

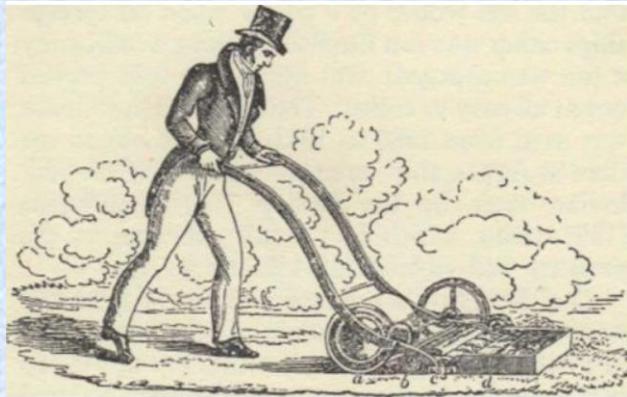
# BETWEEN BOWLS

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## Some Lawn Bowling Facts Did U Know???



- Bowls has been traced back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. A manuscript of that period in the royal library, Windsor, contains a drawing representing two players aiming at a small cone instead of a ball or jack.
- The world's oldest surviving Bowling Green is the Southampton Old Bowling Green, first used in 1299.
- Playing bowls was against the law in the 1300's as the King and English parliament felt the game took away from Archery, which was learned and used in battle.
- Statutes forbidding bowls were enacted in the reigns of Edward III, Richard II and others.
- The word 'bowls' occurs for the first time in the statute of 1411 in which Henry VIII confirmed previous enactments against the game of bowls.
- Bowls is mentioned in Jane Austen's book, Sense and Sensibility. . . . "we wanted all our brothers and sisters to be standing with us in the bowling-green, and looking towards Horsham." (Jane Austen to Casandra - Thursday, May 20, 1813).
- 1864, William Wallace Mitchel, a Glasgow cotton merchant, published his "Manual of Bowls Playing" which is the basis for the rules of the modern game.

## Re-“BRAND”ON-ing – with Brandon Watson



The RLBC Board and the Membership have overwhelmingly supported the move to re-branding the RLBC logo with a modern, fresh design. In keeping with certain aspects of logo branding and graphic design, the new logo builds on the foundational model of the circle which is ever evolving and continuous. The golden wheat sheaf is a constant icon of the Province of Saskatchewan and the City of Regina. Do you see two bowls? The outer shape is a bowl, and within the circle, there is a bowl and a jack, rolling on a green. The logo has the dark and light green hues which are representative of our traditional colors and match our RLBC club shirts. So while the logo has not been officially adopted by the board and while there may be a few little tweaks here or there, essentially, this is our new logo design. As we phase out our old logo and start introducing our new logo, you will see it on pins, bowls towels, t-shirts, bowls shirts, letterhead, our website and advertising materials.



## Christmas Correction

***Editor's note:*** We found the rightful authors of the “Twelve Days of Christmas” song we learned about in the December edition of the newsletter. We can thank Merle and David Ackerman for their song-writing talents.

## Jack Chatter – Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) Update

The Committee took a break over the Christmas holidays, but will be meeting again in January to continue its work. Here's a brief summary of the Committee's accomplishments, so far . . . .

**Phase 1** is complete. A Mission Statement, Vision Statement, the RLBC's Values and Goals, and Strategic Objectives were finalized. To complete Phase 1, the Committee came up with great taglines which will be used for campaigns targeting various activities. Some really catchy tag lines you'll see in the future are ~~ Discover Bowls ~~ Get Jacked For Life ~~ Where Life Keeps Rolling ~~ This Is How We Roll ~~ It's Curling on Grass ~~ Find Your Swagger ~~ Summer Bowls ~~ Discover Bowls ~~ Regina's Best Kept Secret ~~ Regina's Hidden Sport Gem ~~ Drive or Draw ~~ What's Up, Jack? ~~ Which one is your favorite?

**Phase 2** started in November. The Committee developed a list of specific areas to review. It wasn't easy. So many great ideas were discussed. Here's a list of some of the areas the Committee recognized as being most important ~~ many of which echoed feedback from you.

~ communication	~ engaging members	~ daily draw attendees
~ social bowls	~ robust orientation	~ buddy system
~ printed handbook	~ open dialogue	~ member support
~ nurture a sense of belonging	~ feedback and opinions	~ transparency

The list is not exhaustive and the work is not complete. The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to meet to work toward methods and plans for addressing and achieving these goals. Stay tuned ~ the best is yet to come!

### Orientation Committee

Remember your first few times at the club, way back when you just joined? Everyone was looking for Jack. And you thought Jack must be a very important member, because he sure seemed popular? Or every time a seasoned member arrived at the club, you thought they were running away from home because they always dragged in their overnight bag? And remember when you heard the one guy standing all by himself hollering to one of the members – you're short!! Like gee, you can't help how tall you are – and is there a height requirement to join the club? And then you thought – no wonder he's standing by himself, if that's the way he's going to act. But then . . . along came your Buddy. And you became part of the "Buddy System". And you soon learned that jack was the target; the overnight bag contained personal bowls, shoes and a measure; and that guy was the Skip who was just trying to provide his teammate with good advice so she could roll a better bowl next time. Wasn't the Buddy System great? Well, the SPC is resurrecting the Buddy System, and they are getting some help from the newly formed Orientation Committee. We asked you to share your bowling experiences as new members - and many of you did. But we'd sure love to hear more. If you have an experience that you would like to share about your first or second year of bowls, or how you got started – drop Judy a line - [ginlinjin@hotmail.com](mailto:ginlinjin@hotmail.com). A bit shy? We understand. Why not provide your feedback anonymously by going to the Suggestion/Comment Form on the RLBC Website - <https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/suggestioncomment-form.html> ~~ no name required.

## Burnt Ends – Sponsorship Anyone?

The Sponsorship Committee is always looking for local businesses who might like the opportunity to provide sponsorship to our club. When we say ‘sponsorship’ we are very pleased to accept a cash donation, a tournament sponsor, or in-kind donations such as those we received previously from The Floor Show, Water Boy Supply Centre, Tommy’s Speakeatery, District Brewing Co., Dairy Queen, Ripplinger Financial Corp., Cloverdale Paint and others.

We always recognize our sponsors through signage, advertising on our website, electronic newsletter and social media promotion, by allowing the sponsor to leave pamphlets and business cards at the clubhouse, a plaque, and other ways.

If you have a sponsorship connection or idea ~ let us know. [rlbc.sk@outlook.com](mailto:rlbc.sk@outlook.com)

## In the Ditch

Did you misplace previous copies of the RLBC newsletter? Just can’t find them? Well, look no more. A copy of previous newsletters is posted on the RLBC website. Click on the NEWS tab along the top once you get to the RLBC website – or – use this link:

<https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/news.html>

## Volunteering: Why Volunteering Makes U Happy

According to the University of Minnesota – volunteering creates social gain which leads to more interaction, engagement and trust – all significantly improving a person’s mental health. Volunteering is universal and you’re making a difference when you volunteer. Why does volunteering improve mental health? Because, as one person put it . . . “*It is the joy I feel when I see the look of happiness and relief on the faces of the folks I’ve helped.*” Also . . . .

- ~ Volunteering increases self-confidence.
- ~ Volunteering provides a sense of purpose.
- ~ Volunteering keeps you physically healthy.
- ~ Volunteering encourages emotional connections.
- ~ Volunteering combats depression.
- ~ Volunteering provides social interaction.

## CrackerJack – Now on Netflix

Crackerjack, starring Mike Molloy, is a classic Aussie lawn bowls movie which was released by Netflix on December 14, 2020. The film was originally released in 2002 ~ so you may have seen it already. The story is about Jack Simpson a member of the lawn bowls club who only bowls to make money (don’t we all?). Jack is forced to play bowls in a parking lot in order to save his venue which is being shut down. Jack’s story mirrors the RLBC’s story of 2017 – remember when we were just about shut down? So grab some popcorn, a bag of twizzlers, and an extra large Oh Henry . . . and enjoy a night at the movies!

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**