

# 2024 January Newsletter

## **2024 the club celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

After consulting with Clearview **Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 1pm** (rain date Sunday) has been set for **our anniversary celebration and open house**. There will be tea/coffee along with a cake so put into your calendar. We will want as many members as possible out in our club shirts. Right now we are working on invites, sponsorships and flyers so stay tuned.

Speaking of **sponsorships** – as it is a very special year, we have developed a **letter of introduction** that members can present to businesses for potential sponsorships and donations to the club. If you were planning on talking to someone and would like a copy of the letter or a copy of our flyer, please contact Marie. You can of course talk to anyone without the letter but if you do, please let Marie know so as to avoid a duplication of effort when Sherry and Marie go out to distribute flyers - thanks!

### **Upcoming events:**

The **Clearview Health & Leisure Expo** has been cancelled. We had submitted our application for a table and pulled the props however Clearview is short staffed so this event is cancelled for this year – what a shame!

A **Curlers Give It A Try** event is planned on **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 4pm** for members of the Barrie and Stayner curling clubs. And, hopefully the Creemore club. The curlers from Barrie really enjoyed their event last year so we expect a good turnout. There will be an introduction to bowling and two short games with tea/coffee/goodies in between. We will need members to assist with the sign-in, sizing, instructions, during the games and in the kitchen. If you can help, please let us know?

**Railway track removal** is scheduled for the spring. I am not surprised as this work is an add-on to the scope of the original project. I will be both happy and sad to see tracks gone.

**Fall meeting updates**, if you were not able to attend the meeting:

The annual **membership fees** for returning and transferring in OLBA members will increase from \$175 to \$200. The change in fees reflects the increase in operating expenses as well as OLBA/Bowls Canada fees. As agreed by members the fee for new bowlers remains at \$150 and it will still be \$25 for social memberships.

**Change to evening bowling** - some of you may remember that pre-COVID the start time for evening bowling was 7pm. When the night lights started to fail the start time was changed to earlier. With the new lighting there is an opportunity to change the start time back to 7pm (6:45pm arrival) for both evenings or one in order to allow anyone who is working an opportunity to join us. We think this is a positive change but would like members' input. Your thoughts, please?