

TSAWWASSEN LAWN BOWLING CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2019

SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Welcome back to summer lawn bowling!

During the past six months many members have taken advantage of the opportunity to play bridge and Mexican Train in the clubhouse. We had a lovely Christmas party in December.

KinVillage has obtained funding for its expansion so it is now virtually certain that we will be leaving our current clubhouse (but continuing to use the same green) sometime after December 31, 2019. The City of Delta continues to recognize its obligation to build us a replacement clubhouse and has set aside funds to begin the planning for the clubhouse. Negotiations with the City continue with respect to the exact location, size and other details of the clubhouse, and for parking and access. I will keep club members posted as events occur, but for now, as for the past ten uncertain years, we will continue to bowl and to enjoy our clubhouse and the best green in the Lower Mainland.

We applied for a New Horizons for Seniors grant last fall but were unsuccessful. In fact, in spite of there being numerous Delta based applications for such grants no grant was given to any Delta organization. There will likely be another opportunity to apply for a New Horizons for Seniors grant later this spring and we will apply again at that time.

The dues for 2019 will remain unchanged at \$190.00 for full membership, plus locker fees of \$10 (large locker) or \$5 (normal size locker). The annual fee for social members remains unchanged at \$50. It would be helpful if you could all bring your cheques to the AGM so you can renew your membership at that time. In response to membership feedback we have reduced the number of events we will be putting on, leaving more time available on the weekend for open draws. Our Games Committee chair will provide further details. In the meantime the 2019 calendar has been distributed to 2018 members by email.

We will not be making current members fill out new Membership Application forms. However, if your contact information (phone numbers, email address or mailing address) has changed in the past year please advise us when you renew your membership. Alternatively, please advise our Membership Chair, Sheila Rae, of any changes.

It is important that all Board members be able to contact our members directly if they need to. Accordingly, all Board members will be given your full contact information unless for

privacy or other reasons you object to this. If you do object, please advise me by April 30. Your contact information will not otherwise be given out and will only be used by Board members for Club business.

Our club operates successfully only because our members volunteer. We need you to continue to, or in some cases start to, volunteer. We will have a table set up at the SAGM from 6:30 p.m. to allow you to sign up to work with a committee of your choice.

Speaking of volunteering, this season when we post an all day event signup sheet, we will also be posting a form to allow you to volunteer to be our host or hostess for the event. You will be asked to make tea, set out cups and oversee the cleanup. You can easily play in the event and perform this task. If you wish you can donate some goodies but you are not expected to. If each of you signs up to be host or hostess for one event in which you also play we will have this job covered.

The B.C. Heart and Stroke Foundation will supply us with a heart defibrillator at no cost to us provided that we demonstrate that we will be able to use it properly. The Foundation requires that at least eight of our members volunteer to take a short training course on use of the defibrillator. The Foundation will put on the course and it is also free. In view of the average age of our club members the Board believes that it would be prudent to have a defibrillator in our clubhouse. There will be a signup sheet at the SAGM for volunteers to take the course, which would then be scheduled to accommodate as many of the volunteers as possible.

Don't forget that after the General Meeting we have two more important events in April. On April 20 we have our annual Open House (noon to 2:00 p.m.). We can always use new members and we use our Open House to attract them. Please bring some interested friends or relatives to the Open House!

April 27 is our official Opening Day (noon to 2:00 p.m.). We will be hosting a representative of the City of Delta to deliver the opening bowl. We serve a potluck lunch. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting, and posted afterward, where you can indicate what food you will be bringing to the event.

TLBC participates in the Thrifty's Smile Card Program. It works as follows. You get a Smile Card from us. They will be available at the SAGM. You use your credit card to load cash onto your Smile Card. When you use your Smile Card TLBC gets a grant from Thrifty's equal to 5% of your purchase. It costs you nothing. You can use your normal credit card to load the cash and get the points you would receive by using your credit card. When you purchase your groceries using the Smile Card you can use your Air Miles card to earn rewards. TLBC has used this programme to buy our new benches, our barbecue and other earlier purchases. We make over two thousand dollars a year now but would like to increase this total.

If at any time you have a suggestion to make the Club operate better, or a complaint about the way the Club is operating, please contact me and I will make myself available to discuss any issues with you.

I am sure that like me you are eager to get on the green for another bowling season. The green will be opened for play on April 27 if our green keeper and his consultant advise the Board that the green is ready to be played on by then. I am cautiously optimistic. I wish you all a great bowling and social season!

David Fredricksen

TLBC President