



SATURDAY MAY 4TH IS OPENING DAY!



By Gordon Jones

DON'T FORGET:

On **May 4th at 1.30pm** we will have our official opening of the outdoor season on grass.

However, we would like members to arrive early. Membership tables will be set up at mid-day to enable you to fill in your membership forms and secure you lockers for the season. When you pay your membership you will receive your OLBA sticker allowing you to participate at other clubs and in District and Provincial competition. You will also receive the OLBA annual which lists all clubs and all tournaments in the province of Ontario. New bowlers will note there are a number of novice tournaments that are held throughout the season. These are all worth going to, and are a great experience for new bowlers.

The afternoon will start with a few words from Councillor Fillion 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 from all bowlers for a WLBC donation to support the North York Womens Shelter. Don't forget to bring a few dollars with you!

John Tory on his visit to the Club on 23rd April said he will try and pay us another visit on Opening day. We may have a surprise visit, he was our guest for opening day in 2016, which was the only year John Fillion was unable to attend.

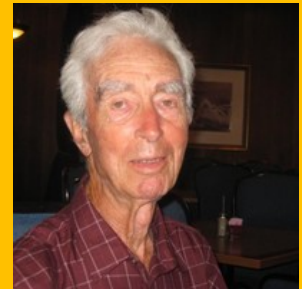
We follow with two 6 end games to stretch after the hibernation of Winter. There is no entry fee on opening day and the teams are drawn. Tags up by 1.15pm!

Weather forecast is varying between 14 and 16C and dry, so please attend and refresh your bowling skills. We look forward to seeing everyone for the Spring start.

On Saturday you can also find your partner for the Monday Night League!

a Celebration of Life

MALCOLM FAIRFIELD



There will be a Celebration of Life for Malcolm Fairfield on **Sunday May 5th from 2pm to 5pm**, at the **Thornhill Golf Club**. 7994 Yonge St, Thornhill, ON L4J 1W3
Shirley wanted all the members of the Willowdale Lawn Bowling Club to be informed.

The Main Event -Open House

Our First Open House is on **Monday 6th May at 7pm**. Doors will be open at 6.30pm. The importance of this event can not be over-stressed. This is where we gain the majority of new bowlers, the lifeline for the clubs future.

We rely on advertising and banners to a small extent, but on existing members for the majority of potential new bowler introductions. The Open House is an opportunity for those who have not tried Lawn Bowling to try out this wonderful Sport. Please ask your friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues etc to come and try the Sport. Members are always the most successful at encouraging new members to come to the club.

Our hope is that we will get more potential bowlers at the Club this year than ever before. Once visitors try lawn bowling, lawn bowling sells itself.

Mervyn Horn is still looking for Coaches for May and June, so **please sign up to help**. You can also email any member of the executive, or the club wlbcbell.net.