

# BETWEEN BOWLS

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## Short Mat

As the outdoor season starts to come to an end . . . there are a couple of options for indoor Bowls Short Mat available so that you can keep bowling all year round.

The first is at the South Zone – Friday nights – email Brandon at [szrbIndoorbowls@outlook.com](mailto:szrbIndoorbowls@outlook.com). Indoor bowls are played at the South Leisure Centre – 170 Sunset Drive from 6:30pm until 8:30pm from Sept 24 – Nov 26. Several membership options are available.

The other is located at the King's Corner Church – 2110 King Street. Contact Ken Tomlinson for more information.

Bit of trivia . . . Short Mat Bowls is played on the North Sea Oil Rigs where space is really at a premium!

## Official Address of Lawn Bowls

The home of the modern game of bowls, called the World Bowls Centre, is at Caledonia House in Edinburgh Scotland. Raise your hand if you've been!

The International Bowling Board was formed in 1905. The foundation members were Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales. Canada was first admitted in 1928, along with Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA. The home of the modern game is still in Scotland with the World Bowls centre in Edinburgh.

## Competition Heats Up at Provincial Playdowns North v South

After “skip”ping (pardon the pun) an entire year, the provincial playdowns were back offering various disciplines: women's pairs, men's pairs, mixed pairs, singles, and senior triples. Using a format from many, many, many, many years ago, Saskatchewan was divided into two sections – North v South.

The South Playdowns were held on weekends in July and August at the RLBC with the winning teams set to challenge the North teams in what was sure to be an epic battle. The men's pairs, women's pairs, and mixed pairs representing Sask North descended on the Regina Lawn Bowling Greens to compete in the Provincial Playdowns while the senior teams and singles players gathered in Saskatoon.

Action packed weekends with precision draws, accelerated drives, trick shots and the odd lucky wick were witnessed by the spectators who got their tickets early and didn't miss a single moment. There were fans in the stands to watch as temperatures climbed to mid 30s and then as the rain fell and the wind blew.

The South was represented by youth and experience. The teams of Jean Roney & Jordan Kos, Anita Nivala & Heather Hanoski, Carter Watson & Brandon Watson, Keith Roney & Bryon McMillan ~ represented the men's and women's pairs respectively. Carter Watson & Jordan Kos, Jonathan Pituley & Harriette Pituley were a force to be reckoned with and won their way to represent the South in the mixed pairs competition.

The South Singles playdowns were held in Regina. Our Singles winners were Heather Hanoski, Tracey McPherson, Darrell Hanoski, Kevin W. and Jordan Gailey. And, as with all singles games, markers were required. Special thanks goes to “Mark”er Sutyla, Anita Nivala, Heather Hanoski, Janet Watson, Doug Normand, Janice Robson and Jordan Kos. Lots of chalk was used each end and the measuring sticks worked overtime.

Our Seniors teams were Doug Normand, David Calam & Pat Schlotter representing the men's side and the teams of Jean Roney, Jan Robson & Liz Jones and Vi McPherson, Jo Urquhart & Ingrid Riffel representing the women (in Saskatoon).

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And now for some results!

**Seniors:** The team of Doug Normand, David Calam and Pat Schlotter brought home the gold medal in the Men's Senior Triples on August 12. Well, actually, there were no medals awarded this year, but if there was, Team Normand would have a gold medal! The team of Jean Roney, Jan Robson and Liz Jones brought home the Bronze! Well done!

**Men's & Women's Pairs:** A one day competition held on August 21 at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club saw the best men's pairs and women's pairs teams battle on the greens. In 1<sup>st</sup> place was Jean Roney & Jordan Kos and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Heather Hanoski & Anita Nivala. On the Men's Pairs side, winners were the Watson Brothers (aka Carter Watson and Brandon Watson) and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the team of Keith Roney and Bryon McMillan. That's a clean sweep for Regina.

**Mixed Pairs:** The Mixed Pairs competition was played on August 22. They say that bowlers play in rain or shine, but . . . it was a cold, wet, miserable day and the Saskatoon teams decided to compete for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> spot back in Saskatoon at a later date. The two Regina teams will play their final game when the sun shines, sometime in September. Stay tuned for the results of the matchup between Jon Pituley & Harriette Pituley v Carter Watson & Jordan Kos. It's sure to be a nail-biter.

**Singles:** The Regina Singles players travelled to Saskatoon for the finals. Reports indicate that the games were tight and many great shots were made. The Provincial Singles competition completed with Darrell Hanoski & Heather Hanoski bringing home silver and Tracey McPherson & Jordan Gailey throwing bronze bowls. Looks like the Singles winners had the "home green" advantage.

Thanks to our greens keeping team ~ Garth & Brady & Darrell ~ for cutting and rolling the greens and getting them ready for competition.

The South Provincial Playdowns couldn't have taken place without Doug Normand who organized all South events. Thank you!

Special thanks to our Catering Crew ~ Judy Whiting, John Whiting, Karen Schlotter & Pat Schlotter. The lunches were excellent ~ delicious, nutritious and affordable.

The Regina Umpires were Doug Normand and Murray Pituley ~ Thank You! They weren't kept too busy, and they thank the players for that.

Finally, thanks to the many fans who showed up to watch all of the games ~ we had more fans at the RLBC than there was at the Olympics!

Congratulations to all the participants and all the winners. Well done!



The Watson Bro's



Keith Roney & Bryon McMillan



Jean Roney & Jordan Kos



Heather Hanoski & Anita Nivala

# Bowls Restoration Project

Many of you have probably heard about our **Bowls Restoration Project**. If not . . . here's the scoop.

With the arrival of the new colored bowls in July, we were so excited to retire the old black and brown bowls that had occupied the shelves for so long. But then, reality set in. While the 50 sets of new bowls is fabulous, what do we do if we expand B Cubed or have a large group booking? We'll have no choice but to go back to our tired bowls, ask them to come out of retirement, and continue to roll.

The feedback we heard from those who used the black and brown bowls (before the colored bowls arrived) was that the inexperienced participants had difficulty distinguishing one set of black bowls from another.

So, we got an idea and we called it the **Bowls Restoration Project**. We decided to bring the old sets of bowls out of retirement, give them a facelift and make them look younger and more attractive. We asked our members if they had bowls stickers they could donate, and then we contacted a couple of bowls stores and ordered a few additional stickers. **Thank you to everyone who donated bowls stickers**, by the way!

Lots of colored paint was purchased to make each black and brown bowl look unique – even exciting!

So the project in a nutshell is. . . we will use bright colored paint to paint the rings, emblems and dimples of the bowls, and then we will apply a matching bowls sticker. The bowls will get the facelift they deserve and they will be ready if and when needed next season.

Watch for an email inviting you to come and help us work on the project. We are **almost** as excited about the old bowls getting a new look as we were when the new colored bowls arrived . . . **almost**.

*No bowls were injured during the Bowls Restoration Project.*

Am I  
shot??



I have no  
idea. All the  
bowls look  
the same!

Sometimes I wonder what happened to  
the people who asked me for  
directions.



Wish we had a Bowls Restoration Project. Some nice colored bowls stickers and a bit of paint would help distinguish your bowls from mine.

But mine are black and yours are brown



*RLBC – Circa late 1960's*

## B Cubed

*What kind of beer does a spider like? A Bug Light!*

The Bar was a hot commodity at B Cubed as we celebrated the last B Cubed league night on August 5. Lots of hot dogs were sold too.

The B Cubed players were awesome and they repeatedly let the volunteers know how much they LOVE bowls and can't wait for next season.

The volunteers were fantastic and provided an atmosphere of fun and sociability for the players. The B Cubed Organizing Committee really want the volunteers to know how valuable their contribution to the league has been this season ~ they cannot do it without you guys. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The arrival of the new colored bowls was a great hit and the players were able to enjoy the new bowls for 3 weeks. What a difference!

What was even more exciting is that B Cubed Players told volunteers that not only were they looking forward to next season and would definitely return, but . . . . they were bringing more teams with them. And . . . . several RLBC Members told us that they'd love to help with B Cubed next season. Any way you look at it ~That's a WIN~WIN!

The B Cubed Organizing Committee will take a breather but before long, they'll be back at the planning table. Thank you to the RLBC members for their continued support. The revenue that B Cubed brings in, the potential future revenue, and the exposure that bowls gets through B Cubed is a real positive for our club and for the sport.

## Competitive 3's

The Competitive 3s teams played their final game on August 3. Nail-biters all the way, but the results are in. So who won?

Did team Wat-Schlot-Schlunkers successfully defend their unbeaten record against The Rokahani Girls? Or, were The Rokahani Girls able to pull out the win and challenge 1<sup>st</sup> spot?

Which team came in second? DAZ was making great gains to overtake 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Did they pull it off? Bippity Boppity Bowls and Draw N To It kept their games close ~ only losing by 1 or 2 points per game ~ which kept their +/- in play. They'll be a force to be reckoned with next year. Wrecking Crew finished strong ~ was it strong enough to medal? Find out at the Windup!

## Laura Dewald Mixed Pairs

The Laura Dewald Mixed Pairs club tournament took place on Thursday, August 19 and Thursday, August 26. Teams played 4 games in total ~ 6 end games ~ with a break in between. Entry fee was \$5.00 with a matching \$5.00 provided by the Laura Dewald Memorial Fund. Hotdogs and Bevvies were served both nights. Thanks to all the players ~ thanks to all the volunteers ~ thanks to Doug Normand for organizing the tournament.

The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Roney & Jeannene Demencuik won \$48
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Normand & Janice Robson won \$36
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harriette Pituley & Kevin Welykholowa won \$24
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bryon McMillan & Vi McPherson won \$12

## More Memberships

On July 31, we counted our memberships. We had 70 RLBC memberships (Regular, Youth and Associate) plus 52 B Cubed members (who are actually RLBC members too). That's 122 members. Pretty darn good for a year that started off with some uncertainty.

Then, on August 1, we offered memberships at half price. Some of our Associate Members upgraded to a full membership and took advantage of the half price deal. So that's really good. Just thought you might wanna know this stuff.

## The Canadian Bowler Show

The Canadian Bowler Show features our very own **Michael Pituley** along with co-hosts Luke Caldwell and Darryl Fitzgerald. It's a show that discusses the latest in the world of bowls, offers some great coaching tips, and keeps you posted re national and international lawn bowls events. Oh yeah, and they do cool interviews, too. To watch current or past episodes, just google search **The Canadian Bowler Show**.



# New Zealand Mixed 5's

This very popular tournament made its return on August 14 & 15. Two 90 minute games were played on Saturday (9:00am, 10:45am) and one 90 minute game was played on Sunday (10:00 am). There was a \$5 entrance fee per person, and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams all received cash prizes. One of the highlights of the game included – two perfect ends. The Yellow Triples Team of Carter, Vi and Al scored a perfect 9 ender, and the Blue Pairs team of Jon and Ernie scored a perfect 8 ender. Hopefully the Bowls Canada Bowlingrin Perfect End Pins have been ordered and are on their way! DQ Dilly Bars helped to keep the players cool after the final game.

Winning teams were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Foreign | Blue:** Jonathan Pituley, Ernie Meid, Janice Robson, Liz Jones, Karen Schlotter

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Balanced | Red:** Harriette Pituley, Bryon McMillan, Pat Schlotter, Jo Urquhart, Ingrid Riffel

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Equity | Yellow:** Carter Watson, Vi McPherson, Doug Lambert, Al Hastings, Jeannene Demencuik

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Bond | Green:** Michael Pituley, Doug Normand, Brandon Watson, Tracey McPherson, Janet Watson



(Missing – Michael Pituley)





## Waskesiu Bowls

The Waskesiu Lawn Bowling Green dates back over 70 years but has not been in play for a very long time. The golf course guy in Waskesiu has been refurbishing their 5 rink green (in conjunction with Parks Canada) and it should be operational and ready for play in 2022. The green is nestled in their recreation area where the summer crowd enjoys outdoor sports such as volleyball, mini golf, outdoor chess and of course, lawn bowls. Derwin, from the Stanley Thompson Lawn Bowling Club, picked up donated sets of bowls from the RLBC. He was super excited and extremely grateful for the donations. We also donated some bowls bags. Derwin invited our members to come for a roll up next year. Should we car pool?



Here's the progress made at the Waskesiu Lawn Bowling Greens

# Bowled and the Beautiful

Even though the weather is starting to cool off, and daylight is leaving us earlier, there are still lots of things happening at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club and in the sport of bowls.

Remember the **Daily Draws** ~ Monday to Friday, 11:00am, 1:15pm and 7:15pm. Note the time change for the morning draw.

Janice continues to offer **Friday Night Jitney** starting at 7:15pm (every Friday, of course) followed by lunch. Remember your toonie!

Don't miss out on the September **RLBC Tournaments**. Sign up at the club house or email Doug Normand.

**Competitive Pairs:** September 6 - 9

**Men's Club Singles:** September 11 - 12

**Women's Club Singles:** September 11 - 12

**Club Championship:** September 25

**Club Windup:** September 25

There are a couple of **Bowls Sask Tournaments** happening too.

**Grassroots Tournament:** September 4 - 5 at Nutana Lawn Bowling Club in Saskatoon

**Bowls Sask Tournament:** September 18 -19 in Regina

There is some information about these two tournaments posted on the bulletin board by the desk in the club house. However, if you need more information about these tournaments, contact Doug Normand.

The coffee pot is ready to go ~ make yourself a cuppa and enjoy friendship with fellow bowlers. There are still plenty of snacks on the snack cart, and lots of bottled water and pop. The "Werther's Fairy" fills the candy jar ~ help yourself. So let's keep rollin our bowls and finish strong this season.



## Group Bookings

Corporate and School Group Bookings provide revenue to the RLBC which is used to enhance the club and grounds, pay bills, pay wages, and keep membership fees low.

Now that Chris is back at school, Doug N will be handling the Corporate groups and Lois will be handling the School groups for the remainder of the season.

If you have taken the Respect in Sport course, which is mandated by Bowls Canada in order to work with groups, then you are eligible (lucky you) to help with group bookings. If you haven't taken the course, it's about 2 ½ hours and can be found on the Bowls Canada Website. It's free.

Watch for emails asking for volunteer assistance to help with group bookings in September and October. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Perhaps you've heard the rumour  
That has many times been told  
"You never start to Lawn Bowl  
Until you have grown old".  
The whole idea is nonsense  
For the sport played on the "Greens"  
Has addicts in their eighties  
And Champions in their teens  
So one and all are welcome  
Come Lawn Bowl with your peers  
When once you've tried this skillful game  
You'll wish you'd bowled for years

## RLBC Sponsors

Just a note about our generous sponsors who have made in-kind donations to our club which have made a tremendous improvement socially and aesthetically. If you have an opportunity to support our sponsors – please let them know that you are a member of the Regina Lawn Bowling Club.

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Dairy Queen (Elphinstone St.)

If you know of an organization who would be interested in sponsoring the Regina Lawn Bowling Club, let us know. You make the connection ~ we'll do the work! Just send us an email – [rlbc.sk@outlook.com](mailto:rlbc.sk@outlook.com)

## Bye-Bye Brady ~~ Cheerio Chris

Now that August is past, we have to say good-bye to our University Summer Students – Brady and Chris. Brady returns to Lethbridge to continue his studies in Kinesiology and Massage Therapy. Chris will get a new calculator and start crunching the numbers as he works toward his Accounting Degree. We will miss Brady and Chris. Hopefully, they'll be back next season. You never know!

## Fox News

Emily Fulford and her crew from Skycron, which is an affiliate of Fox News, were on site during the Men's and Women's Pairs competition to tape a segment about Bowls. Once the film editors have had their way with the 47 minutes of exclusive footage . . . the lengthy interview with Jordan Kos, Brandon Watson, and Carter Watson will be debuted within the next couple of weeks. We overheard Emily say that she loved learning about bowls and that if she lived in Regina, she would definitely take out a membership at our Club (we **think** that's what she said). When we have a copy of the interview, it will be posted on the RLBC website.



# Word Search

## Lawn Bowls Word Search

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