

March 2025 Newsletter

I am sorry to say but due to the weather our first opportunity to engage new members at the Clearview Health & Leisure Expo was a bust. They closed roads out of the beach as well as in and around Stayner. But we did have representation - our friends at Clearview Township put bowls and a jack on our table and referred anyone who asked to our website. Our relationship with Clearview has come a long way.

Clubs are starting to wake up, we received an invitation from Barrie for their opening tournament of the 2025 Summer season, details below:

Welcome back to the Barrie 2025 Summer season. If you would like a warm up to the season, you are invited to sign up for our opening **Matthew's Tournament** on **Saturday May 10 at the Barrie Sports Dome**, 99 Hanmer Street East, Barrie.

Mixed Triples - Three 8 end games - \$20/player

Starts at 9:30 but arrive by 9:00

Bring your own lunch

Register at sandra.nora.fowler@gmail.com by Saturday May 3

And for our short mat bowlers –

Clearview Short Mat Show Down

April 13, 2025

Get ready for an exciting day of competition at the Clearview Short Mat Showdown, taking place on April 13, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Check-in starts at 9:00 AM, and participants are encouraged to arrive early to ensure a smooth start to the event.

This tournament will feature 8 teams competing in an Open Doubles format, with an entry fee of just \$15 per person. Each team will play three games, each consisting of 10 ends, with the schedule structured to include two preliminary games, a lunch break, and a final game that will determine the winner.

It's a great opportunity for both seasoned players and newcomers to showcase their skills in a fun yet competitive environment. Whether you're playing or cheering from the sidelines, it's bound to be an event to remember!

Email Dylan at recprogramming@clearview.ca for more information on how to register

Note: one change, I understand Clearview may have changed the format from open doubles to ladies' pairs and open doubles as they will have four mats.

We have our first new member - Gus who has bowled in our invitational tournaments in the past and joined as an associate member. And, I am hearing we have a number of people who have expressed interest - it is not too early to start talking up bowling.

Many thanks to the returning members who have registered online. We have a short window to update OLBA on who our members are so by registering now it helps us. You can register and then pay your membership fee in May. Reminder: when you register, please update your email preferences under the Membership tab and if you tick the box for 'Share email with members' and do not want OLBA to have your email let us know.

As not everyone knows - **Barry is retiring from the OPP and moving.** While we are happy for his retirement, we are sad that he is moving away. Barry said he hopes to get out to see everyone and bowl before he leaves. We look forward to the opportunity to say good bye and thank him as Barry is responsible for bringing in most of our tournament sponsors without which the club would never have made it through COVID.

March is pretty quiet. Right now we (your executive) are waiting to hear back about our grant applications, working to update advertising material, collecting tournament sponsorships and creating volunteer task lists. **We have printed Bring a Friend/Open House flyers on bright green paper along with a supply of coupons. You will see flyers appearing the beginning of April. If there is some place you frequent that you can put up a flyer – we can give you a flyer(s). Similarly if you need coupons to hand out let us know or take a picture of the coupon on the web site and send it to your friends.**

Speaking of volunteer task lists - it has been an interesting learning process to document what needs to be done around the club. We now have lists for: Club Maintenance, Drawmaster, Event Setup, Gardens, Greens, Grounds Maintenance, Kitchen, Spring Clean Up even Webmaster as we need people to take pictures for posting on the website. As an example the tasks for the Spring Clean up which is undertaken the end of April are:

Spring Clean Up - need rakes, trimmers, weed puller, broom, buckets & rags, drill
Rake and pick up fallen branches
Pull weeds & deadhead dandelions
Cut the surround
Trim around the property - inside/outside fence
Pull benches out of club house
Clear any branches off the roof and clear gutter
Pull rain barrel & garbage containers out of shed
Pull & install hose for far end
Remove winter protection: door & kitchen window
Wash/wipe down the outside of sheds
Wash/wipe down the outside of club house
Wash windows
Inside club house – wash windows
Inside club house – clean out drawers/cupboards
Inside club house – sweep floors
Inside club house – turn power on for fridge
Move benches around green
Arrange for Town to turn on water – check sprinkler system
Add numbers and rink dividers

Stay tuned for more information on volunteer opportunities and sign-up sheets. There are so many ways members can help out around the club and continue the long tradition of being volunteer operated.

Take care!