

BETWEEN BOWLS

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November 2021

AGM

Annual General Meeting

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

What the RLBC accomplished in October:

- Tarps are on the greens.
- Weyburn Short Mat picked up their rental bowls from our club.
- Finished the Bowls Restoration Project.
- Inventoried all the new colored bowls and the restored bowls.
- Installed more security cameras – Thanks Brandon, Carter and Janet.
- Finished our last school groups the 1st week of October.
- Got all the plaques engraved with the 2021 winners.
- Cleaned the clubhouse.
- Winterized all the equipment.
- Tied tarp ribbons.
- Completed our financial reports.
- Put all the rink and hog line markers in their winter home.

Whew! We did it!



THANK YOU!

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So, why the plug for Sterling? Well, Sterling graciously provided the RLBC's clubhouse with an air conditioning unit at a very reduced price. In fact, it was a sponsorship relationship between Sterling and the Regina Lawn Bowling Club.

Originally we were simply looking for air conditioning quotes so that Karen Schlotter, our Grants Guru, could use the quotes to apply for financial grants. But, we really lucked out. Thanks to Janet Watson's schmoooozing, Sterling offered us a deal. It's a \$1,500 reduction in Sponsorship funds.

So, next time you need your furnace checked, or a new air conditioner installed – why not call Sterling? When that tap has dripped for the last time – why not call Sterling? Thinking of a new build – why not call Sterling?

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When you call – mention you are with the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. I bet you get an even better deal!

Call Sterling. Why not?

BOUQUETS

We always ask our members to provide us with suggestions for news articles. We received the following from one of our members, who shall remain anonymous. All you will know is that **HE** wants to thank . . .

Gerald Bocking and Bill Temple. Gerald and Bill did not take out a membership in 2021 and we missed them. They were great to bowl with or against. We want to recognize the volunteer contributions that Gerald and Bill made to the club. They spent countless volunteer hours at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club helping with ~~~~ the outside work, cutting grass, cleaning the ditches, weeding, keeping the equipment in good working order, clean up day, helping with the tarps, filling up the gas cans, running Jitney, and just helping out wherever and whenever the need arose.

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club, along with our anonymous member, thank Bill and Gerald for their contribution to our club!

Tie a **Yellow** Ribbon 'Round that Old Oak Tree

Now you've got that song in your head, don't cha? You can thank me later! But, now let's change the words to . . .

Tie a **Hot-Pink** Ribbon 'Round that Old Tarp Stake

and you'll have a mental picture of the work the ribbon crew did in October. Doug N scheduled a Board meeting and told the members they would be learning a new skill. The board members anxiously arrived at the clubhouse (who doesn't want to learn a new skill, duh) to find out that Doug was giving a lesson ~~ a Christmas prep class on ribbon and bow tying! Very clever, Doug! For those who missed this class, Doug will be offering another one next year. You won't want to miss it. The ribbons were neatly tied on the stakes used to hold the tarps in place over the winter. Job well done! Everyone got an A+!

The City Blew it Again

The City of Regina outside maintenance crew were on site at the RLBC on October 6 blowing out the sprinkler lines for all 4 greens. This maintenance is done every year, about this time, so that the sprinklers don't freeze over the winter. Luckily, the water inside the clubhouse wasn't blown too – and we can still use the washrooms and wash our hands. The inside water will be turned off in November, after the AGM.

Now Playing Our Feature Film

Respect in Sport



This full length feature film will entertain crowds as it follows the life of an animated assistant coach as she navigates the world of the community coaching scene in Canada. The assistant coach finds herself in many dilemmas and must use her Respect in Sport knowledge to handle the intense situations. The head coach is only in-it to win-it, but throughout this engaging 2 hour documentary, we realize that there are better ways to encourage the team than rude comments and humiliation. There is a surprising twist at the end of the movie but we don't want to give too much away.

This highly recommended film is "interesting, engaging and focused" says Betty Bowler, a volunteer at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. "I love how the assistant coach dealt with the head coach in the hockey dressing-room scene; it was so inspiring", says Louie Lawn-Green, a board member at the RLBC.

If you have 2 hours to spare over the winter, you'll want to watch the highly riveting "Respect In Sport" movie so that you can join in conversations and volunteer activities with the many other members at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club who have also watched the movie.

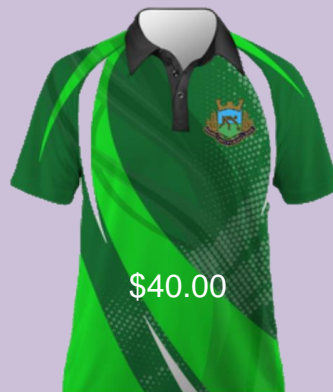
Don't forget to stock up on popcorn and licorice before you start watching, you won't want to miss a single minute.

Oh, yes. And you even get a certificate when you finished watching. Why not show it off? Give a copy to the President – that will really impress him!





If you would like to purchase something from our Bowls Boutique ~ perhaps as a Christmas gift to yourself or for that special bowler in your life, you can do so at the AGM. We accept cash, cheque, money order and e-transfer. Just a reminder about what's in our shop:



We also have Measures and Club Pins.

Bowls for Sale ~~~~ Looking for Bowls Items

Do you have a set of bowls to sell? Or a bowls bag? Or bowls shoes? Or, are you looking for a set of used bowls? Or a used bowls bag? Or used bowls shoes? Why not take advantage of our "Bowls Items for Sale | Looking for Bowls Items" service found here:

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

or email us – rlbc.sk@outlook.com and we'll make sure your ad is placed on our website.

Connecting bowlers through the gently used market ~~~ that's what we do!

BOWLS CANADA LAUNCHES PILOT SAFE SPORT STRATEGY

For those of you who don't subscribed to Bowls Canada's weekly blog, or, in case you missed it, Bowls Canada is launching a safe sport strategy pilot. Bowls Canada reports that Club representatives and safe sport experts came together in early 2021 to "identify collective needs ... [and] to empower provincial bowls associations and local bowling clubs to create safe, welcoming and inclusive lawn bowling club environments where members want to stay and belong". There is a 5 minute video for you to watch – located at www.bcbsafesport.com (yippee, another film) which outlines the strategy about how safe sport can be implemented into our clubs to help improve member retention.

A series of resources was created by Bowls Canada and Sport Law (BCB's partner) which provincial and local clubs can model.

"With the announcement of a national safe sport mechanism being launched in April 2022, we realize that there may be some future updates required in the policy templates," said Bowls Canada CEO Anna Mees. "But with the number of calls we are receiving from clubs wanting to move forward in the area of Safe Sport policy, we felt it was important to get these tools out to our membership as soon as possible."

Here's a summary of the 5 minute video hosted by Anna Mees (Bowls Canada) and L.J. Bartle (Sport Law):

- ✚ What is Safe Sport? The physical and emotional safety (which includes concussion and injury prevention) and environments free from bullying, abuse, harassment, discrimination and other forms of maltreatment.
- ✚ You cannot have safe sport without Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).
- ✚ Why should we implement Safe Sport? Unengaged members; bad experiences; inconsistent or non-existent policies and training.
- ✚ Why do I need to implement Safe Sport? Creating safe, welcoming and inclusive environments mitigates our club's risk through a proactive approach.
- ✚ The New Normal: Things that may have been accepted in the past may no longer be accepted today. How do we handle changes? Take steps now to avoid a crisis.
- ✚ BCB's Safe Sport Goal: To create safe, welcoming and inclusive lawn bowling club environments where people want to stay and belong.

Safe
Sport



DID SOMEONE SAY . . . ROAD TRIP?

Get your suitcases packed - 20 sets of bowls are on loan to the Weyburn Short Mat Club. They were picked up on October 13, and enjoyed a lovely sight-seeing excursion to Weyburn, Saskatchewan where they will spend the winter in a much warmer(?) climate. While some of you may be vacationing in sunny Arizona, or tropical Hawaii, our bowls will be enjoying a vacation right here in our own province. We look forward to their return, when they will tell us all about their trip to Weyburn.



I Will if You Will

The agreement between the City of Regina and the Regina Lawn Bowling Club has officially been signed! Yes! You heard it correctly! We anticipate a lump sum payment to hit our bank account within the next few weeks – probably over 80 grand. It has been a long time coming, but the RLBC Board of Directors thinks the Agreement is solid and puts us in a very good spot. Thanks to everyone who worked on the Agreement, especially Doug N who persistently worked with the City to ensure the Agreement reflected the best interests of the club.

GROUP BOOKINGS VOLUNTEERS Thank you

Doug N and Lois (our Group Bookings Co-ordinators, sort of) want to thank the volunteers who helped with the Group Bookings all year. We were on our own in September and October when Chris returned to Uni. Panic mode set in for a bit, and then everyone banded together and we were able to host several school groups and corporate groups at the end of the season. Just so you have an idea how important group bookings are, here is a rough estimate of the financial gain the RLBC receives when we showcase our sport.

2021 Group Booking Revenue

(May be different from financial statements as not all money has been received, yet)
(Does not include drop-ins, or B Cubed)

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| Corporate Groups (estimate) | \$8,990.00 |
| School Groups (estimate) | \$6,706.00 |
| Total (estimate) | \$15,696.00 |

RLBC Hot Topics

The RLBC Board of Directors met on October 21. The Board had so many hot topics to discuss. Here is a recap:

- ✚ Recommended that the Operating Agreement between the City of Regina and the RLBC be signed.
- ✚ Insurance has been paid and renegotiated to include a better, more accurate picture of the club's equipment and clubhouse content.
- ✚ More security cameras have been installed and more to come. Thanks to Brandon, Carter and Janet for getting the job done.
- ✚ The Social Survey is on its way. Judy is working on it! Watch your inbox!
- ✚ Belonging in Bowls – Bowls Canada initiative. A committee was formed to look into the benefits and to see what needs to be done for accreditation. Thank you to Karen and Judy who will be working on the Belonging in Bowls initiative this winter.
- ✚ Sponsorships – a sponsor to provide air conditioning to the club and a new potential sponsor for B Cubed next year.
- ✚ Tarping the Greens will happen after the City has done its thing on the green, and Garth has cut the grass one last time. Tarp crew – need 4 – 8 people.
- ✚ Housekeeping squad were busy cleaning the clubhouse before winter.
- ✚ We are still looking to fill the position of “Card Connection” but Judy will do it for now.

The Board will take a bit of a break and the new Board members will meet in January to start planning the 2022 season. If you have ideas for next year, please let the Board know. You can always reach us by email – rlbc.sk@outlook.com.

Great Reading Material! Get your copy now! All of the RLBC's equipment has been given its yearly checkup, and maintenance has been done where required. John Gale took apart every piece of equipment to get everything running just so, and he only has 3 screws and one thing-a-ma-jig left over. Pretty darn good! John provided the next Equipment Guy with a Handy-Dandy Maintenance book. It's called – *Everything You Wanted To Know About the RLBC's Equipment But Were Afraid to Ask!* Great Reading Material! No excuses now next Maintenance Guy ~ you have it all!

Perfect Scene – Neat & Clean

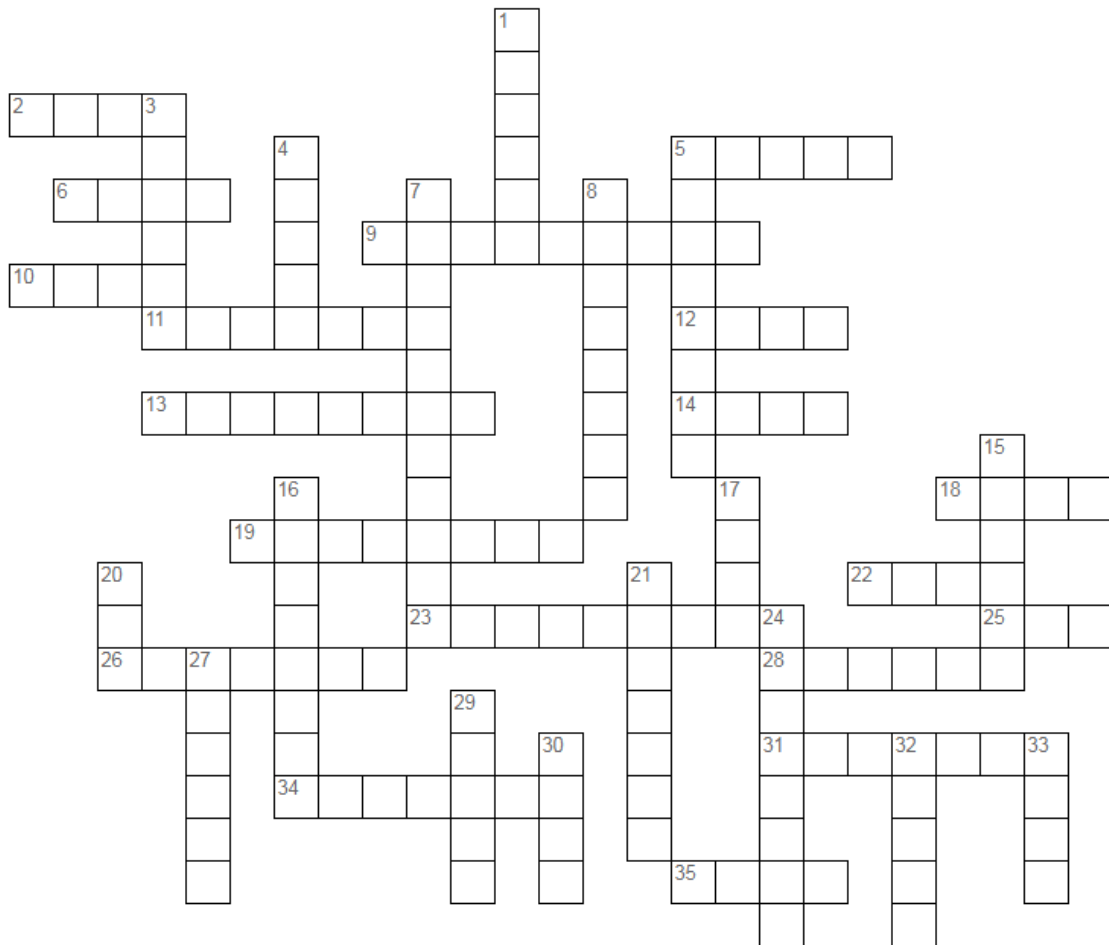
Karen Schlotter, Housekeeping Director, organized a cleaning party. The Cleaning Crew spent the day mopping, sweeping, dusting, wiping, organizing, sanitizing, mopping, dusting, cleaning, vacuuming, dusting, windexing, bleaching, scrubbing, and cleaning the clubhouse.
It's so clean, it sparkles!

Thank you to the Cleaning Crew – Karen Schlotter, Heather Hanoski, Vi McPherson and Jordan Gailey.



Lawn Bowls Crossword Puzzle

Good Luck



Across

- 2 That which is inbuilt into the bowl and causes the bowl to travel in a curve
- 5 Marks the end of the rink
- 6 When a bowl bounces off another bowl
- 9 When the bowler does not have one foot on or over the mat on release of the bowl (two words)
- 10 When your team does not have shot bowl
- 11 When the target has been knocked out of bounds (two words)
- 12 The player who rolls bowls just before the skip
- 13 When the bowl is aimed to the right of the Jack and curves to the left (for right-handed bowlers)
- 14 Bowling area on the lawn for your game
- 18 The outer wall of the ditch that surrounds the green
- 19 When the bowl is aimed to the left of the Jack for left-handed bowlers
- 22 Small white or yellow target
- 23 Formal practice usually allowed at the start of a tournament (2 words)
- 25 Section of a game when all bowls from both sides are rolled
- 26 Bowl that hit the jack and is marked with chalk
- 28 Final bowl of the end
- 31 A game in which each team has 3 players on their team
- 34 Special markers that dictate the minimum line beyond which the jack must be rolled for the end to be valid
- 35 The object rolled to the target

Down

- 1 The amount of speed applied in delivering the bowl from the mat to the jack
- 3 The player who bowls after the lead
- 4 Also known as a vice
- 5 The moment at which the bowl leaves the hand
- 7 Team with the bowl(s) closest to the jack is deemed to be this (2 words)
- 8 A bowl that has come to rest beyond the jack (2 words)
- 15 A person assigned to a singles game to mark all touchers, center the jack, answer questions from the players
- 16 A bowl which, when it comes to rest, is at the same distance from the mat as is the jack (2 words)
- 17 Rolling bowls toward the target build up this
- 20 You must stand on this to deliver your Jack and Bowl
- 21 When bowls are too close to visually decide which one is close, you do this
- 24 The bowl closest to the jack (2 words)
- 27 The person with total overall authority during a game to enforce the laws of the game
- 29 Bowling with considerable force with the aim of knocking either the target or the bowl out of play
- 30 The player who starts first for the team
- 32 Bowls game in which each team has a Skip and a Lead
- 33 Player who throws last bowls



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Canadian Legion