

Presidents Message to Club Members

April 12, 2021

Spring is here and we are making plans for the opening of our club for the 2021 season. To make complete sense of this document let me update you from last year to now.

- Last year (2020) our club did an excellent job, following the Health Unit's rules and the OLBA's requirements, and successfully operated safely. In fact there was not one case of Covid-19 in any of the 16 districts within the OLBA. We began with singles practicing, on every other rink (Phase 1), and were eventually allowed to move to pairs and triples (Phase 2). Although we were allowed to improve to 6 or even 7 rinks (Phase 3) we chose to stay at 4 rinks for the duration of the season.
- Everyone had to book their playing time through Dorothy and once we got used to the system it proved not to be so onerous as we felt it might be.

Planning for this year (2021) was going well until the third Covid-19 wave hit us. Now we are under a Lockdown and a Stay-at-Home order until the end of April and early May, respectively. Our Executive was hoping to open our club by the middle of May but I think that will be put back until the end of May.

- It is my feeling that we will begin play this season no worse-off with restrictions than the position we were in when we completed last season. And this will happen only when we can do it safely!
- The OLBA is working on a Phase 4 plan as we speak.

At our last executive meeting it was decided that:

- 1) We could move safely to 6 rinks.
- 2) Return to jitneys every day (Mon to Fri). While we bowl during the day it will be necessary for you to call Dorothy and let her know when you plan to come out.
When we switch to the 7pm time slot (middle of June) you will not have to book your time just show up.
- 3) For the more serious bowlers; Tuesdays and Thursdays (10am and/or 2pm) book your time and bring your team.
OR possibly start a league.
- 4) Saturdays - pairs (followed by optional lunch at a local restaurant?)

All of this can be done safely and bring us back to a more normal membership!

- Bowls Canada has cancelled Nationals this year.
- The OLBA will not be holding Districts or Provincials this year.
- Possibly inter-club tournaments and/or friendlys will take place but later on in the season.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to call me.

Keith