

# BETWEEN BOWLS

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## AGM

Date: November 6  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Location: RLBC Clubhouse

Why did the can crusher quit her job? Because it was so-da pressing! Get it? Speaking of soda, there are still cans of soda and bottled water in the fridge. They are available for purchase at a reduced price ~~ 3 cans for \$2.00. Help yourself!

Due to social distancing, only six of the seven dwarfs can meet at the lawn bowling greens. One of them isn't Happy.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

What are you thankful for this year? As we gather with family and friends, or enjoy a day of solitude, we are thankful for our lawn bowling community and the friendships we've made at the greens.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

## R U Bored? R U Looking for Something To Do?

Bowls season is over (just about). . . . Bored Yet? Why not become part of the RLBC "Bored" of Directors. Here are the benefits (and there are many):

- You get to attend monthly meetings. Not going to give any secrets away . . . but . . . the RLBC meetings are super-duper fun.
- You get to be part of a Team that shares ideas and moves our club forward.
- You get support from your fellow board members ~ everyone is always willing to help out.
- You get to be part of sub-committees.
- You get to volunteer your time to enhance your portfolio and your club.

While you can let your name stand for any position, there are some open posts for you to consider.

- ★ Catering Director
- ★ Group Bookings Director

Not really looking for a big commitment like being a board member? Then perhaps you can spare a bit of your time helping in other ways:

- Housekeeping
- B Cubed
- Cutting grass
- Watering plants and grass
- Keeping the ditches in the greens free of overgrown grass and weeds
- Weeding
- Painting or staining benches
- Group bookings (school and corporate)
- Bowls Buddy
- Open Houses
- Youth Nights and Activities
- Bartender
- Coaching
- Card Connection (more info below)

If you decide you'd like to help with **Group Bookings** next year, you must take the Respect in Sport course (Bowls Canada says so). It's free and you can take it by going to the Bowls Canada website. Or, ask a board member and we'll get you started. Hey – it's a great video to watch during the cold winter months, and you'll be ready to help (and we desperately need your help) come spring-time.

If you are interested in helping with **B Cubed** next year, let Lois know – she is in charge of organizing the volunteer schedule. You can email her – [rlbc.sk@outlook.com](mailto:rlbc.sk@outlook.com)

Honestly, my biggest fear about becoming a zombie is all the walking

## Club Tournaments



*RLBC – 1970s*

### **Why do ghosts hate rain? It dampens their spirit!**

The final game of the Provincial Mixed Pairs competition took place on September 10 at the RLBC after the original weekend had been rained out. It featured the matchup of the Mother and Son team of Harriette Pituley and Jon Pituley against Cousins Carter Watson and Jordan Kos. It was truly a family affair! The game was very close with excellent drives, wicks, and draws. The leads were throwing shades of pink and red bowls while the skips were using blue bowls so it was difficult for the spectators to pick out shot bowl until the lead grabbed the jack to signify points scored. By the 14<sup>th</sup> end the team of Watson and Kos nudged out the Pituley's to grab the Mixed Pairs title. Thanks to Doug Normand who umpired the game.

Several club tournaments took place in September which finished off the season for competitive bowls. Doug Normand, the RLBC Tournament Director, was busy calculating the winners of all the RLBC tournaments and he ordered sufficient pins to hand out at the club windup.

A complete list of the winners will be available on the RLBC website shortly. But here is one interesting tid-bit. In the Competitive Pairs Club Tournament, there was a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This is the first time in the history of club tournaments at the RLBC where a clear winner could not be determined. The +/- was the same. The ends scored was the same. The win/loss record was the same. The teams did not play each other so no head-to-head could be a deciding factor. We made Club Tournament history this year!

Now for the Club Championship Game which featured our most intense gal versus our fiercest guy. But let's back up. Four women competed on September 11<sup>th</sup> in a complete round robin. Eight men competed the same weekend. Jordan Kos and Brandon Watson were victorious and they squared off against each other at the club windup. It is often said that we seem to be hardwired to root for the underdog. No underdog in this match, so fans had no choice but to cheer for good shots. In a very entertaining game, on a beautiful day, Jordan nudged out Brandon to claim the 2021 RLBC Singles Champ title. Oh, and if you missed the game. . . Carter live streamed it and you can watch it by going to the RLBC facebook page.

## **RLBC Windup – Rolling to a Close**

The club windup, held on September 25, featured the Men's v Women's Club Championship game, a game for the members, and a delicious snack afterwards ~ compliments of Judy Whiting and John Whiting and canned pop compliments of Jan's Jitney. Thank you!

While the members enjoyed their snack, Doug Normand announced the winners of all the club tournaments. Jeannene Demencuik received the most pins with 6! All of the winners' names will be engraved on the respective plaque – all plaques are hung in the lower level. Congratulations to all the winners and to all the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers who also received a pin.



## Survey

The much anticipated Social Survey will be heading your way after the AGM but before the 2022 season starts. This will be an opportunity for members to express the types of social activities they'd like to see at the RLBC. Watch your email for more details, but in the mean time, start thinking of what social activities would make you happy.

## Reminder

If you have RLBC equipment at your home, in your car, in your locker, please return it. This might be – bowls, mats, jacks, hand-held score card boards, etc. Thanks a bunch.

## Mark My Word . . .

The Youth Program, run by Mark Sutyla with assistance from Anita Nivala, was a huge success! Huge! 12 youth bowlers met every Wednesday evening in July and August to learn the game. Mark organized a fun activity every night, but actually, they were learning an important skill while still having a great time. (Sneaky!) The windup tested everything they learned over the past 8 weeks with stations set up which the bowlers rotated through in competition style. Thank you, Mark and Anita, for introducing our next generation of bowlers to our sport.

## Guessing Game

As you all know, we sold snacki-snacks from the snack card and cold beverages from the fridges all season ~ all of which cost \$1.00. Can you guess which drinks and which snacks were the most popular? Come on, give it a try. Answers found in the September Board Minutes, which will be distributed soon:

Top Beverages Sold
1.
2.
3.

Top Snacks Sold
1.
2.
3.

Autumn! A time of hot chocholatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings; and, best of all, leaping into leaves!

Winnie the Pooh

## Money Talks

The big **Revenue** items in 2021 were (amounts are approximate, but close):

Memberships	\$10,500.00
B Cubed (Revenue – Expenditures, includes memberships)	\$6,400.00
Group Bookings (Corporate and School)	\$13,000.00
Grants (Bowls Sask Normal \$4,800, Bowls Sask Covid \$27,700, Other Grants \$32,800)	\$61,400.00

The big **Expenditures** in 2021 were (amounts are approximate, but close):

Salaries (Greens Keeper & 2 Summer Students)	\$35,300.00
Capital Purchases (new mower, tarps)	\$23,100.00
Stuff (water, power, electricity, gas, internet, etc.)	\$16,300.00
New Bowls (we got grant money for these)	\$23,800.00

## Bowls Sask Tournament

The Bowls Sask Tournament was held at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club over the September 18 & 19 weekend and saw competitors from around Saskatchewan rolling for a medal. In order to participate the team members had to fit certain criteria. For example, only one member of the team could be a currently funded Sask First Athlete, National Team Member or was a Provincial Playdown Gold Medalist in 2019. The thought behind the Bowls Sask Tournament is to form teams where experienced/competitive bowlers and novice/social bowlers are brought together in a competitive environment. The winners of the 2021 Bowls Sask Tournament were:

Men's Pairs		Women's Pairs	
Gold	Pat Schlotter & Al Hastings	Gold	Janice Robson & Karen Schlotter
Silver	Doug Normand & David Morin	Silver	Liz Jones & Pat Hall
Bronze	Daniel Morin & Malcolm Taylor		
Triples			
Gold	Daniel Morin/Janice Robson/David Morin		
Silver	Kevin Welykholowa/Al Hastings/Jo Urquhart		
Bronze	Guy Lohman/Brenda Lohman/Liz Jones		

**Bowls Donation:** We were very sorry to hear of the recent passing of Ed Arndt. Members always enjoyed Ed's smiling face and positive attitude. Bowling with or against Ed was always a treat. In Ed's memory, Doreen donated Ed's set of bowls to the RLBC. We will cherish this set and think fondly of Ed whenever we bowl with Ed's bowls. Thank you.

## Bowls Restoration

Several members worked together to restore the old black and brown bowls in anticipation of using them next season. A new coat of paint was added to the rings, dimples and logos. Some bowls were given a sticker and others were left plain. The goal is for every black and brown bowl to be unique and distinguishable. So, if and when we use the older bowls for B Cubed or group bookings, players should have no trouble differentiating them apart.

Thanks to our Bowls Restoration volunteers – Lois Kos, Jordan Kos, Bo Kos, Brian Welykholowa, Janet Watson, Brandon Watson, Carter Watson, Scott Watson, Doug Normand, Heather Hanoski and Harriette Pituley. And, thanks to those who provided stickers – Keith Roney, Anita Nivala, Harriette Pituley, Ernie Meid.



***What did the witch say about the Bowls Restoration Project? “Wick”-ed***



## Gator-Ade



The Gator was ka-poot! For a while, at least. When it wasn't working, it was pushed into the shed so our trusty equipment guy could have a looksee. It would have been easier pushing the Gator into the shed if Jordan put the Gator in neutral and wasn't riding the brake the entire time!

“Witch” way to the shed?  
Oh, yeah, you’ve been “Boooo”ed

## Card Connection

Do you have a little time and want to help out, but don't want a huge time commitment or a board position? Do you have good (even reasonable) penmanship? Do you know how to lick an envelope or stick a stamp? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this may be the job for you. The Board has decided to reinstate an old club tradition of sending a bereavement card to a member or a member's family. We want our members to know that we, as a club, care when someone is going through that difficult grieving time. We'll set you up with a Card Kit – a good supply of cards, stamps and other things – and you will prepare the card and send it on the Club's behalf. If you are interested in helping with this very important job, or, would like more information, please contact Judy Whiting at [ginlinjin@hotmail.com](mailto:ginlinjin@hotmail.com).

## **Not a Minute 2 Soon**

After taking a short hiatus during the summer, the RLBC Board of Directors gathered in early September to discuss the 2021 season. Here are some of the highlights of the meeting. Remember, for those of you who signed up to receive the Minutes, they will be distributed to you after the Board approves them at their next meeting.

- ★ **122 Members (70 RLBC Members and 52 B Cubed Members).**
- ★ **Still waiting for the release of the much anticipated Fox Learn-to-Bowl documentary.**
- ★ **B Cubed was a huge success. Brandon thanked the organizing committee and the volunteers! Way to go!**
- ★ **Some changes for the Website planned for the 2022 season.**
- ★ **Some of our machines need a tune up cause they broke. Ooops.**
- ★ **Lots of school group bookings for September and October. Lots. Many thanks to the volunteers!**
- ★ **Discussed many initiatives and new ideas for the 2022 season.**
- ★ **We may have filled three potential board vacancies for the 2022 season – confirmation pending.**
- ★ **We're in pretty good financial shape. Well sort of. The new mower put us in the red, but we needed it.**
- ★ **We used Facebook to advertise certain events at the club but had some restrictions this season. Next season, watch out! Many, Many, Many Facebook posts coming your way.**
- ★ **Agreement between the City of Regina and the RLBC is still sitting in the City's legal department. You'd think they'd have a chance to review it by now.**
- ★ **Flowing Springs Golf Cards which will provide advertising for the RLBC will be printed and used next season. This actually worked out pretty well for us.**
- ★ **More security cameras being install this fall.**
- ★ **Summer students cost us a bit of money because the grants didn't cover all of their wages. But they were worth it.**
- ★ **BCB Belonging in Bowls. Good thing? Something to consider? Let's investigate.**
- ★ **Antique Bowls. We were alerted to a set of antique bowls being sold at an estate sale. We contacted the seller and put a bug in her ear – perhaps they might consider a donation to the RLBC?**
- ★ **The new bowls and slings were purchased with the New Horizon's Grant. Can you believe we purchased 50 sets of bowls and they cost us less than a grand?**
- ★ **What are we going to do for a greens keeper next season? Suggestions? Ooops, did we tell a secret? Well, yes, Garth has decided to spend his summers doing other things – like travelling! And spending time with Arlene!**
- ★ **Time to get some quotes for items we need so that Karen is ready when the right grant comes across her desk.**
- ★ **Insurance. To insure or not to insure. This is the question. What is the value of the contents inside the clubhouse? What is the value of our bowls? What is the value of the equipment in all the sheds? What deductible do we want? We have a head-ache!**

# A “Bowl”ful of Dreams

## Dreams & Schemes

Yes, sadly, the 2021 bowls season is coming to an end. But . . . The RLBC Board is revving up for the 2022 season. We have so many ideas which, if implemented, will continue to bring the club forward. Here are some of the Board’s Dreams & Schemes that have been tossed around as possibly being implemented next season.

- ★ **Seating.** What about painting some of the tired benches currently situated on the north side of the clubhouse. A good beauty treatment involving exfoliating the old paint/stain and a quick coat of new paint/stain and voila ~ usable benches. We can leave the benches where they are, or place the benches around the greens. We’ll have a place to sit, put down our water bottle and bowls bags and relax.
- ★ **Shade.** We’d like to add some shade to the greens. There are many options available.
- ★ **More Open Houses.** The big open house at the beginning of the season always draws a huge crowd. But we think we could offer a few more mini open houses during the season. Not on such a grand scale; smaller, less formal open houses so individuals in the community can try bowls. Maybe call them “Bring A Friend Night”. Advertising is key. Did someone say – Facebook?
- ★ **Promote Drop In Bowling.** Wednesday Night could be Family drop in. The youth members are already on the greens – why not invite more families to try bowls. Thursdays could be Adult (19+) drop in. We already have the bar and bbq going for B Cubed ~ so why not encourage drop in bowling at the same time? The summer student can help.
- ★ **Website.** Update the home page to include hours of operation, drop in bowling days and times. Perhaps even add a contact so that members of the community who want to try bowls can arrange a game.
- ★ **Signage.** Get a sign made and post it at the front gate that lists our hours of operation. Pedestrians walk by and wonder . . . . .
- ★ **Sign Restoration.** Restore the old wood RLBC sign.
- ★ **Leagues.** Other sports organizations offer mini-leagues throughout the year ~~ Why not bowls? A Monday night league (Monday’s don’t work for you ~ perhaps another night) running for 4 weeks might offer the exact commitment that some members of the community are looking for. Our own members might enjoy a league night as well. At least you’ll know that there will always be someone at the club for a game of bowls.
- ★ **Discontinue Sign-up Genius.** It was implemented because many members told us that it would be a good thing to know if members were going to enter the daily draw. However, very few members used the service. It’s too expensive to continue.

- ★ **Resurrect Daily Draws.** Campaign to get more attendance at the Monday-Friday daily draws. How? Suggestions?
- ★ **Card Connection.** Looking for a member who might be interested in sending bereavement condolences.
- ★ **Liquor Licence.** Extend and expand the dates and times of the Thursday night liquor licence. Members might want to attend the Thursday night draw, enjoy a hot dog or two, and a cold brewski. How about two nights a week?
- ★ **Expand B Cubed.** With aggressive advertising and spreading the word, we hope to fill two greens next season. Let's see what happens.
- ★ **Cool the Clubhouse.** Air conditioning? More fans? Bigger fans? Ceiling fans?
- ★ **Grants.** Continue to apply for every grant we find. Make a list, check it twice, get estimates. Ready, set, go!
- ★ **Old Bowls.** Finish giving the old black and brown bowls a facelift with new paint and stickers. Hopefully, with an expanded B Cubed, and other larger group bookings, the old bowls will be in use. Don't forget about the junior bowls, they need to look pretty too.
- ★ **Sponsorships.** We need sponsors to support our greens, our clubhouse and our activities. If you have a connection, let us know and we can work together.
- ★ **6-49 Plus Punch Cards.** Offer punch cards for bowls games for a reduced price. Example, 6 games for \$49.00 PLUS 1 or 2 or 3 additional games.
- ★ **Advertising.** Start our advertising campaign earlier to attract more members to our open house and more teams to B Cubed. Watch out, Facebook . . . here we come!
- ★ **Social Times.** Encourage members to make a cuppa coffee or tea – complements of the RLBC. Or, grab a cold bottle of water or can of pop (costs a loonie) and a bag of chips (also costs a loonie). Then get comfortable and enjoy social times with your bowls friends. We have decks of cards. Or, bring your favorite board game.
- ★ **Guest Sign-in Book.** This would let our members know when drop-in bowlers were at the club, and they could leave comments about their experience.
- ★ **Celebrity Night.** Invite prominent members of our community to the club to play with our own members. Lots of advertising to bring attention to the club.
- ★ **Lawn Summer Nights.** Is this still a thing and if so, do they want to return to the RLBC?

Do any of these ideas seem good to you? Or, are they simply dreams? Perhaps you have an idea that you'd like to share. Let us know what you think. Drop us a line –

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# Thank You!

The season is winding down, and the tarps are going to hug the greens as we say good-night for the winter. We wanted to acknowledge all the work that is done at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club which helps to keep our club vibrant and viable. We are thankful for . . .

**RLBC Board of Directors:** Your Board works tirelessly for you to ensure that the bills are paid, the equipment is in good order, the memberships are processed, communications are keeping you informed, coaching new and seasoned bowlers, organizing Jitney and club tournaments, keeping our club front and centre through publicity and social media, preparing a meal or two, stocking the fridge with pop and water, ensuring that the clubhouse is clean and inviting, planting flowers, cleaning the ditches and pulling weeds, and guaranteeing that the grounds are manicured and maintained. The Board members never sleep because they are always trying to think of new initiatives and exciting ideas which has made, and will continue to make, the RLBC a trend-setter across Canada. Thank you for what you do!

**B Cubed Organizing Committee and Volunteers:** B Cubed is the way of the future in terms of revenue and exposure and B Cubed brings a whole new vibe to Thursdays at the Club. This core group of organizers and volunteers work tirelessly to expand B Cubed, and to offer a unique experience to the B Cubed Members. The B Cubed Organizing Committee is already working on exciting new things for the B Cubed Players for the 2022 season. Keep spreading the word and let's continue to expand B Cubed.

**Outside Crew:** Many thanks to our Greens Keeper, our Equipment Guy, our Grass Cutters and all the volunteers who helped manicure and roll our greens. Our faithful grass cutters were awesome cutting and weed-wacking every Friday morning. Those bags of fertilizer were heavy and spreading sand wasn't easy! Thank you so much!

**Group Bookings:** School and Corporate Group Bookings require a lot of time to organize and a lot of volunteer hours. But it's worth it when we see the \$\$\$\$\$ hit our bank account. Thanks to everyone who helped with Group Bookings this year ~ both the Corporate groups and the School groups. We cannot do it without you.

**Volunteers:** Our club cannot survive without volunteer members. It's the volunteers who help with catering, removing the tarps in the spring, preparing and serving delicious meals, our bar and beverage crew serving a nice cold beer, the markers for a singles game, those who built something for our members like the step downs, those who dusted/vacuumed/swept the floors, cleaned the washrooms and did a load of laundry, filled the gas cans, or did some other jobs that improved life at the RLBC for our members. To all the volunteers, in all capacities, Thank You for helping to make the RLBC better.

**Members:** Thank you to the members for your support throughout the season. Appreciating the beautiful flowers and greenery inspires us. Commenting on the delicious soup de jour served at an event makes the meal planner feel valued. And, other kind and supportive comments to board members and volunteers are very much appreciated. Thank you for your support, your encouragement, and your confidence.

**Special thanks to the Werther's Fairy – the candies were delicious!**

# Thanks for the memories

The Board of Directors and the members join in thanking three key members of our board and club for their service and dedication.

**Ingrid Riffel.** Ingrid joined the RLBC Board a couple of years ago as Treasurer. She was key in handling the financial end of the memberships, writing receipts and keeping count of the membership money and activity. Ingrid also helped with many of the group bookings and helps to maintain weed control, among other things. We thank Ingrid for her service as she will step down from the board at the Annual General Meeting.

**John Gale.** John has been part of the RLBC Board for several years, keeping our equipment in good order and constantly running. John was instrumental in selecting the new mower, which was a much needed purchase, in 2021. John worked with Early's Farm & Garden Centre to determine the right fertilizer for each of our greens. He arranged for delivery – and then spread the fertilizer on the greens at a scheduled time. Hopefully, John will have more time for bowls next season.

**Garth Zummack.** Garth has been our Greens Keeper for the past two years. If only his fitbit could talk – we'd know how many miles he walked cutting the greens and watering by hand. Garth was at the Club morning, noon and night. We can't forget all the work Garth did three years ago, with Pat Schlotter, when they restored Green D. Garth wants to spend more time with Arlene, and they plan on travelling and doing other fun things. . . hopefully bowls is one of them.

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club Board of Directors sincerely thanks Ingrid, John and Garth for the dedication and service to the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. See you on the Greens!

## Giving Thanks

## **Flattery . . . Will Get You Everywhere!**

### **Go on . . . tell us more . . . .**

Who doesn't love a compliment every once in a while? An 'at-a-boy' or a 'you-go-girl'? The Regina Lawn Bowling Club received several compliments this season, particularly in September, and we want to share.

- ★ We received a super duper compliment from Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club. They love our club shirts and want to order similar ones for their club. We provided Nanaimo with a lot of information such as our supplier, their website and contact, experience with sizes and delivery. We also suggested they use their own colors and logo – they'd look silly using ours.
- ★ One of the B Cubed players commented on our clubhouse. He said "It's a contemporary-modern look with great style". He loved the way the old was incorporated with the new. Other B Cubed members mentioned our very inviting clubhouse and how much they love being at the RLBC.
- ★ Speaking of the clubhouse . . . . we had students and teachers from two high schools tell us how much they LOVE our clubhouse . . . and . . . they said our facility was beautiful.
- ★ Building on that . . . . Many of our B Cubed members and group bookings participants mentioned our beautiful grounds, flowers, and greenery. Nice to be noticed.
- ★ We had a couple from Edmonton – Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club – drop in for a roll up. The gentlemen said, "We are going to stop playing and sit and listen to your beautiful music. We just love it." And they did! They also commented on the beautiful facility and clubhouse.
- ★ A picture of our restored bowls was shown to a B Cubed player who had been using the old sets of black and brown bowls. He said, "Oh, wow. That makes a huge difference. I'd love to play with a set of those bowls".
- ★ A neighbour living by the RLBC commented to a member – I love the Thursday night music and the lively action going on at the Club. I miss it. Can't wait 'til next season.
- ★ Our school groups, corporate groups and drop-in bowlers comment on our friendly atmosphere. They just love the members and volunteers. We must be doing something right!

**THANK YOU for the many compliments!**

**We should all be very proud of ourselves.**

**We are being noticed.**

Happy Hallowe'en

Hope the Great Pumpkin leaves you lots of goodies!

Question: What's your favorite Halloween Treat?