



# WLBCE News and Views for June 2018

## WELCOME NEW BOWLERS!!

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome our sixteen new bowlers.

I ask for all of our older members to help our new bowlers learn the game and system for entering leagues and tournaments, how to operate the facilities, where to obtain what they need and how to put everything away and lock up when leaving.

We all take it for granted that new bowlers will find their way around the club and how the systems work. Thinking back I did not know I could enter the Ontario championships until my fourth or fifth year, or that there were annuals available for members to take away and search for outside tournaments to enter.

So new bowlers will need guidance and support until they know as much as we all do!

New bowlers should know that are called novices for five years. New bowlers are not restricted by having this 'label' and we have seen first year bowlers achieve great results against the most seasoned bowlers.

The Ontario Lawn Bowling Association has Championships specifically for novices,, singles and triples, our club will be holding singles championship for novices , many clubs have novice only tournaments and many tournaments reserve a position on teams specifically for the minimum of one novice per team entry. A multitude of opportunities! One of the favourite novice tournaments at outside clubs is the Cosburn Novice Tournament. Highly recommended!

The in club tournaments and leagues are all posted on the notice boards to allow entries to be made directly by writing your name. For the open tournaments it is better to phone the open games chairperson to allow

them to confirm your entry , and balance the number of teams ( so there is not an odd number on the day).

The Presidents Trophy will be held of the 25th July at 7pm. The Tournament consists of two games where new bowlers are matched with an experienced bowler to play pairs in a proper tournament environment. A small entry fee is paid , prize money is awarded, and the winners have their name engraved on the trophy. This is the first experience for new bowlers of the tournament process. New bowlers and experienced bowlers should put their names up on the sign up sheet as soon as possible.

For inclub tournaments a tag system allows members to indicate that they want to be included in a draw to play . All members have a tag on the white boards, which are taken down by members , placed on the drawmasters table and covered with the entry fee. This must be done well in advance of the game as the cut off is normally 15 minutes before the scheduled start. The tags are shuffled by the draw master and allocated to a rink , and thus a team.

THE Greens are on separate boards, north ,south and middle . Play direction is indicated by letters for north south play and numbers for west east play. North south play always starts from the side nearest the club house and west east play always commences from the west side of the greens.

The order of tags starts with skip, followed by vice and then lead ( colour of tags red, yellow and green or white normally). Fours will have an additional player of skip third second and lead.

THERE IS MUCH TO LEARN SO PLEASE ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE HELP YOU NEED,