

**THE HISTORY OF
STANLEY PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB:
The First Century (1917 – 2017)**

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FOREWORD & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I joined the Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club (SPLBC) in 2001. One day I ran across some old photo albums (the oldest was 1957) that piqued my interest in the history of the club. Surprisingly to me, it appeared that nobody had written such a document. Thus, the start of this project which culminated in 2007 – *Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club: the First Ninety Years (2017 – 2007)*. In my search of the club for archives I found that everything prior to 1953 is missing. There are minutes from the Ladies' Club from this date but no minutes of the Men's Club. The two clubs joined in 1986. It seems that someone was overzealous in his or her housecleaning! Since the club had its beginning in 1917, there is a big gap with very little written information to draw from. I did hold a meeting on July 16, 2003 to which long-term members of the club were invited. I am grateful to the following who attended and provided valuable information: Daisy Agnew, John Bell, Sheila Buttar, Ernie Paget and Dick and Ann Maze. I would also like to thank John Aveline (GP; Kerrisdale) for sharing his table on BC medal winners. Bowls Canada website contains a list of Canadian Champions since the competition began in 1954: http://www.bowlscanada.com/en/championship/event_champs.html Some information was also found at the City of Vancouver Archives and the Vancouver Public Library. I would especially like to thank the people who are profiled in this document for providing information on themselves.

Since 2017 is our centennial year, I was encouraged to update my previous document to bring it to the century mark. Much of the current document contains information that was included in the original. New material largely includes events that have occurred in the last ten years. Again, I would like to thank the following members who contributed photos or information for the centennial document: Albert Nieuwold, Alice Duncalf, Brian Hutchinson, Chris Chapman, Christine Beaulieu, Dan Remedios, Des Deroche, Dianne Schindel, Diane Warriner, Evelyn Bell, Jane Spencer, Jim Matsuyama, John Bell, Judith Parkes, Kathy Broderick, Keith Warriner, Lois Goodeve, Lynn Kennedy, Margaret Jackson, Mary Ann Gillies, Michael Levenston, Monika Hilson, Neil Wilson, Pat Kopp, Puck Botman, Sheila Buttar, Trevor Ludski, Wagdy Senbel and Wendy Gerhard.

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EARLY HISTORY

The Early Days of Vancouver (circa 1917)

After the decision by the C.P.R. to locate their terminal in Vancouver the city grew rapidly. The city was incorporated in 1886 with a population of about 2,600. The population grew to about 100,000 in 1917. This was the year that work began on the first small section of the seawall to stop erosion. There was no causeway through Stanley Park or a Lions Gate bridge. We were in the middle of prohibition (1916 – 1920). Horse-drawn wagons dominated the delivery business and vehicles drove on the left-hand side of the road until 1922.

Stanley Park

At the first Council meeting of the City of Vancouver in 1886, the Council resolved to petition the Dominion Government for the Military Reserve land between Burrard Inlet and English Bay for park purposes. This was granted the following year and the park was named Stanley Park, after the Governor General of Canada, and opened in 1888. Lord Stanley personally dedicated the park in 1889. Ten years later the City of Vancouver paid the federal government one dollar for a renewable 99-year lease on the park which has since been renewed.

The Park Board was created in 1890 with the election of three Commissioners which expanded to five in 1904 and seven in 1929. In 1896 the Park Board appointed a Park Ranger whose title was changed to Superintendent of Parks in 1904. In 1980 the title was again changed to General Manager. Over its history, the Board has been known under a variety of names:

- Committee on Works and Property (1887-1888);
- Parks Committee (1888-1889);
- Board of Parks Commissioners (1890-1955);
- Board of Parks and Public Recreation (1956-1973);
- Board of Parks and Recreation (1974).

I will refer to it in this document as the Park Board.

Stanley Park seemed to be an important centre of sporting activities in the early days of Vancouver. It contained the Brockton Point athletic area, the Vancouver Rowing Club (1905), a wading pool (1910) and tennis courts. Beaver lake was flooded and used for skating (1916) when possible. The nearby Denman Arena (at the Coal Harbour end of Denman St.) was built in 1911 and was the first artificial ice rink built in Canada. This was the home ice for the Vancouver Millionaires when they won the Stanley cup in 1915. The rink was destroyed by fire in 1930.

English Bay

English Bay (originally called First Beach) played a major role in leisure activity of Vancouverites during this period. Large crowds flocked to English Bay to swim, listen to bands and dance. In 1904 a large rock on the beach at the foot of Burnaby St. designated the dividing line for ladies and gentlemen bathers. It is interesting that in many of the early pictures of English Bay beach, the number of people in the water far exceeds the present day numbers. Swimming was only allowed in appropriately modest costumes – flesh coloured bathing suits were banned in 1914. People on the shore were often dressed in their finest clothes and most wore hats. A bathing pier (built in 1905 and demolished in 1938) was near the foot of Chilco St. and extended 100 yards into the water. A “Prom” (a glassed-in dancehall) was located at the end of the pier where bands played (Photo 1). Row boats were available for rent. A bandstand was also erected in Alexandra Park in 1914 (Photo 1). A roller skating rink (Imperial Roller Rink), located on what is now Morton Park, was very popular before the First World War. The Englesea Lodge, built in 1912, was positioned on the beach at the entrance to Stanley Park. The Sylvia Hotel, built in 1912, is the only original building remaining from that area of Vancouver.



Photo 1: English Bay 1916. Note the pier with the “Prom” at the end. Englesea Lodge is in the background, the Sylvia hotel is shown on the right and the Alexandra Park bandstand on the lower right.

English Bay had a very British flavour in the early days of Vancouver. This was to be expected as in 1911 nearly a third of the population was British-born and almost three-quarters were of British ancestry. Thus, going to English Bay was much like going to the seaside in the “Old Country”. There were many tearooms in the vicinity and a troupe, known as the Versatiles, performed on an outdoor stage at English Bay every summer for over a decade beginning in 1911. They were very popular and their material often included English music hall songs, skits and musicals of the day.

The Park Board was instrumental in our current unobstructed view across English Bay. In the early 1900s English Bay was ringed by summer cottages. The Park Board in 1928 decided to acquire all waterfront land along Beach Ave. The city’s taxpayers approved \$500,000 to make this possible. Privately held properties were purchased as they came on the market. It wasn’t until the 1960s, however, that the last house on the waterfront was torn down. The Englesea Lodge at the end of English bay remained but was destroyed by fire in 1981,

The Early Days of Lawn Bowling in Vancouver

Given the huge British component of the population, it is not surprising that there was a lot of interest in lawn bowling. The problem was that there were no suitable greens on which to bowl.

It seems that there was no lawn bowling in Vancouver until about 1914 when some sort of playing fields were used at the Brockton Point Grounds. A note in the City of Vancouver (COV) Archives indicates that the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club (VLBC), in May of 1915, paid \$50 to rent courts 7 and 8 at Brockton Point Grounds to use as a bowling green for the season. However, once they tried the grounds and found them to be unsuitable, they asked for the charge to be cancelled. In **July of 1915** they invited the Board of Park Commissioners to a game of bowling at their new grounds. This was the old Arnold Estate at the corner of 25th Ave. and Granville St. They had rented the tennis courts on the estate from the CPR to be used as a bowling green for \$100 per year. [The CPR was a major land owner in Vancouver at the time, having been granted about 6,500 acres from the British Columbia government in exchange for extending the mainline from Port Moody to Coal Harbour and English Bay.] In 1918 the VLBC moved to 26th Ave. and Selkirk St. and in the 1960s to their present location in Queen Elizabeth Park. At about the time the VLBC moved to Selkirk St., a group of bowlers formed a club known as the Terminal City LBC (later known as Granville Park LBC). In 1920 they moved to their present location on Fir St. The Kerrisdale LBC apparently moved to their current location in 1917. At some point all these clubs came under the umbrella of the Park Board.

The Beginnings of Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club (SPLBC)

Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club (SPLBC), still in its original location, was the first lawn bowling club established under the Park Board.

It is not clear when or how the Executive of SPLBC was formed. Clearly, there are also gaps in the communication that must have occurred between some of the information provided below. However, the first letter found at the COV Archives is from G.L. Seaton (Secretary of SPLBC) to the Board of Park Commissioners dated **Aug 22, 1916**. This letter acknowledges receipt from Mr. Wooton (Engineer) of a plan for a Bowling Green at Coal Harbour. Mr. Seaton comments on the pros and cons of certain locations.

On **September 9, 1916** Mr. Wooton presented a plan and report to the Sports Committee, Board of Park Commissioners on the possibilities of using the terraces at Coal Harbour for the construction of Bowling Greens. It provided for the eventual construction of three Greens with an estimated cost of the initial Green at \$2,667.

On **May 23, 1917** the Superintendent (W.S. Rawlings) in a report *Bowling Greens to the Board of Park Commissioners* mentions a petition from SPLBC containing the names of 110 citizens, each agreeing to pay \$5 per annum upon the construction of a Green. The Superintendent opines that the petition is a sufficient guarantee to warrant the Board approaching the City Council for a grant, providing certain conditions are drawn up and adopted by the Board and agreed to by the petitioners.

With regard to the location, he recommended the area known as the Elk Paddock (the present location of the Club). He indicated that this spot was originally cleared with the intention of adapting it as a recreational area. He also suggested that the croquet and tennis courts could be built in this area.

There must have been an agreement between the Park Board and SPLBC that required SPLBC to pay \$1,300 for the construction of the Green. A letter from G.L. Seaton dated **November 13, 1917** points out that SPLBC finally has the \$1,300 in hand and that they “will be paying a sum of about 370\$ a year for use of ground...”. The first three-year lease between the Board of Park Commissioners and SPLBC for the use of the land for a dollar per year was signed on **November 30, 1917**. The lease was to take effect on June 1, 1918. Since the lease was for \$1.00 a year, I assume that the \$370 mentioned above was for the upkeep of the Green. Initially the Park Board was responsible for the maintenance of the Green. However, shortly after bowling began SPLBC requested and was given permission to hire their own greenskeeper.

SPLBC was incorporated as a Society under the provisions of the “Benevolent Societies Act” on **December 3, 1917**.

Presumably before the first Green was in use, on **September 10, 1918** Mr. Seaton wrote to the Park Board asking them to consider laying down a second Green due to the large number of applications for membership in the Club. A reply on **September 23, 1918** from the Park Board indicated that they would be prepared to build a second Green, North of the present Green,

for a sum of \$1900. SPLBC eventually negotiated an agreement to have the second Green to be built for the same price as the first Green, \$1300. However, there still seemed to be no agreement on the fee for the use of the green. In a letter to the Park Board dated **October 22, 1919** M. Haigh (Secretary, SPLBC) indicates that they are paying \$700 per year and if they could not obtain a lease on the same terms as for the first Green, they must regrettably abandon the scheme. In a reply on **November 15th, 1919** the Park Board agreed to the Club's proposal.

It appears that the first Green (Green A) was not ready for bowling until 1919. A letter to the Park Board on **March 10, 1919** reports that SPLBC "is now ready to take over the Green and we hope it will be ready for play some time in May". At the same time he requests some sort of shelter where Club members might leave their bowls and rubber shoes. In a reply on March 31, 1919 the Superintendent indicates that the building at Second Beach picnic grounds would be allowed for use as a clubhouse. It was to be altered, painted and moved to the Bowling Green. Photo 2 below shows the SPLBC members on Opening Day, 1919 with a small clubhouse in the background. Note the flying of the Union Jack and the Red Ensign. In an enlarged photo one can see animals (probably sheep) enclosed in the paddock in the background.



Photo 2 – Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club on Opening Day 1919

Photos 3 – 6 are additional photos probably also taken on Opening Day 1919. Note the flying of the Union Jack in Photo 3. In Photos 4 & 5 note the vehicles parked on the left side of the road. The men bowling are all dressed in suits, ties and hats. Photo 6 nicely illustrates the bank of the green with the Sylvia Hotel and the Englesea Lodge in the background.



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7 – This photo, taken at SPLBC in 1924. The caption indicates that Military Hospital Patients were being entertained. Based on the position of the Sylvia Hotel and the Englesea Lodge, the original clubhouse was positioned in the NE corner of the east green.

The following two photos (**Photos 8 & 9**) were sent to us by Michael Levenston. **These photos were taken at SPLBC in 1925.** The pictures include his grandmother, Etta Koenigsberg, who is in the polka dot-like dress in each photo. She apparently came to Vancouver in 1887 as a baby. The family lived nearby at 1728 Comox St. for many years.



Photo 8 – 1925 at SPLBC.



Photo 9 – 1925 in front of the clubhouse at SPLBC.



Photo 10 – 1933 at SPLBC. Note the attire, the overhead lights, the bank of the green (rather than backboards) and the building in the background.

This building appearing in the background in Photo 10 was originally constructed in the 1920s to support golfers and tennis players and was first called the **Sports Pavilion**. In the days before we had our current clubhouse, SPLBC members would store their bowls in this building. From 1949 to 1974 it was known as the **Beach Tea Room** and from 1974 to 1990 as the **Beach House restaurant**. From 1990 until closing in October 2015 it was operated as the **Fish House in Stanley Park**. It is soon to be renovated and will open in 1918 as the **Stanley Park Brewing Co.** It will contain an onsite brewing facility, an education and tasting room, a renovated bar, and special event and dining areas.

This is actually a return of Stanley Park Brewing to its original home in Stanley Park. The location of the micro-brewery was situated on the shores of Lost Lagoon in 1887 (Photo 11).

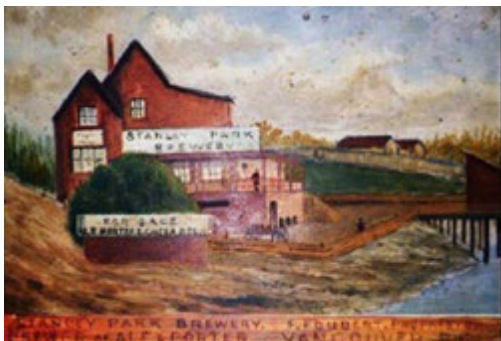


Photo 11 – A depiction of the original Stanley Park Brewing Co. on the shores of Lost Lagoon in 1887.



1946



1948



1949



L to R: T. Johnston, J. Slight, M. Elliott.
Second from right M. Mathias



Photos circa late 1940s.

MEMBERSHIP

In the early years of SPLBC and in the 1970s it appears that the bowling membership was in the 200 range.

The Integration of the Men's and Ladies' Clubs (1986)

It seems that initially bowling club was entirely a Men's Club (Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club; SPLBC). Within a few years the men began bringing their wives to bowl and a Ladies' club was formed Club (Stanley Park Ladies Lawn Bowling Club; SPLLC). These clubs functioned autonomously in many respects: They each had their own Executive, Treasury and playing times. The ladies paid lower fees than the men and paid part of their dues to the Men's Club. It appears that there was good cooperation between and clubs and most people were happy with the arrangement.

However, in effect, the lease with the Park Board dealt with the SPLBC (i.e. the Men's Club). This was pointed out by one of the members, Gerry Walsh, in an "Open Letter to Members of the Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club" dated August 1985. He claimed that all matters of substance were made exclusively by the men's executive. This triggered some action as the following motions were put forward at the AGMs of both clubs:

Motion consider at AGM – SPLBC (Oct. 19/85)

'An extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Society be called by the Secretaries on the instructions of the Executive Committees (of both men and women) according to the Constitution and By-Laws No. 18 and 26:

1. to discuss the Societies By-Laws and problems
2. to amend, alter or correct any wording or by-law
3. that the extra-ordinary general meeting be a joint meeting of both men and women
4. that a copy of the Master By-Law and the Amended By-Laws with all revisions and additions be sent to each voting member before such meeting'.

* This motion was defeated – 29/3 (19 abstentions)

Motion consider at AGM – SPLBC (Nov. 16/85)

'Therefore be it resolved that the men's executive committee, or a special committee appointed by the men's executive committee, meet with a similar body from the ladies' section at an early date in order to formulate proposals for the implementation of the principle of equal membership irrespective of sex'.

* This motion was defeated – split vote.

Gerry Walsh, not satisfied with the outcome, apparently wrote a letter dated Nov. 20, 1985 requesting an Extra-ordinary General Meeting be called, in accordance with Article 18 of the by-laws. Alan Rossiter, Secretary of SPLBC, denied the request because the petition for the meeting was signed by five men and five women rather than ten men. A delegation then must have complained to the Park Board. The SPLBC received a letter dated January 16, 1986 from L.F. Ryan of the Park Board asking that the issue of integration be resolved at the club level (Appendix II). Shortly thereafter a letter was circulated by the Canadian Lawn Bowling Council (C.L.B.C.) giving notice that resolutions will be placed before the next AGMs of the C.L.B.C. and the Canadian Ladies Lawn Bowling Council (C.L.L.B.C.) to integrate the two organizations (Appendix III). It seems that the Stanley Park clubs had little option but to integrate. A. Rossiter called a meeting of the Board of Directors for Feb. 8, 1986 to discuss an integrated membership (Appendix IV). Presumably, the integration happened at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting in the spring of 1986.

The result was of course, one Executive and one Treasury. It seems that the women were better money managers than the men as they turned over \$3000 toward the payment of a new carpet as well as a balance of \$12,087. As late as 1996 there was still a Women's Draw scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. However, by the time I joined the Club in 2001, all draws were mixed.

A number of the old-timers have indicated that the integration of the Clubs was a rather fractious issue. People lined up on one side or the other on the issue and there were hard feelings among members. As a result a number of members left the Club. Some said that the timing of the integration was unfortunate as 1986 was also the year that the Canadian Championships were held at Stanley Park which required a lot of work.

In recent years the membership varied between 110 and 140. There is usually a fairly large turnover of about 20 people each year. Health reasons mainly account for people discontinuing their membership but they tend to be replaced each year with new members.

The Blue Heron League

A month before the AGM in the spring of 2015 **Chris Chapman**, who was a member in 2014, approached then President, Lynn Kennedy. He said that he was a member of a large LGBT curling league (The Pacific Rim) at the Vancouver Curling Club. Seeing the similarity between lawn bowling and curling and talking with friends, he was convinced that many of his fellow curlers would be interested in lawn bowling. He



asked if they could have their own league and play once per week. He also offered to do the recruiting.

This sounded interesting to Lynn and she took the idea to the next meeting of the Executive. All executive members were present and they were very supportive with two conditions:

- They could have a league once a week but it could not be exclusive. That is, any member of the club would be welcome to play in the league.
- Conversely, LGBT members would be encouraged to partake in other bowling activities at the club.

The issue was raised at the AGM by Lynn Kennedy. Chris Chapman and Vice-President, Keith Warriner spoke to its merits. There was a fair amount of negativity expressed by members at the meeting. The main objection seemed to be that some people felt that they were receiving special treatment by having “a league of their own”. It was reiterated that the league was not exclusive and anyone was welcome to participate. The discussion ended with President Kennedy stating that we would try it for a year and if there were any problems the issue would be revisited. There were no problems and the topic never came up again.



Chris was very successful in recruiting and our bowling membership increased from 140 in 2014 to 240 in 2015. The large number of new bowlers put quite a strain on the coaches, led by Trevor Ludski and his Coordinator, Eva Murray. It also resulted in a change to the locker policy. Normally, any full bowling member was entitled to a locker. However, we didn't have enough lockers for everyone so only those with their own bowls received one. We also expected to win the annual Drake Prize Award, which was a new set of bowls, for the largest increase in number or percentage of new bowlers. As luck would have it, the Prize was discontinued in 2015. However, the large increase in membership undoubtedly contributed to SPLBC receiving the “Club of the Year” award for 2015 from the Vancouver and District Bowls Association.

The LGBT league was named The Blue Heron League. During Pride Week in July 2015 and 2016 they put on a barbecue, the “Pride Party”, for all members. They have been well attended and much enjoyed by all. The organizers of this party in 2016 were Luc Millaire and Dean Malone (see RECENT HISTORY: CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS).

In 2016 about 50% of the new recruits in 2015 failed to return. However, they were more than replaced without any recruitment by Chris. The final number for bowling members in 2016 was 260. This made us the largest bowling club in Canada!

Bowls Canada 25 and 50 Year Pin Awards

Bowls Canada Boulingrin in 2003 recognized dedication and longevity in the sport of bowls through the 25- and 50-Year Pin Program. Bowlers who have reached their 25 or 50 year anniversary of membership are eligible to receive a commemorative pin that celebrates their commitment to the sport.



In the fall of 2003 Club President, Jim Aitken, made special presentations of 25-year pins (pictured below). Recipients at the club to receive the awards were: Evelyn and John Bell, Jim and Sheila Buttar, Greta Henderson, Jock Porter, Marc Raymond, Peggy Waine (who also accepted one for her husband Al) and Jim Aitken. Others on the list who were not able to attend included: Jessie Manson, Ann and Dick Maze, Marion Muir, Charles Murphy, Ernie Paget, Harry Tansley and Louise Wood. Congratulations to all!



Jim and Sheila Buttar with Jim Aitken



Greta Henderson



Peggy Waine



Jock Porter



John Bell, Evelyn Bell and Jim Aitken. This photo was taken in 2003 at the presentation of the 25-year pin awards. They are currently the only Active Bowling Life Members of the club.

Bernard Jackson received his 25- year pin in 2014. He moved back to England in the fall of 2016. Also, **Dolores MacDonald** received her 25-year pin in 2014. Unfortunately, she died later that year.

Ann Maze, in 2014, was the first SPLBC member to receive a 50-year pin. She was a Life Member and recently died (March, 2017) at the age of 105 (See the LIFE MEMBERS section).



In 2016 Evelyn and John Bell were awarded their 50-Year Pins from Bowls Canada.

RECENT HISTORY: CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Season Opening

Although the greens may be open for use earlier, the official opening of the season is generally held the end of April. It is now referred to as the **First Day** (formerly Opening Day). This day, for bowling members only, begins with the rolling of the Golden Bowl. In the past it was tradition to invite the mayor, city council member, local MLA or MP to do the honours. However, in the past ten years a senior member of the club has been asked to do this instead. These include: Ann Maze, Dick Maze, Jock Porter, Ernie Paget, Evelyn Bell, Bernard Jackson Wagdy Senbel and Don Easton. This is followed by a luncheon put on by the social committee and then a draw of triples.



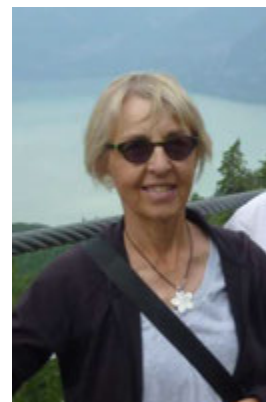
2014 – Bernard Jackson preparing to roll the Golden Bowl. Lynn Kennedy (President) officiates.

The following weekend, usually the Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., an **Open House** is held. This is used to recruit new members to the club. The public is invited to come down and try their hand at rolling some bowls. If they are interested, they can sign up for three lessons at a nominal cost. Following these lessons, if they wish, they may join the club by paying the remainder of the annual fee. In the past several years Christine Beaulieu has headed up the committee for the Open House. She is very organized and advertises the event in local newspapers and community centres. She also signs up volunteer members as greeters, instructors on the green, desk people to provide information and accept lesson money. As you might imagine, the success of the day depends to a large extent on the weather. We have been very fortunate in this regard in recent years.

Coaching for the potential new members begins in earnest very shortly thereafter. Trevor Ludski, Coaching Director, along with Coaching Coordinator Eva Murray arrange for the coaching lessons. They are held three times per week with about 35 volunteer members participating as coaches. In 2016 the aim was to get all the coaching done within a month of the Open House.

Visitor/Corporate Groups

Lynn Kennedy was Membership Director on the Executive from 2002 – 2006. By 2005 Lynn was being approached by several companies wishing to bring their employees for an afternoon of bowling. She accommodated them using her husband and a few friends to help with the instruction. Lynn stepped down from Membership to put her efforts into Visitor Groups. Initially the fees were \$10 per person and an extra \$100 for the social time. Gradually the fees were increased to \$20 per person. The popularity increased and by 2010 the income was \$15,000. In 2011 the Executive added the position of Director of Visitor Groups to the Executive. Fairly early on in the process, the team concept was incorporated to handle these groups. That is, there were several team leaders and helpers for each group. The attempt was to use a given team only once per month to prevent volunteer burnout. After eight years at this job Lynn stepped down after the 2012 season.

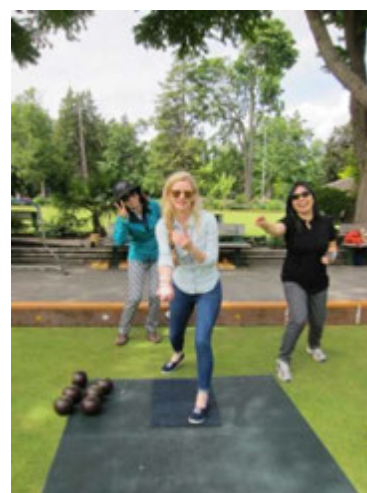


Lois Goodeve took over as Visitor Groups Director in 2013 and is still doing a great job



in 2017. At the end of the 2012 season a meeting was held with the team leaders and helpers. Decisions were made to increase the rates and to make twenty people the minimum group size. The groups would also pay for the number of people that they had declared two days prior to the event. While some were concerned that this might discourage participation, it has not been the case. The program is a very popular and we are always sold out by the middle of July each year. The revenue has also increased so that in 2015 and 2016 the intake was \$25,000 and \$27,000.

Visitor events are really enjoyed by the participants and many groups return. Lawn bowling is attractive as a fun group activity that is relatively inexpensive. Corporate groups bring a lot of revenue to the club and introduce hundreds of people to the sport. Since most people find the game enjoyable it is our hope that many of these people will, at some time, join a lawn bowling club in their community. Finally, this program could not happen without the extensive volunteer participation of our members (7 leaders and over 50 helpers in 2016).



In addition to the activities described above, we have enjoyed hosting various bowling clubs that are on tour. These clubs may be from the U.K., Australia, the U.S.A. or a Canadian Province. We generally have a game of bowls (them v us), lunch and a social. We are often on the losing end of the bowling game but everyone has a good time.

Communications

Shortly after I joined the club in 2001, I was invited to write a club newsletter. This was later named *The Bias Report*. At the time the membership list contained only phone numbers and residential addresses. One of my first tasks was to collect email addresses from the membership. About one third supplied an email address. So the distribution of information, either as a newsletter or otherwise, was sent to those with email. A phoning committee relayed what was considered important information to the others and hard copies were made available at the clubhouse. Over the years an increasing number of people obtained email so now there are only a handful of people without it. In recent years the main method of communicating with members is via email. The communications Directors since 2002 have been John Sinclair, Judith Parkes, Cam Carruthers and Neil Wilson.

In 2002 we decided that it would be useful for the club to have a website. Mary Stark, a club member, recommended Gary Wilcox who agreed to set up a website for us. This was what one might call a static site in that it contained contact information, the date of the Open House, procedures for joining the club and a few pictures. It nevertheless served us very well for several years. In particular, it proved very useful for companies, wishing to arrange for an afternoon of bowling, to make contact with the Director of Visiting Groups.

In 2015, there was a large influx of new young members, many of them with social media talent. Several of them decided that we should develop our own website. This group was led by Cam Carruthers. In 2016 it was handed off to Brian Hutchinson who developed the current look and menu structure. The website address is now: <http://splbc.com/> This website contains all the information of the initial website but also, importantly, a calendar with all the daily events. The Games Director enters the bowling events and the Director of Visiting Groups the times of the visiting group events. The contact section provides a directional map and allows a person to leave a detailed message. We are very happy with the outcome.

Prior to the 2017 season, the group in charge of the website felt that they would be better served by changing to a new platform. Brendan Jones has the expertise to lead this project. This change in platform allows for some major feature enhancements which include payment-processing and an enhanced and easy to use calendar. Further, it is felt that it will make the job of the administrators much easier to communicate with members and the public.

GAMES



Peter Holt

In my time at the club Peter Holt, John Bell and Peggy Waine (see LIFE MEMBERS), Albert Nieuwold and Chris Chapman (see MEMBERSHIP) have been the **Games Directors**.

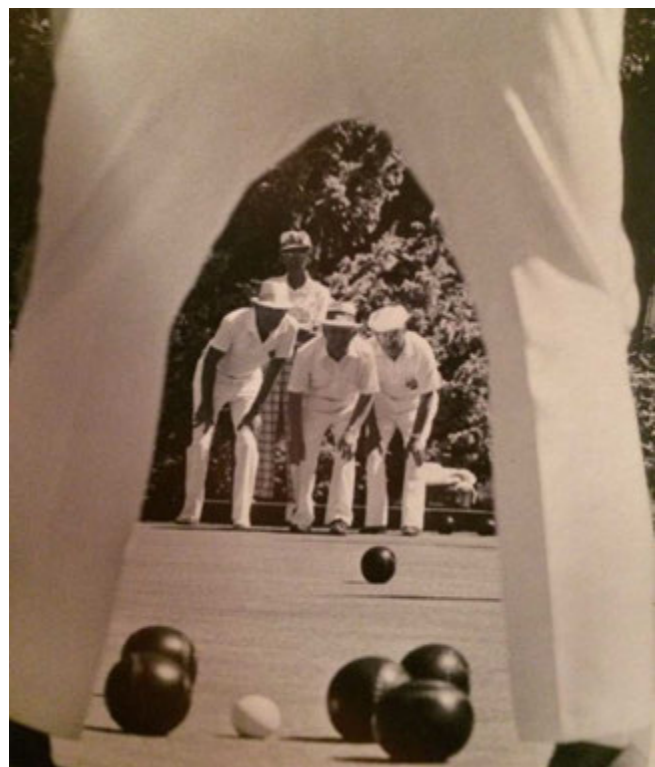
Peter was a double amputee with a prosthesis on each leg, yet he was a very good bowler. Albert was in the position for six years and introduced various evening leagues to the Club.

Since we are a lawn bowling club, games is our most important activity. As you might imagine the Games Director has a very demanding job. There are many types of bowling games to be organized at SPLBC: the daily draws, holiday weekend games (which may contain a special theme), SPLBC league games, SPLBC club championships, V & D tournaments, Provincial tournaments and occasionally special games such as the Canadian championships and the Police and Fire games. The Games Director does best when he/she can involve a number of members to manage various parts of the job.



Albert Nieuwold

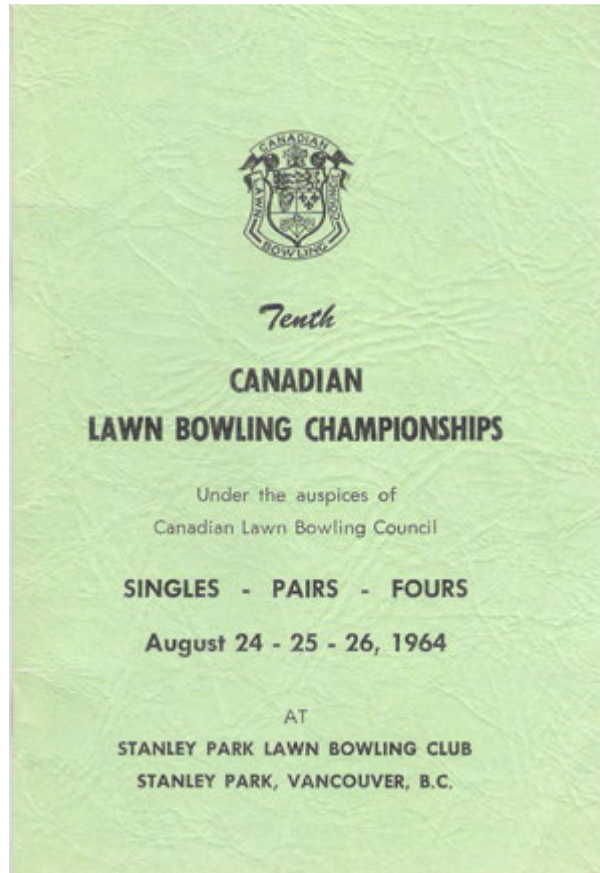
Chris, in an attempt to provide greater competition for bowlers, has introduced a number of new leagues.



**1977 – SPLBC Annual BC Week
Lawn Bowling Tournament. L to R:**
Murdo McDonald
Art Jones
Syd Clarkson
Skip- Bert Walker

Notwithstanding the importance of Games, they are often associated with a Social Function. The following pages depict various activities at the club more or less separated into games and socials.

1964 – Canadian Championships



PROVINCIAL WINNERS

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Green Markings)

SINGLES: Alex. Houston (Sandy), 20 East 12th Ave., Vancouver 10, B.C. Mount Pleasant Club.

PAIRS: William McFerren (Bill), 1210 Jarvis St., Vancouver 5, B.C.

John Gavin (Johnnie), 1275 Barclay St., Vancouver 5, B.C. Stanley Park L.B.C.

FOURS: C. Eastwood (Carl), 1938 Comox St., Vancouver 5. Wm. Johnston (Bill), 2763 West 20th Ave., Vancouver 8.

T. Jarvis (Tommy), 1075 Gilford St., Vancouver 5.

A. Runcie (Archie), 990 Lagoon Dr., Vancouver 5. All Stanley Park L.B. Club. -

Note: The PAIRS and FOURS BC Teams were from SPLBC

1986 – Canadian Championships:



Ernie Paget, Flag Bearer at the Opening Ceremonies of the 1986 Games at SPLBC.

2004 – Canadian Championships



The weather was beautiful all week until the final day when we got a deluge of rain.

2001 - Stanley Park Women Top 10 Champions

The Vancouver and District Bowls Association (V & D) used to hold a competition for the “Top 10” Women and Men teams. A “Top 10” team consists of ten players divided into teams of Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Top Ten is a straight knock-out competition. Singles play 21 shots – Pairs and Fours play 18 ends – Triples play 16 ends. Scoring: Win = 3 points or Tie = 1 point. The total shot differential for all four games combined is used to determine the winner if teams are tied on points. In the event of teams still being tied, the winner of the Singles game breaks the tie.

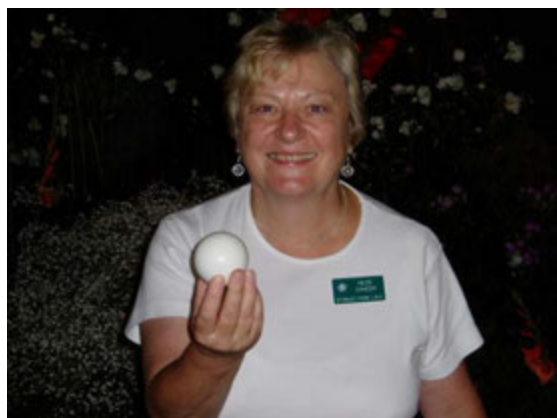
The V& D still holds this competition but, due to a paucity of entries they have combined the Top 10 into Mixed teams. Each team must have not less than four players of each gender.



L to R: Peggy Waine, Helena Porter, Terry Delaney, Mary Ann Gillies, Shella Holt, Evelyn Bell, Pat Ritchie, Mavis Hanneson, Vera Farr and Ursula Gallucci

2003 – SPLBC and V & D Novice Championships

Joyce Craig won The SPLBC Novice Women's Singles competition. Hilde Zander was runner-up. However, in the V & D event Joyce had a little trouble in her first game as the dew crept in. Even though she was winning handily in the early part of the game she ended up losing. However she won her remaining games and won the "B" side of the event. Hilde was a force in this competition winning all her games and the championship. Great job Hilde and Joyce! Maybe Stanley Park is on its way to becoming the powerhouse it once was in competitive bowling.



Hilde Zander – V & D Novice Champion



Joyce Craig – SPLBC Novice Champion

2003 – BC Mixed Pairs



Michael Sanderson and Martha Welsh awarded the Silver Medal at the BC Mixed Pairs competition at SPLBC.

2009 - World Police and Fire Games

The first World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) were held in San Jose, California in 1985 with nearly 5,000 competitors. The WPFG is an athletic event, held every two years, and open to active and retired law enforcement and fire service personnel throughout the world. On average it attracts about 10,000 competitors from more than 50 countries to participate in about 65 athletic events. Lawn bowls is one of the events. Canada has served as host to the WPFG on four occasions: Vancouver (1989), Calgary (1997), Quebec City (2005) and Vancouver (2009).



SPLBC was the host club for the lawn bowls event in 2009. This event took place over four days in August. There were about 100 competitors (Mens Pairs, Womens Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Mens Fours) from Canada, U.S.A., South Africa (Two teams), Hong Kong, Zimbabwe and Australia.

Jim Dipalo, of Maple Ridge and a retired member of the Vancouver Police Department, was the WPFG Sports Coordinator for Lawn Bowls. At the time, Judith Parkes was President of SPLBC and Bruce Hoadley, Vice-President, was chair of the games. Mary Ann Gillies coordinated the draws/games and was the head scorekeeper, John Bell was in charge of officiating, Gail Brown was in charge of catering, Harley and Diane Schindel looked after beverage sales, Marion North coordinated volunteers and Michael North looked after setting up the greens. An army of club

members did a great job in many volunteer positions to make the games run smoothly



WPFG Poster



**Peter and Frank
Master Chefs**



**The Schindel's manning
the ticket booth**



A balanced delivery



**Canada
v
South Africa**



Evelyn Bell presenting the Gold Medal to South African (National Police Service) Pairs winners.



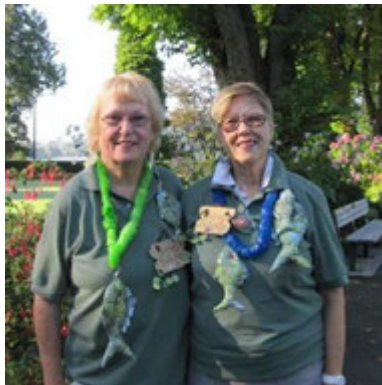
Jim Aitken and Judith Parkes presented Gold Medals to the South African (National Police Service) Pairs Team.



Pairs Medalists: Gold – South Africa (National Police Service); Silver – S.A.R China (Hong Kong Police Force); Bronze – South Africa (Correctional Service).

2012 – International/Provincial Tournament

This event was organized by Christine Beaulieu. The theme was to find a partner that was born in the same country or Province.



**Marion North and
Christine Beaulieu
(Northern Ontario)**



**Bernard Jackson and
Michael North
(England)**



**Lois Goodeve and
Kathy Broderick
(Canada)**



**Lynn Kennedy and John Sinclair
(Saskatchewan)**



**Jane and Peter Spencer
(Canada)
a.k.a. Bob and Doug Mackenzie**

2015 – B.C. Singles Championship at SPLBC



Medalists:

Back Row L to R: Mary Wright (Gold), Josephine Lee (Silver), Lynda Robbins (Bronze), Germaine Santana (Silver) and Kin On Lau (bronze). Kneeling: Jamie MacGowan (Gold).

SOCIALS

Being Director of the Social Committee is a big job. I remember that in our first year of membership (2001) Dolores MacDonald was the Social Director. In the fall she kindly invited all the enthusiastic first-year members to a wine and cheese party at her house. A few of us left the party in charge of a social event in the following year. Very clever! Dolores' approach was to spread the work around by getting different people to lead the various social events.

Since 2001 the following have been Social Directors: Dolores MacDonald, Ed Martin, Pat Kopp, Suze Meier and Mary Stark, Gail Brown, Toni Ludski and Diane Warriner. One year no Social Director could be found. Ed, who had previously run a restaurant, did everything himself with the help of a few friends. Toni had a committee that handled all the socials (see photo below). Diane Warriner has reverted to having a separate leader and team for each event.



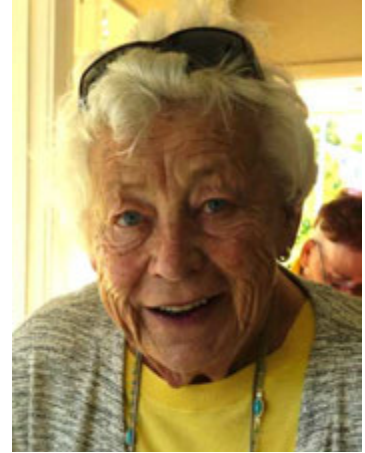
2004. Ed Martin and Pat Kopp



2014 – 2015 Social Committee. L to R: Lynne Jambor, Larry Erwin, Maureen Erwin, Nancy Howatson, Kathy Broderick, Toni Ludski (Social Director), Diane Warriner and Fran Linnington.

Traditionally there has been a luncheon put on for the First-Day of bowling as well as a social for the holiday weekends: Victoria Day, Canada Day, BC Day, and Labour Day. In addition, there has always been a Christmas Party. In recent years there has been the addition of the Pride Party, Halloween Party and Awards Day/ End of Bowling salmon BBQ.

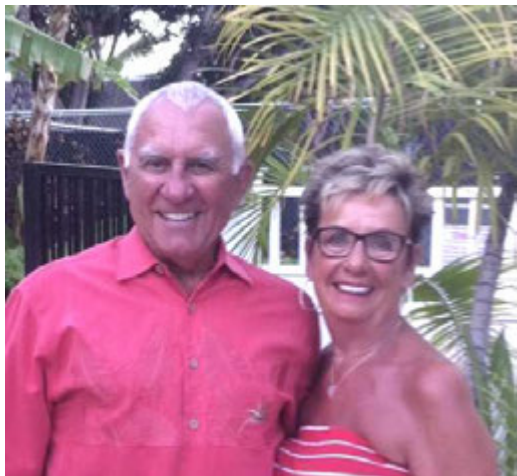
Puck Botman has traditionally been in charge of the Labour Day social. She said that initially members would bring their own meat to barbecue and anything else they wished to contribute. This approach was not totally satisfactory so after a while Puck came up with a plan and stuck with it for about fifteen years (2015 being the last). It was a pot-luck dinner with sausages and corn-on-the-cob as the base. She prepared a spreadsheet including all the categories of food required and then phoned each member to see what they wished to bring. She had suggestions for those that didn't have a ready answer. Volunteers signed up to take care of the required jobs. For example, Chuck and Lynn Dick prepared the corn year after year. Everyone quite enjoyed these events.



Puck Botman

Friday Night Barbeques

Prior to our joining the club in 2001 there was apparently the odd barbecue where people would bring their own food to barbecue. Then in 2004 Ed Martin, who was the Social Director, started the Friday Night Barbecues. This was an informal night where members could bowl with their friends and have a barbecue at the same time. Ed, along with a few friends, did everything every week: grilling, buying and preparing the condiments, buying the propane as well as collecting the money on the honor system. Unfortunately Ed became ill and could no longer carry on.



At this point (2005) **Dianne and Harley Schindel** took over the Friday Night Barbecues. They did this on their own through 2009. The barbecues were becoming so large that in 2010 they set up four teams of six members each. This was a great idea in that each team was required to put on the barbecue no more than once per month. Dianne and Harley handed this job over to new leaders in 2013.

Marion Smith took on the job for a couple of years.



Currently **Christine Beaulieu** is the leader of the Friday night barbecues. Teams are still used and the barbecues have continued to grow in size requiring the purchase of a second barbecue. In 2016 Christine's husband, Ray, organized those who were interested into games of Australian Pairs.

Victoria Day – 2002



John Sinclair and Frank Stephen piping in "Queen Victoria" (Nina Shoroplova's mother). Her "Lady in Waiting" (Dolores MacDonald) follows.

2015



**Queen Victoria
a.k.a. Wendy Gerhard**

2011 – Canada Day



“The Spider”



“Battle of the Sexes”

Mary Ellen Clarke, Peter Shaw and Maureen Erwin

2014 – “Classic Rock” on B.C. Day



L to R: Dianne Farlinger, David Fleming, Diane Warriner, Toni Ludski, Trevor Ludski, Dianne Schindel, Terry Severs, Francine Severs, Jane Spencer and Peter Spencer.

2016 – Pride Party



Monica DeRoo and Luc Millaire manning the barbecue.



Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club's House Band

Recognized for its friendly atmosphere Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club's house band has made a significant contribution to fostering this spirit. Their music includes Rock 'n Roll, Country, Jazz and Blues.



The 8-Enders: L to R: Nina Shoroplova, Judith Parkes, Trevor Ludski, Carrie Nelson and Anne Carten.

At the club's Open House in 2012, Toni Ludski, former Social Director, saw someone sitting on a bench strumming a ukulele. Toni introduced herself and told her she should meet her husband, Trevor, who played guitar.

It was the beginning of an enjoyable musical relationship between two lawn bowlers, Anne Carten and Trevor Ludski.

Anne introduced Trevor to Carrie Nelson and Judith Parkes, both ukulele players. The foursome decided to offer their services to the club in the form of a band that would play and perform at Friday evening barbecues. The band called itself **The 8-Enders**.

A fifth member, Nina Shoroplova, was later invited to join the band. Nina's classically trained voice, along with her array of percussion instruments added an enjoyable dimension.



The CATS: L to R: Sean Gunn, Trevor Ludski, Anne Carten and Carrie Nelson

In 2015, a sixth person was invited to play with the band. Sean Gunn, a Blues singer and bass guitarist, was just the addition the band was looking for to round off their music.

In 2016, two members decided to hang up their instruments. The remaining band members appropriately changed their name to **The CATS** (Carrie, Anne, Trevor, Sean).

The CATS continue to enjoy playing at club barbecues and social events. They also perform for charity events across the Lower Mainland.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals (2012)

Two members of SPLBC received this commemorative medal. The medal was created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. This medal is a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, it serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

Moya Jack, aged 96, a long-time member of Stanley Park LBC received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on July 25, 2012. Dr. John Blatherwick, former Chief Medical Officer for Vancouver, did the honors.

Moya received this award for her service during WW2 as a Regular Army Nursing Sister. She served behind the lines in France, Belgium and the Netherlands after setting up a field hospital at Lady Astors Home for Recovering Canadian Soldiers.



Moya Jack and Dr. John Blatherwick

Upon her return to Canada, she nursed in Winnipeg for several years before coming west to attend UBC where she studied community nursing. She worked for the City of Vancouver as a school nurse for the rest of her professional career. Moya has always been very active. While in Europe she learned to play tennis, ride and jump horses and cycled the country roads on off hours. She studied Adlerian Theory and ended up running parenting groups for twenty years as a volunteer. She attended the Adlerians annual conferences which afforded her the pleasure of seeing the world. She was an active bowler until she was 94 years old when she experienced failing health. Moya died in February 2013 at the age of 96.

Trevor Ludski, a new member of SPLBC at the time, was notified in June 2012 that he was to receive the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Since Trevor was unable to travel to Ontario to receive his medal, he was invited to attend a ceremony in Victoria on Monday, November 19, 2012, at which time his medal was presented to him by British Columbia's newly appointed Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Judith Guichon.



Trevor Ludski with B.C. Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Judith Guichon

Trevor served as Superintendent of Education for the Toronto District School Board, where he was asked to provide support for Aboriginal Education in the City of Toronto. In this capacity, Trevor was invited by the former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable James K. Bartleman, a member of the Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation, to coordinate the Toronto-Nunavut School Twinning Program. Its purpose was to develop cultural understanding between urban youth and their Northern counterparts.

Over 100 public, Catholic and Independent schools across the City of Toronto, along with all schools in Nunavut, participated in this unique initiative. Trevor travelled to the Arctic with Mr. Bartleman on several occasions to ensure the project's success. To further support Mr. Bartleman's Aboriginal Literacy initiative, Trevor supervised the collection and distribution of thousands of donated new and gently used books that were shipped to Nunavut schools.

Trevor invited Mr. Bartleman to be keynote speaker at a national conference for school superintendents and administrators in Whitehorse, Yukon that focussed on Aboriginal Education and Experiential Learning. As well, Trevor presented a paper on the Toronto-Nunavut Twinning Program.

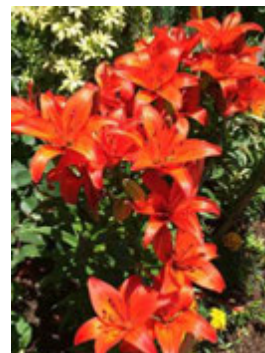
OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Gardens



Wagdy Senbel

While it is possible, and even likely, that there were gardens during the early years of the club, the first gardener that anyone remembers is **Ernie Paget** (see LIFE MEMBERS). He joined SPLBC in 1971 and it is likely that he started to garden shortly thereafter. He tended his garden adjacent to the west green, west of the clubhouse.



In 1996 **Wagdy Senbel** obtained permission from Ernie to start a flower garden adjacent to the east green. After much hard work of digging, hauling in soil, and tending plants, he has a fine looking garden. Wagdy has cared for this garden every year since its inception.

Ursula Gallucci joined the club in 1999 and asked Ernie if she could assist in the gardens. He gave her the centre garden to develop. She got help from volunteers to clear the area and worked on it for a few years. However, this was a difficult area to garden due to the roots of the big trees. When **Monika Hilson** arrived in 2006 and showed an interest in gardening, she was given the centre garden and Ursula joined Ernie to work on his garden. Ernie continued working in his garden as long as he could but eventually had to stop due to health reasons. Recently, Ursula found this garden too big and **Dean Malone** has taken it over.

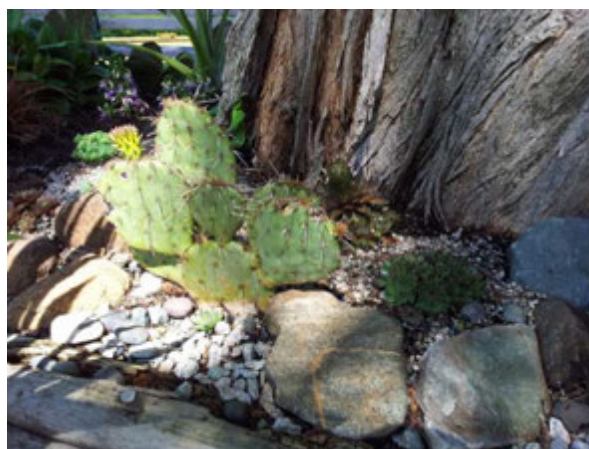
In the meantime, about 2006, **Wolf Schmitz** and **Bill Morten** planted a few shrubs and flowers along the fence on the west side of the west green. Bill maintained these for a couple of years but when he lost interest **Ann and Angus Carten** took it over and expanded it considerably.

The gardens received a major transformation when **Jim Matsuyama** and his partner **Bob Baranski** joined the club in 2014. Jim, in particular, was very organized and had a very high work capacity. In their first year they were, of course, given most of the centre garden. They worked extremely hard, digging out the tree roots, building up the beds with new topsoil and planting a variety of plants (see photos following). Jim also organized all the gardeners into a committee. They met on a few occasions and developed rules to follow, organized themselves to

apply for a few small grants that were available to gardeners as well as developing a website for the gardeners (<https://sites.google.com/site/splbcgarden/>). This site contains numerous photos of gardens at SPLBC as well as the activities of the gardeners.



Jim Matsuyama



Jim and Bob's Garden (left and above)

Bridge

Bridge has been a winter activity every Wednesday afternoon for many years. There is also a scheduled game every second week during the summer on Friday afternoons prior to the barbecue.

Euchre

Trevor and Toni Ludski started euchre at the club in 2012 with about 12 people. Apparently it is a very popular game in eastern Canada. The Monday afternoon sessions now usually draw more than forty people. Wendy Gerhard started a euchre session on Thursday evening to accommodate working people.

Carpet Bowling

In the fall of 2016 Surrey Lawn Bowling Club offered us their carpet bowling mats and bowls. President Keith Warriner accepted. As a result we now offer carpet bowling two afternoons per week during the winter season.



L to R: Susan Guthrie, Margaret Jackson, Bruce Hoadley and Lynn Kennedy.

Mahjong

Dan Remedios, following euchre on Mondays, started to teach a small group of enthusiasts how to play mahjong. This is a tile based game that originated in China.

Qigong

Mary Ann Gillies, who had previous experience with Qigong, in 2016 organized weekly classes for SPLBC members. The classes are given by her instructor, Jacob Larmour.

Qigong is described as “an ancient practice of preventative medicine. It is a gentle form of exercise that is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Through movement, breath and intention, we learn how to cultivate our life force energy (Qi) and optimize our experience of life. Our bodies become more flexible and responsive. Energy levels increase. Our emotions settle. We become calm and at ease. We find ourselves coming into alignment with our higher purpose. By becoming adept at working with Qi (energy), we improve the outcomes of all of the endeavours that we undertake in our lives”.



2016 – Yoga on the Green (Jane Spencer: Instructor)

IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES

As mentioned above, a small clubhouse was originally provided by the Park Board. I have no information concerning clubhouses between then and 1947.

The plaque on the current clubhouse indicates that it was built in 1947-48 through the generosity of the late **John Smith**. He apparently left a considerable amount of money in his will for this purpose. I understand that a “back room” and locker rooms were added on in the early 1970s. A sign over the door to the back room indicated it was the Buchanan Room presumably after **J.M. Buchanan** who was President in 1968. Again, one presumes that he donated money for this project.



John Smith



It is difficult to say precisely when the first backboards for the greens were installed. However, we have a picture taken in 1949 where no backboards exist and another group picture in 1951 where they do exist. Therefore, it appears that they were first installed about 1950.



Clubhouse in 1981. Note the lighting above the green.

The Minutes of an Executive meeting in October of 1987 reveal that a quote for new lighting on the Greens was received (\$24,000) and that the Park Board would pay half. A motion to submit the Club's share of \$12,000 to the Park Board was carried. The photo above illustrates the lighting that existed at the time. Again, it isn't clear what year they they were installed.

The washrooms were renovated about 2000 and the costs were shared between SPLBC and the Park Board. The SPLBC money may have come from a gaming grant that the Club received. The Club failed to receive grants in the following few years, in part due to having too much money on hand. My sense is that the Park Board has been quite generous toward the Club, particularly in the earlier years, in paying for or contributing to the cost of the more expensive items.

In 2003 the membership at the AGM followed the Executive's recommendation to spend most of the \$25K in GICs for renovating the kitchen. This was a very controversial decision as many members were against spending their nest egg. This renovation was supervised by Wagdy Senbel and everyone was quite happy with the result.

Between 2004 and 2007 John Sinclair was successful in obtaining five gaming grants totaling \$78,500 for club improvements. In 2004 we paid \$10,000 toward a \$70,000 new machine storage shed, in a shared arrangement with the Park Board. In 2005 we renovated the clubhouse: we replaced the wall to the back room with a beam and posts, changed the lights, replaced the window coverings and carpet, and painted the interior. Club members did some of this work. In 2006 we replaced all of the benches surrounding the greens. This was paid for to a large extent by "selling" the benches to present and past members of the Club for \$1300 each. The purchasers were entitled to a plaque on their bench. Over the winter months (in 2007) a group of volunteers, headed by Terry Hodgson, erected a curb around the central flowerbeds. In the spring, all the lockers were replaced by metal lockers. The exterior of the clubhouse was also painted.

2004



New Machine Shed Built

2005



Renovating the Clubhouse - Replacing the wall to the back room with beam and posts. Dave Hinds (lower left) was the carpenter in charge of this project. The carpets and lights were changed and the interior painted. Note the finished product (lower right).

2006



New Benches

2007



Driving the “Last Spike” for the Central Garden Bed 2007. B.Row: Dave Hinds, August, Terry Hodgson and John Sinclair. F.Row: Terry Larstone and John Bell.



New Lockers

2013

New backboards were installed and capped. The plinths were also raised.

2014 – Clubhouse Renovations





2015



Celebration of Renovation Tea for Wagdy Senbel and Volunteers. L to R: Hans Steen, John Gerhard, John Bell, David Fleming, Ruby Brandel, Albert Nieuwold, Wagdy (with flowers), John Sinclair, Terry Hodgson, Ursula Gallucci, Toni Ludski and Trevor Ludski.

The renovation began when Wagdy Senbel, an architect, was asked if he had any ideas for improving the look of the clubhouse. He came up with a plan with costs and a timeline that was approved by the Executive. Work began in mid-December 2014 and was completed in six weeks. Contractors were hired to remove the old carpet and install the new floor. Club member volunteers provided the labour to cut and install the wood for wainscoting, painting and a number of other smaller jobs. Twenty additional new lockers were purchased and installed. New furniture in the office was also installed.

In the spring of 2015 a Tea, arranged by Toni Ludski and her committee, was held for Wagdy and the volunteers to celebrate the renovation (see photo above).

Access Control System

All bowling members have the option of purchasing a key to the clubhouse. The reasoning behind this is to allow members to get their bowls out of the clubhouse for practice at any time. In early 2015 it was noted that some keys apparently didn't work and also a number of keys hadn't been returned when members left the club. Rather than putting in a new lock and providing everyone with new keys we decided to put in a FOB access system. This has the advantage that an individual FOB could be inactivated if the member lost their FOB or did not rejoin the club.

A Cedar Garden Shed and Lattice Fence

The shed for the storage of the gardeners equipment was purchased and erected behind the bowling storage shed attached to the clubhouse. The lattice fence separates the garden from the garbage and recycling bins located adjacent to the walkway to the new shed.

2016

New Upright Freezer, Refrigerator, and Ice-Maker

Replacement of the Castors on the Bowl Gathering Rakes

John Gerhard found a company to do this job.

Refurbishment of Scoreboards

John Sinclair with help from Lynn Kennedy, John Bell and Evelyn Bell refurbished the scoreboards (see photo below). This involved straightening the frames, sanding, cleaning and spray-painting the frames as well as replacing the separators. The separators are attached to the frames and adjusted for height to facilitate the flipping of the numbers.

The history of these scoreboards is that Wayne Hopwood (Agent for Henselite bowls at the time) had them made in the late 1960s and donated them to the BCLBA (which later morphed into Bowls BC). They were to be used for B.C. provincial and national competitions. So they were packed up and sent across the country to the site of these competitions every year for a few years. In time all the clubs obtained their own scoreboards so this shipping was no longer necessary. They were eventually turned over to SPLBC and refurbished with new numbers and separators by Dwight Green and John Bell. So this is how we came into their possession. They are very sturdy and have served us well over the years.



L to R: John Bell, Lynn Kennedy, John Sinclair and Evelyn Bell

2017

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

SPLBC was the recipient of an AED awarded through the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program. They also provided training in the use of the AED for six members.

An AED is used to treat someone with a suspected cardiac arrest. Since time is of the essence, it is a very useful device to have prior to the arrival of paramedics.

Thanks to the Health & Safety Committee (Geordie Stowell, Barb Coleman, Trevor Ludski, Anne Carten and Nils Gorseth) for their work on this file. Special thanks to Nils for bringing the PAD program to our attention and putting the application forward.

Audio-Visual Upgrades

A 60" TV screen will be used to display the score board for our tournaments, coaching videos and presentations during meetings.

New outside speakers were installed to replace the pager horns on the clubhouse roof. This will provide better sound for the playing of music on the greens for certain social events as well as making announcements.

Two wireless receivers and microphones were purchased to be used by the organizers of visiting groups, coaching sessions, tournaments and social events. The organizers will be able to go out into the middle of the greens using the microphones to teach or make announcements.

THE SPLBC HALL OF FAME

TABLE 1:
Provincial and National Medalists from SPLBC

This table lists members of the Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club who were successful in winning Provincial and/or Canadian medals. It also includes former SPLBC members who won while they were members of SPLBC. The list is in chronological order. In the case of teams, the skip is listed first with the third, second and lead following.

YEAR	TEAM	EVENT	BC RESULTS	CDN CHAMPIONSHIPS	MEN OR WOMEN
1958	Graham Jarvis Tom Jarvis	Pairs	Gold	Gold	M
1959	Bill Gavin Malcolm Nelson John Gavin Tom Moorcroft	Fours	Gold	Silver	M
1960	Jimmy Slight Malcolm Nelson Tom Mathias Walter Little	Fours	Gold	Silver	M
1960	Tom. Jarvis	Singles	Gold	Silver	M
1961	Graham Jarvis Tom Jarvis	Pairs	Gold	Silver	M
1962	Bill Gavin Malcolm Nelson Andy Rae Tom Jarvis	Fours	Gold	Silver	M
1964	Carl Eastwood Bill Johnston Tom Jarvis Archie Runcie	Fours	Gold	Silver	M
1967	Jim Jarvis Malcolm Nelson Tom Malcolm George Anderson	Fours	Gold	Gold	M
1968	Jim Jarvis Malcolm Nelson Sam Caffyn John McCabe	Fours	Gold	Silver	M

YEAR	TEAM	EVENT	BC RESULTS	CDN CHAMPIONSHIPS	MEN OR WOMEN
1969	Tom Jarvis Sam Caffyn Jim Denholm Ted Hodgson	Fours	Gold	Gold	M
1971	Bert Leadbetter Sam Caffyn George Anderson Frank Johnson	Fours	Gold	Gold	M
1974	Dorrie Caffyn Elsie Craig Ruby Marchant+	Triples	Gold		W
1974	R. Larochelle W. Kalke B. Corcoran G. Jarvis	Fours	Gold	Gold	M
1975	Jean Walsh Enid Green Elsie Skiles	Triples	Gold		W
1977	Tom Jarvis	Singles	Gold	Gold	M
1978	John Henderson	Singles	Gold	Gold	M
1979	Bob Scullion John Bell Jim Kirkpatrick Jerry Walsh	Fours	Gold		M
1979	Jean Walsh Enid Green Elsie Skiles	Triples	Gold		W
1979	Sheila Butter Flora Dewar Ann Maze	Triples	Silver		W
1980	Graham Jarvis Dave Brown	Pairs	Gold	Gold	M
1981	Trudy Corcoran Ethyl Jones Evelyn Bell	Triples	Gold	Gold	W
1982	John Bell Brian Taylor	Pairs	Gold	Silver	M
1982	Dolly Stirling	Singles	Gold		W
1983	Bob Scullion John Bell Bob Hinksman Brian Taylor	Fours	Gold	Silver	M
1985	Graham Jarvis	Singles	Gold	Gold	M

YEAR	TEAM	EVENT	BC RESULTS	CDN CHAMPIONSHIPS	MEN OR WOMEN
1988	Enid Green* Evelyn Bell* Elsie Skiles*	Triples	Gold	Gold	W
1988	Dorothy Macey Sheila Buttar*	Pairs	Gold	Gold	W
1989	Steve Forrest	Singles	Gold	Gold	M
1989	Peter Fish Mark Raymond*	Pairs	Gold	Bronze	M
1989	Dorothy Macey Sheila Buttar* Sylvia Broomhall Helen Lam	Fours	Gold	Gold	W
1990	Alice Duncalf* Leona Peterson* Evelyn Bell* Allie Eccles*	Fours	Gold	Bronze	W
1990	Peter Fish Dave Duncalf Dave Brown Mark Raymond*	Fours	Gold	Gold	M
1992	Steve Forrest Nick Watkins Jim Aitken* Mark Raymond*	Fours	Gold	Gold	M
1992	Robin Forrest* Audrey Brown	Pairs	Gold		W
1993	Sheila Buttar*	Singles	Gold		W
1995	Sheila Buttar* Helen Lam	Pairs	Gold	Silver	W
1995	Sylvia Broomhall Sheila Buttar* Pat Aarvold Helen Lam	Fours	Silver		W
1995	Jim Aitken*	Singles	Gold		M
1996	Sheila Buttar*	Singles	Gold	Bronze	W
1996	Jim Aitken* Mark Raymond*	Pairs	Silver		M
1996	Graham Jarvis* Bruce Matheson Larry Clark Edwin Waterson	Fours	Gold	Gold	M
1997	Sheila Buttar*	Singles	Gold	Gold	W

YEAR	TEAM	EVENT	BC RESULTS	CDN CHAMPIONSHIPS	MEN OR WOMEN
1997	John Aveline Walter Kalke Michael Sanderson* Tony Boucher	Fours	Silver		M
1997	Martha Welch*	Singles	Bronze		W
1998	Sheila Buttar*	Singles	Silver	Gold	W
1998	Martha Welsh*	Singles	Gold		W
1998	Martha Welsh* Joan Bennett Marj Mitchell Sue Smith	Fours	Silver		W
1998	Michael Sanderson* Michael Long	Pairs	Silver		M
1999	Ted Waterston Renate Clay*	Pairs	Gold	Silver	Mixed
1999	Sheila Buttar*	Singles	Gold	Bronze	W
1999	Renate Clay*	Singles	Silver		W
2000	Renate Clay*	Singles	Silver		W
2000	Ted Waterston Harry Rihela Steve Santana Joe de Bruin*	Fours	Gold	Gold	M
2000	George Boxwell Bruce Matheson Graham Jarvis* Jim Buttar*	Fours	Silver		M
2001	Sheila Buttar* Marg Duvarney Mary Wright Marj Mitchell	Fours	Silver		W
2001	On-Kow Au Pat Aarvold Mary Ann Gillies* Josephine Lee	Fours	Bronze		W
2001	Jim Buttar* Mel Eccles C.P. Au Chester Yeung	Fours	Bronze		M
2001	Martha Welsh* Barb Gandy	Pairs	Bronze		W
2001	Michael Sanderson* Martha Welsh*	Pairs	Bronze		Mixed
2002	Mary Ann Gillies*	Singles	Gold		W

YEAR	TEAM	EVENT	BC RESULTS	CDN CHAMPIONSHIPS	MEN OR WOMEN
2002	Martha Welsh* Christine Soukoroff Joan Barker Barb Gandy	Fours	Silver		W
2002	Joe de Bruin* Roddy McDonald K.K. Li Fred Fong	Fours	Bronze		M
2003	Michael Sanderson* Martha Welsh*	Pairs	Silver		Mixed
2003	Christine Soukoroff Sheila Buttar * Corrine Brost Joyce Logan	Fours	Bronze		W
2003	Joe de Bruin* George Brost Al Carney	Triples	Bronze		Sr. M
2004	Michael Sanderson*	Singles	Gold		M
2004	Martha Welsh* Sidney Hope Mary Wright Barb Gandy	Fours	Silver		W
2005	Martha Welsh*	Singles	Gold		W
2007	Beryl Harrington Juanita Tucker Evie MacCallum Mary Ann Gillies*	Fours	Gold	Bronze	W

* Stanley Park LBC Members

+ Ruby Marchant was on the winning Provincial team in 1974. Due to illness she could not participate in the Canadian competition and was replaced by Enid Green.

Originally team members had to all be from the same bowling club. A consequence of this rule was that many players belonged to two or more clubs so that they could play with certain individuals. After the mid-1980s a team could be composed of members from various clubs. SPLBC members are therefore highlighted with an asterisk from 1988 on.

The following SPLBC medalists are profiled below:

The Jarvis Family

John Henderson

Sam Caffyn

Sheila Buttar

Jim Buttar

Evelyn Bell

John Bell

Jim Aitken

Mark Raymond

Joe de Bruin

Martha Welsh

Michael Sanderson

Mary Ann Gillies

The Jarvis Family

Graham attributes his bowling skill to starting at an early age plus the tutelage of his grandfather and father. Both were very good bowlers. Graham was the youngest of three children born in Paisley, Scotland. Since his mother died during his birth his family was amalgamated with that of his grandparents.

Graham began bowling when he was five years old. His grandfather would bowl every afternoon and take Graham with him to the Club. He would bowl by himself on the lawn adjacent to the Green for two hours every day while his grandfather had his game. Graham loved it and was often back again in the evenings when his father bowled. By the time he was seven, Graham would be counting the men arriving at the clubhouse, hoping there would be an odd number. In that case he would be invited to bowl with the men.

Graham arrived in Canada in 1957 following his brother **Tom** who came over three years earlier. They were the first SPLBC members to win a Canadian championship – a Gold Medal in Pairs in 1958. They also won the Silver Medal in the same event in 1961. At about this time, Graham was finding that his job as Manager-Engineering Services with McGavin's Bakery, sometimes took him out of town during competitions. Not wanting to let his team down, he



decided to quit bowling. He returned to the game about ten years later, this time as a member of Van South and continued his winning ways. He has won a total of 15 B.C. Gold Medals and is the current record holder in that regard.

Graham has acquired an outstanding record in international bowling circles (see attached). His pride and commitment to Canadian bowls is evident by the events surrounding the 1978 Commonwealth Games. During the previous Commonwealth Games in 1974 in New Zealand, Graham had been assigned to play second (a position he had never played before) on the Fours team. When the team was not doing well, Graham suggested to the Manager that he make some positional changes and was told that the Manager did not have the power to do this.

**Tom and Graham Jarvis,
1990 Gold Medallion winners in Vancouver.**

Upon his return home, at a meeting with the national body, Graham told them in no uncertain terms that they must change their approach to international competition. He said that they must appoint a Manager with adequate international experience and the authority to make decisions. In the end they appointed Graham as the Manager/Coach of the Canadian team for the 1978 commonwealth Games. It was understood and agreed that Graham could not be a player in these Games. He held two rigorous training sessions in Vancouver and Los Angeles to reduce the 14-man national squad to the 7-man team that would play in the 1978 Commonwealth games in Edmonton. He assessed every player for compatibility, and bowler's strengths and weaknesses and placed them in their best playing positions. About a month before the Games were to begin the skip of the Pairs team suddenly died. There being no player readily available for the Skip position in his opinion, Graham's solution was to resign as Manager/Coach and take over the Skip position himself. Canada almost won the Gold medal in Pairs and the team finished in a very respectable position. Two years later, Graham skipped Canada to the Silver medal in the World Pairs event and Canada placed sixth out of 20 entries. Graham purposely quit bowling at the international level when he turned 60 so as to give younger players an opportunity to play at this level.

When I last saw Graham in 2004 he was living in Victoria with his wife Jeanette. He was an outgoing hospitable man. He obviously knew bowling, had strong views on various subjects related to the game, and was quite willing to lend a hand to other bowlers. Unfortunately, it appears that he now has Alzheimer's disease. He is currently living in a care home in Victoria.

The Jarvis family was quite a force for SPLBC in the 1960s. Graham's brother Tom was also a very successful bowler, having won a total of 9 B.C. Gold Medals and Canadian Gold Medals in Pairs ('58), Fours ('69) and Singles ('77). **Jim** Jarvis, father to Graham and Tom, arrived in Canada in 1963 at the age of 67, initially as a visitor. He found that his health markedly improved in our moderate climate and decided to make the move permanent the following year. In 1967 he skipped a Fours team to a Canadian Gold Medal. In 1968 his team won the Canadian Fours Silver Medal. Jim died in 1980 at the age of 84.

Graham Jarvis was honoured by having his name associated with the North American Challenge (NAC). This is a bowls matchup between Canada and the United States of America. The NAC is played bi-annually in even years with locations alternating between the USA and Canada. First being held in 1995, the tournament is sanctioned by World Bowls as an international event. Each country fields two teams: a Jarvis team and a Folkins team. Each team consists of five male and five female athletes. The teams are named after Dick Folkins, a legendary American bowler, and Graham Jarvis, a long time international contender for Canada.



**Jim and Graham Jarvis,
Canadian Gold Medal winners.**

Jim

Gold: 1967(F)

Silver: 1968(F)

Graham

Gold: 1958(P), 1974(F), 1980(P),
1985(S), 1996(F)

Silver: 1961(P), 1973(F),
1977(F), 1979(F), 1981(F),
1993(P)

Tom

Gold: 1958(P), 1969(F), 1977(S)

Silver: 1960(S), 1961(P), 1962(F),
1964(F), 1981(S)



Graham Jarvis at his home in Victoria in 2004.

BOWLS RECORD - GRAHAM W. JARVIS - CANADA**VANCOUVER ISLAND CHAMPION**

Premier Pairs	1984	1985
Wilkerson Shield Pairs	1984	
Greenslade Triples	1985	
Peace Cup Singles	1985	

VANCOUVER & DISTRICT CHAMPION

Invitational Singles	1972	1975				
Birks Singles	1977	1980				
Sanderson Pairs	1958	1961	1963			
Gold Medallion Pairs	1972	1978	1980	1990		
Premier Pairs	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1984

BC WEEK TOURNAMENT

Singles	1988
Pairs	1988
Bowler of the Week	1988

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMPION

Singles	1976	1985	1988					
Pairs	1958	1961	1980	1993				
Fours	1973	1974	1977	1978	1981	1995	1996	2001

CANADIAN CHAMPION - GOLD MEDAL

Singles	1985	
Pairs	1958	1980
Fours	1974	1996

CANADIAN CHAMPION - SILVER MEDAL

Pairs	1961	1993		
Fours	1973	1977	1979	1981

CANADIAN CHAMPION - BRONZE MEDAL

Singles	1988	
Fours	1978	1995

US NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPION

Singles	1973	} Member - Triple Crown Club
Pairs	1973	
Triples	1979	

WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS - AUSTRALIA - SILVER MEDAL

Pairs	1980
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PACIFIC GAMES - PAPUA NEW GUINEA - SILVER MEDAL

Pairs	1987
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AUSTRALIA BICENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL - BRONZE MEDAL

Pairs	1988
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SELECTION:

Commonwealth Games, Christchurch, New Zealand	1974
World Bowls, Johannesburg, South Africa	1976
All Stars Invitational Pairs, Newcastle, Australia	1977
Commonwealth Games, Edmonton, Canada	1978
World Bowls Championships, Melbourne, Australia	1980
Pacific Games, Papua New Guinea	1987
World Indoor Singles Championships, London, England	1988
Bicentennial International, Tweed Heads, Australia	1988

John Henderson



John worked at a bank in Toronto in 1950 when he first tried lawn bowling. He liked it so much that he more or less gave up golf although he was a proficient player at the sport. In 1955 the bank transferred him to Montreal and his career in lawn bowling really took off. In 1955 he won the first of six Quebec Singles championships and by 1970 he had competed in ten national championship events. He was a Pairs champion in 1969. Upon his retirement in 1971 he moved to Vancouver and initially joined the Vancouver South LBC. In 1978 he joined SPLBC. After moving to BC, he continued to be a force in bowling circles but was now representing BC. In total he won four Gold and three Silver medals at the Canadian championships.

Year	Provincial Event	Provincial Result	Canadian Result	Partners
1958	Singles	Gold: P.Q.	Silver	
1966	Singles	Gold: P.Q.	Silver	
1968	Singles	Gold: P.Q.	Silver	
1969	Pairs	Gold: P.Q.	Gold	H.H. Elliott
1970	Singles	Gold: P.Q.	Gold	
1977	Pairs	Gold: B.C.	Gold	L. Sousae
1978	Singles	Gold: B.C.	Gold	

Internationally, he competed for the first time in 1962 at the World Open Tournament, winning the Singles event. In 1966 he captained the Canadian team in the first-ever World Championships held in Sydney Australia. In 1970 he was selected for Canada's seven-man team to play at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland.

INVITATION: Air New Zealand World Singles, Auckland, New Zealand 1981
 Hong Kong International Classic Pairs 1988 1989

AWARDS: Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977
 Vancouver Civic Medal 1958 1974 1980
 District of Saanich Civic Medal 1986

John was also heavily involved with the administration side of lawn bowling: President of the Westmount Club in Montreal, President of the Quebec Bowling Association, President of the Canadian Lawn Bowling Association (1967), Junior Vice-President of the International Bowling Board (1972), Senior Vice-President of the International Bowling Board (1974), and President of the International Bowling Board (1976-78). In this capacity he is seen below with the Royal Family at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, AB.



John Henderson pictured with the Royal Family at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, AB.

Greta, John's second wife, met him at the lawn bowling club in Honolulu. She reports that he was a chain smoker and had a habit of discarding his lit butts in the ditch. One day she stepped on one of these butts and let him know in no uncertain terms what she thought of his habit. They were married in 1982 and enjoyed traveling extensively until his death from lung cancer in 1988.

Sam Caffyn

Sam started bowling in 1955 at New Westminster LBC. He did not bowl as often as he would have liked as he was still working as a life insurance salesman, which he did for 36 years. He retired in 1966 and he and his wife, Dorrie, moved to Vancouver's West End and joined Stanley Park LBC in 1966. His daughter, Sheila Buttar, reports that Sam treated bowling as he had done his work - he wanted to be the best and would practice for hours by himself to improve his bowling. She claims that her dad was not well coordinated and taught himself to bowl entirely mechanically. It worked, evidenced by the fact that he won most of the major V&D competitions. Along with Tom Jarvis, Jim Denholm and Ted Hodgins he won the Canadian Fours in 1969. This qualified them to represent Canada in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1970.



**1969 Canadian Fours Champions and
1970 Canadian Commonwealth Team in Edinburgh,
U.K.**

L to R: Ted Hodgson (Lead), Jim Denholm (2nd),
Sam Caffyn (3rd) and Tom Jarvis (Skip).

Ted Hodgson

Gold: 1969(F)

Jim Denholm

Gold: 1969(F)

Sam Caffyn

Gold: 1969(F), 1971(F)

Silver: 1968(F)

Tom Jarvis

Gold: 1958(P), 1969(F),
1977(S)

Silver: 1960(S), 1961(P),
1962(F), 1964(F),
1981(S)





1971 B.C. and Canadian Fours Champions:

Bert Leadbetter (Skip), Sam Caffyn (3rd), George Anderson (2nd) and Frank Johnson (Lead).

Note the outdoor lighting on the greens at the time this picture was taken.

In 1971 Sam was a member of the team that included Frank Johnson, George Anderson and Bert Leadbetter that won the Canadian championship. This qualified Sam and Bert Leadbetter to bowl in the 1972 World Bowls in Worthing, England. They didn't win too many games but thoroughly enjoyed the adventure.



Sam was president of the BCLBA in the late 60s and also very active in the Pacific Indoor club.

The picture of Sam at left was taken at the 1988 SPLBC Opening Day.

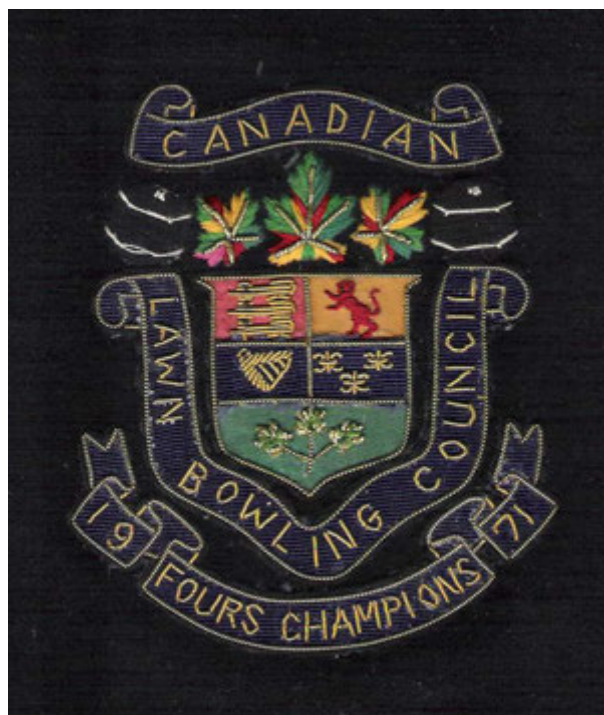
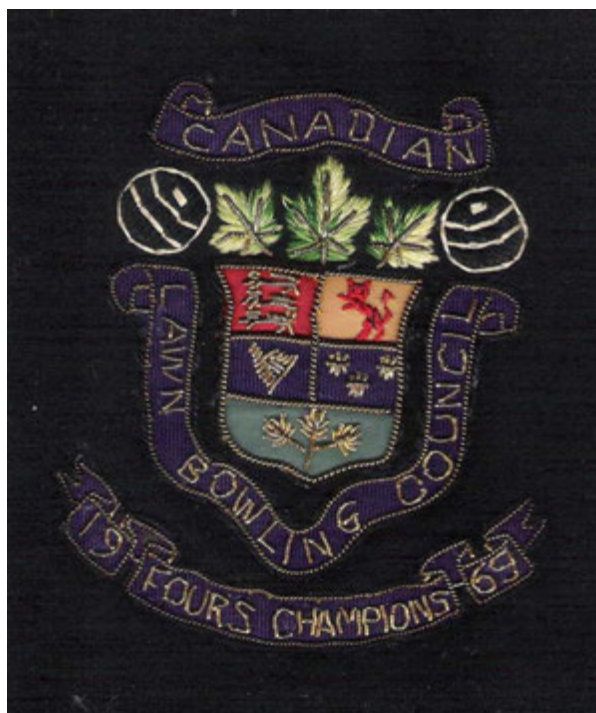
Sam was considered a gentleman bowler and was a pleasure to bowl with or against. His knowledge of the game was second to none. He was very competitive in bowls until the end of his life. He died in 1991 at the age of 86.



1969 Canadian Fours Champions.

**L to R:
Ted Hodgson
Tom Jarvis
Sam Caffyn
Jim Denholme**

John Henderson is next.
At the time, he was representing Quebec. He later moved to Vancouver and became a member of SPLBC (see above).



**Badges Awarded to Sam Caffyn and Team for the
1969 and 1971 Canadian Gold Medal in Men's Fours**

Sheila Buttar



Sheila was born in Montreal, Quebec and attended school in Ville LaSalle, P.Q. as well as New Westminster, B.C. She has been happily married to Jim for 62 years and they have two boys, Lennie and Andy, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild born in 2015. Sheila taught Elementary school in Burnaby for two years before taking a time out to raise her sons. Lennie and Andy have not had the time to take up bowling seriously. With their gene pool they could probably be champion bowlers.

Sheila's bowling career began in 1955 at New Westminster LBC. Her parents (Dorrie and Sam Caffyn – see above) were avid bowlers and got Sheila and Jim started the first year they were married. They ended up as Presidents of the Men's and Women's Clubs. The only major competitions then were the Lower Mainland (later V&D) and BC Week. A highlight for Sheila was meeting her mother in the final of the Lower Mainland Singles. Her mother won, which was a popular win since everyone thought it would not be nice for Sheila to beat her mother!

The family lived and bowled on Long Island, N.Y. from 1972-76 as a result of Jim being transferred in his job with ITT Rayonier. They bowled at Sunrise LBC on Long Island where Sheila skipped a winning Fours team to the American Northeast Championships in 1974 and was runner-up in 1975.

They moved back to Vancouver and joined Stanley Park in 1977. Sheila initially bowled with Flora Dewar and Ann Maze for a couple of years and won the Provincial Silver in Triples in 1979. She also played Triples in Provincials with Ann and Mattie Walker as well as with Ann and Greta Henderson. Greta, Sheila and Adele Cittone won the BC Week Triples in the early '80s.

The Western Classic, held in Edmonton, consisted of Men's and Women's Pairs as well as Men's and Women's Singles. Sheila won the Singles event in 1988.

Sheila joined Vancouver South LBC in 1988 in order to participate in more competitive bowling. Sheila has an outstanding competitive record. She is the holder of eight provincial championship medals as listed below. Moreover, on only one occasion did she fail to win a medal at the Canadian Championships when representing the Province.

Provincial and Canadian Championships Record:

Year	Provincial Event	Provincial Result	Canadian Result	Partners
1988	Pairs	Gold	Gold	Dorothy Macey
1989	Fours	Gold	Gold	Dorothy Macey, Sylvia Broomhall and Helen Lam
1993	Singles	Gold		
1995	Pairs	Gold	Silver	Helen Lam
1996	Singles	Gold	Bronze	
1997	Singles	Gold	Gold	
1998	Singles	Silver	Gold*	
1999	Singles	Gold	Bronze	

*As the competition was held in B.C. there were two representatives from our province. Sheila was also a member of Team Canada in 1990 and 1991.



1989 B.C. and Canadian Fours Champions:

Helen Lam (lead), Sylvia Broomhall (2nd), Sheila Buttar (3rd) and Dorothy Macey (skip).



1998 Canadian Singles Gold Medalist

Sheila and Jim found that some of their most enjoyable bowling activities involved going away for tournaments. For example, they bowled in Las Vegas at the Hacienda Hotel where they turned their ballroom into an Indoor Bowling Green. This tournament, held in the last week of January, consisted of 64 open triples teams bowling for 3 days. Immediately after that they would compete in a Mixed Fours tournament in Sun City, AZ followed by an Open Pairs tournament.

Indoor bowling has also been a passion for Sheila and Jim for many years. They won the Open Pairs at Victoria Indoor one year and Sheila was the first woman to win the Keith Shaw Open Singles there. She played three final games on the last day against men to win. Sheila along with Shirley Lai and Norma Bourne were the first women's team to win the Henselite League in the old Pacific Indoor Bowling Club. In fact, they won it twice in a row. This club, at 19th and Main St. in Vancouver, closed in 2001 after 63 years of service.

The Butters were again greatly involved with the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club when, in 2005, it moved into the Millennium Sport Facility in Hillcrest Park in Vancouver.

Unfortunately, time has taken its toll on Sheila's knees and she is no longer bowling.

Jim Buttar

Jim has won two Silver Medals and a Bronze in the Provincial championships. He has been super-active in bowling for forty years. Among his activities was President of V&D in 1966 and 2003 as well as Treasurer and Games Chairman. He was also Treasurer of the Provincial Association for a couple of years in the early 1980s. In honour of his many contributions, Jim received the President's Award from Sports B.C in 2000.

In recognition of Jim's many years of work for the V & D, Jim was made an Honorary Life Member of all 22 V&D Clubs at the Annual V&D Meeting in the fall of 2005. He has also been a willing volunteer for many years at SPLBC as well as at the Vancouver South Club.



2000: Jim Buttar (left) receiving the President's Award from Sports B.C.

Making the presentation is Bob Gardiner, President of Bowls B.C.

Evelyn Bell

Evelyn was born in Livermore, CA. She met John in 1949 when she was on a cruise to Alaska and he was a Steward on the ship. They were married about a year later and have two sons, Larry and Clifford.

Evelyn and John became interested in lawn bowling when their church Assistant Minister, who was the President of Dunbar LBC, invited the congregation down to give it a try. That was in 1967 and they have been active bowlers ever since. That year Evelyn won both the Dunbar and the Lower Mainland Novice Championship.

In addition to the Dunbar Club, Evelyn and John have been members of the Vancouver LBC and Terminal City (name later changed to Granville Park LBC). They joined SPLBC in 1976 when they moved to the West End after John retired.

Prior to 1972 Evelyn was the Secretary of the Dogwood Lawn Bowling Association. She along with Isabelle Whitaker and Isabelle Appleby spearheaded the campaign to get women into the Canadian lawn bowling championships. This first occurred in 1972.



1981 B.C. and Canadian Gold:

Evelyn Bell (lead)
 Trudy Corcoran (skip)
 Ethyl Jones (third)

These are the first women from SPLBC to win a medal at the Canadian championships. In those days the format was simply a round robin amongst all the teams.



1988 B.C. and Canadian Gold Triples:

Elsie Skiles (lead)
Evelyn Bell (3rd)
Enid Green (skip)

This was the last year of Triples in the Canadian Championships. The Triples competition was replaced by Fours in 1989.



1990 B.C. Gold and Canadian Bronze Fours:

Allie Eccles (lead)
Leona Peterson (3rd)
Alice Duncalf (skip)
Evelyn Bell (2nd).

Evelyn was made a life-member of SPLBC in 2009.

John Bell

After spending almost 20 years as a coach, manager, and referee at various levels in amateur soccer in Vancouver, John Bell discovered the sport of lawn bowls in 1967. For a while, the two sports kept his free time fully occupied, but by the mid-1970s, lawn bowls had won out. From then on, John devoted his considerable energy to the sport, getting involved in all facets of the game. An early example of both his energy and his generosity can be seen in 1969 when he designed a lightweight bowls pusher, and then freely shared his design and construction methods with other clubs so that they could upgrade their outworn equipment. By the late 1970s and early 1980s, his skills as a bowler had garnered him three provincial championships and two national silver medals.



1979 B.C. Gold Medalists:

Gerry Walsh (lead)
 Jim Kirkpatrick (2nd)
 John Bell (3rd)
 Bob Scullion (skip).



1982 B.C. Gold and Canadian Silver Pairs Medalists:

Brian Taylor (lead)
 John Bell (skip).



**1983 B.C. Gold and Canadian Silver
Fours Medalists:**

Brian Taylor (lead)
Bob Hinksman (2nd)
Bob Scullion (skip)
John Bell (3rd).



Graham and Selina Jarvis (left) pictured here with Evelyn and John Bell in the second year of the Kerrisdale Diamond Doubles (1991). On this occasion the Bells were winners of the event. The Jarvisses were the winners in the first year.

Since 1986, John has been a certified umpire. He has umpired at all levels of the sport, from the club right through to international games. From 1993-2002 he was head of officiating for the Canadian Blind Bowls Council. In 1993, he was the Games Scheduling Secretary and

Record Keeper for the World Blind Bowls Championships in Victoria. In 1996, John was the head umpire at the IOC Paralympic Games in Atlanta.



John Bell (left), Head Umpire at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, GA. He is pictured here with the other Canadian Umpires.

John's interest in blind bowling began in 1991, when he first took on the job of Provincial Advisor for Lawn Bowling at the BC Summer Games. He held that post until 1997, and at the same time, he took on the role of a director for blind bowlers. From 1991-1998, John worked with provincial and national caliber blind bowlers. His job as a director was to inform the bowler of the position of the jack and to tell the bowler how far his/her bowl must be rolled to come in contact with or near the jack. Bowlers he has directed have won gold medals at provincial and national levels.

John also became a certified coach, gaining his NCCP Level 1 status in 1989 and Level 2 in 2000. He has been active as a coach in his club, where several of the players he has coached have gone on to win district and provincial championships.

At Stanley Park John is known as the man to see if you are in need of a set of bowls. He has been very active around the Club, helping with the Greens, assigning men's lockers and just doing what needs to be done.

In recognition of the thousands of hours that he has freely given to the sport of lawn bowls, in 1990, Terminal City Lawn Bowling Club (now Granville Park LBC) presented John with a life membership. In 1997, he was awarded the President's Award from the BC Lawn Bowling Association. Finally, in 2003 he was awarded a life membership to Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club. There cannot be many people who hold a life membership to more than one lawn bowling club. In 2003 John was awarded the Award of Merit from Bowls Canada in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of bowls.

Jim Aitken



2003: This picture of **Jim Aitken (right) and Mark Raymond** was taken on the occasion when each received pins from Bowls Canada Boulingrin for 25 years of bowling. Jim and Mark were partners on the 1992 Fours team that won the Canadian Gold medal as well as the 1996 Pairs team that won the B.C. Silver medal.

Jim was raised in a central Ontario town called Brechin. He moved to B.C. in 1978. He has a daughter and granddaughter living in Calgary.

Jim got into bowling as a result of playing Pitch and Putt at Stanley Park in a foursome that included Bernard Siddle. He was a bowler and he brought Jim over to the Club where he met President Norm Wood (Louise Wood's husband). Jim started bowling in 1979 and SPLBC has always been his home Club.

“Mr. Bowling” is a name that could be applied to Jim Aitken. He has been active in the administration of bowling at the club, provincial and national levels for many years as outlined below:

- President of SPLBC: 1987, 1988, 1994, 1995, 2002, 2003.
- Various other positions at SPLBC : Games Chair, Greens Chair, House Chair.
- 1993 - Executive member of British Columbia Lawn Bowls Association (B.C.L.B.A. now known as Bowls BC.)
- 1994, 1995, 1996 - Games Chair of B.C.L.B.A.
- 1995 & 1996 - President of B.C.L.B.A.
- 1997 - 1999 - BC Director to Bowls Canada Boulingrin.
- 1999 - 2001 - Executive Member Bowls Canada Boulingrin, World Indoor Bowling Council (WIBC) delegate.
- 2002 - 2003 - Vice President Bowls Canada Boulingrin, WIBC delegate.
- 2003 - President Bowls Canada Boulingrin, WIBC delegate.

Jim has also been very successful in the competitive world of bowling, winning three provincial Gold medals and one Silver medal as well as one Canadian Gold medal.

Provincial and Canadian Championships record:

Year	Provincial Event	Provincial Result	Canadian Result	Partners
1992	Fours	Gold	Gold	Steve Forrest, Nick Watkins and Mark Raymond
1995	Singles	Gold		
1996	Mixed Pairs	Gold	No nationals played	Marg Shields
1996	Pairs	Silver		Mark Raymond

In 1996 - 1997 Jim was also a member of the National Team and played in the North American Challenge in Oshawa, Ont. (1996) and the Hong Kong Classic (1997).

Mark Raymond (Pictured above with Jim Aitken)

Mark first made his mark in bowls by becoming the first B.C. Junior champion in 1989. The same year, as a member of North Vancouver LBC, he along with Peter Fish became the B.C. Pairs champions. This was followed by a couple of provincial and national championships in 1990 and 1992. Mark was also a member of the National Team in 1991 and 1992. Finally, Mark won a B.C. Silver medal with Jim Aitken in Pairs in 1996. These results are summarized in the following Table.

Provincial and Canadian Championships record:

Year	Provincial Event	Provincial Result	Canadian Result	Partners
1989	Jr. Singles	Gold	*	
1989	Pairs	Gold	Bronze	Peter Fish
1990	Fours	Gold	Gold	Peter Fish, Dave Brown Dave Duncalf
1992	Fours	Gold	Gold	Steve Forrest Nick Watkins Jim Aitken
1996	Pairs	Silver		Jim Aitken

* No national competition available.

Joe de Bruin

Joe was born in Holland and moved to Canada in 1952. He was married and has three children. He worked for a number of years at Woodward Stores ending up as Divisional Manager of Visual Merchandizing, retiring in 1991. In 1994, Joe was the Manager of Pageantry at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria where he first noticed lawn bowling. From 1995 – 1998 he was Director of Store Design for Euro-Bata at the Paris office.

Returning to Canada in 1998 Joe joined SPLBC. After about 20 minutes of coaching from Enid Green he was deemed to be acceptable. He quickly got into competitions and was very successful in 2000: He was a member of the gold medal Men's Fours team in B.C. and Canada. He was also a member of the Canadian team that won the gold medal that year at the Can-Am Classics in Edmonton. Their 2000 Fours team was awarded the Cy English Award which is an award for the best overall team at the Canadian championships. Joe competes extensively and has won a couple of B.C. bronze medals in recent years (see below).



2000 B.C. and Canadian Men's Fours Champions:

L. to R: Joe de Bruin (lead), Harry Rihela (3rd), Ted Waterston (skip) and Steve Santana (2nd).

Harry is from White Rock, Ted was from Maple Ridge (now deceased) and Steve, at the time, was from Burnside in Victoria.

Other Awards:

2002 B.C. Men's Fours Bronze Medal: Joe de Bruin (skip), Roddy McDonald (3rd; Van. South), K.K. Li (2nd; Chilliwack) and Fred Fong (lead; New Westminster).

2003 B.C. Senior Men's Triples Bronze Medal: Joe de Bruin (skip), George Brost (3rd) and Al Carney (lead). Both George and Al are from White Rock.

2004 B.C. Men's Fours Gold Medal and Canadian Silver Medal: Hiren Bhartu (skip), Germaine Santana (3rd), Joe de Bruin (2nd) and Fred Fong (lead). Hiren and Fred are from New Westminster, Germaine is from Vancouver South and Joe was from Granville Park.

Martha Welsh

Martha was born in London, Ontario. She was educated in Ontario and her degrees include an M.Ed (U of Toronto) and M.A. (McMaster U.). She is married to Michael Sanderson (see below) and they have cats but no kids. Martha has held many jobs, which include metal soldering in auto parts factory, College Teacher & ESL instructor and owner of a gourmet chocolate shop. She recently worked as General Manager of Business Improvement Area in Vancouver.

Martha started bowling in 1983 in Calgary at the Legion near her home. Her talent was quickly apparent and she was soon in great demand by members who happened to be Canadian and International Champions looking for young blood. She started skipping in her second year and won a huge tournament in Calgary (with the men) as well as top honours in the Medicine Hat 3-day tournament. In her third year she captured top points in Alberta. After 5 years away from bowling to concentrate on her business ventures she moved to Kitchener, Ontario with Michael in 1990. She skipped the winning Fours team in the Provincial Championships in 1994.

She moved to BC in 1996 but wasn't allowed to bowl in any Provincials due to the residency requirement. The only men's tournament that she bowled in BC was the Gold Medallion which has since changed the rules to permit men bowlers only. Martha strongly believes all tournaments should be open to women and men. Since this sport does not rely on strength, she sees no logical reason to separate men and women. She is also a proponent of coloured team shirts. She recalls entering a local women's tournament at Stanley Park in 1996 and the main topic of conversation was her team's orange shirts. They were the only team in coloured shirts.



Martha won the B.C. Provincial Gold medal in Singles in 1998. She is pictured here being presented with the winner's plaque by Bowls B.C. President, Charlie Graydon.

Interestingly, in 1998 at the National championships, Bowls Canada decided to offer a second entry to the host Province to fill the vacancies created by certain Provinces not attending. As a result, BC had an "A" team and a "B" team. Long story short, it caused so much controversy with other provinces because B.C. picked up more than its share of medals, that this format was abandoned. Sheila Buttar (a "B" team player) won the National Singles Gold medal that year. Martha also won the Provincial Fours Gold medal in 1994 for Ontario. Early in her

career she won Provincial medals as a member of Alberta teams. Her record in Provincial and Canadian championships is listed in the Table below.

Provincial and Canadian Championships record:

Year	Provincial Event	Provincial Result	Canadian Result	Partners
1985	Triples (L)	Silver (AB)		
1986	Pairs (L)	Bronze (AB)		
1994	Fours (Skip)	Gold (ONT)		
1997	Singles	Bronze		
1998	Singles	Gold		
1998	Fours (Skip)	Silver		Joan Bennett Marj Mitchell Sue Smith
2001	Pairs (Skip)	Bronze		Barb Gandy
2001	Mixed Pairs (L)	Bronze		Michael Sanderson
2002	Fours (Skip)	Silver		Christine Soukoroff Joan Barker Barb Gandy
2003	Mixed Pairs (L)	Silver		Michael Sanderson
2004	Fours (Skip)	Silver		Sidney Hope Mary Wright Barb Gandy
2005	Singles	Gold	Silver	

Finally, Martha was also a member of the National Team from 1999 – 2001 and has competed extensively in international competitions with a Bronze medal in Fours in 1999 at the Asia-Pacific competition.

Martha states “Bowls is a passion that will never leave me. I find joy in the quiet moments at Stanley Park when I roll my bowl and gaze at the setting sun. The smell of the wood and ocean is fixating. The pressures and stresses from my work world are absorbed by the call of the chickadee or enveloped by the petals of the roses and tulips surrounding the Green. I have a feeling that Stanley Park is a magical place and the bowling club is part of that magic. The "best" time for me are those darkened hours in the evening. It is important that the club enhance that feeling through comradery, sharing and good sportsmanship”.

Michael Sanderson

Michael was born in Hartlepool, County Durham, England which is on the NE Coast just south of Newcastle. He moved to Hamilton, Ontario with his parents. He holds degrees from McMaster University and the University of Liverpool in England.



Michael took up bowling (with Martha) in Calgary in the mid-1980s. He and Martha had moved close to the Royal Canadian Legion Club. Very quickly, they joined and were welcomed, instructed and began playing.

When they moved to Vancouver in 1996 they initially joined Granville Park. In 1998 they also took up membership in Vancouver South and the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club. Michael was very active in PIBC as Vice-President and with the Millennium Sport Facility as VP. In both capacities he was responsible for the technical work on the new facility (site location and co-coordinating design and approvals with the consultant team).

Michael and Martha joined Stanley Park LBC in 2001. One of the highs has to be winning the BC Singles Gold medal in 2004. This was particularly satisfying as he got to play in the Nationals in front of local fans at both Granville Park and Stanley Park LBC.

Michael states, “I've derived a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from the game, both competitively and as a recreational past time. In addition to participating as a player, I've also been involved as a builder of new bowls facilities, developer of programs (Juniors) and Coach, and most recently as an equipment supplier (Cymric Bowls).

Provincial and Canadian Championships record:

Year	Provincial Event	Provincial Result	Canadian Result	Partners
1997	Fours (2 nd)	Silver		John Aveline Walter Kalke Tony Boucher
1998	Pairs (Skip)	Silver		Michael Leong
2001	Mixed Pairs (Skip)	Bronze		Martha Welch
2003	Mixed Pairs (Skip)	Silver		Martha Welch
2004	Singles	Gold		
2005	Fours (Skip)	Gold		Adam Kaufman Jeff Chan Peter Tsang

Mary Ann Gillies

Mary Ann was born in Sarnia Ontario in May of 1959 but her family moved in 1960 to Edmonton, which she considers her hometown. She went to school in Edmonton and graduated from the University of Alberta in 1981 with a BA in English. She attended the University of Oxford in England on a Rhodes Scholarship, obtaining both a Masters and a Doctorate in English. She lived in England from 1981 to 1985, enjoying all the cultural, historical, and sporting activities Oxford had to offer in addition to obtaining a wonderful education.



Upon returning to Canada in 1985, she spent a year working at the University of Victoria, four years at the University of Calgary, and then she joined Simon Fraser University in 1990 as a Canada Research Post Doctoral Fellow. She moved into a regular faculty position in 1993 and currently holds the position of Professor of English at SFU. She served a five-year term as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences from 2003-2008, returning happily to the English department full time in 2008.

Mary Ann took up bowls in 1999, when she decided that it looked like an interesting sport and, unlike tennis, one that she might be able to play at a high level into her 80s. She had watched the game being played at Stanley Park, and when she saw the notice for an open house, decided to give it a try. The weather at open house was grey and drizzling, but the welcome was warm and friendly. Bernard Jackson introduced her to the basics of the game through a presentation, and then she was given a set of bowls and taken out onto the green by Robin Forrest. After rolling three bowls, she was hooked! Terry Delaney gave her a couple of lessons and then decided she was ready to enter the afternoon draw.

She has played at a lot of different clubs in the last 17 years and in a variety of different competitions, but she will always remember that first game. It was a very warm Sunday afternoon and the greens were hard and dry, making them seem very fast, especially to a new bowler. She was lead on a triples team skipped by Daisy Agnew and playing against Doris Henderson's team. To add to the drama of one's first draw, they played on an end rink, which really only had one playable hand. She reports that Daisy and Doris couldn't have been more supportive of a new bowler. They all struggled together with the rink, and she doesn't recall who won the game because they had so much fun playing it. This game sticks out not only because it was her first one, but also because it gave her a taste of the good fellowship of bowlers: it doesn't matter how well you can play or whether you win, but that you give it your best and enjoy the game.

In Mary Ann's first year, Robin Forrest gave generously of her time to coach the new crop of bowlers; John Bell and Ann Maze also gave her some extra coaching lessons. Their hard work with her paid off when she won the club and V & D women's novice singles championships. The club championship was a squeaker over Mavis Hanneson; they were tied with points and with shots up, so it came down to who had won the most ends and Mary Ann had won one more than Mavis. The V & D title saw half a dozen SPLBC novices entered, and again

it came down to Mavis and Mary Ann in the final. It was one of those games where the score went back and forth, but in the end Mary Ann managed to pull off the win. The first SPLBC novices wind up was a festive affair that year as they all celebrated not only their wins, but also their new friendships.

Buoyed by the enjoyment and success of her first outdoor bowling season, she joined the Pacific Indoor Bowls club and played there throughout the winter of 1999-2000. She made new friends that winter and also improved her bowling skills. The following year, she entered her first provincial competitions – Pairs with Pat Ritchie and Fours as a member of a team skipped by Robin Forrest. Though they didn't make it to the podium in either event, she had a taste of higher-level competition and discovered she liked it! She bowled at the indoor again in the winter of 2000-01, and in the 2001 season teamed up with Richmond's On Kow Au and their Fours team won a bronze medal in the provincials. In the winter of 2001-2002, she joined the Langley Indoor Bowls club, playing with Hiren Bhartu, Steve Forrest, and Freeman Watt in the Drakes Fours league. They ended up at the top of the league and won the playoffs, earning the large payoff of \$500 each.

The year 2002 was stellar for Mary Ann. Playing with Hiren Bhartu, she won her first major V & D title: the Mixed Pairs. On Kow and Mary Ann finished on top of the league in the women's Classic Pairs, but lost out in the playoffs. Although their Fours and Pairs teams finished out of the medals, **she won the BC Provincial Singles and earned a trip to the Canadian championships in Winnipeg.** She had a very slow start at the Canadians, losing close in too many games to be in medal contention, but she finished strong. Though she didn't win a medal, she was honoured to represent her province and SPLBC. She also won a silver medal in the Provincial Indoor singles in 2005 and played in the nationals, though she didn't medal. **In 2007 she made it back to the Canadian championship as lead on a Fours team consisting of Beryl Harrington, Juanita Tucker and Evie MacCallum. This time they came home with a bronze medal.**

What Mary Ann values most about bowling is the friendships that she has made. She says "The best stories, and the most fun, come from the common activities we have undertaken. Some of the best memories are of working with Mavis Hanneson and Puck Botman on the executive in my second year; or with Mavis, Margaret Jackson, Judith Parkes, Marion and Michael North, Dale Hoadley, Trevor Ludski, and Eva Murray over the years coaching new bowlers and planning the annual novice party; washing the dishes with Evelyn Bell or Gerry Mortier after a club function; chairing the 2004 Canadian Bowls Championships Committee with friends from across the V & D and close to home including SPLBC's Jim Buttar, John Bell, and Pat Ritchie; working with Bruce Hoadley and others on the 2009 World Police and Fire Games at the club and countless club events over the years." One of her fondest memories is being part of the Stanley Park women's Top 10 winning team in 2001; "the camaraderie of the underdog team was matched by our competitive grit!"

She hopes to play this game for at least another 40 years, and she plans to get back to the Canadians to win a medal to bring home to SPLBC. But more importantly, she hopes that over those next 40 years she will continue to have fun with the friends she has already made through bowls and to make many more.

LIFE MEMBERS

Dorrie Caffyn

Dorrie started bowling in New Westminster in 1947. She enjoyed competition and was one of the top women bowlers in the Lower Mainland of her time. She won many Singles competitions and was an excellent Skip. She played in the Women's Canadian Championships in 1974 in Winnipeg – the first women's team from SPLBC to do so. Women were first included in the Canadian Championships in 1972. She and her team of Elsie Craig (Joyce's mother) and Ruby Marchant won the Provincial Triples. Unfortunately, Ruby became ill and could not compete at the Canadian Championships. Enid Green, who was a fairly new bowler at the time,



1974 B.C. Team at the Canadian Championships
L to R: Elsie Craig (3rd), Enid Green (Lead) and Dorrie Caffyn (Skip)

took her place. They were leading the pack until it started to rain. They continued in the rain for two days but the weather was not good for Dorrie's arthritic knee and they did not win anything. Her knee swelled so much that it tore the ligaments and she had to have surgery when she got home.

Dorrie continued to bowl until 1982 when her back was too painful and she had to retire. She joined Stanley Park LBC in 1966. The club had so many members at that time that they were only accepting couples as new members. Dorrie was very active on the volunteer side of bowling. She was an Honorary Life Member of Stanley Park and was President of the Provincial Association in the early 60s. Dorrie Caffyn died in 1994.

Ernie Paget

Ernie was born in Birkenhead, England in 1920 but spent most of his youth in South Wales. He was the baby in a family of nine children. He joined the RAF at the age of nineteen and spent six and a half years during WWII in Communications in North



Africa, the Middle East and what is now Libya. After his release from the military in 1951 he moved to Canada with his wife. They were married in 1942 and his wife died in 1994. They had no children. He later married Brenda Bullock-Paget who was also a member of SPLBC.

Although his father and two of his brothers were excellent lawn bowlers, Ernie did not get into lawn bowling until about 1971 when he joined SPLBC. Ernie was very active in Club affairs. He served as President in 1986, which was a busy year in that the Canadian Championships were held at the Club and it was also the year of the integration

between the Men's and Ladies' Clubs. Ernie was again President in 2004, another year that the Canadian Championships were held at SPLBC.

Ernie served two long stretches as a working greenskeeper for the Club. In the first instance he worked with Gerry Walsh and in the 1990s he was the head greenskeeper. Ernie was very conscientious in making the greens as good as they could be.

In the early 2000s Ernie was known for working daily on his garden adjacent to the West green. The photo above shows Ernie in front of his garden. Many people commented on the beautiful gardens surrounding the greens.

The Club meant a great deal to Ernie over the years and he was very passionate about its operation. Ernie became a life member in the spring of 1995.

Ernie moved into a seniors residence in the fall of 2013 and a farewell party was held in his honour at the Club. It was a wonderful celebration filled with good humor, emotion and fun. It was good to see a number of former members who came to celebrate with Ernie. Some pictures from this party are shown below. Ernie passed away in January, 2015.



Ernie and Brenda



Cutting the Cake



Ernie with the 8 – Enders



Farewell

Al and Peggy Waine

At the Opening Day of the SPLBC in 1998 the President called Al and Peggy Waine forward and informed them that the Executive had agreed to make them Life Members of the Club. They were surprised and honored.



Peggy joined the club in 1972 when, after 20 minutes of instruction, she was asked to join in a game. There were about 200 members at the time and they generally played Rinks (Fours). Over the next few years she took the Coaching exam and trained many new members. She was on the Executive as the Women's Games Chairperson, Treasurer and our representative to the V & D and the B.C. Bowls Association. She also helped out in the kitchen and on the greens.

Peggy also held administrative positions outside of SPLBC. She held the position of President of Lower Mainland Ladies Bowling Association, President of B.C. Ladies Bowling Association and B.C. Associate Director to Lawn Bowls Canada. Finally she acted as Team Manager for the ladies playing in the Canadian Championships in Halifax and Montreal. Peggy is now living at Haro House. She attends special social functions at the club whenever possible but is no longer able to bowl.

Al joined the club in 1977 after serving for many years as a Vancouver fireman and in Security at Hastings Park Race Track. He became an avid competitor as well as a willing volunteer. He initially helped with all aspects of the greens and later became the greenskeeper for the Club. He would often drive to the club late at night to water the greens so they wouldn't be too wet the following day.

For many years Al looked after the Molab machine, buying the supplies and returning the empties. Peggy kept the financial record of the expenses and reported to the Executive each month.

Al was very conscientious and served as "Houseman" for five years. This included almost daily vacuuming, cleaning of washrooms, etc as well as the ordering of supplies.

Al passed away on Feb. 4, 2005.

Jim Aitken – See HALL OF FAME section.

Andy Craig

Andy was born February 23, 1902 in Stonehaven, Scotland (near Aberdeen). His family, which included Andy and his younger sister and brother, moved to Winnipeg in 1906. (His brother died in his late forties and his sister when she was 92). He was married in 1927. He worked for a small meat packing plant in Winnipeg for 40 years and was Manager of the company at the time of retirement.



He and his wife Elsie moved to Vancouver in 1969. For the first few years in Vancouver, Andy played golf at regulation golf courses, but after joining Stanley Park Bowling Club about 1973, he started playing golf at the Stanley Park Pitch and Putt. In the summer he played golf in the morning and bowled in the afternoon. In the winter, he played golf every day as long as the course was open. For a number of years he and his wife also spent two to three months of the winter in Santa Barbara where they played at the local lawn bowling club. His wife, who had been active in the bowling club, died in 1983.

Andy was always active in sports. He enjoyed snowshoeing, skating, curling, 5-pin bowling and golf in Winnipeg. After moving to Vancouver, he continued to play golf and also started to lawn bowl. Andy was very active around the club and was there almost every day. He was a people-person and enjoyed talking to and working with people at the club. Those were also the days when club members cut the grass on the greens. This was heavy work but Andy did his share even at an advanced age.

The Stanley Park LBC held a reception for Andy in honour of his 100th birthday and he



was presented with his own monographed chair. Andy died in 2003 a month before his 101st birthday. His daughter, Joyce, joined the club in 2003 and served as Secretary for a few years. The name of the former Anniversary Fours was changed to the Andy Craig Mixed Fours in 2005.

2002 – Andy Craig’s 100th Birthday Celebration. L to R: Joyce Craig, Andy, Jim Aitken and Jim Buttar.

Ann and Dick Maze



Ann was born in North Berrick, Scotland in 1910 and moved to Canada in 1947 with her husband, Michael Watson, and her two children, Jim and Ann. She began bowling at Stanley Park in 1964 (at the age of 54) and has been a member ever since.

Dick was born a few months after Ann in 1911 in Winnipeg. He moved to Vancouver in 1962 and joined the Stanley Park LBC in 1975. He has one daughter, Rose. Dick was an accountant at B.C. Hydro prior to his retirement. Gladys Buckley apparently took credit for getting Ann and Dick together by inviting them separately to a bridge party. They were married in 1980.

The Mazes were excellent bowlers in their earlier years. Ann skipped a team consisting of Sheila Buttar and Flora Dewar to a B.C. Silver medal in 1979. In 1990 when Ann and Dick were both 80 years old they played together and won a Bronze medal at the Summer Games. In her later years of bowling at SPLBC Ann was legally blind. Yet, she was still very consistent in putting her bowl on or near the jack.

Ann rolled the “Golden Bowl” to start the season in 2006 and Dick did the same in 2007.

Both Ann and Dick are Honorary Life Members of the Club and Dick was the Treasurer for many years. They moved to Chilliwack in 2006. Dick subsequently died and Ann moved to Kelowna, B.C. Her son lived nearby and kept a close watch on her. Ann was very pleased to receive her Bowls Canada 50-year pin for bowling in 2014. She recently died (March, 2017) at 105 years of age.

John and Evelyn Bell

Both John and Evelyn are excellent bowlers and in earlier years were provincial and national medalists. These accomplishments are detailed in the HALL OF FAME section.

In September, 2015 John and Evelyn celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The club held a salmon barbecue in their honour. The 8-enders entertained.



2015 – Celebration of 65th Wedding Anniversary

About a year later, at the Labour Day Social, Evelyn and John were awarded their 50-Year Pins from Bowls Canada.



2016 – Left:

The evening they received their 50-Year Pin Awards from Bowls Canada.



2016 – Right:

Celebrating Evelyn's 90th Birthday.

MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS



Bowling at the Military Hospital in Vancouver



John Sinker, “Master Greenskeeper” arrived in Vancouver as a young man in 1912 from his native Lancashire, England. He was involved in the construction of a number of clay tennis courts and lawn bowling greens around the city. He began looking after the greens at SPLBC around 1955 and did so for more than 20 years. He was considered a fine man and a great greenskeeper. This was in a time before we had all the modern equipment so the work was much more labour intensive. He used to live in Englesea Lodge that was in the Park and very close to the greens (see Photo 1). It was destroyed in a fire in 1981. John also had a wood stove in the toolshed that he used to brew his tea. At some point the Park Board recognized the fire hazard and made him take it out. (There is no connection between this story and the fate of the Englesea Lodge!)



1977 – Opening Day. George Towill, President, officiates.



1980 – Womens Executive .

L to R: Rhoda Brownhill, Florence Reed, Matty Walker, Helen Henry, Stella McEwan, Enid Green and Gladys Buckley



Jimmy Slight and W.R. Little



1988 – Jimmy Slight, at the age of 100 years, rolls the golden bowl



Enid Green (Far right, with Greta Henderson, Gertrude Murach, Gerry Mortier and Louise Wood)



Executive 2004. Back row L to R: Ed Martin (Social); Sue Gross (Kitchen/House); Jim Aitken (Past-President); Peter Holt (Games); Siegfried Heckhausen (Treasurer); Front row: John Sinclair (Vice-President); Lynn Kennedy (Membership); Ernie Paget (President); Joyce Craig (Secretary) and Wagdy Senbel (Greens).



Movie Stars 2006: Siegfried Heckhausen, Pat Kopp, Jutta Kaiser, Jody McWhirter, John Bell and John Sinclair



Filming a movie “Numb” at SPLBC in 2006.
Actors Matthew Perry (left) and Mary Steenburgen (centre).



The “Barley Boys” 2006 enjoying a cool one on Ed Martin’s bench. L to R: Bill Morton, Wolf Schmitz, Johnny MacLeod and Tony Smith.



Hedy Fry M.P. rolling the Golden Bowl 2005. John Sinclair, President, officiates.



High School Students visit the Club 2005.



2007 – Canada Day



2011 – Canada Day



2016 – Canada Day



A winter wonderland!



Fall



SPLBC – A great vista!

PRESIDENTS - SPLBC

A Society since Dec 3, 1917

1918	F.C. Saunders	1958	Frank Johnson	1998	Robin Forrest
1919	WM. Seaton	1959	R.E. Browne	1999	Robin Forrest/ Marie'Puck'Botman
1920	W.H. Leckie	1960	S. Dewar		Marie'Puck'Botman
1920	Dr. Milton Jones	1961	F. Bullman	2000	Marie'Puck'Botman
1922	Dr. W.D. Keith	1962	F. Bullman	2001	Dot Charleston
1923	James Low	1963	A. Smith	2002	Jim Aitken
1924	T.D. MacDonald	1964	S. Armstrong	2003	Jim Aitken
1925	H.D. Herd	1965	A. Rae	2004	Ernie Paget
1926	Unknown	1966	W. Morrison	2005	John Sinclair
1927	G. Simpson	1967	F. Johnson	2006	John Sinclair
1928	J. Clelland	1968	J.M. Buchanan	2007	Judith Parkes
1929	I. Reid	1969	R. Consterdin'e	2008	Judith Parkes
1930	George Simpson	1970	P. Turner	2009	Judith Parkes
1931	George Simpson	1971	R. Ratcliffe	2010	Bruce Hoadley
1932	J. Inglis Reid	1972	C. Christie	2011	Bruce Hoadley
1933	J. Inglis Reid	1973	V. Lewis	2012	Wendy Gerhard
1934	J.V. Mawdsley	1974	W. Frizell	2013	Wendy Gerhard
1935	J.V. Mawdsley	1975	B. Ralston	2014	Lynn Kennedy
1936	J.H. Lyons	1976	A. Thorne	2015	Lynn Kennedy
1937	Duncan Stewart	1977	G.S. Towill	2016	Keith Warriner
1938	Duncan Stewart	1978	L.P. Buckley	2017	Keith Warriner
1939	H.E. Betterton	1979	L.P. Buckley		
1940	H.E. Betterton	1980	Dwight Green		
1941	J.H. Lyons	1981	A.T. Hodge		
1942	J.V. Mawdsley	1982	James S. Porter		
1943	J.P. McBeath	1983	W.L. Ashenhurst		
1944	W.G. Morton	1984	W.L. Ashenhurst		
1945	W.G. Morton	1985	Norman Wood		
1946	J.A. Davidson	1986	Ernie Paget		
1947	J.A. Davidson	1987	Jim Aitken		
1948	F.J. Whiting	1988	Jim Aitken		
1949	J. Tait	1989	Norman Wood		
1950	Norman Ogg	1990	Jean Foster		
1951	J.C. Wallace	1991	Jean Foster -		
1952	J.C. Wallace	1992	Herman Litsky		
1953	J.S. Slight	1993	Jean Foster		
1954	J.S. Slight	1994	Jim Aitken		
1955	B. Benson	1995	Jim Aitken		
1956	R.L. Elliott	1996	Edna Long		
1957	T. Mathias	1997	Bernard Jackson		

PRESIDENT PHOTOS

James Inglis Reid was born in 1874 in Waterside, Parish of Kirkintilloch, Scotland. He worked in Glasgow as a provision merchant prior to immigrating to Canada in 1906. After considering other places to live, he settled in Vancouver. He worked for Edgetts, a high class grocer on Pender Street, for a short time and then established his own provisions business that focused on cured hams and bacon. In 1915, he moved the business to 559 Granville Street. It was at the Granville Street address that Reid achieved financial success, wide renown, and a permanent place in the history of Vancouver. The prime focus was on traditionally cured hams and bacons, haggis, sausages, black and white puddings and fresh meats. In the Scottish tradition, Reid used his full name for the business. The main slogan of the business, "we hae meat that ye can eat", he adapted from a line in Robert Burns' Selkirk Grace.



J. Inglis Reid:
1932 & 1933



Jimmy Slight: 1953 & 1954
Pictured here in 1988 at age 100 when he rolled the "Golden Bowl" to start the season.



Bill Frizell 1974



George Towill 1977



Len Buckley: 1978 and 1979
 Pictured here on his 80th birthday



Gladys Buckley and Dwight Green:
1980 Ladies and Mens Presidents

Dwight served in many capacities in the club, most notable in maintaining the club equipment.



Joan Argue and Jim Porter:
1982 Ladies and Men's Presidents



Lloyd Ashenhurst: 1983 & 1984
Pictured with Adele Cittone,
President of the Ladies Club in 1984



Norm Wood: 1985 & 1989.

Norm held many positions on the Executive including Greens Chair and Social. He was not stage shy and together with Dwight Green put on memorable performances.



**Ernie Paget: 1986 and 2004
Puck Botman: 1999 and 2000**



**Jim Aitken: 1987 & 88;
1994 & 95; 2002 & 2003**



Jean Foster: 1990, 1991 and 1993



Edna Long: 1996



Bernard Jackson: 1997



**Robin Forrest:
1998 & 1999**



**Dot Charleston:
2001**



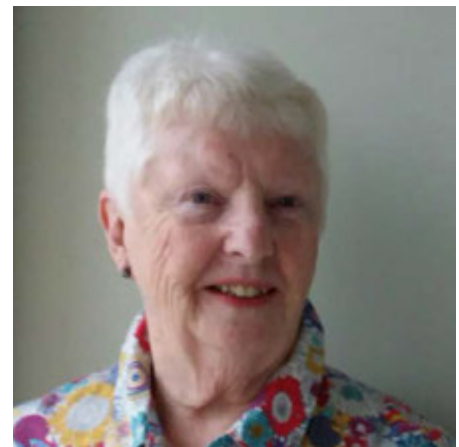
John Sinclair: 2005 & 2006



Judith Parkes: 2007 - 2009



Bruce Hoadley: 2010 & 2011



Wendy Gerhard: 2011 & 2012



Lynn Kennedy: 2014 & 2015



Keith Warriner: 2016 & 2017

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 2017

Following focus group meetings in 2016 to solicit ideas for the Centennial in 2017, the following organizing structure resulted:

Organizing Co-Chairs: Keith Warriner and Lynn Kennedy

Chairs:

Gala Weekend: Lois Goodeve

Games: Chris Chapman

Garden: Sue Smolen

Promotions & Communications: Brian Hutchinson

History: John Sinclair

Plans:

I. A GALA weekend to celebrate the Centennial will be held June 16, 17 and 19.

- Opening ceremonies will include the First Nations and Park Board officials
- A 100-end game will take place over the three days. This will consist of twenty-five games of four ends each.
- A Tea will be held for select past-members, honorary members and guests.
- A Friday night BBQ with the CATS (the local house band) performing.
- A Saturday morning breakfast.
- A special BBQ followed by Dancing to the Suede Dogs.
- Sunday will conclude the 100-end game and focus on club members, families and costumes.
- The Andy Craig Mixed Fours will be called the Centennial Mixed Fours this year.

II. A floral display will be erected on the SE corner depicting our 100th Anniversary.

- The Park Board will supply the soil and flowers. Glen Young built the required platform.

III. John Sinclair has written the “The History of SPLBC: The First Century”

- This will be presented during the GALA weekend at the Friday Tea as well as to members on the Sunday. It will also be included on the club’s website.
- A slide show of SPLBC activities prepared by Diane Warriner and Judith Parkes will be shown throughout the GALA weekend.

IV. A new Inter-Club Legacy Tournament named the Evelyn and John Bell Australian Pairs Tournament will be held in September.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Sinclair was born and raised in Saskatoon, SK. He had an interest in all sports, playing hockey, baseball and football as a youth. He graduated with a degree in Pharmacy from the University of Saskatchewan in 1962 and worked for two years as a lecturer at Dalhousie University in Halifax. This was followed by a Ph.D. degree at Purdue University in Indiana. He then spent 33 years in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC, ending as Professor and Assoc. Dean of Graduate Studies and Research in 2001.



John has three children from a previous marriage: Todd (pilot, Ladner, BC), Leah (businesswoman, Perth, Australia) and Shauna (nurse, Seattle, WA).

Having moved into the West End from Tsawwassen in 1996, John and his wife **Lynn Kennedy**, would often see people bowling on the greens when they rode their bikes around the park. It looked like a lot of fun and we would occasionally stop to watch. Some friendly member talked to us over the fence and suggested that we give it a try. We eventually did and joined the Club in 2001.

It didn't seem to take long before they found themselves on the Executive: first Lynn as Membership Chair in 2002 and John the following year as Communication Director. He was asked to write a newsletter, which he did for three years under the name of *The Bias Report*. This was followed by the V.P. position in 2004 and then President for two years. John's grant writing skills from university days came in handy as he was able to obtain several grants allowing us to make several improvements to the Club (see IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES above).

John has found the game of bowls to be fascinating. "It is not difficult to play but it is difficult to be really good at the sport!" Playing the game on a warm sunny day in our beautiful setting is as good as it gets. Equally important is the social activity of the sport. There are a lot of very good people that belong to SPLBC and we have made some very good friends here.

Lawn bowling tends to dominate their summers. In the winter John played hockey with the "Oldbirds" at UBC until 2015 when a couple of knee injuries curtailed this activity. John and Lynn both curl in the Pharmacists League at the Vancouver Curling Club.

APPENDICES

Appendix I

Letter from Mary Elliott (Re-typed for Clarity)

I arrived in Vancouver in 1913 and lived at Hastings Park. We used to come down to the Bay and Stanley Park every Sunday in the Summertime.

Where the Bowling Green is now was all fenced in and Elks and Deer running around. We moved to the West End in 1920 and by then the Bowling Green was there. I think it was made in 1917, but there was no Club House.

It was a Men's Club at first then most of them took in their wives also.

It was quite a big Club then. I knew most of the Members and used to help them with their opening and closing days. These were held in the sports pavilion. The ladies took all the food and charged 15c per head for Tea.

The Club began to get smaller, as the members moved away from the West End.

I was an associate member at this time but joined as a member about 1935.

We had a table and bench with an awning over it where we made the draws, and we kept the Bowls in the basement of the pavilion. Some took their bowls home after each game.

I lived at the Park entrance, so that was easy.

The Ladies membership kept getting smaller, as they got older. One of our Ladies however was 90 years old and was still bowling (Mrs. Trainor).

At one time we had about 12 Lady members, but we worked hard and started out tournaments again. Mr. Mathias connected a hotplate to one of the lightpoles. The Pavillion made the Tea and we kept it hot. The visitors thought it was like having a picnic.

We had our closing days at Gordon House and had raffles, and for the first time we gave The Men's Club a cheque for \$50.00, and they appreciated it very much.

Then our good friend Mr. John Smith died and left money to build a Club House.

The Membership began to grow again and the Kitsilano Club joined us.

The Kitchen was just a little nook with a sink and hotplate, just room for 2 people, but we worked hard and kept adding on. ~ It was lots of fun.

We had the British Empire games here and also the Canadian Championship (1956) and catering was some job.

Finally we had a new Kitchen built and had a real stove and Fridge.

We had raffles and games to raise money and finally got lots of nice china and cutlery, also banquet tables, card tables, chairs etc.

Now we have a beautiful new Club House, the best in Vancouver, and lots of Ladymembers, who work very hard and I hope they have as much fun as we did.

Mary Elliott

**An excerpt from a letter from Mrs. Mattie Mathias
August 22, 1977 (Re-typed for Clarity)**

I joined Stanley park Lawn Bowling Club on Opening day in the year 1941. There were only 8 lady Members. I made the 9th. I was unable to enter The Mainland Novice Singles that year as we were required to have 10 lady members.

I and I alone organized the ladies club. I with The help of the ladies put on the first Ladies Day There had been in Stanley Park for years.

We only had an awning between the greens so I Arranged the food Cafeteria style under the said awning.



L to R: M. Bonnet, Mary Elliott, Mattie Methias and L. Weston

Appendix II



BOARD of PARKS
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January 16, 1986

Our Ref: 4251

Mr. Allan Rossiter, Secty.
Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club
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Dear Mr. Rossiter:

I noticed that the end of fiscal year for the Lawn Bowling Club was October 31st. According to our lease agreement with you the club is required to provide our Board with a financial statement along with a roster of club members. It would be appreciated if you would send this information to me at your earliest convenience. When preparing the membership list, it would be helpful if you would put in the christian name of the member rather than just the initial.

You may recall, some time in 1976, there was a meeting held regarding your club's compliance with the provisions of the Human Rights Code of British Columbia. I thought the issue of equality and equal participation in the operating of the club had been resolved but apparently it is still an item that has not been sorted out to everyone's satisfaction. I have recently received some complaints re this matter and would hope that the club will address and resolve the issue shortly. Incidentally, I have noticed there is a distinct swing both at the Federal/Provincial and local level to have the Lawn Bowling Clubs integrated. It really would be helpful if the whole issue of integration could be resolved at the club's level without any Park Board intervention.

Please feel free to discuss this concern with me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,


L. F. Ryan
Manager of Central Recreation Services

LFR:mab

Appendix III



Canadian Lawn Bowling Council



Reply to:

TO PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS:

The Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport for the Government of Canada has issued a new Policy for Sport Canada under the heading of "A Sport Recognition System".

This policy has a two-fold purpose.

- (1) To set out the criteria which National Sport Organizations must meet in order to be recognized by the federal government as client organizations eligible for access to federal government sports services and funding.
- (2) To set out the criteria which are used in the assessment of submissions from national sport organizations for federal government funding.

Probably of most significance to the C.L.B.C. and C.L.L.B.C. is the fact that this policy calls for Sport Canada to recognize a single national sport organization for each sport. Such national organizations are expected to provide service and govern competition in the sport in question for both sexes and all age groups.

Provision is made for organizations that do not meet this criteria to have two years to do so. In the interim evidence of targets to be met may be required to be identified by the end of the first fiscal year.

Because of the foregoing and the fact that the majority of our programs are now jointly operated it was resolved at the Annual Meeting of Lawn Bowls Canada, November 23, 24, 1985, that the dissolution of the two Councils be recommended and that a single organization be developed to govern the sport of Lawn Bowls.

Recommendations on the composition are now being developed for your consideration and will be provided in due course.

In the meantime we wish to give notice that resolutions will be placed before the next annual meetings of the C.L.B.C. and the C.L.L.B.C. to effect a single national organization to govern the sport of lawn bowls.

For your reference we are enclosing a copy of the package received from the Minister respecting this new policy.


D. M. Gibson
President C.L.B.C.


Leona Peterson
President, C.L.L.B.C.

January 24, 1986

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Appendix IV

Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club



VANCOUVER. B.C.

February 3rd. 1986

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Acting-President has called for a Meeting
of the Board of Directors on Saturday next,
February 8th., at 1.30 PM.

Material is enclosed on items for consideration,
several with deadlines, and one from the Parks
Board representative urging a resolving of "the
whole issue of integration". (On receiving this;
and giving copies to the Ladies secretary, I
went through the files and now offer an outline
of a course of suggested action, for your perusal.)

A. Rossiter, Secretary

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