

2024 February Newsletter

Lots of good news to share with everyone!

Once again Barry has been successful in renewing tournament sponsorships with B & B Towing, Kells Auto Service and Royaltown Homes. And, it looks like Barry has a new sponsor, Cindy got a call asking about the club, etc.

Meanwhile Marie and Sherry have been busy talking with various Stayner businesses and had some success of their own. Hanna Motors has made a commitment to sponsor one of our tournaments for five years so now we have a name for our previously unnamed tournament. And, Reinhart has also committed to a sponsorship after they received our sponsorship letter. Then from Wasaga Beach, we have support coming from Sherry's chiropractor.

Many thanks to Barry, Marie and Sherry for their efforts! The clubs rely on tournaments for revenue and sponsorship monies are key to covering the tournament prize monies and expenses. We lost a few sponsors due to COVID so it feels good to be building sponsorships back up. And it is a great way for businesses to support the community.

We already have tournament registration requests coming in as we uploaded our dates into OLBA's new website back in January. However not all of the clubs have loaded their tournaments and some of the information has not loaded correctly. OLBA hopes to get the missing information loaded over the next month or so and allow clubs access to fix any mistakes. At the end of this newsletter is a list of our tournaments so you can put into your calendar.

Speaking of websites – while I was away Ross took on the job of developing a new website for the club. The site is still being populated and reviewed/tested but it looks amazing. The new site is more interactive, useful and easier to use. When it is launched (hopefully April 1st) you will be able to renew your membership, register for invitational and in house tournaments, you will be able to look up another member to send them an email e.g. if you are looking for a partner for a tournament. Newsletters will be sent from the site. There will be training material on line. Our sponsors will get real recognition as they will be listed with links to their websites. I am really looking forward to being able to show all of Ross's efforts with the new website.

This week I finally had the chance to drop in to see Barrie's new dome. I did not get a chance to roll a bowl but there were a lot of familiar faces there bowling from various clubs. If you are considering going over to check it out, please be aware that the last day for winter bowling at the Dome is March 27th. If I understand correctly, Barrie then takes a break before they start up again for the summer season.

Thanks to everyone who provided input regarding the suggestion to move the start time for night bowling to a 6:45pm arrival and 7pm start. It seems a lot of people are happy to have that little bit of extra time.

Oh, and if your curiosity was peaked with the information sent out about Henselite bowls then we have more news for you. They have a Canadian website with Canadian pricing (\$620Cdn) and cost for shipping (\$45), plus customs approximately \$100. Note: you pay in US \$ but they say the US price works out to the Canadian prices quoted. The Canadian site: www.BowlsinCanada.com

If you want to email the Henselite distributor in the US:

Henselite Bowls

Jimmer Wysopal jimmer@heneliteUSA.com Call/text: 949-413-4458

Also, as so many people have asked us where to get Grippo, it is a Henselite product the club is going to purchase a box of Grippo for resale.

Upcoming events & tournaments

- Friday, May 3rd – Spring Meeting & Pot Luck @ Huron Meadows – add it to your calendar and start thinking about what you will bring!
- 1st day of bowling – Victoria Day Monday May 20 10am start - weather permitting
- Saturday May 25th 10am – 1pm our Anniversary celebration with cake (noon) and Open House
- Saturday June 1 Yard Sale - Drop off items as of Monday May 27 9am, there is no room to store items before that date due to Open House & Anniversary celebration
- Saturday, June 8th Curlers Give It A Try event 1pm – 4pm for members of the Barrie, Stayner & Creemore curling clubs
- Invitational Tournaments:
 - Wed, June 12 – MxP 9:30am
 - Wed, June 26 – OP 9:30am
 - Sun, July 14 – OP 2pm
 - Wed, Aug 7 – OP 9:30am
 - Wed, Aug 23 - OP 9:30am

And we have a special ask from the Collingwood Club – they would like to know if any of our members would be interested in doing a tournament to raise monies for the hospital? Unfortunately we do not have a date or cost, but if you would be interested can you let us know?