

## *The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – Auguste August Edition*



*Kerrisdale 1 was No. 1 at the Westside Women's Friday Morning League this season.*

### *Kerrisdale best in the West-side*

Kerrisdale 1 was this year's power trio at the annual Westside Women's Friday Morning Triples League.

Skip Rosemary Cryer, second Brenda Rhodes and lead Amy Leung swept their final six games of the schedule to lay claim to the league title for a first time with a winning 8-2-1 record and 25 game points, following 11 weeks of play at the host West Point Grey green.

Kerrisdale 1 beat a pair of WPG teams to the finish to place first overall on the final day of play, edging both threesomes by a single point despite only a modest 38-point differential.

However, all was not so rosy for Kerrisdale 1 at the start of the season.

After the first five weeks of the schedule, Kerrisdale 1 was sitting middle of the table and in sixth place on the 12-team ladder, eight points off the lead, while also trailing Kerrisdale's newest entry of Suphin Nakutnok, Kate Pelletier and Shelley Tysoe by a



*Kerrisdale 2*

single point.

But despite their rocky 2-2-1 start, Kerrisdale 1 finished off the season in style, rattling off six consecutive victories to reel in the leading teams one-by-one, including the Kerrisdale 2 trio that eventually finished sixth overall with a 6-5 record and an 18/38 point total.

### *Whiskey Bowl woes*

Kerrisdale's men lost the annual Whiskey Bowl challenge to Dunbar for just the second time ever in the competition's history.

Dunbar bettered the Kerrisdale men's team 50 points to 40 in an all day, 12-end pairs showdown at the West Memorial Park green on July 31.

The two westside bowling clubs fielded six pairs teams apiece and played a four-game, random round-robin to determine this year's winner.

### Kerrisdale's Whiskey Bowl Pairs



*Ian & Alan*



*David & Ernest*



*Jack & Ian*



*Ross & Peter*



*Spencer & Peter*



*Tom & Gene*

### *Mixed Doubles to BC playoffs*

Kerrisdale's Tom Berridge made it to the final playoffs at the Bowls BC Provincial Mixed Pairs at Granville Park LBC.



*A mixed pair*

Tom paired with New Westminster's Barbara Hsieh to finish in the top-6 at the three-day, 24-team, double knockout provincial championship on Aug. 11.

With Barbara skipping, the first-time pair won their first two four-bowl, 18-end matches on the opening day to make it to the quarter-finals.

On the second day of play, Team Hsieh was relegated to the Loser's bracket but bounced back from their Saturday morning quarter-final loss with afternoon wins over two Richmond pairings to stay alive and advance to the final day of competition.

Tom and Barbara lost a close game to eventual mixed pairs champion Jim Duholke and Zoe Chan in their early morning match.

Duholke and Chan then went on to win four more amended, three-bowl, 16-end contests to claim the provincial title that included back-to-back victories over the previously unbeaten

Winner's bracket pair of Cary Manns and Gigi Chan – an incredible one-day, five-win feat.

### *Where the money goes*

It is not just the many rentals that add value to Kerrisdale's bottom line.

This year's tournaments and Elm Park triples league are also good money-makers for the bowling club.

The Norine Armstrong women's triples was a full, 16-team event that brought in nearly \$1,000 from team registration fees.

After factoring in the prize money to the three winning teams and the proceeds from a 50/50 draw, the Armstrong tourney garnered the club more than \$650 in profit.

The same is true with the weekly triples league.

While the Elm Park Triples shelled out more than \$1,000 in prize money this season, the take home amount to the club was \$1,125.

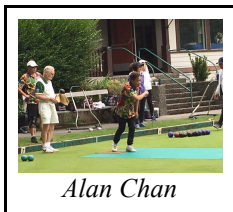
A tidy little extra for the Kerrisdale club.

Last week, Kerrisdale played host to a third inter-club tournament this year, which also brought in hundreds more dollars to the club coffers.



*Money makers*

### *Making it at Moffatt*



*Alan Chan*

Associate Kerrisdale members Alan and Lana Chan topped their group at the Vancouver and District Moffatt Mixed Fours at North Vancouver LBC.

Lana was the lead and Alan played second on a team with recent mixed pairs champions Jim Duholke and Zoe Chan that took home first place in the B Group on Aug. 15.

Kerrisdale members Dianne Petrant, Suphin Nakutnok and Tom Berridge, along with Graham Mason from Stanley Park, also took part, advancing to the B semifinal before bowing out to North Vancouver on the final day of the three-day evening tournament.

### *Fourth at West Point Grey*

A triples team from Kerrisdale placed fourth at the West Point Grey open women's tournament on Aug. 3.

Associate members Rebecca Ma and Catalina Poon joined Suphin Nakutnok at the 16-team tournament to finish as one of four teams with a 3-0 record.

Ma, Poon and Nakutnok garnered 34 total points over the three 12-end matches to finish behind teams from Mann Park, White Rock and Richmond, respectively.



*Fourth Place*

Kerrisdale member Belle Chan also skipped a team at the WPG triples.

### *Chipping in at BC Day*

August began with a tremendous show of club support for our BC Day celebration.



*Over yonder*

The day began with David Goddard mowing the green in the morning and Tom Kwan, trimming the outside surrounds.

Treasurer Peter Cook did the necessary shopping at Costco and even shared his cooked onions and mushrooms dish at the dinner.

Nancy Chalmers and Debra Golabek set up the room on the Saturday. The pre-cooking of the sausages also began on that day, and continued on into Sunday, when the burgers took their turn in the oven.

Durell Bennett and Nancy came earlier to help prep the rest of the food that fill the buffet table.

Club president Peter Lee set up a fun day of bowling games for all to participate in.

A big thank you to Maureen Roulstone for her lemon cake and brownies and to Monica Tam for her coconut cream cake, and lending her muscle to cut the gigantic watermelon.

A tip of the glass to Frances Lee, the winner of the Spider, for sharing her red wine, and to Joyce Bolleman and her son Brent, who donated a big container of freshly picked blueberries.



*Enjoying good company*

And of course, a friendly click of the camera to Brian Thomson for all of the photos taken on the day.

And lastly, a warm thank you to all those who helped to clean up afterwards, including Linda Lepard, Gene Wrangmore, Helesia Luke, Ross Gentleman, Peter Lee and Tom Berridge.

Hope we didn't forget anyone ....

### *No repeat at Ed Angel*

Kerrisdale's teams finished in the top-10 at the conclusion of this year's Ed Angel men's triples league at West Point Grey LBC on Aug. 15.

Last year's winner, Kerrisdale 1, including skip David Goddard, Tom Kwan and John Kost, placed 10<sup>th</sup> this time around with 14 game points and a 52-point spread in the weekly 16-team league.

Kerrisdale 2 was a six-man effort with associate members George Sit and Spencer Yeung playing a weekly mixed schedule along side Peter Lee, Ricki Chan, John DeMonye and Tom Berridge.

Richmond teams placed first, second and third, with Granville Park taking the fourth-place money.

Stanley Park 1 edged Kerrisdale 2 out of fifth spot by an 11-point spread after the two teams tied with 19 game points apiece.

### *The Case of the Missing Jack*

It should have been a night like any other spring night at the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club.

The evening of Friday, June 28 was nothing unusual.

The sky that day was mainly clear with only a few clouds overhead. It was comfortably warm for that time of the season, with only a slight breeze wafting through the surrounding trees that lined the borders of the green. The relative humidity was approximately 68%.



Teams of 10 bowlers from both Richmond and Kerrisdale had assembled. They had been chatting and joking amongst themselves anecdotally, while preparing for a routine second-round Vancouver and District Top-10 bowls competition.

There had been only a few onlookers present, so no more than 25 people were witness to what could have taken place.

But none of them could have expected what was to transpire on that otherwise very ordinary late spring evening.

Scoreboards, pushers, long mats, mats and four of the club's nine jacks had been set out on the requisite greens of play.

Just before 7 pm, the teams were assembled at their appointed greens and ready for the games to commence - one singles competition, one mixed pairs, one mixed triples and one game of mixed fours.

All apparently went well for the visiting Richmond teams. To no one's surprise, Richmond swept all four disciplines, including two game-shortened finishes in the triples and fours.

Kerrisdale, by all accounts, had taken the losses well, and Richmond should have left for home to Sea Island with a good account of themselves.

As is the custom in lawn bowls, before departing, all the players had shared in the work of returning all the used items back to their rightful places in the equipment shed.

Only the fours jacks used in the competition should have been put back on a rack hanging on the wall inside the east side door to the clubhouse. When all the jacks were returned and counted there were only eight. The ninth jack was nowhere to be found.

One eye witness remembers seeing an unattended jack in the ditch on the No. 6 rink after the games had been completed. However, there is no evidence that the jack was in fact the one that went missing.



An exhausted search of the surrounding grounds ensued. The ditches to the green were checked and rechecked. The interior of the equipment shed was inspected, and searched again for a second, and a third time. No evidence of a misplaced jack was uncovered.

By that time, many of the Richmond team members were no longer present at the club. Dusk was beginning to fall, putting an end to a more thorough scouring of the green and its surroundings.

Later that evening, the Kerrisdale club president sent an email to the Richmond team captain inquiring about whether any member of his team might have inadvertently picked up the lone cue ball. No response came of it.

A day later, a similar enquiry was made at a morning mixed league tournament at Kerrisdale that drew a number of Richmond club bowlers. No leads were forthcoming from that either.

Days later, a cursory search of the hedging and the ivy-matted surrounds was also made, with no result.



If there was ever a report made, it likely would have read somewhere that there was no discernable motive found that could have sufficiently explained the nature of the occurrence.

After all, what was to be gained from removing a jack from its home green?

A solitary jack is of little use to anyone. They can't be delivered anywhere other than on a bowling green and every club already has plenty of them.

Assuming that all the Kerrisdale attendees were innocent, what reason would any of the Richmond bowlers have for pocketing one. Spite? Unlikely. They went home happy with the four wins they coveted. What more would have been gained by slipping an old and slightly soiled jack into an open hand bag?

It might be that one day, some time in the future, while someone is puttering about the clubhouse grounds, a long-lost discovery of a dirty, white jack might be made.

Or perhaps, it could also happen that months, or even years later, an unresponsive, wayward jack may suddenly appear, as if out of the blue, there in its rightful place on the nine-jack rack on the wall inside the clubhouse, as if by a miracle or some other inexplicable sleight of hand.

But until that unlikely eventuality occurs, the Case of the Missing Jack must remain a mystery - a story now waiting for an ending.

### *Thank You Volunteers*

The month of August was also a busy one for rentals at the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club.

With that reality in mind, the club wishes to bestow a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, who came out and supported these important and much needed club efforts.



Four of the five rentals in that month were repeat customers, emphasizing just how well the club has supported those rentals over the years.

Thank you to the club members, many of whom volunteered on more than one occasion, including Nancy Chalmers, Rosemary Cryer, David Goddard, Peter Cook, Peter Lee, Pat Kost, Hilary Tait, Ross Gentleman, Dianne Petrant, Durell Bennett, Don Young, Rob and Berverley Gray, Ian Lambton, Maureen Roulstone, Spencer Yeung, George Kam, Ernest Chin and Jane Allen.

The club is also much appreciative to all those who came out on the four Thursdays in July to lend their support for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's "Lawn Summer Nights" fundraiser. Your help was very much appreciated by all involved. Thank You.



### *Richmond wins mixed triples*

Kerrisdale ended the month of August with a sold out mixed triples tournament at the Elm Park green on Aug. 27.

Sixteen teams, two from as far away as Mann Park from White Rock and Tsawwassen, vied for the first tournament title since the competition shed its Fletcher/Folz men's triples format.

Richmond's Kelvin Lai, Gigi Chan and Rainbow Lung won all four 10-end games to take the top prize.

### *Intermediate Endings*

Shelley Tysoe and Suphin Nakutnok ended their intermediate eligibility with a good showing.

The Kerrisdale pair placed eighth in the 16-team Vancouver and District intermediate women's pairs held at the South Burnaby club in Central Park on Aug. 9. However, their combined 51-point shot total was the fifth highest overall.

A day later, Suphin then skipped a North Vancouver club team to second place in the V&D intermediate open women's triples at the New Westminster club in Moody Park.



The top-3 teams were all a perfect 4-0 in the 4 x 10-end format, with total shots determining first and second place, 63-56.