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Village Green Bowls Club

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Message From The President

Fellow Bowlers:

This year's bowling season is now fully started with the spring league and mixed pair leagues going strong (even though we have had to have several postponements due to all the rain we have had).

On May 1, our open bowling times changed: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8:30 A.M.
Monday and Thursday nights at 7:30 P.M.

We had an EXCELLENT turnout for our two workdays that we have had so far. We plan to complete the work begun on June 13 at 8:30 A.M. Hope you'll be able to help again. MANY THANKS to everyone that came out and worked so hard to make these workdays successful. I feel these were the best workdays we've had since I have been in the club.

We have had several visitors recently, with some of them joining the club. They were partially encouraged by our new Open Lawn Bowling sign that we are displaying at the Desoto and Toledo intersection. We now have approximately 70 paid members in the VLB club and are striving for even more.

Hope to see you soon in our next league and tournament and at our workday.

See you at the Green!
Ross Sutherlin, President

VGBC 2008 BOARD

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Chili Bowl

The Village Green Bowls Club started its 2009 lawn bowling season with its annual Chili Bowl Tournament held on Saturday March 21. Two dozen club members turned out for this mixed team event of some spirited bowling. Winning the Chili Bowl Tournament were the team of Agnes Scheid, Bernie Slater and Ken Wilson. Second place went to the team of Ann Jeffries, Earl Mulley and Connie Weidert. Third place was won by the

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team of Andy Jeffries, Guenter Scharnowski and Evelyn Wheatcroft. Fourth place was the team of Jerry Brewer, Charles Lewis and Darlene Slater. Following the bowling was the partaking of some delicious chili and other good eats provided by the participants. A fun time was had by all.

Next up will be the start of the Spring League to be played on Tuesdays starting on March 31. The original start date of 24 March was postponed due to rain.



2009 Chili Bowl Participants



**2009 Chili Bowl – First Place
Bernie Slater, Agnes Scheid, Ken Wilson**

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**2009 Chili Bowl – Second Place
Connie Weidert, Earl Mulley, Ann Jeffries**



**2009 Chili Bowl – Third Place
Andy Jeffries, Evelyn Wheatcroft, Guenter Scharnowski**



**2009 Chili Bowl – Fourth Place
Jerry Brewer, Darlene Slater, Charles Lewis**

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Spring League Completed

The 2009 Spring League recently completed with four three person teams playing for the first place bragging rights. The League was unable to complete all matches due to the continuous rains that required several cancellations of the last round of play. Coming in first place were the Ravens with players Sue O'Neill, Evelyn Wheatcroft and Earl Mulley. Second place went to the Cardinals with Carole Wilson, Dave Rider and Lyle Wheatcroft. Third place were the Orioles with bowlers Agnes Scheid, Frank Monaco and Guenter Scharnowski. Fourth place belonged to the Blue Jays with Claudia Knudsen, Marion Stangler and Del Scheid.



First Place Ravens
Evelyn Wheatcroft, Earl Mulley, Sue O'Neill



Second Place Cardinals
Dave Rider, Carole Wilson, Lyle Wheatcroft

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Third Place Orioles
Frank Monaco, Agnes Scheid, Guenter Scharnowski



Fourth Place Blue Jays
Marion Stangler, Del Scheid, Claudia Knudsen

Couples League

Twelve couples from the club have signed up to play in the 2009 Couples League which will be playing on Saturdays through October.

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Summer League and Spring Bowl Next Up

The next club bowling events will be the start of Summer League 1 on June 2 at 7:30 PM and the Spring Bowl Tournament on Saturday June 6 starting at 8:30 AM. The Spring Bowl is one of three tournaments used to determine the 2009 VGBC Champion. Anyone interested in bowling in these events can sign up at the clubhouse or contact Del Scheid or Bonnie Clark.

Membership List

We welcome the following new members to our club!

George Avery
Linda Esola
Christopher Landeweer
Jim & Mari Olsen
Judy Pickering (Sponsor and honorary member)
Sharon Sands

Included in this issue of *On The Bias* is the 2009 club roster. Notify Dave Rider or Carole Wilson of any address corrections.

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Those members with Email addresses on file with us will receive the Email PDF version of this newsletter which includes color photos. Those members without Email and those who have previously expressed a desire for a hard copy will receive a printed B&W version of the newsletter via postal mail. A copy of this newsletter as well as recent newsletters can also be accessed via the club website at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/vgbc>. (Note: The website version does not include the roster.) It is **important** that **all** club members keep us informed of their current Email address as this is the easiest and quickest way to get information to our members and to remind them of new information on the website.

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Help Wanted

Hot Springs Village is busy making plans for its 40th Anniversary celebration and our club has been invited to participate. We are thinking about holding a couple of open house/open bowling sessions for this event. We are looking for someone in the club to head up a committee to plan and organize this event. We are looking for volunteers to work on the annual Christmas Party committee. Please contact Ross Sutherlin if you would like to help.

Summer Open Bowling Schedule

Members are reminded that effective May 1 we change to our Summer schedule for open bowling which is at 8:30 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at 7:30 PM on Monday and Thursday.

Bowling Fees

Most, but not all, club members purchase an annual lawn bowling fee (also good for Bocce and Pickle Ball) from the POA. The POA now provides us a list of those who have purchased an annual fee. We maintain a log of members and guests who bowl with their POA identification number. This log may be reviewed from time to time by the POA. The POA also expects us to collect the daily bowling fee of \$2.00 from those who bowl and have not purchased the annual fee and provide them periodic updates of those fees collected. The POA uses these fees to help maintain our facility. Since we have the listed provided by the POA, we will post the names of those members with and without the annual fee. Those on the "no annual fee" list will be expected to pay the \$2.00 fee each time they bowl.

2009 LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT Play

In the past some of our members have gotten left out of tournaments and leagues, even though they have signed up. This has been changed by the Board. If you are willing to show up, pay your bucks and participate, you will play. Some activities may have to be split into morning and evening events with a playoff. Members who sign up early will get first choice of evening or morning squads, but this can be worked out.

If you have questions, contact Del Scheid at 922-0281.

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VILLAGE GREEN BOWLS CLUB 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Spring League	-	March 31	1:30PM
Summer League 1	-	June 2	7:30 PM
Summer League 2	-	July 7	7:30 PM
Summer League 3	-	August 4	7:30 PM
Fall League	-	September 8	7:30 PM

SATURDAY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Chili Bowl	-	March 21	1:30PM Mixed teams
Spring Bowl *	-	June 6	8:30AM10 end single elimination
Liberty Bowl *	-	July 11	8:30AM10 end single elimination
Arkansas Open *	-	September 12	8:30AM10 end single elimination
Halloween Bowl	-	October 24	8:30AMMixed teams

* These three tournaments will be the only source of points to determine a single 2009 Club Champion. The best two of three events will be used.

MIXED COUPLES LEAGUE MARCH THROUGH OCTOBER 2009

Scheduled to play on scheduled Saturdays at 9:00 AM. Teams can reschedule if needed only if both teams agree on an alternate date which must be before the next month's scheduled play date. The match will consist of two eight end games with the winner of each match awarded one point and one point will be awarded to the team with the most total points. (Same as normal league play scoring)

WORK DAY

June 13 – 8:30 AM till finished

OPEN BOWLING

Nov thru Apr – 1:30 PM, Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat (only if Air temp is above 45 deg. F)

May thru Oct – 8:30 AM, Mon-Wed-Fri, & Mon-Thurs 7:30 PM