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WELCOME NEW BOWLERS!

*It is the best time of the year when we welcome new bowlers to the Club. Summer has begun, the days are warm and we all feel nothing better than to be outside on the greens. **There is so much activity!***

Over the years it has become apparent that the systems and rules that are second nature to many of us can be quite daunting for new bowlers. I have also noticed how many of our bowlers are showing great patience to help new bowlers learn and fit in. Thank you!

To our new bowlers, you will find that the more you come to the club, the easier it all becomes. We were all in the position of learning in the past and in the future you will find yourselves helping future new bowlers. Please ask—all bowlers will give guidance and instruction, not just your coaches. There are many opportunities to gain experience with the other Club members and you should sign up for as many of the leagues and competitions as you can fit in to your schedule. You will learn much as you play after initial instruction.

*This year we scheduled two open houses, rather than the normal early May only event. With a second group of new bowlers being received and coached in June we have moved the **Presidents Trophy Tournament** to a later date. This is to ensure we include all new bowlers, and that they have been coached and had some time to be on the greens. This Tournament is really part of the coaching process, allowing all new bowlers to experience tournament play with an experienced Buddy. It is expected that all new bowlers will attend on the evening of 24th July for a 7pm start. Your experienced Buddy will be a volunteer that is assigned to you. The sign up sheet is on the Notice Board in the Club and we would like to see this Tournament full. We follow all normal procedures for tournaments to allow new bowlers to learn them in a comfortable environment. This will include throwing the jack and aligning, to measuring as required and scoring on the greens, to how draw-masters work and how scores are matched and cards are presented for the second games. Of course the Winners will also have their chance to secure a permanent spot on the Trophy when it is sent for engraving after the Tournament.*

*The **second series of the Monday Night League commences on July 22nd**. Entry is \$10 per player for all 8 games, (divisional prizes). We need to have all new bowlers coming out for this Mixed and Ladies Pairs evening. New Bowlers are in their own division (s) and will move to higher divisions as the skills are honed in coming years. This 14 end game format starts at 7pm—ends 9pm.*

*The **4321 Wednesday nights** is something you do not have to, but it is highly recommended that you come to these evenings. You will need to be at the Club with tag down and \$1 entry for 7.15pm to allow a 7.30 start. Finish time is normally 9pm.*

The 4321 format is a game where you play individually with two or more other bowlers. Cards are placed upside down and you draw your card which will give you your rink and position of play. L3 would be rink L third to play. You play in turn and on completion of all bowls the scoring is 4 points for closest, three points for second etc. Order of play is then based upon the score. The scorer closest always goes first. Your perfect end allows you to score ten points. After four ends your score is totalled and the highest scorer moves to the right. A total of 12 ends are played.

***Bowl breakfast Bowl is known as BB&B**, and is every Tuesday morning at 9.30. A relaxing get together with a break for coffee or tea and muffins between games. This is a great relaxed, casual format or new bowlers to come and learn more.*

*On Friday mornings the **ladies league** play a 12 end triples game, playing the traditional whites. This is a league for all levels, including new bowlers. And I understand the end of the league is celebrated with a feast (I am not allowed to go so it is only what I have heard!). An almost forgotten item is the 2pm **Saturday afternoon Jitneys**. (I still do not know why it is called a Jitney). This is a draw, so come by 1.45pm and place your name tag down on the drawmasters table, with the \$1 entry.*

*We also have **civic holiday tournaments** which are often followed by a potluck supper. All members should attend the civic holiday events, The next one is on Monday 1st July where we celebrate Canada dressed in Red and White. I hope that all new bowlers will come and be part of our Celebrations.*

*We also have **Club Championships**, Novice Singles, Singles, and Open Pairs, all can enter with no entry fee, what's to lose? There are also **District Tournaments** for Novices for bowlers of 1-5 years. All new bowlers should look at entry as early as possible into these Novice tournaments, you could become a Provincial Champion.*

New Bowlers as full members take on responsibility of the running of the Club. Rules are if you are the last person on the grounds you are responsible for lights out and locking all gates and doors. both club and all stores. The green lights have a red off button that once pressed will douse all but morality lighting on the greens. Check where this is located—ask. Cars should be locked in, if in the car park and your last.