR BOWLERS TOURNAMENT – SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

On September 9<sup>th</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bowler's tournament was held. The games were convened by Dave and Sandra Osborne who were also sponsors.

Dave Osborne welcomed everyone and read the rules of play and instructions for the Markers.

There were eight women and four men who played 3 x 10-end games of singles in cool, bright sunshine starting at 10:00 am.

The women played regular tournament format with high score playing high score in each game.

The four men played round robin format with each playing each other once.

The games were made enjoyable for all by our wonderful Markers, Joyce Clitheroe, Sue Mizzi, Vicky Goora, Robin Stewart, Vickie Hayler and Paul Dickey.

The winners were:

Ladies 3-game and trophy winner: Sandy Marven

High 2-game winner: Deborah Holdsworth

2<sup>nd</sup> high 2-game winner: Bonnie Hassan

3<sup>rd</sup> high 2-game winner: Liz Campbell

Men's winner by total points

Trophy winner: Neil Montgomery three wins and 42 points

Gerry Gorman two wins and 40 points

Domenico Muia one win and 22 points

Our ladies in the kitchen serving treats were Cathie Robinson, Irene Fair and Pamela Guy.

The rink set-up was done by Sue Mizzi, Hank Spencer, Sandra Osborne and Dave Osborne.

This tournament is so gratifying. The lawn bowlers showed their appreciation for a fun day. Why aren't more bowlers participating?

## **THE ETOBICOKE OPEN MEN'S PAIRS TOURNAMENT – SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Etobicoke open Men's Pairs tournament was held on a lovely Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The tournament was sponsored by Tapestry Retirement Home and represented by Beth-Anne MacVicar who supplied a tray of desserts.

There were 16 teams representing Port Credit, Brampton, Willowdale, Cosburn and Etobicoke. They played 3 x 12-end games.

The convenor was Rob Bartlett assisted by Dave Osborne who did the scoring while Rob had it on his computer. This worked well.

The winners were:

High 3-game winner: Ron Lukens with Jim Elliot of Cosburn

2<sup>nd</sup> 3-game winner: Mark Rutledge with Rick Burrows of Willowdale

High 2-game winner: Clarke Slemon with Bob Christie

2<sup>nd</sup> 2-game winner: Tony Valant with Ron Bonne of Port Credit

3<sup>rd</sup> 2-game winner: Richard Cripps with Stephen Walsh of Cosburn

4<sup>th</sup> 2-game winner: Harry Hailey with Tom Trattner of Cosburn

5<sup>th</sup> 2-game winner: Tom Osika with Dennis Buck of Etobicoke

Vince Donohoe and Herb Simek had a perfect end.

The refreshments were served by Sandra Osborne, Georgia Gerring and Penny Willis.

The rinks were set up by Georgia Gerring, Stephen Gerring, Douglas Laird and Dave Osborne.

Once again, this was a very successful well-attended tournament. The outside teams enjoyed our rinks. Many thanks to all volunteers who contributed to our success.

### **THE ELBC FALL IN-HOUSE MIXED PAIRS TOURNAMENT – SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> the Fall In-house Mixed Pairs took place with 28 playing in 14 teams. They played 3 x 10-end games on a lovely day.

Elza Wright, who was convenor, made the draw and did the scoring which she projected on the whiteboard.

Irene Fair and Herb Simek – the wasp exterminators, were in the kitchen.

Douglas Laird, Elza Wright, Sharon Christian and Elizabeth Chlebus set up the rinks.

DelManor was our welcome sponsor represented by Kyle Grant, who made a draw won by George Martin. The second draw was won by Halina Davidson.

The winners were:

3-game winner: Stephen Gerring with Deborah Holdsworth

High 2-game winner: Vince Chiappara with Sandy Marven

2<sup>nd</sup> 2-game winner: Marianne Henn with Gerry Gorman

3<sup>rd</sup> 2-game winner; Paul Dickey with Nadia Roudenko

4<sup>th</sup> 2-game winner: Bob Bartlett with Marjie Horner

5<sup>th</sup> 2-game winner: Halina Davidson with Larry Galloway

6<sup>th</sup> 2-game winner: Milos Belcha with Christine Leclair

Since there was only one 3-game winner, it shows that this was a competitive tournament made from a draw. Well done Elza.

### **WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE SINGLES 2017 GAMES.**

This is one of the few opportunities to play singles. Twelve women stepped up to the challenge. We were pleased to see first and second year bowler's sign up. It was 'double knock out' series using set play guidelines. The series started cool evenings and ended with unseasonably warm weather.



Congratulations to Vickie Hayler winner the 2017 ELBC WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE SINGLES GAMES.  
Second Place: Georgia Gerring

The final game was play the morning of Sept 25<sup>th</sup> under clear and warm skies.  
The first game was close; the second game was won handily by Vickie. We had a good number of  
measures along the way. It was a competitive but friendly game. Joyce helped out with set up, setting the  
jack and along with Lynn Fair supported the efforts of both bowlers. Following a celebratory drum roll,  
Georgia presented Vickie with her pin.  
Thank you all for participating this year. Special thanks to Loretta and Joyce.  
We look forward to seeing you all participate in 2018 in-house games.  
In the meantime, have a healthy and enjoyable winter.

*Georgia Gerring*

### **RICHARD BRUTON TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 12th**

The Richard Bruton Tournament of Champions was held at Cosburn Park LBC on Saturday, August 12.  
Sixteen pairs and mixed pairs teams from around the province bowled in this challenging tournament  
including the team of Tom Osika and Joyce Clitheroe from Etobicoke. Against tough competition the ELBC  
team won all three of its games and took home the Silver Medal. Way to go, Etobicoke!

*Joyce Clitheroe*

### **JAMES GARDENS CENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 19th**

On a beautiful day, Saturday, August 19, The James Gardens Lawn Bowling Club hosted a Centennial  
Tournament to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Among the 14 teams participating were three from Etobicoke:  
Rob Bartlett, Penny Willis, and Robin Stewart; Vicky Goora, Sharon Christian, Marianne Henn and Tom  
Osika, Joyce Clitheroe and Deborah Holdsworth. The teams bowled three 10-end games with lunch  
provided by DelManor Prince Edward. All teams enjoyed the day and team Bartlett took home the prize for  
last game high differential.

*Joyce Clitheroe*

### **RCYC AND ELBC FRIENDLY GAMES – AUGUST 24th**

Five teams from both clubs enjoyed a return visit to the beautiful green setting of RYC on one of the  
Toronto Islands. It took a bit of organizing to get the five teams together but I think we all enjoyed the  
change of scenery and the challenge of a different green. The weather initially looked a bit threatening but  
we remained dry except for the drinks later! Michael Charles gave each of us a free drinks ticket which was  
an unexpected bonus enjoyed with a delicious meal served on their veranda.  
In June when RYC visited us they came out ahead 55-49 while at their club ELBC came out ahead 59-52  
which seems a bit strange that we didn't win on our home rinks!  
But overall aggregate score was ELBC 108 to RYC's 107.

*Joan Lloyd*

## **ANNIVERSARY YEAR?**

Do you have a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary coming up as a member of the OLBA? Or do you know of any member that has this Anniversary? If yes, please let the President, Sandra Osborne or Co-Secretaries Irene Fair & Jennifer Finlay know as soon as possible.

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## **PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER**

Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving, Pie and refreshments
Saturday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Annual General meeting at 1:30 pm
Friday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Club Banquet at the Mandarin. Please sign up.
Monday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bridge starts    Signup sheet is posted
Friday October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Euchre Starts    Signup sheet is posted