

VLBC – 2021-Monday Morning Men’s League – Final Report (Gopal)

- A summary of regular league and playoffs results are shown in the accompanying PDF document
- 2021 season’s regular league bowling trophy was shared by Michael Shepherd & Keith Newhouse as both were tied at 40 points each
- For the record, the previous (2019) league winner was Don Allan
- The COVID-2020 truncated (13 week) league did not award the trophy – but had a 4-way tie – Keith Newhouse, Gopala Gowda, Ken Scotten & Bob Husband at 30 points each
- The 2021-league started May 3 and ended August 30 – 17 weeks of play
- Surprisingly, there were no interruptions/cancellations due to rain or cold weather
- Even more surprisingly however, probably first time in the history of the club, there was a cancellation (June 28) due to “heat-wave” (“heat-dome” as they named it in BC)
- The format of the league: – depending on the bowlers in attendance, team formation was either singles, pairs, scotch pairs, triples or cut-throat
- Point system: 3 for Win; 2 for Tie & 1 for loss – everyone was rewarded for showing up
- Some key stats
 - 29 different bowlers participated during 17 weeks of bowling
 - A total of 322 games were played & 638 points scored by 29 players, during regular league play
 - This equates to 78 Matches - 60 Pairs (scotch pairs); 10 Triples; 2 Singles; & 6 Cut-throat
 - Lowest turnout 16 bowlers; Highest turnout 23 bowlers; Avg. turnout 19 bowlers
 - Number of Novices – 6
 - Top finisher among the novices – both by points and attendance - Michael Pardaens
 - Best win % (79%) among the novices (min 5 games) – Michael Pardaens
 - Worst win % (0%) among the novices (min 5 games) – Mike Pennock
 - Most wins – 12 – Keith Newhouse
 - Most Ties – Pierre Pomerleau and John Wigle – tied at 3

- Most Losses – Frank Leavitt/Sydney Brownstein/Wayne Oakley – tied at 10
 - Best win % among non-novices – Keith Newhouse (75%)
 - Most Loss % among non-novices – Nick Geerdink (69%)
 - Most games – 17 (100%) - Pierre Pomerleau & Wayne Oakley
 - Most Points – Keith Newhouse/Michael Shepherd – tied at 40
- A Playoffs tournament-format was introduced to end the season
 - After the completion of the regular league bowling, the top 16 finishers (8-teams of pairs) were advanced to play in the playoffs -September 13th
 - The criteria for the top-16 was not the points earned but attendance
 - This was to encourage participation
 - Some of the top 16 finishers were not available for the playoffs but their spots were filled with the next best finishers from the bottom 13
 - The playoffs were held on September 13 with 8-teams of pairs
 - Everyone played 3- games of 10-ends (4-bowls) – Win=3, Tie=1, Loss=0
 - As a test, pairing partners were changed for each game (a software program was used)
 - At the end of Game 3 – individual points for each Skip and each Lead were tallied
 - The top Skip/Lead were awarded the 1st prize; the second Skip/Lead were awarded the 2nd prize; the third Skip/Lead were awarded the 3rd prize... and so on until all 8-teams were awarded the prize money – in a decreasing percent of the total prize money
 - The winners of the Playoffs – 1st: David Maher/Wayne Oakley; 2nd: Randy Small/Mervyn Hulbert; 3rd: Chris Jones/Michael Shepherd
 - On the playoffs-day all 29 Bowlers were invited for a BBQ & refreshments
 - In addition to the 16 playoffs-bowlers, several others participated
 - Warm Sun shined on all of us while we enjoyed the feast
 - Thanks to the Chef-Peter and Garnisher-Annie; & Caroline

Sincere thanks to all those who helped in making this season's Monday Bowling a success