

# BETWEEN BOWLS

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## There's Always Room for You! RLBC Vacancies!

THE REGINA LAWN BOWLING BOARD IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES DURING THE 2021 SEASON.

WE ARE FLEXIBLE. WE TRULY ARE!

YOU MIGHT WANT TO DO PART OF THE JOB OR YOU MIGHT CHALLENGE YOURSELF AND TAKE A STAB AT DOING ALL OF THE JOB. YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY IT OUT FOR A MONTH AND SEE HOW IT GOES.

WE HAVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS TO HELP GUIDE YOU. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT DOUG

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**CATERING:** IF YOU LIKE TO COOK – GREAT. IF NOT, LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE WALKING AND ORDER IN. THERE AREN'T MANY EVENTS TO CATER THIS SEASON.

**BEVERAGE SERVICES:** DO YOU LIKE TO DRINK? APPLY FOR THE RLBC'S LIQUOR LICENCE, ARRANGE FOR BAR BEVIES (WE HAVE A SPONSOR), AND FIND SOME BARTENDERS. OH, WE'LL NEED MIX, TOO.

**GROUP BOOKINGS:** ARRANGE FOR CORPORATE AND SCHOOL GROUP BOOKINGS, ORGANIZE HELP ON THE GREENS, AND INVOICE THE COMPANY.

**HOPE TO YEAR FROM YOU!**

## CAN'T TOUCH THAT ~ OH, SURE YOU CAN!

Chris (our summer student) is our Covid guy this season. You'll see Chris behind the clubhouse desk buried under a lot of paperwork! He'll also be outside helping to keep our grounds beautiful! Don't forget to say 'Hi' to Chris. Need to reach Chris? **Here's his email:** [ReginaBowlsOffice@gmail.com](mailto:ReginaBowlsOffice@gmail.com)

Lots of the same protocols as last season. But . . . this season, we get to use mats and rakes and lockers! Yes!

We have 50 sets of colored bowls in all brands, biases and sizes on their way. Feel free to try any of the new bowls. Note that the bowls sizes are identified by their sling color. Please remember to put the bowls back in their proper size sling and then on their proper shelf ~ it will really help the Inventory Crew to keep track. Don't worry if you forget ~ there will be a sign posted (eventually).

Size 00	~ Maroon Sling
Size 0	~ Red Sling
Size 1	~ Navy Sling
Size 2	~ Lime Green Sling
Size 3	~ Dark Green Sling
Size 4	~ Black Sling

**Bowls Boutique** - We are selling club shirts, 2018 Championship shirts, bowls towels, pins, hats, measures, grippo/crack-a-jack, and more. So get ready for the bowls season with some new bowls gear. Our Summer Student, Chris, will be able to sell you anything you want. Browse on line . . . . .see what we have!

<https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/bowls-boutique.html>

## VROOM, VROOM, VROOM – IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

Men's & Women's Pairs Tourney (TBD)	June 1 – 3 & June 8 - 9
National Bowls Day	Saturday, June 5
Bring a Friend Day	Thursday, June 10
Men's & Women's Triples Tourney (TBD)	June 14 - 17

# “JACK” OF ALL TRADES ~~~ “MASTERS” OF ONE

## INTERVIEW WITH BRANDON WATSON BY JORDAN KOS

Brandon Watson, who has just recently graduated from the Creative Technologies at the University of Regina in the fall of 2020, is now working on his Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) Interdisciplinary Studies in Creative Technologies and Software Systems Engineering. The following is an account from an interview I recently had with Brandon about his MFA project and how it is connected to the sport of lawn bowling and the Regina Lawn Bowling Club.

“During my time in the Creative Technologies program at the U of R, I was introduced to Maker Culture and the Maker Movement. Simply put, the Maker Movement encompasses all acts of making from tinkering style weekend projects, ceramics, electronics, robotics, programming, artistic work and sewing to the custom repair work done by our farmers on a regular basis. Everyone can be a Maker and most definitely, everyone is a Maker. My particular interests in Maker Culture lie with its ability to offer community-based design that fills gaps left by commercial products which are quite often expensive or non-existent all together. My research question for my MFA is:



How can integrating Maker Culture, Human Centred Design and Improvised Audio address isolation and create and recharge sustainable social connections for communities?

For my research project, I have decided that I would like to work with the lawn bowling community in Regina. I have been a member of the lawn

bowling community in Regina for most of my life and during my thirteen years as a member, I have been able to meet and connect with some amazing people. The RLBC and its community are an important part of my life and I would like to try to give back to the community by focusing my research within it. My goal is to work with members of the RLBC to try to increase the social aspect of the club by increasing the accessibility of the club to make it easier for our aging members to play the sport, interact with each other and socialize. My MFA project will consist of a series of open-source projects all aimed at increasing the accessibility of the already accessible sport and club. An example of a project I have been working on as a starting point is to make a custom music player that hooks to the sound system that is extremely easy to use. I see the device with a button for each playlist of music (Oldie Goldie's button, polka/swing/jazz button, country button, mixed button, etc.). To begin playing the music you like, all you would have to do is turn on the light switch to turn the sound system ON and press the button corresponding to the music genre you want to listen to.

I will be working with some members of the club to discuss potential items/projects that would be helpful for them, so some of the projects relating to my MFA work may result as I have discussions with members. I look forward to hearing various members' perspectives on the barriers they may see or might be experiencing that could be addressed.

I think this will be a very exciting initiative for the lawn bowling community as I will be writing research papers supporting the project which will be published. Additionally, when I am interviewed and give talks about my project at the University of Regina and other Universities, lawn bowling will be promoted."

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club congratulates Brandon Watson on obtaining his degree in Creative Technologies and wishes Brandon the very best of luck as he works toward completing his Masters of Fine Arts Interdisciplinary Studies in Creative Technologies and Software Systems Engineering. We also look forward to the exposure Brandon's projects will provide and the spotlight that will shine on the Regina Lawn Bowling Club and the sport of bowls through Brandon's research.

## BOWLS SASK TOURNAMENTS

So, BCB cancelled the National Championships. Then, Bowls Sask cancelled the Provincial Playdowns. But wait! Hold on a minute. Did you hear the news? If you're reading your emails from the Communications Director – you did hear the news! Here's the scoop (that's newsletter talk for here's what Bowls Sask is planning).

A modified provincial playdowns will be organized in a sort of regional – North & South – battle. They are scheduled for July and August when hopefully restrictions are removed or modified to allow competition.

**Men's & Women's Senior Triples** will be held at the Nutana Lawn Bowling Club in Saskatoon on **August 10-12**. This competition is open to all teams to enter. Well, not all teams. You have to age qualify! The draw format is still to be determined.

**Men's & Women's Pairs** will be held at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club on Saturday **August 21**. Two entries from the North and two entries from the South will compete in a round robin draw so each team will have three games. The two entries from the North and South will be determined by qualifying tournaments to held in July or early August (dates to be determined). The South qualifying tournament will be held in Regina and will include teams from Regina and Moose Jaw. The North qualifying tournament will be held at either Nutana or Mayfair (still to be decided) and will include teams from Saskatoon and North Battleford. The format of these qualifying tournaments is still to be decided.

**Mixed Pairs** will be held at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club on Sunday, **August 22**. The same information as Men's and Women's Pairs applies for Mixed Pairs.

**Men's & Women's Singles** will be held at the Mayfair Lawn Bowling Club (Saskatoon) on **August 28-29**. The same information as Men's and Women's Pairs applies for this competition except that this competition will have three entries from the North and three entries from the South. They will compete in a round robin so each team will play five games over the two days.

Here's the good news – we will play competitive tournaments. Here's the bad news - winners of these provincial competitions will not earn Sask First points and no Bowls Sask medals will be awarded. The standard entry fee of **\$30** per person to enter the North or South qualifying tournaments or the Senior Triples competition will apply. The members of the teams entering the Men's & Women's Pairs and Mixed Pairs must all be from the North or South. The members of the teams entering the Senior Triples can be from the North or South because this competition does not have qualifying tournaments.

Bowls Sask will also pay a travel allowance of **\$100** to all qualifying players who have to travel to the provincial competitions for **Men's & Women's Pairs (Aug 21)**, **Mixed Pairs (Aug 22)** and **Men's & Women's Singles (Aug 28-29)**. Well. . . no travel allowance if you compete in your own city, of course. This travel allowance is only for this year.

As the dates of the qualifying tournaments are firmed up, these dates will be communicated.

So – get your teams ready to register and ready to roll! Keep watching for email updates.

## A WORD ABOUT OUR \$PONSORS\$

The RLBC has been so fortunate to be able to work with great businesses in our community who have sponsored many events or projects at our club. If you have an opportunity to patronize our sponsors to show your appreciation – that would be great.

**Dairy Queen** – tell them you're with the RLBC and receive 10% off your order (Sask Dr & Elphinstone location only)

**Tommy's Speakeatery**

**Water Boy Supply Centre**

**Ripplinger Financial Corp**

**Cloverdale Paints**

**The Floor Show**

**D & R Roofing Inc.**

## Always There!

**THE SECURITY SYSTEM IS INSTALLED! WAVE AND SMILE! WE'RE TRACKING YOUR EVERY MOVE (JUST IN TIME FOR PARTICIPACTION ~ WE'RE ALWAYS THINKING AT THE RLBC).**

## ♪♪Sound of Music♪♪

**THE SOUND SYSTEM IS WORKING AGAIN FOR THE SEASON – JUST FLICK THE LIGHT SWITCH BY THE BLACK CABINET AND YOU'LL HEAR MUSIC WHILE YOU ROLL. OR, SEE CHRIS ~ HE CAN MAKE THE DARN THING WORK!**

## WiFi

**THE WiFi AT THE CLUBHOUSE IS HOOKED UP FOR THE SEASON. THE PASSWORD IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. SHHSHH. DON'T TELL ANYONE THE PASSWORD.**

## \$PEAKING OF \$PONSOR\$

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club greens equipment shed got some much needed TLC from D & R Roofing Inc. D & R Roofing Inc. kindly and generously replaced the old worn shingles with these new ones. Thank you, Randy, Karen & Everyone at D & R Roofing Inc. We are so pleased with the wonderful job. Now, anybody have a paint contact – the shed is in desperate need of a makeover!



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Office: 306-586-1710 Cell: 306-537-3102 Fax: 306-586-1711  
Located at 1771 Culver Ave. R.M. of Sherwood (Industrial Park)

## A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

**MANY MEMBERS HAVE ASKED THAT THE RLBC PROVIDE A STEP DOWN TO ASSIST THOSE OF US WITH BAD KNEES AND A BAD SENSE OF DIRECTION. AFTER RESEARCHING MANY PROTOTYPES AND AFTER MUCH SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS, OUR OWN MEMBER, AL HASTINGS CAME TO OUR RESCUE.**

**AL DESIGNED STEP DOWNS, BOUGHT THE MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTED THE APPARATUS, AND KINDLY AND GENEROUSLY DONATED TWO STEP DOWNS TO OUR CLUB. ONE STEP DOWN WILL BE LOCATED FOR USE ON GREENS A & B AND THE OTHER STEP DOWN WILL BE LOCATED FOR USE ON GREENS C & D. THEY ARE LIGHT WEIGHT AND VERY PORTABLE.**

**FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH A DECODER RING OR A CYPHER ENCRYPTOR - SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE ON THE STAIRS.**

**THANK YOU, AL HASTINGS!**



**NATIONAL BOWLS DAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021**

**10:00AM ~ 4:00PM**

Happy Birthday to ParticipACTION! 50 years inspiring Canadians to get Physically Active! **Get the active app** and keep track of physical activity for the month of June. Let us know how you did!

At the Regina Lawn Bowling Club – we have lots of great activities planned. Pop in any time between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Then arrive at the RLBC and let the fun begin! Bring a friend and spread the word!

**PS: IF YOU BOWL WELL, THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A PRIZE!**

## **WELL, BOWL ME OVER - ORIENTATION MANUAL**

The Orientation Manual – which is a compilation of everything you wanted to know about bowls but were afraid to ask – is now loaded on the RLBC website. The Manual's target audience is new members, but when the Orientation Committee was reading the novel, we realized that there is a lot of information that all members might be interested in. It could be our "go-to" document. Yes. That's the ticket. The Orientation Manual is our "Go-To" Document! There is a copy of the Orientation Manual at the clubhouse – so feel free to reference it if questions arise. Please don't take it home – it's the club's copy.

If you want your own copy, you can find the Orientation Manual on the website under "About" and then "About our Sport".

<https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/about-our-sport.html>

## **RLBC LOGO LAUNCH**

The RLBC is proud to officially launch our new Logo. We continue to be trailblazers in all areas of bowls. Way to go! Many thanks to Brandon Watson for bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!



Regina Lawn Bowling Club

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All good things must come to an end, however, at the RLBC, things just keep getting better and better. After 50+ years, our old logo is now retired. The pension benefits aren't great but we are thankful for its dedication and service. The RLBC's exciting new logo is officially launched!



## RLBC BOARD MINUTES – WE GOT THE GOODS

Watch for the actual, official, authorized copy of the Minutes to be distributed after they are passed at the next RLBC Board meeting!

- The Agreement between the City of Regina and the Regina Lawn Bowling Club is this close to being signed!
- We have several vacancies on the board –Catering, Group Bookings, Beverage Services.
- Security Cameras are installed ~ and working.
- Music at the clubhouse now .
- Both summer students have officially started.
- New member interest – our coach has already given lessons – and new members are signing up.
- We can rent lockers this year. If you want to rent your current locker – let us know.
- Greens Equipment Shed Singles – have been replaced. Thanks D & R Roofing Inc.!
- Bowls Sask AGM, RLBC Reps are: Doug Normand, David Calam, Jo Urquhart and Jean Roney.
- Just received our 2020 irrigation water bill; it is pretty high.

## COACH'S CORNER - WHO'S SHOT?

Who Measures for Shot(s)? There are no laws or current etiquette rules that cover which player measures close shots. It makes no difference who measures if both players agree on the final result. Some years ago, the etiquette was that the player holding shot(s) determined and claimed the number of shots s/he believed their team was entitled to. If the opponent disagreed, then it was up to the team giving up the shots to measure and prove their case. But not now. . .

### IN THE DITCH

BY: **MARK A. TOUCHER**

If the jack is driven (big up-weight shot or just a trailer) into the ditch by a toucher and comes to rest there, no subsequent bowl in the end being played can become a toucher.

## BLACK "JACK" ~ FOREVER 21

The year was 2021. We anxiously waited for the 21<sup>st</sup> member to drop his or her membership application into the mail slot at the clubhouse. Who would it be? The suspense was killing us. And then . . . it happened.

We received our 21<sup>st</sup> registration for 2021.

Congratulations to **Donalda Ford** who will always be Forever 21!

Donalda received a hand made quilt from "*Quilty Pleasures*".

## SGI & BLOOMS FOR BOWLS

What are you going to do with your SGI rebate? So many options! Please consider donating \$5.00 from your SGI rebate to the "**Blooms for Bowls**" campaign at the RLBC. Spent all your refund? No problem . . . perhaps you can donate a plant from your own perennial patch. Each year, Doug plants the garden beds for our members to enjoy. Sadly, each year, some of the perennials don't survive our harsh winter (thank you, Mother Nature!) ~ and they need to be replaced. This year is no different. If you want to donate from your SGI rebate – please slip your money into an envelope and drop it in the mail slot at the club. Your donation can be anonymous, or, let us know by including your name. Or, bring a perennial plant to the club. Be part of the growing future at the RLBC. Thank you SOOOOO much.

Huge **Welcome** to our new members – **Savanna Glazier** and **Keir Glazier**. Lessons are completed and they are anxious to get out on the greens playing a game. Please introduce your self to **Savanna** and **Keir** and join us in welcoming them to the club.

# RESPECT IN SPORT

Sport Canada told Bowls Canada Boulingrin ..... who told Bowls Sask ..... who told the Regina Lawn Bowling Club ..... that ..... in order to be able to help with group bookings, volunteers will need to take the Respect in Sport course. Yikes! Sigh! Oh Dear! As if it wasn't hard enough finding volunteers to help . . . now this. But, it's not our fault. Really, it's not. If you decide to take the Respect in Sport course (please....pretty please....) here's what you should know.

It has to be taken online. You can take the Respect in Sport from the Bowls Canada website. Go to – [www.bowlsCanada.com](http://www.bowlsCanada.com). Click on Safe Sport along the top menu



Scroll down until you see the heading – Safe Sport – Education ~~~~and Voila ~Respect in Sport.

Bowls Canada members can access this training [here](#).

You are taken to the Respect in Sport page. Choose your preferred language (you only have two options so hopefully one of your preferred languages is English or French).

If you have never taken the Respect in Sport course before – you will need to create a username and password. If you have taken the Respect in Sport course, then you can login because your account has already been created (sure hope you remember your password).

Once you have finished – it takes about 3 ½ hours – please let Doug Normand know that you have successfully passed the course (it's just like being back in school) and he will add you to the list. Actually, print your certificate and give your printed copy to Doug. That's even better! The cost is free – but, if you do happen to be charged, then send us your bill.

The Board **thanks you so much** for taking the Respect in Sport course so that you can assist with Group Bookings. As you know, Group Bookings helps to financially sustain our bowls club and introduces the sport to potential new members.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Considering a membership but not sure which one? If you are undecided, remember, you can be a full member, a youth full member, a Wednesday night youth member, a Friday night Jitney member, or an Associate member.

If you take out an associate membership – you can bowl on Opening Day, Canada Day, and at the Windup. You can also bowl at regular draw times for \$10.00 a game. Taking out an associate membership helps the RLBC big time and it helps you as well. You will maintain your membership status, receive all the information about events, and remain on the Communication list.

Too many forms to fill out? Not really – two COVID forms (a couple of check boxes and a signature) and that's it. The forms are available at the clubhouse – just ask Chris.