

The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – The Good-bye Edition



One more time on the Kerrisdale green and a fond farewell to Chris and David Smith.

Newbie wins Sunday pairs

It was first time lucky for a first-time bowler at the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club's first Sunday pairs competition of the season.



Unlikely winners

Suphin Nakutnok, playing lead with husband skip Tom Berridge, shared in winning all four games played at the all-day tournament, coming away as first-place finishers in the six-team competition with eight total points and a +13 point differential.

Under Phase 2 of COVID-19 restrictions, compliant clubs are allowed to hold intra-club competitions for singles and pairs, as long as social distancing and proper sanitation protocol is followed.

Club president and tournament organizer Peter Lee entered the final game of the day with three consecutive wins and a leading differential but fell just short in a close final for first place with Nakutnok and Berridge.

In the third-place contest, David Smith and Tom Kwan came out ahead against Don Young and Joyce Bolleman.

Peter Cook, Alice Kwan, David Goddard and Chris Smith also took part in an enjoyable day of bowls, played under most comfortable conditions. Thanks Peter Lee for organizing the tournament.

An Outstanding Member



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Former club treasurer David Smith got an unexpected send-off gift following Kerrisdale's Sunday pairs tournament.

Smith, who served three consecutive years as the Kerrisdale's treasurer and membership secretary, was presented with the club's Outstanding Member plaque by Peter Lee at the conclusion of the Sunday pairs tournament.

The honour was a fitting one for the Smiths, who have been the epitamy of volunteerism at the club since coming to Kerrisdale four seasons ago.

It was not a surprise either that it was Smith, who was the architect for our return to the green after COVID-19 caused the cancellation to the opening of the 2020 lawn bowling season.

For everything you did for the Elm Park club, we thank you David and Chris. May your days in Stratford be many, happy and peaceful.



All the best David and Chris

Numbers down in second month

There has been a significant drop off in the number of members signing up for the weekly open draws at the Kerrisdale club in the month of August.



Perfect attendance

Although the final month of summer is not yet entirely over, the total number of registrants is down by about a third over the 150 members who took advantage of the free open draws in July.

However, Kerrisdale remains committed to continue with the open draw scheduling through to the end of September, weather, and any other eventuality, permitting.

The schedule for September has already been posted on the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling club website. Members are asked to register online in order to take part in an open draw at the Elm Park green.

The open draws will continue to be held weekly at 1:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

If a member has a suggestion for open play at a time, other than what is currently offered, please reply in kind to the email that delivered this newsletter.

Elm Park Triples to continue

The Tuesday morning Elm Park Triples will continue to run next season despite the loss of its founder and organizer.

With the news of the departure of David and Chris Smith back to England, the future of the popular inter-club tournament was unclear until a pair of club members stepped forward.

Tom Berridge and Alice Kwan have agreed to take over the organization and running of the weekly competition.



Alice and Tom



Triple your pleasure

Prior to this year's cancellation of the Elm Park Triples due to the COVID crisis, 16 club teams from the greater Vancouver area were signed up to play, including four from the host Kerrisdale club.

With fingers crossed, we look forward to next year with the hope 2021 will be kinder to us all and to a second successful season of Elm Park triples.

In the mean time, Kerrisdale skips should take this time to reassemble their teams for the coming season so we can fulfill our quota and field four complete teams.

PIBC planning for September opening



Bowling is back indoors

Vancouver's only indoor bowls facility is gearing up for a Sept. 8 reopening.

The Pacific Indoor Bowling Club will be initially open under Phase 1 protocols for practice sessions only and under strict and controlled safety conditions.

When final approval from Bowls BC and the Vancouver Parks board is finalized, play is expected to begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8 for singles and pairs play only.

However, the club is hopeful that it will meet Phase 2 requirements by the month of October and will be able to offer league play to its members at that time.

Masks will be mandatory at all times in the indoor facility, and as per our club protocols, bowlers to the Hillcrest site must fill out a health questionnaire before each visit, as well as signing off on the club guidelines and a liability waiver.

Registration will be required in order to attend practice sessions. Each session is free to current members under Phase 1 and will be limited to two hours.

Reduced membership fees will come into effect when Phase 2 is adopted.

More details on the PIBC September opening will be available soon on the club website at pacificindoor.com.