

## The Elm Park Jack Newsletter – Summer's Nearly Over Edition



*Kerrisdale won the Ed Angel men's triples league for the just the second time since 1989*

### *On the wings of an Angel*

The Kerrisdale 1 team of skip Bob Scott, Tom Kwan and lead David Goddard gave the Elm Park club just its second-ever Ed Angel triples title in the 40+ year history of the Thursday morning men's league.

Bob's team got off to a torrid start, carving up the opposition and winning its first eight games to win the Ed Angel plaque with a wire-to-wire finish in the 15-week competition.

Kerrisdale 1 earned first place with a record of 24 game points and a whopping 73-point spread. Stanley Park's Trevor Ludsky finished runner-up just a point behind Scott.



*My virtual teammates*

The win by Kerrisdale was just the second time our club's name has been etched on the trophy and first since the last time the Elm Park club won it back in 1989.

Bob's victory also halted an eight-year stranglehold on the championship title by a string of various Richmond teams.

Barrie Brown's Kerrisdale 2 team won fourth-place money, finishing with a record of 9-5-1.

A pivotal draw with a Dunbar team, played just a day before the final day of play, gave the Kerr 2 team of Barrie, John Demyonye and skip Tom Berridge the single point it needed to secure fourth place, despite the team winning just one of its final four league games.

### *A new Elm Park champ*

Stanley Park became the first club to unseat Richmond as winners of the Elm Park Triples.

SPk 2, the third-place-finisher in 2022, took top spot in the popular Tuesday morning triples league in what proved to be the closest finish ever in the short four-year history of the league.

The Stanley Park team of skip Gavin Clifford, Dave Griffiths and George Guthrie finished with a 10-5 record and in a tie with Rmd 1 but to first place with a superior 72-point differential.

That large differential was more than enough to keep Rmd 1 in second place for a second consecutive season, despite both teams ending the year with 20 game points each.



In third place was the Kerr 3 team of David Goddard, Brenda Rhodes, Belle Chan, Ricki Chan and Tom Berridge.

Kerr 1 had a heart-breaking finish to a season they led in first place for most of the 15 weeks.

Kerr 3 knocked off Kerr 1 in their final game of the season to send Barrie Brown, Dianne Petrant, John Demyonye, Debra Golabek and Peter Lee tumbling all the way from first to fifth spot.

In all, just two game points separated first place from seventh in the lively and competitive 16-team gender neutral triples league.



### *Something old, something new*

John Aveline reclaimed the Kerrisdale club men's singles title.

With the win, John pocketed his ninth club singles crown since 2001 with a 21-15 victory over David Goddard in the club championship final held at Elm Park on Aug. 16.

David, who won the singles title in 2019, advanced to the final with a 21-12 win over club president Peter Lee. John earned a spot in the final with a 21-17 victory over Barrie Brown.



In the men's consolation final, second-year bowler Ross Gentleman came out ahead of last year's men's champion, Tom Kwan, by a score of 21-17.

In women's club singles play, Dianne Petrant won her fourth straight club singles crown, defeating Brenda Rhodes in the championship final.

### *V&D third at New West*

Suphin Nakutnok shared third place in the Vancouver and District intermediate women's triples with a pair of ladies from Granville Park.

The put-together team of Nakutnok, associate member Catalina Poon and skip Lee-Anne MacFadyen had arguably the toughest draw, facing three of the eventual top-4-finishing teams in the 10-team tournament.

The Kerrisdale connection finished with a 2-1-1 record in the 4 x 10-end draw hosted by the New Westminster Lawn Bowls Club.

The team opened with a tie against the fourth-place-finishing team from North Vancouver. They then defeated the eventual runner-up from Richmond 14-4.



*Third place at V&D*

After lunch, Nakutnok and company lost to the eventual champion from Richmond in the final end by a single point.

A win in that third game might well have secured them the V&D title, after the three closed out the day with a 13-7 win against another North Van team.

A week earlier in a warm up to the V&D triples, an open team of Suphin, Catalina and Granville Park member Rebecca Ma finished in a tie for sixth place at West Point Grey.

Belle Chan and team took home fourth-place prize money at West Point Grey, despite losing a head-to-head meeting with Suphin's team in the final game of the day.

### *Mixed results are in*



*This year's champions*

A team of Matt Stansfield and Kathy Kerr won the Kerrisdale club mixed pairs tournament title.

Matt and Kathy topped the field with seven points and a +17 after a modified four-game draw and then swept the ensuing playoff on the final day of the two-day tourney.

Allan Tallman and Debra Golabek also went unbeaten in preliminary play at 7/+9.

In the semifinals, Dianne Petrant and Gene Wrangman upset Allan and Debra, while Matt and Kathy got past Brittany Stansfield and Ian Lambton.

### *Nancy Malloy runners-up*

For a second straight year, a Kerrisdale affiliated team has fared very well at the Nancy Malloy women's triples.

Skip Suphin Nakutnok, North Vancouver member Caroline Hansen and Rebecca Ma placed second, following a tie-break after finishing the 3 x 12-end contest in a tie with Granville Park in both game points and differential.

Both teams were unbeaten at 3-0 with nine points and an identical 23-point difference. The Granville Park team took first place on total points scored.

Last year, the Kerrisdale team of Dianne Petrant, Brenda Rhodes and Debra Golabek went undefeated at the Granville Park-hosted women's tourney but somehow ended up in third place.



### *Roll out the green carpet*



A big thank you from the Kerrisdale grounds crew to everyone who diligently laid out the large green mats before bowling this season.

It really made a huge difference to the condition of the green and kept the grass free, for the most part, of unsightly scarring and difficult to repair divots.

Many other clubs from around the Lower Mainland made a decision to not use long mats this season and will be left with unsightly greens and likely a heavy price to pay trying to repair the damage done in time for next year.

So, thanks once again everyone. And in reality, the long mats make very little difference to the roll of a bowl in motion, so keep doing what you're doing.

### *Kerrisdale competes at V&D singles*

Five Kerrisdale club members gave it their best bowls at the recent Vancouver and District intermediate men's and women's singles championship.

Kerrisdale hosted the women's V&D tournament over a rain-shortened two-day draw that drew an overflow lineup of 20 bowlers.

Last year's B champion, Suphin Nakutnok, made it to the A division this year but was eliminated in the quarter finals.

Shelley Tysoe had a good run in the B group, making it all the way to the semi-finals before losing out in the single knockout draw. Brittany Stansfield also made it to the B quarter finals.

The men's intermediate singles was hosted at West Point Grey, where both John Demyonye and Matt Stansfield took part.

Well done everyone for putting yourselves forward and giving it your best. We're proud of you.

### *Westside women's report*



*Two-thirds of the team*

Rosemary Cryer's entry in the Westside women's Friday morning triples placed fifth in the 12-team league.

Although, Rosemary only played a limited 11-game schedule, a handful of willing substitutes stood in for her over the course of the summer and helped Brenda Rhodes and associate Amy Leung complete the season.

The Kerrisdale team finished with a record of 21 game points and a 53 point spread, third best total points in the entire league.

With just a dozen teams registered in the West Point Grey league this season, and many capable new women bowlers at Kerrisdale, perhaps it's time to look into registering a second Elm Park team next year. Any takers?

### *A great competition for the new bowler*

One of the last events on the V&D inter-club calendar is the Evelyn and John Bell Aussie Pairs Tournament hosted by Stanley Park.

What is unique about this early September tournament and, what separates it from all other inter-club competitions, is the fact that one of the bowlers must be of novice or intermediate experience. The other bowler is usually a more seasoned player.



*Jack and I in 2019*

This popular tournament was sold out this year with 32 teams taking part.

With Kerrisdale attracting so many fine, new bowlers these last few years, it is only reasonable to suggest that we, as a club, start mentoring our up-and-coming members in this timely and enjoyable, end-of-the-season competition.

### *Bowl indoors this winter*

With the impending closure of the Kerrisdale green for the winter all is not lost for the keen lawn bowler.

The Pacific Indoor Bowls Club offers leagues and practice times for both novice and experienced bowlers from September to April at the local, member-run, world class facility.

PIBC is located on the #33 bus route between Main and Cambie streets and opposite the Hillcrest community centre.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, PIBC will hold its annual Open House for new bowlers only, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Interested new bowlers may be accompanied by one returning PIBC member. A time limit of 90 minutes will be allotted for each practice session. Come and check it out.