Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club News

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From the Desk of the Games Leader

2021 Women's Pairs Championship and 2021 Men's Pairs Championship

Ten teams entered the 2021 Women's Pairs Championship on Sunday. The format was each team plays four 10 end/60 minute games (3 points for a win and 1 for a tie) with opponents selected randomly. After two rounds of competition, the teams went into the lunch break with only three of the ten teams winning both of their morning games.

In the afternoon games, Judy Lawson and Cheryl Young had to face the other two unbeaten teams, Petra VanderLey/Geordie Stowell and Jean Lawr/Monika Hilson.

Lawson/Young had to recover from being 8-0 down after 2 ends in Game 3 and a 6-0 deficit after 4 ends in Game 4 to win each game in dramatic fashion to claim the 2021 Women's Pairs title with 12 points from their four wins.

Petra VanderLey and Geordie Stowell had a solid tournament to end up comfortably in second place with 9 points, while Francine Severs and Yana Sabanskis pocketed the third place prize money, edging out Joan Lynch and Eva Murray by the narrowest of differential margins.

Cheryl Young and Judy Lawson, 2021 Women's Pairs Champions

L-R: Geordie Stowell/Petra Vanderley (2nd place) and Francine Severs/Yana Sabanskis (3rd place)

The 2021 Men's Pairs Championship saw 14 teams battling it out on the west green for the right to get their name inscribed on the clubhouse winners' plaque. The same 4-game format was used. At the lunch break, four teams boasted 2-0 records. However, the random nature of the draw meant that the pre-tournament favourites faced difficult games against each other in the afternoon session.

After three games only two teams, Keith Besplug/Terry Severs and Paul Woodman/Ken Dierssen maintained their 100 per cent record, but both teams

stumbled at the final hurdle, losing Game 4. Meanwhile, the unheralded team of novice David Sullivan and Brian Hutchinson quietly eased their way past their opposition with two wins and one tie from their first three games. Sitting in third place after three rounds, Sullivan/Hutchinson squeaked by their opponents in their final match to win the game by a single point scored on the last end. That win gave them a total of 10 points, enough to become the 2021 Men's Pairs Champions.

Four teams behind them ended with 3-1 won/lost records and 9 points in total. Chris Chapman and Albert Nieuwold came second, narrowly edging out third place finishers Bespflug/Severs on differential, with David Lewis/Neil Wilson and Woodman/Dierssen 4th and 5th respectively.

David Sullivan and Brian Hutchinson, 2021 Men's Pairs Champions

L-R: Albert Nieuwold/Chris Chapman (2nd place) and Terry Severs/Keith Bespflug (3rd place)

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! As always, events like these rely on our members to step up and volunteer their time. Without volunteers, tournaments like these would not be able to take place. Thank you to ALL who helped, with special thanks to Robert Prud'homme, Roger Tremblay and John Sinclair for getting there early to set-up the greens and mark the rinks; Kathy Broderick and Marianne Bacchus for the stressful ordeal of scorekeeping and registration of two simultaneous events; Robert Knall and Susan Ellis for opening and running the bar; and John Sinclair for offering his services as the tournament convenor.

- Graham Mason

SIGN UP FOR THE MIXED PAIRS

The club 2021 Mixed Pairs Championship will be help Saturday, August 21.

By popular demand, the initial sign up will happen via email at 10:00am this coming Saturday morning (the 31st). Please include both names and both email addresses in the email. Entries sent before 10:00am will not be considered. You will receive a confirmation email. To register, email masongraham@gmail.com

The next day (Aug 1), sign up will continue using the sign up sheet at the club. Limit for the tournament is 28 teams.

2021 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NOVICE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

We have had a good response from first year bowlers signing up to compete in the Novice Singles Championships on Sunday, August 8, but there are still a couple of spots left. At the time of writing there was one spot left on the Men's and two spots left on the women's sign up sheet, as we are limited to 28 in total. After that, please sign up on the standby list. There is no entry fee and morning refreshments will be provided as well as a free lunch (for volunteers too!). The event will run from 9:30am to approx 3:30pm.

MARKERS NEEDED

Please email masongraham@gmail.com if you would like to offer to mark at the Novice events.

Wagdy's Aggregate Open Draw

BC Day August 2nd

Volunteers Still Needed

Yes, BC Day is fast approaching on Monday, August 2nd (not August 8th!)!!

Some volunteer positions are filled but there is still an opportunity for you to participate.

Please contact **furlongpatm@gmail.com** for current information and help make this tournament a success!

Pat Furlong

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