

## *The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – Spring Opening Edition*



### *Opening Day in May*

The Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club will be welcoming back all our wonderful members for the 2022 season on Sunday, May 1.

The outdoor season begins with the club's annual spring AGM at noon, followed by an afternoon of bowls at 1:30 pm on the best outdoor green in the city.



Please make an effort to come out and have your say on how you think the club should function. The club needs everyone's collective input in order to grow and prosper.

Then enjoy the fresh air and good company that makes the Kerrisdale green such a special place to be.

An Open House for all newcomers to the sport of bowls will be held at Kerrisdale on Saturday, May 7.

That will be followed by a second mid-season Open House on National Bowls Day on June 4.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on the Kerrisdale green real soon.

## *Get involved in the club*

There will be a lot going on at the Kerrisdale bowls club this season.



*What would you expect at the Whiskey Bowl?*

With much of the COVID-19 protocols now behind us, Kerrisdale is ready to embrace a more normal return to play in 2022.

While the club shall continue to always observe the Public Health Officer's orders, there is now the opportunity to enjoy the many inter-club competitions that, because of the pandemic, could not be held for the past two years.

At Elm Park, club members will have many options for play over and above daily afternoon open draws.

Beginning Wednesday, May 25, the fun Aussie Pairs night will make its long awaited return to the Kerrisdale green. Come out and enjoy a different twist to the traditional pairs game.

Also coming back after a two-year hiatus is the annual Whiskey Bowl rivalry between Kerrisdale and Dunbar club men. The all-day competition that usually follows a triples format has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 27.

In case you are wondering, Kerrisdale has dominated the rivalry over the years and is the current holder of the vessel, retaining the bowl the last time the two clubs met in 2019.



*We won again in 2019*

Kerrisdale will once again be hosting three Vancouver and District events as well. Like all V&D inter-club competitions, there is a registration fee to enter.

First on the agenda is the popular Diamond Doubles, an open two-day mixed pairs competition that will be held on June 29 and 30.



*Norine would be proud*

Next up at Elm Park will be the Norine Armstrong ladies triples to be hosted all day on July 20. This event is closed, meaning all bowlers on a team must be members of the same club. Following the ladies, comes the open Fletcher/Folz men's triples slated for Aug. 17.

BC Week, which had its beginning in 1922, is one of the longest running lawn bowls tournaments in Canada.

This highly anticipated competition runs the week of July 11 to 15, with separate events for both men and women.

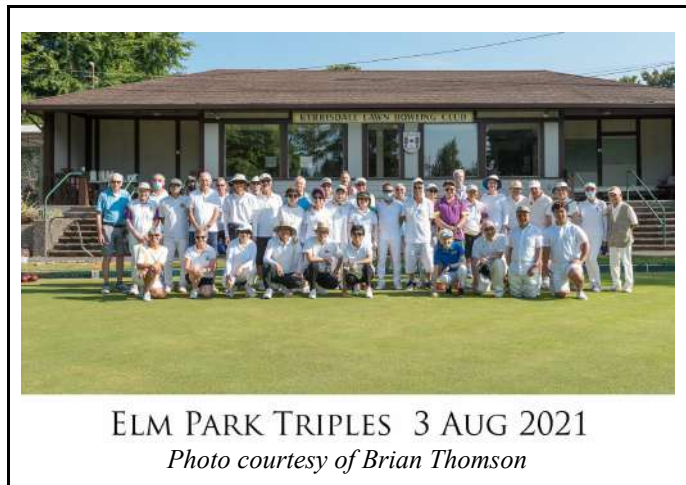
Through the week, the men will contest pairs, Aussie pairs and triples at Granville Park, while the women will be at New Westminster, competing in pairs, triples and fours.

The Pennant League, which usually attracts higher calibre bowlers from all V&D clubs, has a Monday evening start date this year of June 6. The playoff finals will be played at New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club on Aug. 26.

Running the entire spring/summer season at Kerrisdale is the Tuesday morning Elm Park Triples.

Now in its third season, this mixed three-bowl, inter-club competition, created by our former treasurer David Smith, is a widely anticipated pastime with local bowlers and is a great introduction to more competitive bowling.

Teams are now forming so don't delay. Kerrisdale has spots for just four teams.



### *Indoor happenings at PIBC*

Kerrisdale bowlers enjoyed a winter of successes at the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club this year.



PIBC, which is located near Queen Elizabeth Park, is the only regulation indoor facility in Canada. It provides league games and open practice for bowlers of all abilities.

Just completed, Kerrisdale bowlers finished with a payday in three separate leagues this winter season.

Lead David Goddard and Tom Berridge teamed up with skip Alan Wass from Dunbar to win the Monday Morning Triples, fashioning a 9-1 record along the way through the 10-week winter season. Goddard and Wass also claimed second-place in the A Group playoff in the Friday Morning Aussie Pairs.

Berridge and first-year bowler Suphin Nakutnok took home the runner-up prize money in the B Group playoff of the Wednesday Afternoon Intermediate Pairs.

Kerrisdale members Alice Kwan, Barrie Brown and Jack Green also took advantage of the world class indoor facility this season.

### *Think about volunteerism*

Clubs, in all their forms, rely on volunteers for a successful operation of the organization. The Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club is no exception.

To the casual eye, it appears that most things get done at the club with minimal input from its members. But in reality, there is much accomplished because of the dedication of just a few of its members.







*Passing on the knowledge*

Not everyone is cut out to be a club president, or a treasurer, but there are many other ways to contribute to the seamlessly smooth running at Kerrisdale.

To help the club's bottom line, Kerrisdale will be looking to book rental groups again this year to help offset the high cost of maintaining the green at Elm Park to a playable standard.

In order to accommodate these rental groups, volunteers will be needed. Try to get out to help out with at least one group this season. It's both rewarding and fun to see others enjoying themselves on the green.

Sponsorship revenue is another way to help the club make money. If anyone knows of a local business that may wish to become involved, perhaps as a scoreboard sponsor, take it upon yourself to search it out. If your enquiry bears fruit, contact Peter Cook, or someone else on the executive, with the details. Initial scoreboard advertising is just \$320. *Rental group pics courtesy of Brian Thomson.*



*Find a sponsor*

### *No dogs allowed*

The KLBC executive decided to rule against an inquiry from a prospective club member, regarding the bringing of pets to the club when bowling.

Citing the need to keep the green safe from most eventualities, especially from those marauding crows, the executive ruled to allow only service dogs on the property at this time.

In a separate bit of news, Bowls Canada has raised the age for senior competition to 65 years of age, up from the previous 60 years.

### *Last of the indoors*

PIBC will be hosting three bowls tournaments in April to close out the indoor season.



*The only one of its kind*

For all those bowlers who are unfamiliar with the indoor game, this is an opportunity to witness many fine bowlers first-hand.

The all-day club spring tournaments kick off with mixed pairs on April 9 and 10, followed by mixed triples on the weekend of April 16 and 17. An open singles competition closes out the indoor year at PIBC on April 30 and May 1.

Drop in on a Saturday or Sunday and see what you're missing.