

## *The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – Coming Home Edition*



*Carol and Jim Whyte bequeathed some family history to our Kerrisdale club during a special BC Day event.*

### *Returning Kate to KLBC*

The Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club had a very special BC Day.

Jim Whyte and his wife Carol made a special bequest to the club on Aug. 1 in memory of his grandparents, who were the original benefactors of the 107-year-old Kerrisdale bowls club.

Jim's grandfather James and Catherine Whyte came from Scotland and settled on the west side of Vancouver in 1911.

A plumber by trade, James became the head of water works in the then district of Point Grey and later held a similar position with the City of Vancouver.

James purchased the land on what is now Elm Park and sold it to the government for \$1 on the understanding that there would always be lawn bowling on the property.



*James and Catherine Whyte*

Catherine was an important figure in the Kerrisdale Ladies Lawn Bowling Club and was later honoured with a life membership in 1958.

A gift of an anniversary photo of James and Catherine, the life membership award to Catherine and a prize set of 1927 bowls were bequeathed to the club by Jim and Carol.

“Thank you for allowing us to bring back Kate,” said Jim, when making the presentation to Brenda Rhodes, who first unearthed the club connection. “Thank you very much for allowing us to carry on a tradition.”

In welcoming the Whytes to Kerrisdale, Brenda called it a “historic day” for the club.

Carol put a perfect final point on the proceedings. “This is the right place,” she said.

### *Victory at the V&Ds*



*Winners of A and B*

Kerrisdale's Suphin Nakutnok won the B Division at the Vancouver and District novice women's singles championship at Stanley Park on Aug. 4.

The Fairview area hairdresser came back from a 7-1 deficit to defeat second-seed Hema Sawhney from Mann Park 15-9 in the V&D B final.

Suphin and clubmate Debra Golabek were two beginner bowlers from Elm Park to compete in the three-day evening tournament from Aug. 2 – 4 that drew 24 local first-year bowlers from as far away as North Vancouver, Richmond, New Westminister, Maple Ridge and White Rock.

The Kerrisdale pair were both slotted into the B flight after finishing the opening day with similar 1-1 records.

In the earlier semi-final, Suphin eliminated the top-seeded Megan Paul from Granville Park 15-10 to move into the B final.

The top-8 bowlers from Day 1 competed in the A group on the Wednesday.

Following a rain-soaked qualifying section on Wednesday, Suphin won both her matches to secure the fourth and final seed into Thursday's final round.

Debra placed seventh in the B pool with a 1-1 record and a +8 differential. Associate Kerrisdale member Catalina Poon, playing for Granville Park, finished fifth in the B division with a record of 1-1 and a +10.



*Sup and Debra at V&Ds*

Suphin finished the competition with a 5-1 win/loss record. Her only defeat was to A finalist Jenny Wong from Stanley Park in the tournament opener.

Debra's overall record was 2-2 and a +11 through the first two days.

Caroline Hansen of North Vancouver won the A Division final with an unbeaten 6-0 record.



*Kerrisdale and Dunbar met again for another installment of the Whisky Bowl.*

### *Whisky A-Go-Go*

The Whisky Bowl won't be going anywhere for another year.

Kerrisdale laid claim to the much ballyhooed goblet, doubling its rival Westside club from Dunbar 11-5 in the all-day pairs competition held on the Elm Park green on July 27.

For the first time, women competed in the traditionally all-male tournament, when Dunbar was unable to field a minimum number of pairings.

The mixed format worked out well by all accounts and may provide the opportunity to expand the number of event participants, which have been in decline in the past few years.

### *Runner-up at Dardano*



*Dardano runners-up*

A Kerrisdale trio finished in a tie for second place at the annual Andrew Dardano men's triples at the Vancouver LBC on July 20.

Barrie Brown and lead David Goddard, who both shared first place the last time the event on Little Mountain was held in 2019, finished in a tie for second place this time with Tom Berridge as their skip.

The Kerrisdale team won all four of its 10-end games to finish with a similar +15-point differential to another second-place-finishing Richmond team.

In all, three teams went undefeated in the all-day triples tournament, including Richmond winner Heng Lee.

### *Our greens Mat-ter*

This season more than others damage to the Kerrisdale green has been an ongoing concern.

Scarring or divots can occur on the green when a bowl is dropped onto the grass when being delivered.

Once the top layer of grass is scalped, natural repair takes time and indentations to the surface of the green remain long after, making the



*Watch out for damage*



green surface bumpy and run less true.

All members are asked to be vigilant and to put down a large green mat at the first sign of any damage to the green. The club thanks you.



### *BC Day a big success*

More than half the membership of the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club came out to celebrate our provincial holiday on Aug. 1.

The Elm Park green was at near capacity to accommodate all those who came to the open draw to bowl.

Many remained to take advantage of much good cheer and a zesty barbecue in the clubhouse afterwards.

Many thanks to all who planned and put together another great social coming together at Kerrisdale.

### *B grade at V&D singles*

Associate member Simon Tang placed runner-up in the B Group at the Vancouver and District men's singles championship.

Simon, who last month shared second place in the V&D men's pairs, earned his way to another final with a 15-6 victory over Richmond's Paul Choi in the B semi-final at New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club on Aug. 12.

The Granville Park bowler then narrowly lost in the B final, falling 15-13 to Armin Stoll of New West.

Kerrisdale members John Aveline and Tom Berridge were also entered in the V&Ds.

John made it through to the A division in the 20-bowler field, while Tom was relegated to the B group and failed to advance to the final four despite knocking off the eventual B winner in the qualifying round.



## *Norine Armstrong a success*



*And the winners are*

There was more than just hosting at this year's Norine Armstrong women's triples.

Associate member Amy Leung (far left in photo) shared in the top prize with Richmond teammates Frances Lee and Kitty Tsin at the annual late-July competition at the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club.

Twelve teams took part, including two teams from Kerrisdale skipped by convener Rosemary Cryer and Dianne Petrant.

Both Kerrisdale teams acquitted themselves well, splitting their four 10-end games to finish with similar 2-2 records.

Many thanks to Rosemary for taking on the job of convening the event for a first time and to all the other volunteers, who pitched in and helped in a variety of ways to put on the successful women's tournament.

## *Top-10 meets its match*

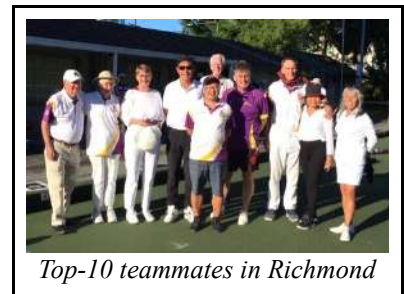
Kerrisdale's fairy-tale ride to the semi-finals of the Vancouver and District Top-10 team competition came to a crashing end.

The club team captained by John Aveline was soundly dispatched 4-0 by the Richmond Phoenix at the Richmond LBC on Aug. 5.

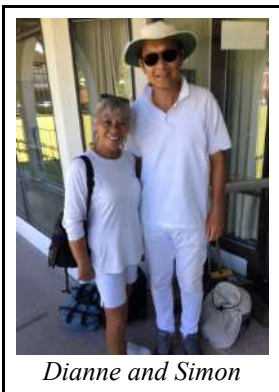
Kerrisdale lost all four contests, including singles, pairs, triples and fours by 10 points or more to the juggernaut Richmond side.

John was congratulatory in his address to the team following the defeat.

“Congratulations to everyone who wore the Kerrisdale colours this year in the Top 10” said John in an email to the group. “You guys played so well! We took it to the semi-finals, which, I have mentioned, is as far as Kerrisdale has ever gone in the Top 10.”



*Top-10 teammates in Richmond*



*Dianne and Simon*

## *Dingman duo 12th*

Kerrisdale's Dianne Petrant and associate member Simon Tang placed a respectable 12<sup>th</sup> at the Dingman mixed pairs at Granville Park on Aug. 7.

Dianne and Simon fashioned a 2-2 record at the all-day, 4x10-end competition, while garnering 31 points in the total-point format.

Tom Berridge and Suphin Nakutnok also took part but finished further down the ladder, winning just one game but scoring 42 total points, tied for sixth best in the 20-team field.

## *Blowing my own horn*



*Bowler of the Week*

Tom Berridge was named the V&D men's Bowler of the Week following five days of BC Week competition in mid-July.

The fourth-year Kerrisdale club bowler joined his younger brother Rob from Stanley Park to place second in the one-day men's Aussie Pairs and third in the opening two-day men's pairs.

Tom also teamed up with Jack Green and lead David Goddard to come third overall in the two-day men's triples that culminated the week-long bowls competition.

Only players who had competed in all five days of BC Week were eligible for consideration as the week's top bowler.

## *Upcoming club tournaments*

There is still time to sign up for the men's and women's club singles.

Two games, with the first bowler to 15 points, get started this Friday night (Aug. 19) at 7 pm. A tournament draw will take place on the day of at 6:45 pm. Registration cost is a \$5.



*... new club bowlers*

Subsequent matches, with the winner decided by the first to reach 21 points, will be arranged separately by those winning bowlers going forward.

The following week will be our first-year bowler's time to shine.

Our lively gender neutral novice singles tournament kicks off the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 23 and runs through to Thursday, Aug. 25.

All new bowlers are encouraged to come out and test their new-found skills against club peers in a friendly and non-judgemental atmosphere.



*Calling on all ...*

## *For the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club*

*by Maureen Roulstone*

*I had never heard of a jack,  
except for men with the name  
or a bowl that is weighted  
when you play a game.  
The game is called lawn bowling  
it takes concentration and style,  
if King Richard III saw you play it*

*he would not give a smile.  
 You should have been practicing archery  
 for any upcoming wars,  
 so the nobility had the chance  
 to keep improving their scores.  
 You bowl on a green  
 that is measured and marked.  
 Our clubhouse is located  
 at a spot called Elm Park.  
 I live in Kerrisdale  
 and the club's not too far.  
 I can walk there each day  
 and not take my car.  
 Comfortable clothing is required  
 with proper smooth soled shoes,  
 lawn bowls and a measure  
 and a book with the rules.  
 We have a wonderful clubhouse  
 and the members are great.  
 They are all willing to help you  
 if you have made a mistake.  
 Our club has the nicest group of bowlers  
 that you have ever seen.  
 The clubhouse has been there since 1915.  
 Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club  
 is my favorite place to be.  
 I get exercise and have fun  
 it means so much to me.  
 If you are looking for a sport  
 that is challenging and fun,  
 come out to our club  
 as it is second to none.*



*Thank you,  
 Maureen Roulstone*



*Brenda Rhodes, Rosemary  
 Cryer and Amy Leung (Alice  
 Kwan missing) were  
 Kerrisdale's entry in the  
 Westside women's league at  
 West Point Grey LBC.*