

2015 Men's BC Week Report
Annual General Meeting, November 21, 2015
Robert Ascroft, Convener

This year's BC Week Men's events went very well, hosted again by the Granville Park LBC. Peter Cheong did the majority of the scorekeeping and, with his easy and cheerful manner, was great to work. He was ably assisted at times by Pat Tolhurst and both performed their tasks enthusiastically and efficiently. I very much appreciated both of their assistance. Thanks to Juanita Tucker and Ian McAllister for their support. Thanks also go to the kitchen staff who prepared lunches and to the club members who set up and took down the rinks each day. The greens were very fast thanks to John Findlay and his crew.

Participation:

Pairs - 28 teams (2014 - 32)
Fours - 12 teams (2014- 10)
Triples - 28 teams (2014 - 28)

Conditions of Play:

This year the re-spotting of the jack on the 2 metre mark to speed up play was enacted and I had a number of positive remarks about the rule. I recommend it continue.

There are a few dissimilarities between the women's and men's conditions of play that should be reconciled and should be discussed at a subsequent executive meeting.

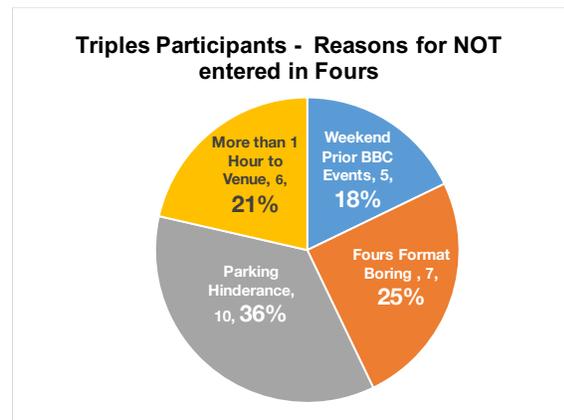
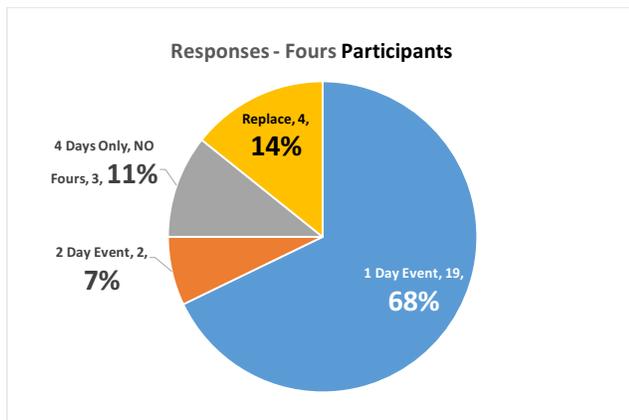
Fours Event Survey:

To measure the interest in retaining the Fours as an event, I sampled some opinions from players attending both the Fours and the Triples events.

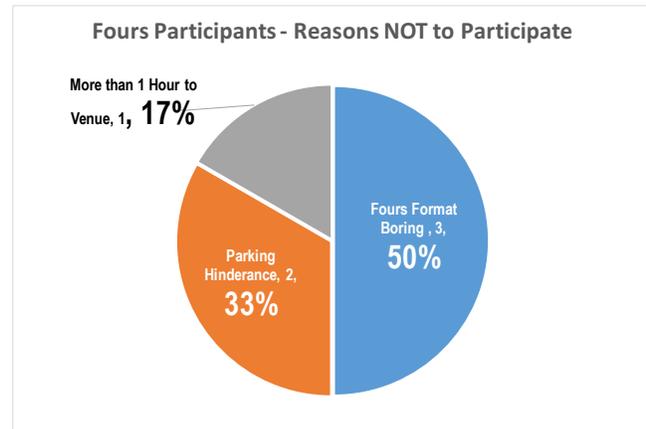
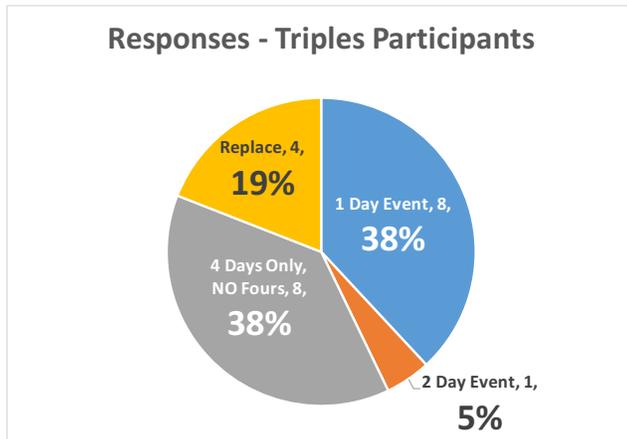
A total of 25 responses were received from the Fours participants (a response rate of 52%). 17 responses were received from the Triples participants (a response rate of 20%). Some players in the Triples event had also played and responded to the survey on the Fours day which accounted for the lower response.

Chart summaries follow.

FOURS Participants



TRIPLES Participants



Summary:

64% of those surveyed supported a 1 day Fours events.

26% supported eliminating it entirely for something else (the “something else” option however garnered insignificant responses to chart).

The reasons for NOT participating engendered credible numbers:

- 29% of all respondents cited parking as an issue affecting participating
- 24% cited “boring format” as a disincentive
- 17% cited having more than an hours drive to the venue
- 12% cited having the provincial tournament the weekend prior.

Recommendation:

Coordinating the Bowls BC in the timing of a provincial championship just prior the BC Week might positively affect Fours participation.

I recommend continuing with the one day Fours for another year.