

Update – May 2 -2025 Spring Meeting

It was great to see so many members out for the meeting and pot luck! A good chance for everyone to catch up. Unfortunately it may be the last time we get to see Barry and his wife Ainslie. Barry is retiring and they are moving to Nova Scotia the end of the month. I will miss Barry's 'lucky' and 'unlucky' during play on the green. We did up a certificate of appreciation for Barry, I am not sure he realized how important his fundraising was to the club over the years (joined July 2019). And, there was a cake and card as a reminder of the fun times at the club.

My only disappointment with the evening I realized driving home we had not taken any pictures. I need everyone – so many of us have cell phones – to start taking pictures at any and all events!

The financials were presented but the club always look like it has money early in the season as the bills have not started to come in. Key this year will be growing the membership as our membership is down. However there was good news: Sherry & Marie have done an amazing fundraising job again this year. They brought in new sponsors money – Mike Tire's, Steer Enterprises and Stayner Meat Packers as well as quite a number of gift certificates again.

Of course, we talked about the need for members to volunteer around the club. Cindy reminded everyone that maintaining the property is part of our lease with Clearview. Task lists have been prepared and I will be sharing . To put into perspective, ignoring the green's maintenance as we have a team for that (Cindy, Bob, Dave, Gord), there are lots of volunteer opportunities and variety for helping:

- Grounds work May 10th – Oct 18th: 24 weeks of mowing the surround and then we like to trim every other week.
- Two in-house tournaments where we need help in the kitchen (2-3 people) and a couple to help with set-up (2). If you are coming to play, it is a no brainer.
- Help with the open house (12 people as we need greeters, people to get waivers signed, someone to help participants get bowls, instructors, someone to thank people for coming and of course people in the kitchen for coffee/tea and goodies.
- Yard sale for setup & day of (5 people each day - 2 days) – this is a fun event.
- Bring a Friend a couple of people over the four days to help with getting waivers signed and coaching people who drop in to try. Newcomers are usually a lot of fun to work with
- Two friendlies and four theme jitneys – we need 2 to help with setup and 2-3 in the kitchen, you can play and help out.
- Club maintenance every week – bathrooms, top up supplies, sweep the floor, etc. Clean the front storm door window – you would think we are kids as we put our hands all over the glass.

- Tournaments we need volunteers in the kitchen (3), to help with set-up (3) and things away (2). Or for something new – learn the draw master role.
- Curlers event help with bowlers (6) and in the kitchen (2)
- Collect garbage/recycling each week & put the containers out across the road

If everyone volunteered their time 5 – 6 times over the season – everything would be covered. And, much of the work you can do when you are already coming to play for example in the tournaments and friendlies help in the kitchen or help with the setup. Put out the garbage after the jitney - easiest job ever. Watch for the lists and sign up or email me for specific tasks/dates.

New ideas raised at the meeting – always the best part of the meeting:

We cannot have liquor on the premises (voids our insurance) but we can have non-alcoholic drinks. Lorie and Rob have been testing them out and it was agreed we should have a taste testing night so members can check out the different options. Sounds like fun!

Have members bring in cookies (home made or store bought) and one jitney each week we will enjoy after play e.g. Monday one week, Tuesday the next week and so on. Ross said this brings back fond memories of when he bowled with his mom as a teenager there were always cookies after the jitneys.

We have three youth who will be helping out around the club to fulfil their community hours commitments thanks to Ross's efforts. And Ross reminded us that we need teams for the invitational tournaments and you can sign up for our member events online or at the club.

The Legion has provided sponsor monies again this year. We used to go for a drink after play on Thursdays but we start later so they are not open when we are finished playing. Solution, the Legion is going to open on Wednesdays for trivia and euchre and now they have food - hot dogs. They are testing the water around having food.

At the end of the evening there was a suggestion that we do more at the club maybe play cards (euchre or hearts) or backgammon. It used to be the members played euchre on Friday nights. Let me know if you are interested?

Lots of good ideas!

Many thanks to everyone who came out and pitched in to help!

Upcoming Events:

Yard Sale – Saturday, May 24th (no Christmas, clothes or furniture – please. And make sure items are clean or broken). You can start dropping off now, just make sure someone is at the club.

1st day of Bowling – Monday, May 19th – Victoria Day

Bring A Friend week of May 26th – 29th – we will still have jitneys and are open to have guests come and give it a try.

Saturday, May 31st – Open House

Wednesday, June 4th – Sponsor's Night – come out to play and meet our sponsors