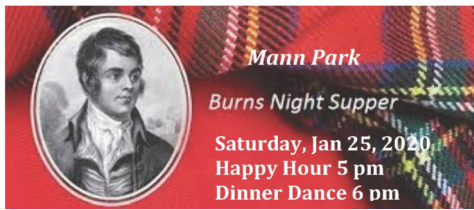


MANN PARK

LAWN BOWLING CLUB

What's new from your Board of Directors January 25, 2021



What a difference a year makes! It is hard to believe that a year ago we were putting pots of heather on the table, cooking haggis, and donning our best plaid. We miss you all and look forward to getting together again soon. Stay well.

The Green

Although we are not bowling, Mike Skinner continues to be busy overseeing the maintenance of our green throughout the winter months. The green has been mowed twice, sprayed twice for moss and, just recently, treated for Fursarium, a fungal turf disease. A full top dressing is scheduled for this spring to have our green in top bowling form when we return.

Dollars and Cents

Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club is fortunate to be the recipient of a \$5,000 Local Sport Relief Fund provincial grant. On behalf of our members, the Board thanks Tom Akam for making the successful application. These funds will provide much-needed assistance in balancing the books during the pandemic.

In November, Westminster Savings renewed their support of the club with a generous \$200 donation despite our not having any events at this time. The fund raising committee, under Ed Hooper's leadership, is looking into new ways for the club to obtain additional funds to ensure that we can maintain our annual membership fee in the \$200 range.

Liquor License

The Board is moving forward with the process of acquiring an annual liquor license. The final payment of \$2200 will be made in February, a surveillance camera will be installed overseeing the patio, and the necessary signage posted. Once these requirements are met, an LCB inspector will visit our site to assure we are compliant with all the regulations. We anticipate being ready to offer bar service subject to the COVID-19 guidelines when we reopen in the spring.

Games

It is difficult to predict what the public health situation will be in April, however, the games committee anticipates that we will reopen in 2021 as we finished the 2020 season - in Phase 2, with the additional Bowls BC restriction of three-meter social distancing while on the green and no spectators per Public Health Orders.

Furnace and Hot Water Tank

Some directors were concerned that our furnace and hot water heater were nearing the end of their life expectancy. Both have been inspected and maintenance has now been scheduled annually for October to extend their life as long as it is reasonable to do so. Planning for replacement of the furnace emphasizes the need to establish a capital reserve fund to cover upcoming major expenses.

Website

Judy Reid is taking advantage of these quieter times to update our website. We encourage everyone to visit the website regularly for the latest news. Any comments or suggestions are welcome. www.mannparklbc.org

Facebook

Our Facebook page is very out of date. Do you find our Facebook page useful? Have you ever visited the page? Let us know at mannparklbc@gmail.com as we are considering taking the page offline.

Policy Paper

The policy paper has been reviewed and updated by the Board. The January 25, 2021 version is now posted on the website. Note that the policy paper is a fluid document and will continue to be updated on a regular basis.

In conjunction, the directors are working on manuals for each director's position to assist in continuity as new volunteers take on the respective roles.

A Message from Sharron Wallace

Sharron asked us to extend her appreciation to all the friends and members who sent thoughtful wishes and condolences to her after Bill's passing.