

Letter from the President, WVLBC – August 22, 2020

Dear WV Lawn Bowling Club Members,

Games Play:

The weather forecast for this last week of August looks very good!

Here is the updated Schedule of Play and Instructions for Booking. We encourage everyone to email Pat C. and the conveners to book draws, games and practise times for the week.

Myrle has posted the draws for Men's, Women's and Co-ed Singles' challenges in the clubhouse and circulated them by email. Participating members need to contact their opponent for this week to arrange and book a rink and time by emailing Pat C (pat.chapman@hotmail.com). DO IT NOW! Today by midnight.

Please note the new procedure for booking rinks with Pat. C. No phone calls; email only. You can send an email anytime, up to Sunday midnight, to book a rink for the following week. So, email Pat NOW for rinks starting Monday.

The Bodester is convening another pairs' tournament for Saturday, August 29th. Send Bodie an email by Thursday, August 27th to register your name.

Please note the new practise time available: Monday evening 6:30 – 8:00 pm. We are setting up additional practise times, if we can confirm commitment from monitors. Members interested in volunteering for monitor duties, please contact Jim Duholke.

COVID-19 protocols – a sharp reminder

COVID-19 is still with us. In fact, the numbers are sharply up as the Province seeks to open up social and economic activities. Yesterday, the BC CDC posted 90 new cases and 10 hospitalizations. It seems many of us (not just bowlers, but throughout the Province) are prone to COVID fatigue. We slide into complacency and become less diligent in our social distancing, handwashing and other behaviours. We start to bowl like it is 2019 again. It is not.

Our Board and our members have a duty to protect each other, and to protect the integrity of our operations to ensure safe play conditions. Failure to do so will result in the club being locked down again. The rules and procedures for

booking times, health monitoring, sanitizing, handling of equipment, and clubhouse access are important. The Board is continually observing and reviewing these matters, and we value your comments and constructive input. Most of all, we value your cooperation and commitment in observing the rules.

We have noted creeping laxness, notably in both social distancing and in the clubhouse. I am reminding members that the monitor is responsible for controlling access to the clubhouse and this must be respected.

- Check with the monitor before entering the clubhouse.
- ONLY ONE PERSON or FAMILY COUPLE in the locker room at a time.
- No congregation in the clubhouse. Please get in and get out in a timely manner. Be efficient and do not linger.
- At all times, whether on the greens, at the equipment shed or at the clubhouse, practise social distancing religiously, everywhere.
- Bring your sanitizer (mandatory), bring a mask (recommended), and wash your hands often.
- Follow the rules on handling of the rakes and jacks. (It is hard on the leads, we appreciate).

The goal is to keep healthy and to keep bowling. See you on the greens.

Gordon Maynard, President WVLBC