



THE SLBC INFORMER

July 2025



President's message

Sadly, June is almost behind us but our club members can be impressed by our accomplishments and club improvements:

Our windows and doors are done and looking pretty fantastic. Our club sponsor Schell Home Hardware and their team Susan, Mike, Hutch Brent and James were wonderful to work with and ensured we were happy with progress and always consulted. Of course, our Tricia made them feel at home with coffee and cookies!

We also got a new filtered water tap for filling our water bottles provided and installed by club member Len Bishop. Awesome!

Club member Marilyn Simpson earlier this month donated to us some lovely hanging baskets for our garden, which she hung after all her weeding and trimming in May. She continues to maintain our garden beds and flowers,

Finally, club members Kevin McWhinnie and Dave Stapleton took time out of their day to paint the white rink markers around the greens. Thank you gentlemen!

It is always appreciated when club members give of their own valuable time to enhance the enjoyment of our club for all members.

We will be hosting two tournaments, vice/skip clinic, picture day and a bowl & dine (hopefully) this month. I would like to encourage you join the fun and socialize. I am proud to say our club is known for our wonderful friendly people so come join in!

Our June events in review

National bowls day took place Saturday June 7th with about 18 people (club members and visitors) visiting the club. Hilda brought her daughter, Linda and Dave brought friends, Tracey brought her husband and we had a few passersby invited in by Mary and Bill C. that tried it out. We also had a special enthusiastic guest and I have included a lovely picture of little Marquis, who is Chantal's granddaughter. She loved the lawn bowling and wants to come with ya ya for league play! I think the popsicle helped!



Our first bowl and dine took place Friday June 14th with 44 attendees. Eighteen teams took to the green with a spider throw to begin the club fun tournament. Teams played two 10 end games with the tournament winners receiving cash prize and names on the trophy, Results were:

First place went to (shared skips) Len Bishop/Bob Christie and Vice Anne Mumford (trophy)

Second place was Skip Louis Sin and Vice Suzanne Murphy

Third place was Skip Bill McKnight and Vice Dave Stapleton

Fourth went to Skip Robert Lewis and Vice Linda Stapleton

Fifth place was won by Skip Marg Curtis and Vice Anita Li

Many thanks to Tricia Bahen for all her hard work organizing this event. She did a marvelous job and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely.



Our Strawberry festival tournament Thursday June 26th was well attended with 14 teams of trebles. Teams played 3 -12 end games and enjoyed Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence's

donated yummy German chocolate cake (chef ordered the wrong cake), with ice cream of course, during the afternoon break. Mother nature was a little unkind but they played on completing all 3 games.

Winners were as follows:

1st Agincourt:

Skip: Heng Lee

Vice: Chris Yam

Lead: Cary Ip



Honorable mention 2nd-Agincourt

Skip: Gloria Cheung

Vice: Louis Sin (Stouffville)

Lead: Anita Li (Stouffville)



Thank you! to all our tournament volunteers Kevin, Jill, Pat M., Bob P, Marg C, and Chantal who did a remarkable job of keeping our guests happy.

Our July Events

WELCOME TO JULY AND CANADA DAY JULY 1- LET'S CELEBRATE "PROUD TO BE CANADIAN"



Thursday July 3rd-Bowl and Dine-Beach Theme (TO BE RESCHEDULED)

Monday July 7th 6.30pm club picture day

Join us in red and white clothing as we take our club photograph prior to the start of Monday night league. Gary Gornik has graciously offered to take the picture. We will be presented a framed copy of the picture to the Town staff to show our appreciation of their commitment to and support of our club.

Wednesday July 9th-Bloom Open Tournament

This tournament is sponsored by Bloom Stouffville Retirement Living. We are expecting 10 teams from Agincourt, Pickering, Willowdale and Cosburn to join hopefully 6 Stouffville teams.(One more team needed-call Mike Pyatt) It is a mixed tournament of 3-12 end games. Come join in the fun or just come to watch or volunteer. Tournament starts at 9.30am.

Beginning Tuesday July 15th

This month our second session of league play will begin and if you have any changes to be made in your league participation, please let us know by signing the league change sheet in the clubhouse that will be available soon. Please note any new bowlers are now welcome to join any of the leagues for the second session. Remember also you can join as many leagues as you wish. Your co-ordinator will be organizing new teams and schedules for second session in the next few weeks.

Monday July 14th-Skip.Vice Clinic 6.15pm clubhouse

Prior to Monday night league, Bob Penner, will be running a clinic for Skips and Vices. Everyones' questions are welcome.

Thursday July 17th-Ladies Luncheon Tournament

This tournament is a tradition for the club. Ladies pairs enjoy a delicious lunch in between playing 2-14 end games for an entry fee of \$30. This year a club member has donated lunch to the tournament so the entry fee is only \$20. Our sponsor for this tournament is Ken Prentice, former club member and nephew of Eleanor Crossen who is our club hall of famer. Thank you to all who entered a team as we now have a full tournament. Tournament starts at 10am.

BOWLER PROFILE



Louis Sin and Anita Li

Louis and his wife Anita joined our club last year and have already made their mark. Louis was our male Rookie of the Year in 2024 and Anita was recognized for her contribution to Thursday morning league play.

Last winter they played nearly every day indoors at Richmond Green and now seem unstoppable. They absolutely love the sport and together as a team have started to do the open tournament circuit. Winning third recently at an Oshawa pairs tournament and second at our trebles Strawberry Festival Tournament, it is only a matter of time before they make it to first. I hear Anita loves to sing and Louis is also a golfer. They recently attended their first bowl and dine and of course both got a prize. Thanks for representing our club!

Housekeeping

NEW

- 1. When it is your assigned cleanup time, please ensure any white garbage bag containing food is put into a black strong garbage bag and placed in the exterior brown heavy duty bin by the east gate. Last bowl and dine garbage was rifled by the raccoons again as it was in the open topped bins that can be pushed over. Please use these bins for non-food garbage or recycle only.**
- 2. Please remember that cleanup and kitchen duty are now combined. Please respect the members of your cleanup team and do your share. Please ensure you and your team have completed all tasks before you leave and head home. Duties posted both on the fridge and cleanup duty board.**
3. There is grippo for sale now \$10 per tube, Please ask an Exec. if you wish to purchase.
4. Reminder : If you are last to leave the club please ensure all 3 doors are locked, lights out on the green and clubhouse and the gate lock is on.
5. Please ensure your equipment is returned to where it was borrowed from before leaving the club
6. If a guest comes to the club, please ensure your guest(s) sign the waiver form located on the small table. Your guest is welcome for up to 3 visits and then must either become a social member or full member of the club. A waiver form must be completed every visit.
7. If you are unable to play on your scheduled league night, it is your responsibility to find a replacement (rover) for yourself.

Etiquette/Rules Tips for the month:

Always show good sportsmanship by acknowledging a display of good skill by another bowler.

Never applaud lucky shots, never complain about lucky shots, and admit a lucky shot with good grace. Do not say thanks for a bad shot that goes your way.

Do not criticize the playing surface.

Do not criticize the performance of colleagues. No one plays a bad bowl on purpose

A little Bit of Humour (Some revisited)



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Good bowling! Cheers Pam