

The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – Thank You M & B Edition



Almost nine inches of rain has fallen this month, creating a lake of our beloved green.

A New Year's gift

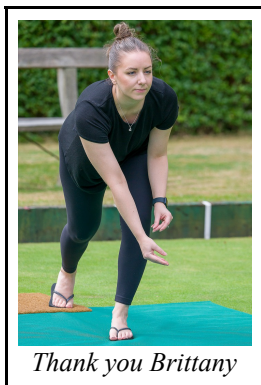
Kerrisdale is so very lucky to have such wonderful members as Brittany and Matt Stansfield.

The club was recently gifted by the two second-year club bowlers with a donation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) that will soon bring life-saving support to any of our members and/or guests, who may suffer a heart condition while at the Elm Park green.

An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.



A Lifepak CR2



Thank you Brittany

Apparently, while attending a club function last summer, the thoughtful couple overheard a conversation between club president Peter Lee and Kerrisdale member Nancy Chalmers regarding how the club should look into purchasing such a useful device.

Then, just before Christmas, Peter received an email from the Stansfields enquiring about whether the club had moved on acquiring an AED.

In the email, Matt and Brittany also relayed their intention to purchase a Lifepak CR2 for the club and to make all the necessary arrangements to have the life-saving device in place before the start of the 2024 outdoor

season.

"While many members contribute to the club with donations of service and time, the donation of this life-saving device will potentially benefit club members and visitors for a very long time," said KLBC president Peter Lee. "KLBC has many generous members and the Stansfields (Matt & Brittany), with their social and financial contributions, are an important part of that group.

The sense of community that is woven throughout the fabric of KLBC, makes it a special place to be a member."

Please everyone find the time to thank the Stansfields, in person, when you see them next.

On behalf of the entire KLBC membership, club secretary Debra Dowhaniuk also recently sent a message of appreciation to Brittany and Matt.

It read as follows:

Dear Matt and Brittany,

The Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club would like to thank you for your most generous donation of a LIFEPAK CR2.

Your contribution of this potentially lifesaving piece of equipment will be a welcome addition to KLBC. Just knowing it is there, will provide a sense of security and peace of mind to our members. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

*Debra Dowhaniuk
Secretary
Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club*



Thank you Matt

Club man honoured



Fifty years of bowls

Our very own Kerrisdale club member Bob Scott was recently recognized with a 50-year pin from Bowls Canada for half a century of dedication to the sport of lawn bowling.

Pacific Indoor Bowls Club board member and former Vancouver South clubmate Vince Mai made the impromptu presentation to Bob at the opening game of the winter Tuesday evening Aussie Pairs league on Jan. 9.

Bob has demonstrated a high level of bowling consistency over the half century, including a Canadian Mixed Pairs championship title with his life partner Cathie Higgins in 2000.

The two were then selected to represent Canada in the first-ever World Mixed Pairs championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

"It was a great experience. It really was," said Bob, "And to do it with Cathie was amazing. She had tears in her eyes when she came out with the Canadian flag."

Bob won his first provincial championship in the men's pair in 1991 and went on to garner two more BC men's pairs titles in 1994 and again '96.



2000 mixed pairs champ

He followed up each of those three provincial titles with a top-three medal at the nationals, including a silver medal in 1996.

Following his success in the mixed pairs in 2000, Bob showed his skill and tenacity, by fighting through hip replacement problems to help win a provincial fours championship in 2002 and a first-time BC triples title in 2013.

Bob's other bowling accomplishments are too many to list here but include Bowler of the Week in 1993, when he won both the singles and triples in BC Week.

He was also the V&D singles champ in 1992, pairs winner in 2001 and is a three-time V&D 4's titlist.

Bob began lawn bowling at just 15 years old after one day skipping out of school and stumbling upon the Vancouver club green atop Little Mountain.

There he met Percy Baird, who gladly introduced the truant teen to the game of bowls.

“He (Percy) was a great old guy,” Bob remembered. “He asked me if I wanted to try it. I tried it and I kept on going back.”

Last year, Bob proved that he hasn't lost that winning touch, when he skipped his Kerrisdale men's team to first place at the Ed Angel triples summer league at West Point Grey.

You're a beauty, Bob.

The green is calling

Kerrisdale club greenskeeper David Goddard put out a call for help this season and he was answered.

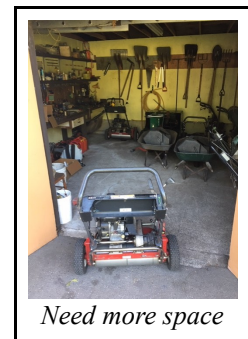
For many years, David has been doing yeoman's service to the club, maintaining the green at Elm Park virtually singlehandedly, while also overseeing all other aspects of its upkeep.



A call for assistance

With the 2024 season approaching, David was looking for not just help with the physical work of green's maintenance but also the decision making part that goes into keeping the green in tip-top playing form all year round.

When David put out a call for help. Ross Gentleman and John DeMonye both answered. Well done Ross and John.



Need more space

One of the decisions needed to be tackled is what to do if *Extreme Turf*, the outfit that has previously seeded, cored and otherwise helped with our green's maintenance, cannot commit to work with us this year.

Other items on the greenskeeping agenda are what to do about the damaged grass clippings bunker and some spring maintenance shed clearing.

Please say yes to David, if you are able to lend a hand in any other way with Kerrisdale's green maintenance.

A place for Kerrisdale

A Kerrisdale club team made a modest impact at the recent IGA Mixed Triples tournament at the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club on the first weekend of the new year.

Lead David Goddard, Suphin Nakutnok and skip Tom Berridge finished in fourth place, just a single point shy of second in the B group in the two-day weekend competition.

Kerrisdale narrowly lost a spot in the A group, when after tying their opening game of the weekend they eventually lost and were relegated to the B group on the tiebreaker on number of ends won.



The colour purple



Down by the river – social committee photo by Amy Leung

Social club walks

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from their appointed rounds.

No, this isn't referring to the United States Postal Service but instead to the newly formed Kerrisdale club social committee.

The avid club members take to the local sidewalks or shoreline trails in rain, snow or sunshine, says group member Rosemary Cryer.

The idea of the social club came together late last year as a healthy and relaxing way of keeping up with bowling friends during the off season.

To date, as many as eight members have joined in the walks, while a slightly larger number come later to enjoy coffee and some friendly banter at the club afterwards.

Each week, a member leads the group on a walk to an area of their choosing. After the walk, another member is responsible for the coffee and treats that follow.

The social group meets every Tuesday morning and is equally welcoming to non-club members, as well. Bring a friend and enjoy good company with the Kerrisdale social group.

No Nationals for BC



A thing of the past?

Bowls BC has announced the dates for its 2024 championship season but that will not include an invitation for the winners to participate at the national championship level.

Kerrisdale received this directive from Bowls BC:

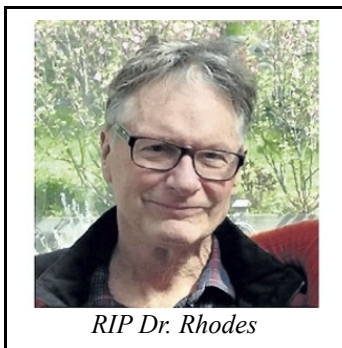
In line with the recommendations of the 2024 Bowls BC games committee, the Bowls BC board has decided that Bowls BC will not participate in the 2024 Canadian championships, should the championships be held. To date there is no announcement from Bowls Canada as to the status of the 2024 Canadian championships.

Bowls BC has decided, however, to conduct a full roster of Provincial championships, including Indoor Singles, as well as Outdoor Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples and Youth. The winners will receive the usual trophies and medals, but will not be eligible to participate in the 2024 Canadian championships, if they are held.

So, with the Provincial championships being held, we are soliciting all BC clubs to consider hosting a provincial championship in 2024. With the exception of the Youth championships, each championship will probably require two greens.

Single green clubs wishing to participate are asked to partner with a nearby second club, if possible. If you cannot find a second club to partner with Bowls BC may be able to help in this regard.

The men's and women's indoor singles will be held on the last two weeks of April at the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club.



RIP Dr. Rhodes

In memorium

Late last year, we lost Harold James Rhodes, devoted life partner of 57 years to Kerrisdale bowls club person and board member Brenda Rhodes.

A Celebration of Life was held for Dr. Rhodes at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on Point Grey Road on Jan. 3.

It was well attended by Kerrisdale club members.