

Hello all current CSMBA Member Clubs,

Well, it is June of 2019, and most of our clubs are just getting into the outdoor bowling season. However, there is news already on the Short Mat scene.

First, we are proud to announce two more members of the CSMBA Board of Directors. Elaine Houtby from the Niagara Falls Short Mat Club and former President of the Ontario Lawn Bowling Association has joined the board as Vice President. Also Sandy McKenzie of the JJ Mat Bowls and member of the 2018 Stromstad Sweden Canadian Team has joined us as Secretary.

We are very pleased that we will have not only these ladies as members of the Board, but also their valuable opinions and advice to share in making any decisions going forward.

As you know, short mat bowling is expanding in Canada, and our 600 members in 14 member clubs make Canada the fastest growing nation in the world of short mat at the present time. Indications are that we will experience additional growth this season, and hope to expand to as many provinces and territories as possible in the future. If you know of any additional clubs that exist and have a contact for them, please let us know as the spreading of the "gospel" is very important. Also if you know of any changes in your club contacts for this next season, please let us know this as well.

The other "**BIG NEWS**" is **COBOURG, ONTARIO**.



The CSMBA will be holding the 2019 CSMBA Canadian Short Mat Championships at the Cobourg Community Centre in Cobourg, Ontario from Monday, November 18th to Saturday, November 23rd, 2019.

These Championships are open across Canada to all members of all CSMBA Clubs and they may enter as early as July 1st, 2019. The selection of the Canadian National Team will take place during these Championships and will be travelling to Belgium in March, 2020 to participate in the Short Mat World Championships

However, all are welcome to enter whether or not you are able to travel to Belgium or not. The entry form will allow you to indicate up front whether or not you are able and willing to travel to Belgium as part of the team. If your club has not entered this event in the past, don't hesitate to give it a go.

Our Webmaster Erik Ewen will have the entry form online within a week or two. Just print the form, fill it out, and send it along with your entry fees when you are ready. There likely will be a maximum number of entrants allowed so entering

early may not be a bad idea.

That is all for now, and enjoy your summer!

Dave Burrows