

Letter from the President – July 20th, 2020

Good Morning everyone!

On Tuesday, July 21st we will finish our first two weeks of Phase 1 re-opening. Thank you to the 50 members who returned to the club grounds and bowls play. It is a treat to see bowls on the greens again, and the grounds and gardens look great!

Thank you to the Board members and club volunteers who have committed time and energy to being monitors, administrative staff, gardens and groundskeepers. Special mention to Jim Duholke (recently self-promoted from Chief Monitor to Senior Chief Monitor) and to club monitor volunteers Pat C. (bookings), Pat S., Bodie, David, Myrle, Graham, Janice, Deb, Radka, and Homa.

What is next? – Phase 2 return to play!

This week we are eligible to submit our draft Phase 2 Guidelines to Bowls BC for review and acceptance. Once accepted, WVLBC may proceed with “intra-club” draws for singles, pairs or cutthroat play. We will build a process for registration, using the phone-in and onsite registration to schedule play in addition to the existing scheduling of practise and personal games.

Phase 2 also allows for spectators (who must be recognized club members) and for signing up of new members (but not soliciting).

We will be calling for volunteer members for the purposes of convening and for a games committee for Phase 2 play! If you are interested then please let a Board member know!

Club Dues for 2020-2021

When the club re-opened on July 7th the Board determined that we would forgo dues for two weeks as members re-introduced themselves to club activities. We are now calling on members who have not yet renewed their membership to do so at a reduced full membership annual rate of \$100 for the 2020-2021 season. This is the fee for new members and returning members alike. Please pay your fees by July 31st.

Please remember that since the closing of club activities in March, the WVLBC has continued to incur monthly operating expenses of \$1500-\$2000 primarily for grounds maintenance. It is an unavoidable cost. We have been paying these costs despite there being no revenues from rentals, social activities or full membership

payments. The club is paying this money from cash reserves. We need an influx of memberships to stop the bleeding. It is important. We are very happy that 50 members have returned to play, but we would like to see 60 or 70.

If you have not yet come back for Phase 1 play, do so please. Come and try a couple of times this week and then consider committing to membership. It is a great investment in the continuation of this wonderful club.

Some reminders and updates:

- Booking is by phone to the club 10am-12 noon Monday and Tuesday (604.922.0411)
- With one call you can book a rink for all three days that week, i.e. Tuesday, Friday, Sunday
- You can also add a booking during a scheduled visit to the club, either for that current week (max three bookings) or for the coming week (a calendar is being prepared for the documents table)
- You can book a rink by yourself or with up to three other people
- If you have booked a rink just for yourself there are often members who you can team up with when you are at the club

Member Update

Sandy Nowacki, the daughter of Don and Jean Beck, contacted the club and on behalf of Don and Jean offered their bowling equipment to the club, including bowls and umpire paraphernalia. This is a typically generous offer from the family. Don and Jean are foundation members of the club. Don is one of the few Lifetime Members and he and Jean have been fixtures on the grounds and at social events right through to this current year. Their demeanors are always relentlessly cheerful.

Sandy let us know that Don and Jean are receiving the family and professional support they need and deserve, but that they are, unfortunately, not able to continue regular involvement with the club. We are assisting the family with itemizing belongings and finding the best homes for the donated equipment. Don and Jean and the family have our best wishes and kind thoughts.

Best wishes everyone,
Gordon Maynard, President WVLBC