

BETWEEN BOWLS

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I Fought the Lawn and the Lawn Won **NOT!**

Garth has been busy all winter dreaming about the greens. He's got lots of ideas planned for this season and with Brady's help, this dynamic duo are going to get our greens in tip-top shape running faster than ever. John has been tinkering with the equipment and everything is ready to go. Brandon will fix more sprinklers as soon as the water lines unthaw. Make sure to wave to Garth, Brady, Brandon and John when you see them! Or better yet – give'em a thumbs up! 

Adam & (well, not eve)

Hopefully starting in May, our summer student working inside the clubhouse will be **Adam Preston**. Adam is a University of Regina student, majoring in biology. Adam is eager to learn our sport, help with group bookings, stock the fridge with pop and water, fill up the snack cart, do some light housekeeping duties, and help outside with Doug. Adam will be tasked with promoting our club to corporate groups – hopefully we'll see more new bowlers trying our sport.

Please say HI to Adam when you see him and please introduce yourself when you are at the club.

Membership Renewal Day

Sunday, April 25, 2021
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

After a long winter, we are anxious to meet back at the Bowls Club, renew our membership and renew our friendships. Renewal Day is a new initiative spurred on by the Strategic Planning Committee, the Orientation Committee and supported by the Board of Directors.

Renewal Day is an opportunity for members to meet the Board of Directors – bring your questions and ask them in our “*Toward the Board*” segment; find out everything there is to know about the Strategic Planning Committee and the Orientation Committee; have a word with our Greens Keeper; hear about Bowls Buddy's; find out about the great leagues we are going to offer this season, learn more about volunteer opportunities; get a tour of the RLBC Computer and specifically, how SignUpGenius works; see the new RLBC logo in full color. We will be at the clubhouse between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Coffee and snacks will be served.

We'll be on hand to take your membership application and you can organize your locker. Bring your bowls – can't have a roll-up, but you can store them in your locker, ready for Opening Day.

SOME COVID RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY.

Can't make Renewal Day? No problem. You can always drop off your membership in the mail box at the Club or mail it to the post office box listed on the application form.

Did you hear the one about the Easter Bunny who sat on a bee? It's a tender tail.

CONGRATULATIONS JEAN RONEY

SASK SPORT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD - 2020



Congratulations to Jean Roney on receiving the 2020 Sask Sport Volunteer Recognition Award. Jean was nominated by Bowls Sask for her service to the sport of bowls. “We are so proud and thankful for the 10 volunteers and coaches announced as recipients of the 2020 Sask Sports Awards” said Angella Pinay, Chair of the Sask Sport and Sask Lotteries Board of Directors. “These individuals have worked tirelessly for our amateur sport communities for many years. Without dedicated volunteers...Saskatchewan communities wouldn’t have the opportunity to participate in organized sports. The accomplishments they each have achieved are incredible. Sport has the power to connect us and give us a sense of belonging. These recipients have helped contributed to that and for that we thank you.”

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JEAN RONEY

Nominated by Bowls Saskatchewan

An accomplished lawn bowling athlete, nationally certified umpire and long-serving community and national coach, Jean Roney has dedicated a lifetime of volunteering. A member of the Bowls Saskatchewan Board of Directors for 31 years, Jean has held many positions and often more than one at a time. Her work on committees expanded to Bowls Canada Boulingrin as a member and chairperson of the National Officiating Committee, National Awards Committee and High Performance Program. A nationally certified umpire since 1997, she has been head umpire for senior national championships, youth national championships and was responsible for the assignment and training of umpires in the province. As a coach, Jean has helped the sport grow—running Learn to Bowl sessions—and she was the Team Coach for the U18 and U25 teams who attended Canadian Championships in 2019. She has also attended World Bowls, Eight Nations Competition, the Commonwealth Games and the Asia Pacific Games as a coach or manager for Team Canada.

Recipients were selected by a Sask Sport awards committee.

GRANT GREATNESS!

Hooray for Horizon's. More importantly, **Hooray for Karen!** We were notified in early March that we were successful with our New Horizons Grant application. The grant will be spent on new colored bowls for the club – some coaching bowls and some regular sets, in various sizes and colors. We are **super-duper** excited! We are Easter-egg-cited! We've been doing the happy dance for weeks!

REMOVING TARPS

We require a group of individuals who don't mind some heavy lifting, to help remove the tarps from all 4 greens. Experience folding laundry would be a definite asset, as the tarps are folded neatly and put away for the summer. Interested? Available? Watch for an email requesting your help. Did we lose you at 'laundry'?

UP ON THE ROOF DOWN BY THE GREENS, YEAH!

Sponsorship Success! D & R Roofing (dandroofinginc.ca) has agreed to sponsor the Regina Lawn Bowling Club by way of providing new shingles to the roof of the large equipment shed, by Green D. They will re-roof the shed, and their sponsorship includes free labour as well. As you probably know, the shed was in desperate need of new shingles and Janet Watson has been working tirelessly all winter to find a sponsor. Doug Normand will work with the rep from D & R Roofing to get the project completed. Hop Hop Hurray!



Thank U Janet Watson!

BLACK BOWLS – BLACK HOLE

BROWN BOWLS – BROWN SOLE

So now that we have a bunch of colored bowls arriving at the club ~~ what on earth are we going to do with our old black and brown bowls? Well we are going to donate some of them to Waskesiu. Why? Waskesiu is in the process of building an outdoor lawn bowling green with help from Parks Canada as it is in the Prince Albert National Park. The new green will only have four rinks so play will only be in One Direction (not the boy band). The organization has other start up costs and one of them is to secure bowls so visitors to the park can play. Bowls Sask has been assisting this group with some of their start up costs with the hope that they can become another club under the Bowls Sask umbrella which would provide another zone for lawn bowling. This would be good in the eyes of Sask Sport which provides various funding to Bowls Sask which in turn trickles down to the various member clubs through various grants. And what will we do with the other sets? With the expansion of B Cubed in a few years, hopefully we will need extra sets to accommodate full capacity at the RLBC.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Strategic Planning Committee provided members with a synopsis of the hard work that the Committee has accomplished over the winter months (distributed in March). The Committee met once a month and tackled so many issues (well, if the Rider's aren't playing, some tackling had to be done in Regina). The RLBC Board wants to thank Judy Whiting, Doug Normand, Heather Hanoski, Mike Higgens, Brandon Watson and Lois Kos who served on the Committee. The Board would also like to thank the members who contacted Judy with their feedback and comments ~ it was valuable information

that helped keep the Committee focused and on track. The RLBC fully supported the work of the Strategic Planning Committee and voted overwhelmingly to adopt all recommendations. So, it's on!

ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

The Orientation Committee was never dis-oriented! They had a clear vision – and they accomplished a lot in a very short period of time. Bowls Buddy's, an Orientation In-Person Tour, New Member Manual, New Member Brochure, and Revamping the Coaching Lessons ~ these areas were the focus of this committee. The RLBC Board wants to thank Judy Whiting, Doug Normand, Janet Watson, Lois Kos and Jordan Kos for putting the strategy together. The plan, which was supported by the RLBC Board, will be implemented in the 2021 season with the focus on new member integration into our club and long term member retention. All the documents that the Committee has prepared will be distributed to the membership very soon ~~ so watch your inbox!

RLBC BOARD MEETING

The Board met in March and had a full Agenda. Here are some of the highlights ~ with more information to follow when the minutes are approved and distributed.

- 📁 The Heritage Regina Cultural Trailway plaque has been installed at the club, just outside the main gate. Have a look next time you're at the club.
- 📁 A Survey will be sent asking members about what types of social events they would like offered in 2021. Watch out for the Survey and make sure your voice is heard!
- 📁 No Canadian Nationals, therefore, No Provincial Playdowns. But, Bowls Sask may have some surprise tournaments they will introduce. Can't wait to hear the details.
- 📁 City will be on site to look at the drainage and perhaps we might be able to sign the Agreement! Scary stuff – then we truly will be on our own.
- 📁 The President's letter is coming your way soon. Check your inbox.
- 📁 Received the New Horizon's Grant – new bowls are ordered and on their way. Good Job, Karen and the Bowls Committee!
- 📁 Got a sponsor to re-roof the equipment shed. Great work Janet!
- 📁 Organizing the Competitive 3s league – just waiting for the go-ahead from the provincial gov't.
- 📁 Going to check our Insurance Policy and make sure that we are adequately covered.
- 📁 Supporting a new bowls club in Prince Albert National Park with a bowls donation.
- 📁 Discussion about Group Booking fees. There's always a Group Booking discussion.
- 📁 Got a financial sponsor ~ more information coming your way.
- 📁 Keep checking your inbox for a copy of the Orientation Committee's documents.
- 📁 Renewal Day – April 25. Removing Tarps – An email will be sent out, so please watch for it.

A League of the Their Own

Competitive 3s – Triple Threats

Get ready! Well, sort of. Maybe. If the restrictions are lifted, Janet and Lois will be running the Competitive 3s league this summer. It won't be the typical league which usually runs in the Spring time as a prelude to provincial playdowns. Instead, games will be played on week nights and weekends throughout June and July. You can start thinking about your dream team. Organize your own team of mix or match triples. Think of a good team name. Then, when the RLBC is given the green flag, a communication will be sent to the membership to register your team. More details will be communicated once we find out if and when we can run the Competitive 3s. Stay tuned!



B Cubed organizing committee has met and planning is underway to offer the B Cubed league every Thursday night for approximately 8 weeks this summer. Details are pending as we wait for government restrictions to be outlined. If you know of someone, or a group of someones, who might be interested in joining the B Cubed league this year well, send them our way. There's information on the website or they can inquire at – BcubedBowls@outlook.com or rlbc.sk@outlook.com



Inquiring minds want to know . . .

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club has already received inquiries about new memberships, corporate bookings, and B Cubed team entries.

This is great news because it means that individuals in our community have heard about our club, our sport and our members and want to be part of the action!

It's going to be a great season, right?

Survey Says

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club sent out a survey in 2020 – and you told us you want more social events. This is one area that the Strategic Planning Committee and the RLBC Board wants to provide during the 2021 season. But . . . we're stumped. What kind of social events do you want??? A Survey will be coming your way. Let us know what you want and we'll try to accommodate. No promises! But we'll try.

HOPPY EASTER!

HOPE THE EASTER BUNNY

BRINGS U LOTS & LOTS

OF CHOCOLATE!