The Elm Park Jack Newsletter - May is Already Over Edition





The Kerrisdale's Elm Park Triples league has partnered itself with a wonderful local sponsor, *Strange Fellows Brewing*.

The award-winning craft brewery in East Vancouver has graciously donated a special *Team of the Month* prize offering to one of the outstanding 16 teams that take part.

But that is not all. The local brewery is also offering 15% off the sales of beverages to all Elm Park Triples teams and to Kerrisdale club members at its tasting room, located at 1345 Clark Drive.

However, please take note that there was an error in a recent email circulated by the club regarding this discount.

The promo code that should be used to receive the 15% discount is *Elm Park Triples*, and not Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club as directed in the email.

Kerrisdale runner-up at Outtrim Triples

A Kerrisdale men's team placed second overall at the 16-team Outtrim Triples at the South Burnaby LBC.

Long-time members Jack Green and David Goddard shared the second-place pay day with skip Tom Berridge at the Central Park green on May 28.



Kerrisdale matched the winning team from Maple Ridge with a similar 4-0 record at the day-long tourney but took second spot on the total-points tiebreaker 50-46.

David won the men's Outtrim back in 2019 with Barrie Brown and David Arnott.

Membership is mounting

It is only May and registration for the 2025 Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club season is already hovering at just shy of 100 members.

To date, there are a total of 96 individual bowlers signed up this year, including 61 full members and 25 associate members from other clubs. We also have 20 new bowlers and eight social members. A big welcome and thank you to you all.



I encourage everyone, but most of all our new members, to get the most out of their membership, whether it's by engaging in the social aspects the club offers, helping out as a volunteer at rentals or other functions, or just getting yourself out there and bowl.

There are ample opportunities to practice, and what with daily afternoon and evening draws available, there is loads of time for everyone to enjoy

this great sport together.

There are also many outside opportunities for those who wish to test their bowling skills at the numerous inter-club level competitions that are put on throughout the spring and summer seasons by our neighbouring Vancouver and District clubs.

And, a reminder that the outdoor bowls season can go by quite quickly, so get yourselves out on the green as often as you can. You will see a definite difference in your game, if you do.

So, thanks for joining Kerrisdale's club. We hope your time on the Elm Park green will be both fruitful and enjoyable.

Kerrisdale shines at Senior Mixed Pairs

Three Kerrisdale club bowlers showed off their bowling prowess at the Vancouver and District Senior Mixed Pairs title at North Vancouver on May 14.

Sixth-year Kerrisdale club member Tom Berridge and New Westminster club lead Esther Sun together won the V&D event, defeating Steven Yung of Richmond and Marie Taylor from the home North Van club 16-13 in the



championship final played on North Shore's artificial surface.



Associate club member Amy Leung placed third in the two-day championship tournament along with her Richmond partner Clement Law.

Frances Lee also made it to the knockout stage on the final day.

Tom and Esther finished the opening day No. 1 overall in the 24-team field after winning all three of their 14-end games with 43 total points and a +21 differential.

On the second day, Tom and Esther posted another 3-0 outcome,

including a win over associate club member Lee and her North Van partner in the opening game of the single knockout round.

The winning pair then swept their semifinal match in 13 ends to make it to the championship final.

Tom and Esther also made it to the top-8 at last year's V&D Senior Mixed Pairs event.

Greens get new numbers



Many thanks to Brian Thomson and his partner Mariana Etchegaray for making new lane markers for our Kerrisdale green.

The markers are bigger, brighter and bolder, and should last us for a good many years. They look great.

Brian, our talented club photographer, is also a wiz at repair and design and his capable hand is evident in many places around the club, including customizing the light-weight pushers on the green,

to many other odd jobs around the club.

Brian is always willing and able to take on a job and to search out a perfect solution to the problem. Thank you once again Brian for what you do.

In memorium

It is with much sadness that we must say good-bye to one of the real good guys of local lawn bowling.

Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club's Elmer Morishita passed away on June 3 following a struggle with stomach cancer.

Elmer was instrumental in rounding up a men's team from the Vancouver club to first take part in the Elm Park Triples Tuesday morning bowls league in 2022.

Vancouver went on to place a club-high sixth on the Elm Park Triples ladder that year.





Elmer was an active and well respected board member at the Vancouver club for many seasons.



He was also an active supporter of the Japanese-Canadian community and the preservation of its history and culture, including as a director of the Nikkei National Museum and Archives Society.

Elmer co-chaired the 80th anniversary of the Steveston Buddhit Temple, was a director and treasurer for the Vancouver Japaquese Language School, and active volunteer with the Powell Street Festival Society.

On top of all of that, Elmer was one of the nicest men to ever grace a bowling green, and was also a fine bowler in his own right.

For all that knew him and might want to remember him in some way, there are pins with his initials available in the clubhouse.

Elmer, we will miss your warm smile and quiet presence.

Epk 3's Team of the Month

Richmond 1 took home the *Strange Fellows Brewing* Team of the Month prize for the month of May.

Strange Fellows has graciously donated \$30 gift cards to the high scoring team for each month that the Elm Park Triples Tuesday morning league is in play.

Thank you Strange Fellows Brewing for partnering with us.



The Kerrisdale Association



DW runners-up

Kerrisdale club associate members helped bring a second-place finish back to Elm Park.

Richmond associate Alan Chan and Michael Liu from Dunbar shared \$300 in prize money with skip Tom Berridge at the 51st Dick Williams Men's Triples at North Vancouver on June 7.

The Kerrisdale trio posted a 3-1 record in the closed 18-team tourney. Their only loss was to the eventual champion from Richmond.

The team took second spot overall on a superior 20-point talley over four other teams with similar 3-1 records.