

Letter from the President, WVLBC – March 23, 2021

As the rain falls, let's celebrate spring and the approach of summer. Flowers are blooming, the grass is greening, vaccines are sprouting and inoculations are spreading. The tunnel shortens and the light at the end shines brighter and closer. We look forward to soon starting a new year of outdoor and indoor bowling at WVLBC. Put on a smile and bask in blessed anticipation.

We are preparing for the opening of the outdoor season on or after May 1. The greens will be up to it (thanks to the steady and invaluable work of Howie), but as to the green light from the Province and format of play (singles, pairs, intra-club or inter-club), we are following the words of our Public Health authorities and are cautiously optimistic that play will be on, come May.

### **MEMBER FEES**

2021 - 2022 membership fees have been set. These are payable now, with a *deadline of April 30*. Please pay by cheque, payable to the WVLBC. Please send cheques by mail to the attention of Jim Duholke at the club, or to 5051 Redonda Dr., North

Vancouver, V7R 3K1

Regular members - \$225

New members - \$125

Affiliate Member - \$165

Social member - \$66

Lions Club members - \$160

Name Tags - \$13

*(Plus add the \$10 locker fee if you have a locker, or share a locker with someone else.)*

### **RETURN TO PLAY**

We hope it will be much like late last summer, with pairs play being facilitated, with improvements. There is even loose talk of introduction of V&D Inter-club play in the late summer.

- WVLBC will use a new online booking system where members schedule their play for practise and games through the internet instead of by phone (thank you, David Charbonneau).
- Members will continue to sign and update medical forms confirming health, and will be required to sign a new waiver form for the year.
- There will be protocols for safe play, safe personal behaviour and facility sanitation. Monitors will continue to oversee protocol compliance.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We need volunteers, please:

#### **Grounds work:**

We are blessed with Howard's yeoman's work and valuable dedication to greens' maintenance (and John's contribution to equipment upkeep and repair), but they can't do it by themselves.

We need 2-4 able bodies to wield shovels or otherwise help with sanding and top-dressing for one day (anticipated ~March 30 – April 1); contact Howard Chapman please at (604) 916-8797.

We need 2-4 members to assist with lawn cutting and other yard work for 1 ½ hours per week, through the outdoor season. Interested parties can contact Howard Chapman directly at (604) 916-8797.

#### Gardeners:

The spring is here. Lend a hand. Breathe. Interested parties please contact Roberta Stitt at (604) 921-9303.

#### Head Monitor and Monitors:

Last season we had a good team of monitors, and Jim Duholke did great work as Head Monitor. We hope that all of our monitors will return this year, and we are looking to appoint a new Head Monitor, mainly with responsibility for record keeping. Jim will be passing his baton. (President's aside: As impossible as it might seem to find a candidate to step into the shoes of Mr. Duholke, the position is rumored to be under consideration by a person of proven competence and solid reputation.)

### MEMBER AND CLUB NEWS

Sound System – Through member contributions, John acquired the sound system formerly owned by North Vancouver LBC, and he has relocated it to the clubhouse. It is a big system with grand speakers, microphones, amplifier and sound board. Thank you John!

Croquet – Jan Currie has been communicating with Conor Broderick, who is suggesting that the club look to incorporating croquet into its facilities. Weather permitting, we will have a meeting with Conor to learn how the game has been integrated at other clubs, and how it might benefit our club. Thank you Jan; more news to follow.

Open House - We have not scheduled an Annual Open House, but it is on our radar. It will have to await a change in Provincial Guidelines and Orders.

North Vancouver LBC update - North Vancouver club expects to have delivery of new turf next month and is hoping for a June 1 start date. The N.V. club is working on finalizing a clubhouse design with City, and hopefully this will be built in the next two to three years. They still need lighting and benches, but the site is close to ready for the turf to be installed.

FYI, we are having ongoing discussions regarding a mutual North Shore Associate fee, facilitating access to each other's facilities. Nothing is certain yet.

Gordon Maynard, President WVLBC