

VANCOUVER & DISTRICT – AGM REPORT 2015

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Men's Pennant League:

There were 24 teams that played in the Pennant League which unfortunately, is three teams shy of the previous year. This is an excellent competition to introduce new bowlers to competition bowling and also to meet other players within the Vancouver and District.

The League concluded with the finals being played at New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club on Monday 24th many spectators supporting their club which was good to see. I thank the New Westminster club and the kitchen staff for putting on refreshments and Myrle for her goodies for the players.

Rules:

Some players are unaware that all V & D Competitions other than the Nicholson Pairs are for a Championship and all ends must be played. There is no mention of "burnt ends" in the Handbook.

The only change in the Competition Rules this year was in the Nicholson Pairs where I introduced re-spotting the jack if it went out of play. The reason being is each night; three games are played over eight ends. This format went down very well with the players.

Bowls Canada has decreed that in 2016 a senior is a player who must reach 65 years of age within the Calendar year.

Umpires:

I did have a couple of problems this year as many of the Umpires do play in competitions. At the same time I was disappointed as I had to struggle at times to cover competitions although the Vancouver & District has 26 Umpires on the register.

Unfortunately there was no interest this year from the Vancouver and District Bowlers in wishing to become an Umpire whilst on the Island I

organised two courses and qualified 6 new Umpires in the North Island and 8 new umpires in the South Island.

However things are looking up. I have organised two Umpire Courses for the coming year. On February 6th at New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club I have 11 prospective Umpires wishing to the Level 1 Course. At Kamloops the same number for a course on 30th April. If any other person wishing to take the course they should contact me.

It has been disappointing this year as only one club required a Rules Clinic and one a measuring Clinic. With the new Crystal Mark 3 Rules coming into play I would have thought more clubs would have been interested in organizing a clinic for their members. Maybe next year?

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