

## *The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – July opening edition*



*The doors to the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club are open. Welcome back*

### *Elm Park is open for bowls*

The long awaited day for Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club members has finally come.

Eight eager club members took to the greens on the final day of June to learn the new rules of play during Phase 1 of the new COVID-19 protocols as sanctioned by Bowls BC and other provincial and health authorities.

A huge thank you to David Smith for his thorough work in preparing all the necessary paperwork that needed to be worked out, as it pertained to the Kerrisdale club, and then completed and passed along to the appropriate authorities for the approval to finally open our doors to the membership.

On June 30, David Smith oversaw the opening session at the Elm Park green, which went very smoothly with all exhibiting good social distancing and respect for the new rules of play without seemingly any lack of enjoyment at finally being able to get back on the green.



*The monitor is watching*



The green has been maintained to a modest standard, while also undergoing regular groomings since early spring to keep it at close to competition ready thanks to our conscientious greenskeeper David Goddard.

Although the club retains estimated assests of approximately \$15,000 for the year, keeping the green in good condition and any other maintenance costs to the clubhouse would eat into that amount significantly. And for the moment, the club is unable to host rentals or hold tournaments as a means of generating that income.

The situation Kerrisdale finds itself in is by no means different than that of any other bowls clubs in the province. Most of the Vancouver and District clubs have implemented a voluntary donation system as a means of covering some of the costs of running the club.



*COVID or not, it's still good fun*



*Social distancing is the new norm*

Following the lead of those other local clubs, such as Stanley Park and Granville Park, arrangements have been made with the City of Vancouver that all money paid to the Kerrisdale bowls club through the municipal channel will be considered a charitable donation and, as such, eligible for a tax deduction.

The club has not suggested a set monetary amount, as some of us may have had their lives affected differently by the COVID virus.

Some of us may be able to pay a full membership or even a little bit more, while others might settle for a slightly lower figure.

The club would be grateful for any contribution a member might choose to make. To donate, click on the link below.

<https://donate.vancouver.ca/KLBC>

When you pay through this link, all of the money will be directed back to our Kerrisdale club and you will receive a tax receipt for the full amount.

Members can also contribute directly to the club by cheque but no tax receipt would be generated for such a donation.

"Thank you very much for caring about the future of our club," KLBC treasurer David Smith said in a recent club email.



*Benches and water fountain must not be used at this time*

*July is open for booking*

After a successful week of trial bowling under the new protocol, it's all systems go for the





*Hand sanitizers on the green*

Bookings are now being taken online on the club's website at <https://www.krlbc.com/> for the days - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On the Thursday prior to the opening, David Smith took the four club monitors, Alice Kwan, Joyce Bolleman, David Goddard and Tom Berridge, through a trial opening and training session to test out the online booking system and ensure a smooth functioning of the one-and-a-half hour practice sessions offered weekly by the club. Peter Lee is also signed up to be a club monitor on Sundays. All went without a hitch and practice bowling dates were thrown open to Kerrisdale members and its associate members only.

Please note that during Phase 1, bowling will only be allowed during the dates and times set by the club. And at present, under no circumstances may individuals enter the clubhouse by themselves and bowl without a monitor present.

Before booking a practice time, please make sure that you read and understand the club's guidelines on member's individual responsibilities for play under Phase 1 of the new protocol.

#### *What you need to know*

All Kerrisdale members are required to fill out a one-time waiver form. If you are not able to fill out the waiver prior to your session, forms are available at the club when you sign in.

Club members will also be required to complete a medical screening form each day they bowl. Forms have been sent out to all members and



*Screening forms are now mandatory*

associate members by email but copies can also be filled out at the club prior to bowling. However, bringing the completed forms with you to the club will greatly speed up the sign-in process that is required at each session before members are allowed to proceed to the green.



*It's good to be back*

Medical screening forms are available in single day format or, for more regular bowlers, a reusable sheet that can be filled out for up to eight separate visits.

#### *Nothing in this world is free*

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the club executive decided to waive all membership fees for this year. However, while members were given a free ride when it comes to paying dues, the club itself was not. There is still the cost of keeping up the green and other associated operating costs that must be paid.



remainder of the month of July.



All club members and its associate members are free to book as many sessions as they wish through to the end of the month.

The online booking form may be a tad confusing for some. But on the bottom of the booking button a fraction of 16 will tell the reader how many open slots are still available to be filled.

If you look at the image to your left, it reads 12/16, which we can interpret as four slots have been already booked, leaving 12 free slots left open for others to fill.

To book your session, click the url below and it will take you directly to the club's online booking page.

<https://www.kr1bc.com/simpl-e-schedule>

When there, scroll down to the bowling rink booking form and simply click on the purple *show* button on the designated date you would like to bowl on and fill in your information in the spaces provided.



- Thank you Brian Thomson for the many fine photographs appearing in the newsletter.