

BETWEEN ★ BOWLS

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Some great news about the RLBC and many changes starting now.

- ★ The RLBC Clubhouse is winterized!
- ★ A new program is being offered at the RLBC over the winter months.
- ★ The RLBC Board no longer has to look for a place to hold its winter board meetings – everything can be done at the clubhouse.
- ★ A new revenue stream for the RLBC starting in January.
- ★ Possibility of adding a new set of colored bowls every year to the current RLBC inventory at no cost to the RLBC.

Got you intrigued? Hope so! Lots of information contained in this newsletter to satisfy your curiosity – and – much more information to come.

We are making changes at the RLBC and Santa wants you to hop on his sleigh and come along for the ride!



We've been "Stock"ing up on Good Wishes and Season's Greetings to send to the RLBC Members and their Families

What's on your Christmas Wish List this year?



Covid 19 Vaccines gives new meaning to the term "Shot" Bowl and you're "second shot".

2022 RLBC Board of Directors

At the Annual General Meeting held on November 6, 2021, your new slate of candidates was introduced and received support through the voting process. We thank all those who let their name stand for a position on the RLBC Board of Directors. We have many returning board members and some new faces as well. The Board has some great ideas already which will be implemented in the 2022 season. This power house is ready to work hard for the members. Here is your 2022 RLBC Board of Directors:



Executive

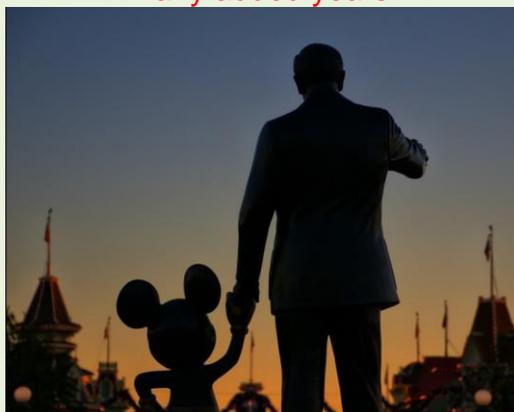
President	Doug Normand
Vice President	Judy Whiting
Secretary	Lois Kos
Treasurer	Carter Watson

Board Members & Santa's Little Helpers

Coaching & Officiating	Mark Sutyla
Youth	Mark Sutyla
Jitney	Jan Robson & Doug Lambert
B Cubed	Brandon Watson & Carter Watson
Tournaments, Trophies & Plaques	Doug Normand
Equipment	Scott Watson
Grounds	Doug Normand
Housekeeping	Karen Schlotter
Catering	Do you love to Cook? Bake? Eat?
Bar Services	Darrell Hanoski & Heather Hanoski
Beverages & Snacks	Judy Whiting & John Whiting
Communications	Janet Watson
Website	Brandon Watson
Social Media	Carter Watson
Publicity	Jordan Kos
Newsletter	Jordan Kos
Card Connection	Judy Whiting
Handbook	Lois Kos
Group Bookings	Are you a socialite? This might be for you!
City of Regina Liaison	Doug Normand
Bowls Sask Liaison	Doug Normand

As Walt Disney once said:

“ . . . there is a certain camaraderie among lawn bowlers not found in any other sport. It is excellent exercise, does not take a whole day of time, and good sportsmanship is always present. Millions of Americans, not just a few thousand, should be on the green, for once a person becomes a member of a club and gets on the green, he will find that his future will be filled with untold pleasures . . . and many added years”



Have you got the time? Yes, I have a minute

NOT No board meeting held in November (other than the AGM) so no minutes this month. And no board meeting will take place in December either. The new board will meet in January ~~ and they can't wait to get started!

AGM Minutes have been distributed. Lots of typing, proof-reading, and formatting. It took a minute or two to get them complete. If you misplace the minutes, don't worry. They'll be redistributed again next season.

Remember – if you have questions, suggestions, comments, ideas, or want to help out in any way, just contact any board member, or use our universal email – rlbc.sk@outlook.com. A little shy? Go to our website – www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca and click on CONTACT on the menu. You will find a Suggestion/Comment Form. Fill it out and hit Submit. Providing your name and contact information is optional.



Nightie Night Tarpie Tarps

The tarps were put on the greens in very late October. Thanks to volunteers – Doug Normand, Garth Zummack, Bo Kos, Doug Lambert, Ernie Meid, Al Hastings, John Gale, Heather Hanoski, Darrell Hanoski, Savanna Glazier and Keir Glazier . . . the greens have just settled in for a long winter's nap.

Thank you

Short Mat is Coming . . . Short Mat is Coming Cathedral Short Mat

Well, we didn't see that coming. Short Mat? At the RLBC? What? When? How? Why? Say What Now? Really? Huh? Pardon? Go ondo tell

Yup, you heard right. A new short mat club is starting at the RLBC in January, 2022. You can thank Brandon and Carter for that!

Two mats will be put together in the upper level – we'll call it "Wide Short Mat". And, if we separate them with a 2 mm space between so more people can play - we'll call it "Skinny Short Mat". We have options!

Cathedral Short Mat is starting at the RLBC, and here's everything you need to know in order to join. Any more questions? Shoot us an email – rlbc.sk@outlook.com or CathedralShortMat@outlook.com

Name (we had to call it something other than mat)

Cathedral Short Mat

Where?

Regina Lawn Bowling Club – Clubhouse

Upper Level

When?

January 14, 2022 to April 8, 2022 – that's 13 weeks!

. and then every fall and winter after that

Which Day?

Fridays for now – we may add additional days if there is interest.

Time

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**How much does it cost?
This can't be cheap!**

Two fee structures – you choose which is best for you.

1. \$50.00 for the entire session. League Bowling is Friday Nights, but if you want to come any other time, the mats will be there for you and you can have a roll-up. Note: New pricing for the 2022-2023 session.

2. Pay \$15.00 the first night and then pay \$5.00 each time you come to play. If you decide to play on days other than Friday, it's still \$15.00 to start and a \$5.00 drop-in.

How about Equipment?

We have the mats, boards and indoor jacks. RLBC is supplying the bowls. You must wear clean, flat sole shoes – or bowl in socks (stinky!) – or bowl in bare feet (yuck!).

**Register now,
Register often!**

We can accommodate 16 players max each Friday night.

If more than 16 players register, then the next group will play on a different night – perhaps Thursdays? I'm busy on Wednesdays. There's room for an afternoon league as well – you'll still be part of the Cathedral Short Mat - but you can organize that yourself.

In the winter? Really?

Come on!

Yup. A snow shovelling crew will make a path for you to enter the clubhouse via the West Deck. The snow will be cleared before every Friday game. You're on your own if you come any other day.

Access by the **West Deck** only! What?????

East or West –

I've heard it both ways!

Please do not enter the clubhouse by the East Deck. You'll be in BIG trouble if you do. Big trouble. Huge.

First person to enter the clubhouse via the **West Deck** is going to have to do-si-do on over to the door and unarm the security system. This could be tricky. The security cameras will film you – and, you'll have 15 seconds to disarm the club before the SWAT team arrives.

**Lights! Camera! Action!
Music!**

Don't forget to turn on the lights and the music. And then you'll have to turn them all off when you leave.

Who's bright idea was this?

Brandon Watson

President

Carter Watson

Vice President

Janet Watson

Secretary Treasurer

Jordan Kos

Publicity & Social Media

Lois Kos

"Jack" of all Trades (get it – Jack?)

**Other Restrictions we
should know about?**

We must adhere to the SHA and City of Regina rules. That's a given. And, all of the RLBC Bylaws, Regulations and Policies, too. Yup, for sure.

Other Stuff

We might even have pop and water and snacks – or maybe coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The Werther's fairy may pay a visit. Who knows?? Super Exciting!

Register by Email –

CathedralShortMat@outlook.com / rlbc.sk@outlook.com

- or -

I'm in. How do I register?

Register the first time you come to bowl.

- or -

Print the registration form found below, complete it and send it, along with payment to the address specified. Or, bring it to the club the first time you bowl.

So many options . . . what should I do?

Social Media

We have our very own page on the RLBC website – check it out.

We have our very own Facebook Account – check it out, too! Remember to follow us so you'll get all the news.

Come join the Cathedral Short Mat – You'll be glad you did!

CATHEDRAL SHORT MAT



REGISTRATION FORM WINTER 2022

NAME

ADDRESS

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

Choose Your Membership Type (Adults 18 +):

✓ The Appropriate Box

Full-time Membership (One-time fee includes all days, nights and times)

\$50.00

Part-time Membership (\$15.00 initial fee + drop-in fee of \$5.00 for each additional game)

\$15.00

Method of Payment: Cash

Cheque

Money Order

Etransfer

Mail form and payment to:

Cathedral Short Mat
c/o 39 Wilkinson Avenue
Regina, SK S4S 6C2
CathedralShortMat@outlook.com

Or

Register in Person
Regina Lawn Bowling Club
3820 Victoria Avenue

Please make cheques and money orders payable to: RLBC

Note: Photographs and videos of individuals may appear on the RLBC Website, social media, or used for promotional purposes.

Today's Housekeeping Tip:
Always keep several get well cards on the mantel.
That way, if unexpected guests arrive, they'll think you've been sick and unable to clean!

Speaking of cleaning . . . our Housekeeping Director is already thinking about her Housekeeping Team for next season. We pride ourselves in keeping our clubhouse clean and tidy. If you would like to book a week or two next summer to help, contact Karen. kschlotter@sasktel.net. And no, Karen will not clean YOUR house . . . not happening!

And . . . Thanks Judy - our "Card Connection" rep. Gee, if you would like to help out with this task, please let Judy know. We'll set you up with a Card Connection Cit. Send Judy an email – gjinlinjin@hotmail.com. Hey – we can call this C³!

An invisible man and an invisible woman got married. I'm not sure what she saw in him. Their kids weren't much to look at either.



Award of Merit

Each year, the Regina Lawn Bowling Club recognizes a volunteer who contributions to the club over many years. This is an honour bestowed by Bowls Sask.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Award of Merit for the 2021 season, please submit the name of the nominee and the reasons why this person is deserving of the Award to Doug Normand by December 11, 2021. Doug has to forward the RLBC's nominee to Bowls Sask by December 31, 2021.

Doug Normand: doug.normand@sasktel.net



What's the difference Between . . . Herbs and Spices

Herbs and spices come from different parts of a plant. Parsley, rosemary and thyme, for example, are herbs because they are the leaves of a plant. Seasonings harvested from any other part of a plant are considered spices. Now you know! Speaking of plants . . . I wonder what new and exciting plants Doug has in mind for the front flower beds next season!

Cool Down, Already!

The air conditioner was installed in the middle of November. Whoot! Whoot! Installation was a little trickier than originally anticipated, but, once the City of Regina approved the install, the guys and gals from Sterling Plumbing & Heating got the job done. They were super “cool”!

While we may be shivering now in the dead of winter, we are really going to appreciate a nice, cool clubhouse when the sun is beating down on us on those hot Saskatchewan summer days.

Doug Normand has the Christmas Spirit. He felt sorry for the new air conditioner and ran out and purchased a nice, warm jacket for it. We think the jacket is very stylish and it certainly looks like it will do the trick and keep the air conditioner toasty warm all winter long. Actually, we understand that Doug is going to bring the air conditioner milk and cookies on Christmas eve – but that’s just a rumour.



Summer Clothing



Winter Attire

Thanks to **Janet Watson** for making this connection, to **Doug Normand** for working with the City officials for approval, and especially to **Sterling Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning** for their most generous sponsorship.



<https://sterlingplumbing.ca>



Christmas Shopping? How about the RLBC's Online Shopping Experience **Bowls Boutique**

There's a little bit of Christmas magic for everyone at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. For that hard-to-buy-for person on your Christmas Gift list, why not consider purchasing something from our Bowls Boutique.

RLBC Club Shirts	\$35.00
Championship Shirts	\$15.00
Championship Caps	\$10.00
B Cubed Bowls Towels	\$10.00



Still undecided? Purchase a Gift Card for all or any portion of the 2022 membership fees, for drop-in bowling (a great gift for a neighbour), or to put toward one of our great items in the Bowls Boutique. It's a wonderful way to support lawn bowls in Regina.

If you are interested in making someone's Christmas the best ever ~ place your on-line order by contacting us at

rlbc.sk@outlook.com

Bowls Accessibility

What? Bowls aren't accessible?

Well that's not really what we mean, but, for those of us whose knees creak when we bend down, or who's back seems to break when we deliver a bowl, some of us might find that Bowls aren't actually as accessible as we think.

Brandon Watson is working on his MFA – that's an acronym for Masters in Fine Arts – and his masters project is focused around working with the bowls community to keep bowls accessible for everyone. Here is his project in a nutshell.



The Regina Lawn Bowling Club Open Sourced Accessibility Project is an MFA research project being run through the University of Regina. The project is aimed at working with a group of members from the Regina Lawn Bowling Club to increase the accessibility of the sport for the aging members both socially and physically through the creation of three to four technology-based projects. Additionally, the project aims to create and re-charge sustainable social connections between members of the RLBC. The project is an interdisciplinary collaboration between Creative Technologies and Software Systems Engineering. All of the projects designed within this research project will be shared online with detailed build instructions so that other lawn bowling club across Canada can choose to take part in the project and build their own devices to work on the accessibility of their clubs.

Brandon will be working on this project over the winter. We can't wait to see what new inventions and initiatives he and his team come up with. Questions?

Email Brandon: brandonwatson@sasktel.net



Drop us a line and let us know!

Do you have a great idea that you would like to see implemented at the RLBC?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you have suggestions for this newsletter?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Would you like to help with some of the duties and jobs around the greens or clubhouse?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you have questions about some of the great initiatives you've heard the board will be implementing next season?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you have a contact who might want to become an RLBC sponsor?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you know some friends, relatives, neighbours who might want to come to our open house next spring?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you have tournament ideas?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you have ideas for our Bowls Boutique?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you have friends who might want to join B Cubed next season?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you know of someone who would appreciate a bereavement card?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you want to volunteer with B Cubed next season?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Do you have your Respect in Sport certification and want to help with group bookings next season?
Drop us a line and let us know.

Suggestions? Comments? Questions?
Drop us a line and let us know.



Why is it getting
harder to buy Advent
Calendars?

Their days are
numbered!



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The New Horizon's Grant is Open for Bids. Our Grant Guru, Karen Schlotter, is working hard to get our grant application filed before the deadline. We have our fingers, toes and eyes crossed that we are successful again this year.



911 – What's your Emergency?

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This is Bryon McMillan from the Regina Lawn Bowling Club calling. The east door of our clubhouse is wide open and I think I saw some Elves on a Shelf prancing around.

We're on it! Quick - dispatch Santa's first responders – the Watson's.

In just 12 short minutes elf Brandon and elf Janet were on the scene. And yes, it appears that some naughty Elves were causing a lot of mischief.

The east door wouldn't latch, it was w-i-d-e open. And. . . good job the Watson's brought along their trusty blow torch because the lock at the front gate was iced like a snow cone (cherry flavour, of course). And someone tried to take the air conditioner's stylish winter coat – but Brandon found it and gave it back. Naughty Elves on a Shelf!

All is well now, the door is secured, the lock is fixed (sort of), the air conditioner is warm and cozy.

Thanks to the quick action of Santa's Helpers - Bryon, Janet and Brandon – all is safe and sound. True story!



What's the Difference Between . . . Caramel & Toffee?

Both caramel and toffee are made by carefully burning sugar. In candy form, caramel is usually chewy and gummy, while toffee is brittle. Caramel is softer because its recipe includes cream, milk or condensed milk, while toffee is basically just sugar and butter. Now you know! Speaking of Caramel & Toffee . . . do you think the Werther's Fairy will return in 2022?



Quick Santa ~ Call 911

Good job our Security Cameras at the clubhouse are working! We caught

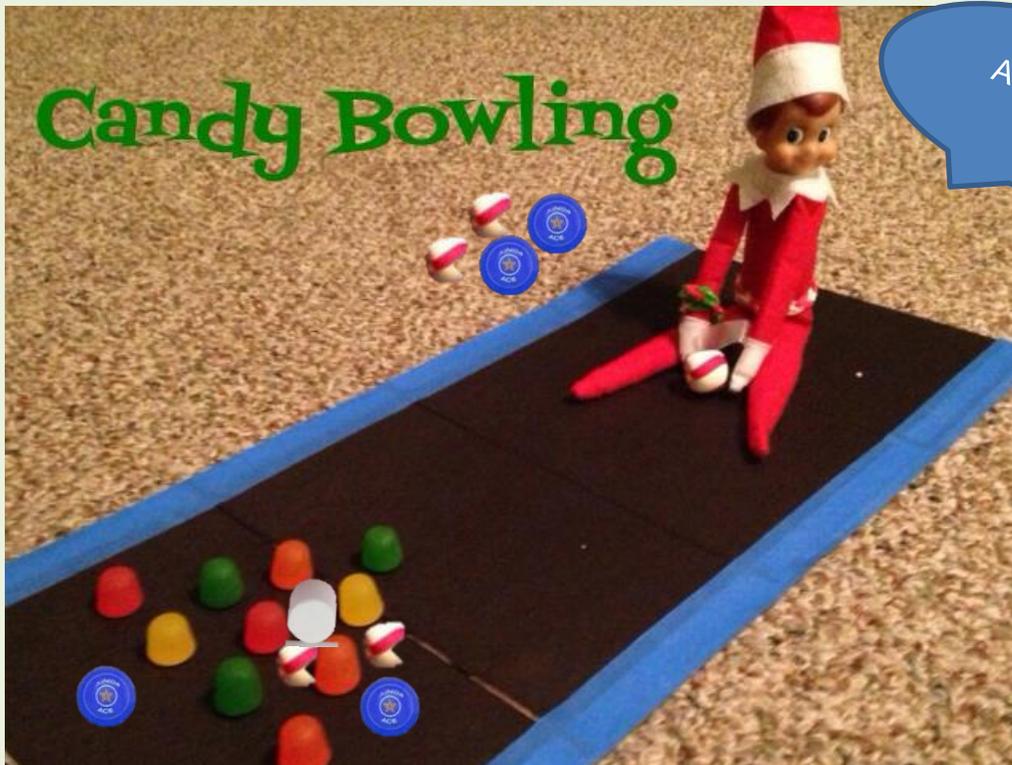
Barney Bowler practicing for the Competitive 3s league next spring . .

And

Naughty Elf on a Shelf!



Betty Bowler turned our upper level into a short-mat club.



I told them not to do it

Christmas Eve Tourney – Midnight Madness

Twas the night before Christmas
when all through the club
A tournament was happening and Judy
was catering subs
The bowls were in place, the teams made with care
Waiting for the umpire who soon would be there

The players were set
Conditions of Play they were read
While visions of perfect ends danced in their head
With Jordan wearing a bowls shirt
and Doug wearing his cap
Fans settled in - just waiting to clap

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
We ran out of the clubhouse
to see what was the matter
Away to Green C we flew like a flash
Jon made a great drive
– all the bowls they did crash



This startled the next rink, especially Skip Bo
Also his teammates - Harriette, Ingrid and Jo
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear
The Hanoski's opened the bar
- serving wine, coolers and beer

With that little old "drive"r - Jon made the shot
As Jeannene placed the jack back on the re-spot
More rapid was Vi, she was quick on the mat
And called for a draw from Karen, then Pat

"Now Bryon! Now, Tracey! Now, Carter! And Jean!
Hey Brandon! Hey Michael! Get back on the green!
The food isn't ready, the game isn't done!
And Mark and Anita are still having fun.

Jordan and Kevin were making - shot after shot
Savanna and Keir, they hit the "jack"pot
It was tense in the 10th end
between Steve and Doreen
Then Donald made the best draw
that you've ever seen



Evelyn - Laura - Wendy and Peter
Saw Garth draw his last bowl to the 2 meter
Russ and Don joined by Kendra
were playing with finesse
While Emma and Doug were playing under duress

"Wait one second, something is wrong"
"Are we playing triples or pairs?" Asked Al and John
No, no – it's a fours game – it says on the card
And Jessie overheard Keith call for a guard

Time is a wasting – the game's quickly ending
Who won the tourney? The decision is pending
We still need to hear from the team of Janet and Jan
And Brian and Ernie and John and Mary Ann.

The games are completed, so which team did win?
Score cards are messed up
– we'll have to start again
"Oh, I need to get home" Fern said in despair
"To get ready for Santa and
hang my stocking with care"

Then David called out, "Soup's served and its hot"
"We're coming" said Lois, Bev, Liz and Scott
It's time to pack up now,
the tourney has come to an end
It's Christmas Eve fellow bowlers,
each family, each friend

May your shots all be perfect,
and your drives clear the head
Hurry! Santa is coming . . . now go straight to bed
PS: One thing we forgot, and we must get it right
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night

See you in the New Year

Christmas
BOWLS

How many bowls terms did you find in the poem? In the newsletter?

