



WLBC News and Views Jan/Feb 2019

WLBC WELCOMES 2019 !

By Gordon Jones

We have suffered one of those miserable Winters that we would like to forget .Our attention is now focusing on the long awaited coming of Spring, and all of the activities we must prepare for prior to the season opening.

The Presidents Letter and Membership Forms are already prepared and will be sent out this week.

*We have the **Spring Meeting** set on a Sunday Afternoon, on the **14th of April at 3pm**. The Fall Meeting of 2018 was similarly held on a Sunday afternoon and the thoughts are that it is a much more suitable time slot rather than evening time.*

At this meeting we will have Chair reports, and open discussion on the running of the Club. Ideas are welcomed and we hope that you will all attend. Tea/ Coffee and Sandwiches will be served to fuel and extend the discussion.

*There will also be entry sheets posted for the Open and in Club Tournaments. Please enter early , there is a full list of open tournaments in this News Letter again. To enter open tournaments email or phone Jack Siboni, jsiboni@rogers.com or phone **416 493 1898**.*

In Club Tournaments and leagues can be entered by writing your name and contact number on the entry sheets on the notice boards.

Hossein will be canvassing for Monday Night league entries as he is determined to fill all rinks for the first series. If you have not played before, want more information, or would like to find a partner, Hossein will help.

*On **May 4th at 1.30pm** we will have our official opening of the outdoor season on grass. The afternoon will start with a few words from Councillor Filion and the throwing of the first bowl. This is followed by the Spider, where we all take one bowl and stand on all sides of the green, and on the signal bowl at the Spider in the middle of the green. Closest wins! At this event we collect for the North York Womens Shelter.*

We follow with two 6 end games to stretch after the hibernation of Winter. There is no entry fee on opening day and the teams are drawn. Tags up by 1.15pm!

Farewell to 'Mac'

For those that are aware, Malcolm 'Mac' Fairfield passed away after a fall from which he did not recover.



Mac was a School Principal and a member of the Club for twenty years. His wife Shirley looked after him in his later years with great patience and care, for which we are sure he was extremely grateful.

Unknown to many Mac trained as an Artist whilst the was teaching.

Open House

Willowdale LBC will hold its first open house on **Monday 6th May at 7pm**. Doors will be open at 6.30pm. The Open House is an opportunity for those who have not tried Lawn Bowling to try out this wonderful Sport. We are always faced with the problem of getting the message out to the community to come to the open house to learn more. This is where word of mouth by existing members can play an important role. Please ask friends ,family, neighbours, work colleagues etc to come and try the Sport. Members have always been more successful than any advertisements, flyers, banners etc.

The Club really relies on its members for organic growth. Members bring in potential new bowlers and members provide free coaching until new bowlers are comfortable bowling by themselves.

Mervyn Horn will be looking for Coaches for May and June , so **please sign up** and help bring along new bowlers to a level that they have confidence and technical knowledge to ensure their enjoyment of the Sport.

There will be a second Open House held later and we hope that the Coaches will continue on throughout the season to help Mervyn deliver the next batch of Novices!

It is very fulfilling to have helped someone start Bowling.