



The CP Express

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A message from the President:

Greetings from beautiful downtown Victoria!

I hope this finds everyone well and happy to say hello to spring. We're looking forward to another great season at CPLBC. I can't wait to get back on the green. ☺

There's lots happening on and off the green in Cridge Park. We've added more weekly evening draws. We've secured some parking spots. We're updating our ditch boards. We've developed a new approach for volunteering for our important events for outside groups. You will know well in advance which dates we will be needing volunteers.

With CP leading the way and, last season, warmly welcoming Victoria LBC into the croquet world we are quickly becoming the croquet hub of the pacific north west! Maybe this is the year you try your hand at croquet or bowls or bocce! Three sports at one venue. Tell your friends!

Our website has been revamped! Please check it out at: cplbc.ca You can now join the club online. No more paper membership forms or cheques required! The website is going to be our main communication portal. If you're wondering what's happening at the club throughout the season, go to the calendar at <http://www.downtownlawnbowling.ca/all-events-calendar/>. It will contain the up-to-date information.

Please plan on being at our open house in your CP attire on Saturday, April 14, 10:30am – 4pm. We need all hands-on deck as we are blitzing downtown Victoria with advertisements via Canada Post and hope to have a crowd. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbours! Refreshments will be served.

*As always, if you have any comments or want to chat about bowls, just contact me. Here's to a great 2018 season. See you soon.
Lynda Robbins*

Open House

Saturday, April 14 – 10:30am – 4:00 pm

- Try bowls, croquet, bocce
- Light refreshments will be supplied (hot dogs, coffee, tea)
- We are doing a targeted advertising campaign. Through Canada Post, direct mailings will be sent to downtown postal codes. We also have posters for display in nearby high-density housing. If you live in one of these buildings and are allowed to post in your building, please contact us for the posters. See the last page of this newsletter for a sample. Thanks to Lorne for his artwork!
- We'll need members to set up the green, to assist our coaches as they help visitors try the sports, and to be around to give visitors a warm CP welcome.

SAGM and 2018 Opening Day Draw

Saturday, April 21

- SAGM – 11am
- Lunch – BBQ supplied. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- 1 pm (names in by 12:45pm)

REMEMBER OUR WHITE
DRESS CODE.

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Coaching

A new season approaches and once again we are looking forward to greet new Novices. As it was last year we will be offering five free lessons. The program encompasses the basics and etiquette of lawn bowling but from the beginning stresses the importance of a good delivery. By the time the Novices have reached their fifth lesson, they have already played the game amongst themselves and are keen and ready to join in our regular draws.

Again this year I would like to ask you all to help make these new members feel at ease and a part of your team at the daily draws. Because they have all been taught to do things in a specific way I will ask again to please do not coach them. If you feel something needs correcting approach a Coach with your concern who will then in turn try to rectify the situation. Finally, novices play the lead position only in the first year that they bowl.

BSI is hosting coaching clinics for anyone interested in becoming a coach. See the side box for dates. The only prerequisite is that you have been a bowler for at least three seasons. Anyone interested can contact me.

Several people have indicated an interest in learning how to set up and run a tournament. Before the opening of the season, we will hold a clinic and introduce step-by-step instruction on how to do this. The more people we have to share the tasks for running games the better it is. You may contact me and leave your name. As soon as I have a date, I will get back to you.

Finally, for those of you who were novices last year, a clinic will be held before opening season begins to introduce you to the position of vice skipping. Thereafter, a game will be set up where you can actually play that position and

practise your new found skills. This clinic is also open to anyone who has been vice skipping but wishes to deepen their knowledge of this position.

Also, a clinic will be held for those who have been playing the position of skips. Come find out what you should and shouldn't be doing as a skip. This clinic is also for people who have been vice skipping and moving on into skipping.

I don't have any precise dates yet but you may contact me at plevie72@gmail.com. As soon as I have the dates, we will inform you by email.

Patricia,
Head Coach, CPLBC

Coaching Clinics

Bowls South Island
Club Coach (\$70):

- pre-requisites: 3 years of bowling experience
- April 20 and April 22: Juan de Fuca LBC
- May 1, 2: Sidney LBC

Bowls South Island
Competition Coach (\$100):

- pre-requisites: Club Coach
- April 14, 15: Sidney LBC
- May 3, 4: Juan de Fuca LBC

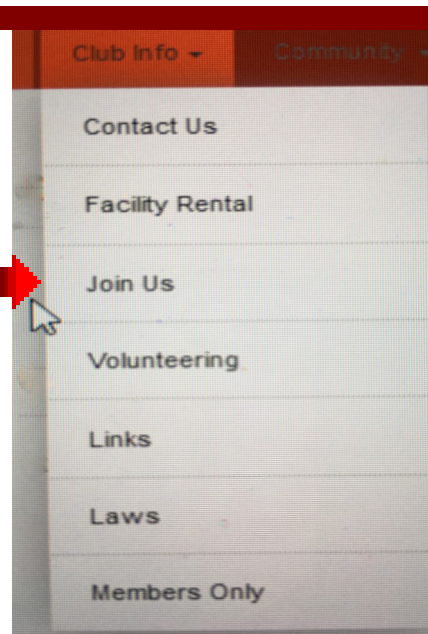
New Online Membership Form

It's time to renew your CP membership. All members are asked to fill in a renewal form before the start of the season next month.

You can [renew your membership](#) completely online, including payment, through our website. This is just one of the many new features we have added this year.

Also, be sure to check out the new volunteer section which has been created to deal with rental events. Both of these can be found under the Club Info tab on our website.

Please visit our website www.downtownlawnbowling.ca or, the mirror site, www.cplbc.ca frequently for current information about CPLBC.



2018 Draw Schedule

We will be adding another evening draw this season on Mondays! Remember, parking on city streets is free after 6pm every-day and all-day Sundays. All members are welcome for all draws. Please check our [website calendar](#) throughout the season for updates.

Here is our weekly schedule:

Daytime Draws:

- Monday – Thursday, 1pm (names in by 12:45pm)
- Saturday 1pm (names in by 12:45pm) with tea
- \$1 League: Sundays, 10am – Come once or come every week. Play will be pairs or singles. Earn one point for attending! Entry fee is distributed to the top players at the end of the season.

Evening Draws: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 6:15 pm (names in by 6:00 pm)

Notes:

- Please have your name on the board 15 minutes before draw time.
- On select Fridays, we will have Burgers & Bowls starting at 5:30pm.
- Changes to any of the draw times will be announced via email and on our website calendar. (<http://www.downtownlawnbowling.ca/all-events-calendar/>)

Volunteering

Our club offers memberships for under \$200 per member, which isn't enough to cover the rising costs we face. But we can keep going strong if everybody tries to give a little time in addition to their fees. If everyone capable of volunteering participates, the burden carried by each of us won't prove too great. With that in mind, the Executive has decided to ask every member to make a formal commitment of time to the club. When you sign up this year, we'll ask you where you can contribute. The opportunities to help are many: some involve regular, recurring tasks like cleaning or gardening, while others involve occasional, intensive help like repairing the facility or special lawn maintenance projects.

If none of these tasks appeal, we'd like you to identify four weeks a year when we can ask you to come in and help at our rental events. We're going to limit the number of events so it's unlikely you'll be asked out more than once in any one week, but we do need a committed pool of volunteers so we'll know when we can guarantee support to our renters. Volunteering is not only work, it's also a fun way to meet people and to see how your contribution can really affect our success. So, look for the volunteer sign-up section on this year's membership form and let us know what you can do!

Pierre Dunn

Volunteers Wanted!

- We are looking for a volunteer to oversee the House Committee. If you're interested, please contact us!
- Last year we acquired our greens roller. It has proven to be a great addition to our arsenal of tools that keep our green one of the best in BSI, BC, and Canada! This year, we're looking for volunteers who would like to learn how to operate the roller. It's relatively simple. If you think you would like to add this to your skill set and help our green be the best it can be, please contact Wayne or Lynda.

Croquet Gears Up



This is going to be an exciting year for Croquet in Victoria. With the success of VLBC's inaugural year of croquet, the two clubs are getting together to host two significant tournaments: the Victoria Day event that has long been a CP tradition is once again spreading out over multiple lawns and will host players from across the Northwest this May. In August, we'll follow that up with a four-day, three-lawn extravaganza — the 2018 Canadian National Association Croquet Championships, called CroqCan AC 2018. We have already had interest from as far away as Georgia — and when I say Georgia I'm talking about the country on the Black Sea, north of Turkey and south of Russia.

We'll also have tournaments for our own club members in Golf Croquet and handicap Association Croquet. Formal croquet classes for the Victoria area will continue to be offered at the VLBC lawns, and will feature not only introductory lessons for all who want them, but intermediate lessons for Golf Croquet players ready to try the challenge of Association play. We've also been approached by the Empress Hotel about an event they're thinking about this summer that could bring additional benefits and exposure to our club. A busy season ahead.

In other news, our own Chris Percival-Smith has recently returned from New Zealand, where he was one of only three players representing Canada at the World Championships. He had a bit of a struggle, but learned a lot and is already enriching the CP croquet group with new insights. We're proud of him and his accomplishments.

The lawn is playing very nicely, and winter play has seen further development of player skills. Now we need to build on our successes, grow our group, and continue seeing croquet provide fun, challenging options for our members.

Pierre Dunn

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Kathryn for sharing her gardening expertise at CP. The many hours that she has spent caring for and tending to plants around the club are much appreciated. Kathryn is not going to be able to look after the north garden this year so we are looking for volunteers who would enjoy gardening or who would like to try their hand at it. With Kathryn's help, we will develop a plan to maintain the north garden.

A big thanks to Peter and his team who work endlessly on our roses which makes CP truly a beautiful oasis in downtown Victoria.

Parking

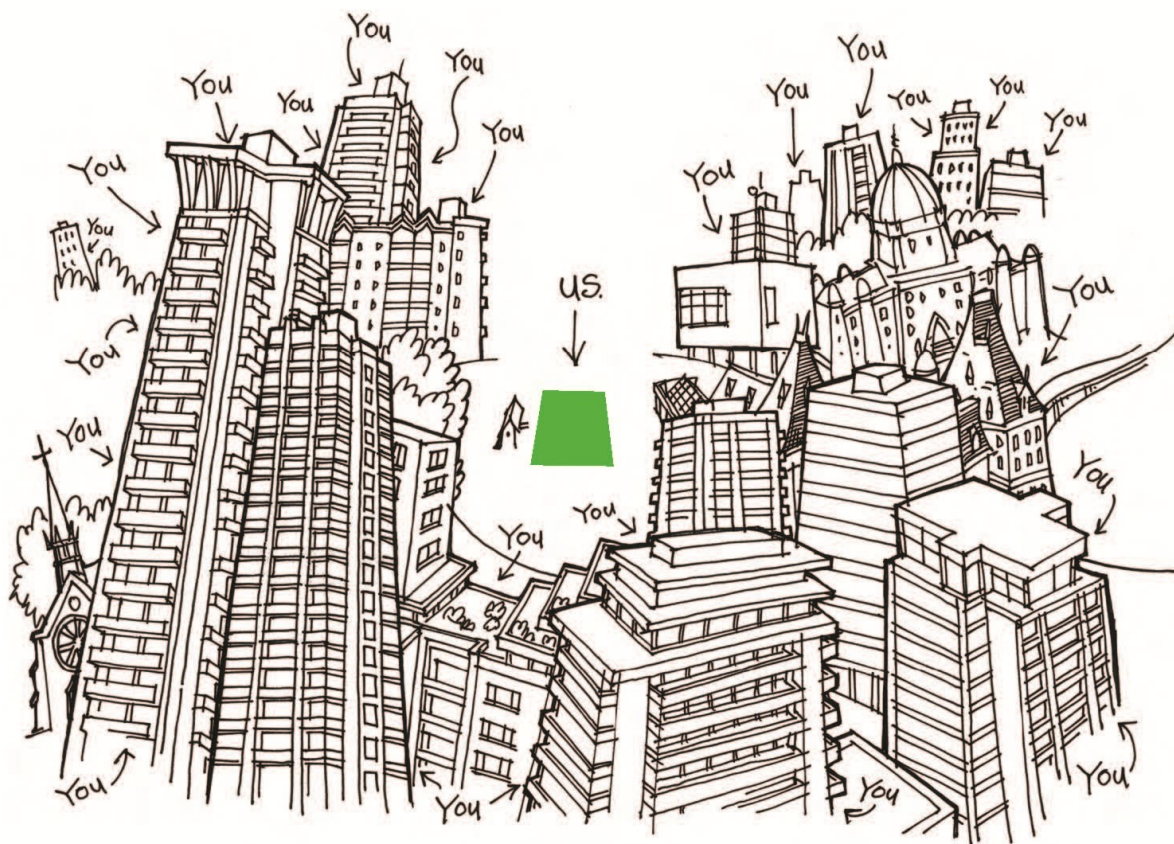
We have enjoyed parking through an agreement with Robbins over the last few years. Our neighbour, The Church of Our Lord, has kindly agreed to allow a few of their spaces to be used by our members who have a Disability Parking Permit. These members will be able to park at the church at certain times. You must have both the government issued disability permit and a Church of Our Lord permit displayed on your dashboard. Please see Patricia for more information.

If you wish further information about obtaining a BC disability parking permit, please see: <http://www.sparc.bc.ca/parking-permits/parking-permit-faqs/>

In addition, we are negotiating with an organization that has nearby parking. We anticipate having several parking spots there that will not require a disability permit. More information to follow!



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OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, April 14th 10:30 - 4:00

Drop by downtown Victoria's neighbourhood green and try your hand at:

Lawn Bowling • Croquet • Bocce

Rain or shine. Refreshments served.

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