

## *The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – Pin up the Pennant Edition*



### *A pennant for Kerrisdale*

The Kerrisdale Thunder won its fourth-ever Vancouver and District Pennant League final last month.

The Kerrisdale trio of lead David Goddard, vice Barrie Brown and skip Tom Berridge defeated the New Westminster Royals 15-5 in a 13-end shortened Western Division final at the New West LBC on Monday, Aug. 29.

The championship win was the first for Kerrisdale since 2017, the last time Barrie and David shared their first V&D pennant together.

A week earlier, both Kerrisdale and New West upset Division A and B league champions Richmond on their home carpet in the crossover semi-finals.

Section A runner-up Kerrisdale scrapped out a nailbiting 9-7 win in the Monday semi-final against B section champs Richmond C to secure a spot in the pennant final.

But getting to the playoffs was never a sure thing for Kerrisdale.

After a convincing 4-1 start to the weekly league schedule, Kerrisdale was lacklustre down the stretch, losing disappointing back-to-back contests to both Granville Park and New West A, which held a one-point advantage over the Elm Park threesome heading into the final league game.

Kerrisdale needed a win over league-leading Richmond A to steal a playoff spot from NW and they got it by virtue of a default, when the visiting league winners could not field a complete team by the scheduled deadline.





*Congrats to the winner*

*Another B title for Kerrisdale novice*

Suphin Nakutnok won her second Vancouver and District division title in less than a month.

Suphin placed first in the B Division at the three-day V&D intermediate women's singles championship on her home green at Elm Park on Sept. 1.

Earlier in August, Suphin was also the B event winner in the V&D novice women's singles championship at Stanley Park.

The Thai hairdresser stopped an all out assault by North Van to dominate the final standings, knocking off a pair of North Shore bowlers in the final rounds to capture her second straight district B title.

Rosemary Cryer did her best as well, getting all the way to the A division semi-finals before falling 15-12 to the eventual intermediate champion Kathie Boyd from North Van.

Debra Golabek also earned a spot in the top A flight during qualifying play, while new bowler Brittany Stansfield recorded her first-ever win in V&D competition, knocking off an eventual B semi-finalist from North Van on the opening day.

A great showing from our Kerrisdale women. Well done all.

*Kerrisdale crowns novice champ*

John Demyne is Kerrisdale's newest novice singles champion.

John defeated Nancy Newman in the Kerrisdale club gender-neutral novice singles championship final last month.

Second seed Matt Stansfield and Adina Costiuc also made it through two days of eliminations to make the Group A semi-finals.



*Our A&B novice champions*

Nancy Chalmers was the winner of the B flight, defeating Jennifer Golberg in three-day club competition.

Brittany Stansfield and Bev Demyne were the other B semi-finalists.

Ten competitors in all came out to make the competition a spirited affair and an enjoyable one for all to witness the steady progress our first-year bowlers have made in such a short time.

Keep up the great bowling everyone.



*Thank you to all our aspiring first years*

### *Big turnout at Labour Day bowls*

As many as 50 club members turned out for an open bowl draw and barbecue on the Labour Day holiday Monday.

The Elm Park green was packed with enthusiastic bowlers and many stayed afterwards to enjoy a sumptuous spread of barbecued meats, delicious salads and tasty afters baked by club member Maureen Roulstone.

It is great to see such a responsive gathering of club members to functions like this and a sure guarantee that there will be more in the future.

Thank you everyone for the enjoyable day.



*Hard at work in the kitchen*

### *Kerrisdale wins Fletcher/Folz*



*Home team wins Fletch/Folz*

A Kerrisdale triples team won the Fletcher/Folz men's bowls tournament.

The home team of lead Barrie Brown, Simon Tang and skip Tom Berridge went unbeaten to win Kerrisdale's closed men's event on their own Elm Park green on Aug. 17.

Kerrisdale fashioned a record of 3-0-1 in the all-day 4 x 10-end competition, finishing first with 10 points and a +15 differential, edging runner-up and former Kerrisdale club member Stan Turner, now playing with White Rock, by a single point.

The only blemish on Kerrisdale's scorecard in the eight-team tourney was a draw in the third game to fourth-place finisher Kelvin Lai of Richmond.

### *Something old, something new*

The Kerrisdale club singles championship was both predictable and a surprise.

Dianne Petrant won her third consecutive women's club singles title, while Tom Kwan upset eight-time club titlist John Aveline for his first-ever men's singles championship.

Dianne finished tied with both Debra Golabek and Suphin Nakutnok, all with six points in the four-player, round-robin competition, but took the title on a superior differential.

Tom also won on differential, edging John by a single point following a five-point victory in their head-to-head meeting. Peter Lee was also in the mix, matching the others with a similar 2-1 record in the men's four-bowler round robin.

Just eight bowlers took part in the men's and women's club singles.

## *The key to a mystery*

Did you ever wonder where a lost item goes to when it cannot be found?



Well, here's a yarn by our greenskeeper David Goddard that might shed some light on just what lost things get up to when they are not put back in the proper spot.

It was a warm Friday morning in mid-August and sure to be a hot summer day David thought, as he walked over to the club to check on the green.

When he arrived at the club, Sheena from the Vancouver Parks department was there, searching for a bunch of keys she had misplaced the day before while trimming the hedges that surround the Kerrisdale square.

An exhaustive search of the clubhouse ensued. It turned up nothing. David was asked to phone the Park's yard superintendent if the keys turned up. He assured Sheena he would.

After Sheena had left, David noticed a message icon blinking on and off on the club's telephone.

Apparently, someone had called the club to say that they had found a set of keys and, assuming that they belonged to the bowling club, had intended to drop them in the mailbox outside the clubhouse.

When David went to retrieve the keys, he found the mailbox empty. David decided to phone the person back to thank them anyway.

During the phone conversation, David found out the Good Samaritan had decided that the keys would be safer in the possession of one of the young tennis coaches working on the courts adjacent to the bowling club, rather than leaving them unattended in the mailbox for anyone to pocket.

The person went on to say that the tennis coach had agreed to take the keys and to notify the Kerrisdale club of the key's whereabouts.

However, after leaving the clubhouse that day, David returned to the tennis courts. He found two female coaches there and told them the story of the lost keys. One of the women agreed to help but a search of the tennis storage unit was also unsuccessful. A message was then left for the male coach to contact David at his home.

Early the next afternoon, and after receiving no return call, David decided to search out the male tennis coach. Fortunately, he was at the courts. But that was not the end of it.

The keys, he told David, had been handed over to someone at the Kerrisdale Community Centre.

Determined to resolve the mystery, David marched up 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to the community centre and found two staff members there. He explained to them that he was following the trail of the



parks worker's lost keys.

Another search was undertaken. This time to find someone at the centre, who actually had knowledge of the situation.

A third staff person was eventually discovered and they finally resolved the mystery, assuring David that Sheena would soon be reunited with her keys.

Phew, I'm exhausted just retelling the story but it's always nice when good intentions lead to happy endings.



*The winning team at EPk 3*

### *Richmond wins Third Elm Park Triples*

For the third consecutive season, a Richmond team has won the Elm Park Triples league.

Richmond 4, including Kerrisdale associate member Amy Leung, were the first-place winners of the 16-team Tuesday morning triples league.

After 15 weeks of round-robin play, the final outcome came down to the final week with Richmond 1 finishing just one point shy of the eventual champions.

Two new teams to the league this year – Stanley Park 2 and Vancouver 1 – placed third and sixth, respectively, in their Elm Park debuts.

A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped out in the set up and clean up every week.

A special nod to Tom Kwan for setting the two-metre pegs with me and to Debra Golabek for putting on the coffee and setting such a warm and inviting refreshment table each morning.

And a hearty slap on the back to David Goddard, who got up early each Tuesday morning to mow the grass and make sure the green was just right for the opening trial ends.

A sincere thank you to you all.

### *Husband and wife place in mixed pairs*

Tom Berridge and Suphin Nakutnok placed third in the V&D Nicholson Pairs event at New Westminster on Sept. 8.

The husband and wife team managed to place eighth after the opening day and earn a spot in the top-10 A group with a 1-1-1 record in the qualifying round of the two-evening mixed pairs contest.

On the final day of the 18-team tournament, the Kerrisdale pair won two of three games, including a win over a New West twosome, avenging their only loss of the tournament from the opening Tuesday.

The pair claimed third place overall with a 31-point total.



*Third-place pair*

### *Kerrisdale misses Ed Angel pay day*

Two Kerrisdale teams just missed a pay day in the Ed Angel Thursday morning men's triples league in August.

Kerrisdale 1, skipped by Bob Scott, placed just one point away from a top-4 finish with 19 points in the 16-team round-robin league at the West Point Grey Lawn Bowling Club.

Barrie Brown's Kerrisdale 2 team also finished with 19 points but settled for seventh spot on point differential.



*That one looks like shot*

### *Mixed pairs winners named*

Peter Lee and Joyce Bolleman won the club mixed pairs tournament.

Peter and Joyce defeated Barrie Brown and Brittany Stansfield in the club final at the Kerrisdale green on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Pairs teams of Shelley Tysoe and Gene Wrangmore, and Rosemary Cryer and Sam Mahaffy made it to the championship semi-finals in the three-day competition.

Dianne Petrant and Ross Gentleman claimed the consolation final over club novice champions John Demyne and Nancy Chalmers in the well-attended, 10-team mixed tourney.

### *The club is more than just bowls*

Kerrisdale is blessed to have a committed group of club members but it takes the entire community to make it really special.

This season produced a bevy of more than 35 new bowlers and the consequence of that dramatic influx was a heightened sense of excitement and togetherness in the functions that the club provided.

Many of Kerrisdale's first-year members dove right in and helped with the many rentals the club undertook this year. Thanks so much.

Others made the most of their membership and came out often to practice in the daily open draws and some really keen ones couldn't wait to buy themselves a new set of bowls. Good on all of you.



*Thanks for lending a hand*

As one of the smaller clubs in the Vancouver area, it is crucial to continue building on this enthusiasm.

There are always many opportunities out there that would improve how the club functions and are awaiting someone's attention.

For example, at the moment, just one member attends to most of the volunteer greenskeeping duties. Next season, a small party of helpers could really help and take some of the load off his shoulders.



*The young are our future*

Our website and social media presence is also in need of some refreshing. Should any of our new members have certain skills in these areas, they could prove very resourceful to the club's continued growth.

There is also a younger generation of bowlers that have largely gone untapped.

It can be observed every time a rental group comes to Kerrisdale. Generation X and Y'ers have no end of fun when they take to the green and are always keen to learn more about the game.

Perhaps a small subcommittee of our newcomers could come up with ideas on how we might accommodate this, at present, unexplored demographic.

None of these tasks would necessitate a large commitment, nor involvement in any executive decision making. But it could be of great help to making the club more relevant to a larger audience.

Give it some thought and see where you might find a good fit.

*Work crew needed*

The Kerrisdale green is scheduled to undergo a coring and sanding in the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 5.

In anticipation of this season-ending work, the green will be closed to further play this season following this Monday.

To help with the work, a small crew of volunteer labour will be needed to lend their muscle with the shoveling part of the work.



*Your shovels are needed*

Coring and sanding helps remove holes and other damage that has occurred on the greens throughout the season. It also aerates the green, giving the grass a chance to grow back through the cored holes.

If anyone could possibly help out, please think about letting David Goddard know if you are interested in lending a hand. Work is expected to begin at 10 am.



*Win or lose, bowls is always good fun*