

BETWEEN BOWLS

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August is National Dog Month –
this bunny-hug is fitting,
wouldn't you say?



What a Ditch

Thank you to Doug, Mark, Al and Liz who have been working hard to get the weeds and debris out of the ditches. We appreciate your dedication to keeping our ditches clean and tidy. It was a big project and they never complained even once.

If you would like to help – even doing one side of a green – we'd sure appreciate it.

Thank you for your assistance.



Great Bowls of Fire

Winners are Grinnerers ~ With all the Provincial Playdowns completed, many of our Regina athletes are heading to Nationals. The Regina Lawn Bowling Club wishes Team Regina and Team Saskatchewan success – bring home a medal!

Failure is not the opposite of success. It is part of it.



Today, we overheard one member ask the RLBC President a question. She accidentally called him "Alexa". Ooops.

We all have a gift. Unwrap it. Open it. Use it.

Welcome to Canada...

Winter starts at 6:00 am

Spring is at 10:00 am

Summer hits at 2:00 pm

And Fall should show up around 4:30 ish

Bowls

Weather

Dress accordingly.



2023 Canadian Youth Nationals

July 26 – 30, 2023
Regina Lawn Bowling Club

Thank you to the fantastic committee who organized the 2023 Canadian Youth Nationals which was held in Regina from July 26 – 30. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly to provide an excellent national tournament for our guests and competitors.

We heard rave reviews from the athletes, coaches, managers, parents and spectators – what a great club we have, what great greens we have and what great volunteers we have.

We were especially complimented on our markers. We were told – our markers were exceptional! They were professional, helpful, prompt and accurate. Our markers put in long hours on very hot days and every game had a dedicated marker. One lady, who is organizing the markers for the 2023 Canadian Championships in Juan de Fuca wanted some tips and tricks about how to select markers and how to train them. We are sending her some info. Thank you to every marker to gave up part of their day(s) to mark for the athletes.

The athletes and visitors who took the meal package were really happy with the lunches, snacks and refreshments. The meals were tasty, but more importantly, timely. Lunch was served exactly when it needed to be! Thanks to everyone who chopped, diced, stirred, cooked, BBQ'd, and served.

Clean-up crew was mentioned as keeping the facility clean and tidy throughout the event. The clean-up crew worked all day and stayed long after the athletes left so that the club and grounds were ready for the next day.

Umpires – excellent umpires who ran to the rink when called and provided professional, unbiased decisions. You were awesome.

The fence tarp was mentioned many times. Some appreciated the shade it provided to the athletes on Green A. Others said that the fence tarp prevented the glare from the automobiles shining on them and were thankful they didn't have to battle the brightness. Still others said that it helped provide a noise barrier. Also, it prevented a dust filter from the gravel parking lot onto the spectators and players around Green A. Some clubs are seriously looking at putting up a fence screen similar to ours for not only the above reasons, but for aesthetics as well. We have to admit, the screen did block out some unsightly views - the garbage bin and some dead trees. Thanks to everyone who organized the purchase of the fence screen and got it put up before the games started.

Also, thank you to all those volunteers who worked all year (yes, the committee has been working all year) to organize the event, and who made the event enjoyable and successful.

Given the proposed new competition and national format for next season, Regina may have hosted the last Youth Nationals as we know it.

Congratulations to all the winners and those who will represent Canada at the Indoor World Youth Championships in December.

2023 Canadian Youth National Organizing Team & Volunteers Team Regina

Chair, Host Organizing Committee	Doug Normand	
Treasurer	Carter Watson	
Secretary	Lois Kos	
Publicity Social Media Website	Brandon Watson Carter Watson Jordan Kos	
Opening Closing Ceremonies Pizza Party Windup	David Calam Heather Hanoski	
Greens Greens Setup	Darren Gress Raechel Schlechter Mark Sutyla	
Souvenir Handbook	Jordan Kos Lois Kos	
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Transportation	Doug Normand	
Catering Pop Water Snacks	Judy Whiting John Whiting	
	Harriette Pituley	Heather Hanoski
	Liz Calam	Liz Jones
Markers	Janet Watson Doug Normand	
	Al Hastings	Alex Cottenie
	Anita Nivala	Brandon Watson
	Darrell Hanoski	David Calum
	Don Kuntz	Doug Lambert
	Doug Normand	Harriette Pituley
	Heather Hanoski	Jeannene Demencuik
	Karen Schlotter	Liz Ledingham
	Mark Sutyla	
Official Scorer	Anita Nivala	
Live Streaming Internet	Brandon Watson	
Greeter	Laura McNish	
Photographer	John Whiting	

Medical Personnel	John Whiting	
Cleanup Emergency Plan	Mark Sutyla	
Housekeeping	Karen Schlotter Pat Schlotter	
Regina Umpires	David Calam	Doug Normand
	Keith Roney	Michael Pituley
	Murray Pituley	Shubhra Kathuria
Regina Coach	Jean Roney	

Overheard at the Youth Championships

Of course we were eaves-dropping. Glad we did

- **Man, this clubhouse is awesome. I love those wicker chairs. We just have couches. Look at that bar – I love how it’s restored and those old hot dog signs.**
- **Do you guys ever have a great clubhouse. Ours is tiny and doesn’t have all this nice kitchen stuff.**
- **That music was pretty cool.**
- **You guys get to bowl in a park. I didn’t know that.**
- **Look at all the green space you have. You guys could totally have a band playing there.**
- **You guys get to have an employee? Cool.**
- **It’s so hot outside and so cool inside. How do you do that?**
- **I like your guyses deck.**
- **The food was really good.**
- **I like that fence tarp – can you tell my coach where you guys got it cause I want one for our club.**
- **Your markers are outstanding. How did you recruit such great markers and how did you entice them to show up all the time?**
- **You guys are so lucky – you get a train coming by your club. That train is awesome. How many times does it come in a day. Is there always that many cars? I’ve never actually seen a train before.**
- **I like the candy.**
- **You guys could use some more chairs.**
- **I really liked our name plates. That was a nice souvenir and I’m going to use mine at my club.**
- **That Survivor Bowls game was kinda fun. I was confused at first because I thought I actually had to vote someone off. But then I figured out that it was just a draw and that was really cool. Too bad I got voted out on the second day.**
- **I want everyone to sign my program. I won’t ever be at another Youth Nationals again so I want to take home my program signed by everyone here to remind me of how great this was.**
- **I had a pretty good Forrester Lang partner. We didn’t win, but I had a fun time bowling against some U25 bowlers because I didn’t really know them because I’m a new bowler.**
- **This is the most organized and relaxed Youth Nationals I’ve ever been to.**

Bar's Open

We have a few bartenders who can open up the bar fridge and sell you a cold beverage. The list of bartenders is located on the bar fridge. If you see one of them at the club, ask them to open up the bar . . . they'd be glad to sell you a cold one!



Beer, Wine, Coolers, Vizzies - \$5.00 for Members and \$6.00 for non-Members.

Non alcoholic beer - \$3.00.

We are offering pizza pops for sale for \$3.00. A bartender would be happy to serve you a piping hot pizza pop. Just ask.

C H E E R S! A guy walks into the Backyard Escapes Beer Gardens with jumper cables and orders a beer. The bartender says, "Okay, but I don't want you to start anything."

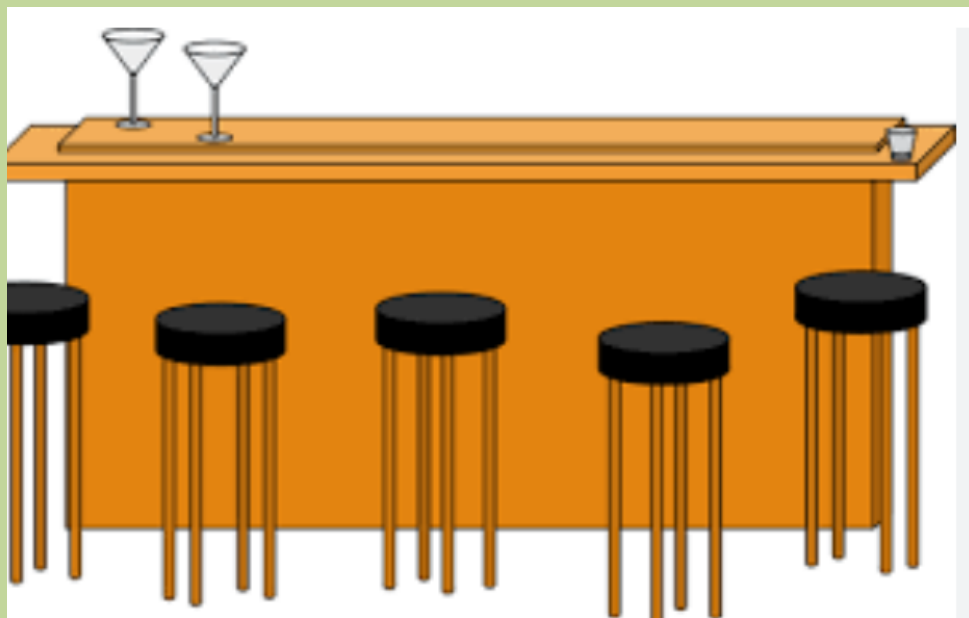


Back Yard Escapes Beer Gardens ~ Yearly Liquor Licence

Thanks, again, to Darrell and Doug who worked so hard to get our yearly liquor licence secured. We have been able to offer an Open Bar to our corporate group bookings who have taken advantage of our services. We have been able to Open the Bar to our members after a game, provincial playdowns, league play or for social chat.

The revenue numbers we get from the sale and bottle returns is not available, yet. Doug and Carter are still making the calculations. But, we think it is paying off, big time!

Thank you to everyone for your support.



RLBC Celebrates 111 Years Young

CBC Radio Story

Samanda Brace and Members of the Regina Lawn Bowling Club

The Morning Edition - Sask with Stefani Langenegger



Regina Lawn Bowling Club continues to grow sport 111 years later

▶ Play Segment

7:12

◻ Share Segment

You might think of lawn bowling as a sport for retirees and seniors...
But if you head to Regina's Leslie Bowling Greens on a Thursday evening...you'd see that isn't the case...
Hear how the club is going strong after 111 years.

Here's the link to listen to the interview that aired on July 4, at 8:20 am
<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-66-the-morning-edition-sask/clip/15995300-regina-lawn-bowling-club-continues-grow-sport-111>



More publicity for the 2023 Canadian Youth Championships – check this out!

<https://leaderpost.com/sports/local-sports/sports-lawn-bowling-nationals>



Tossing Coins

Get your Tossing Coins here!

\$5.00 each or 2 for \$10. What a deal!

Please see Liz, Janet, Doug or Lois to get your tossing coin.

Beautification on a Budget

Well, it all started with an idea to move all the indoor wicker furniture to the south side to make room for tables and chairs for the July 1st pancake breakfast. That was Judy's and John's idea.

Then, the members loved it so much, we thought – why mess with a good thing. So, we kept the "mega area" as is with seating for 8 on the south side of the club house.

But then . . . the north side looked really bare. So, two chairs and a coffee table were brought up from the lower level and now we have a cozy corner by the coffee cart. Thanks to Brandon and Carter who brought the chairs from the lower to upper level.

Then the lower level got tidied by moving this here and that there. Thanks, Brandon for getting the lower level looking great. And, thanks to Mark for really giving the lower level a good tidy for the 2023 Canadian Youth Championships.

Voila! A new look. We call it . . . Beautification on a Budget.



The new riding lawn mower is here!

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If you'd like to take a ride on the new riding lawn mower, simply sign up to be part of the grass cutting crew. The new mower, with its powerful motor and large swath, will have the grass cut at the RLBC in exactly 17 minutes. Yup. That's it.

Thanks very much to Brandon for negotiating a great deal on the new riding mower.

Bowlers' Cheat Sheet

Wrong Team Delivers The Jack

- **Before** both players have delivered a bowl, the correct team restarts the end
- **After** both players have delivered a bowl, the end is completed in that order of play

When A Delivered Jack Gets Displaced

- **By Your Skip** – the opposing team re-delivers the jack but does not bowl first
- **By The Opposing Skip** - the jack is re-delivered by the same lead

Playing Out Of Turn

- **Before** the bowl comes to rest – the opposing skip can stop the bowl and return it so the correct team can start the end
- **After** the bowl comes to rest and if it has not disturbed the head – the opposing skip can leave it as is and play two bowls to get back in proper order or return the bowl and get back in the proper order
- **After** the bowl comes to rest and if it has disturbed the head – the opposing skip can (i) leave it as is and play two bowls to get back in proper order, (ii) replace the head, return the bowl, and get back in the proper order, or (iii) declare the end dead

A Delivered Bowl Gets Picked Up Or Stopped By A Player On A Neighboring Rink

- **If any delivered bowl** in your game (on its correct bias) is picked up or stopped by a player in a neighboring rink, the bowl must be returned so it may be replayed

After Bowls Have Been Played, Discovering That The Mat Isn't Centered

- The mat must be positioned on the centerline

The Mat Is Short Of the 2-Meter Mark

- **If noticed before** the jack is delivered, position the mat correctly
- **If noticed after** the jack is delivered but before the first bowl is delivered, the opposing player must re-deliver the jack
- **After a bowl** is delivered, no one may challenge the placement of the mat

A Jack Is Placed On The Wrong Centerline

- **If noticed before** the first bowl comes to rest, re-center the jack on the correct centerline
- **If noticed after** the first bowl comes to rest, no one may challenge the placement of the jack

Thank you to BUSA – for this great cheat sheet.



Me when I realize there's only a couple months of lawn bowling left. Sigh!

Don Danter – 70+ Mixed Triples

If you are 70+ and a member of the Regina Lawn Bowling Club, you qualify to enter the Don Danter Mixed Triples Club Tournament. Teams will play on August 8, 9 and 10, starting at 10 am. Sign up at the clubhouse or call Liz and she'll add your name to the list – 306-757-9033. The coffee will be brewed . . . have fun!

Canada Day Celebration

Over 48 members of the RLBC, B Cubed and Bowl Me Over League joined us for pancakes, sausages, and muffins on July 1 and more than that for the bowls game. Breaky started at 9:00 am followed by a game of bowls at 10:00 am. We even had a group booking!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special.... Judy, John, Keith, Heather, Karen, Janet, Doug, Lois, Jordan, Bo, Brandon, Janice and you!

Happy Canada Day 

**Can you believe it's National Pancake Day today?
You'd batter believe it!**

Congratulations to the Team Regina who will be representing Saskatchewan at the Canadian Nationals

Jean

Karen

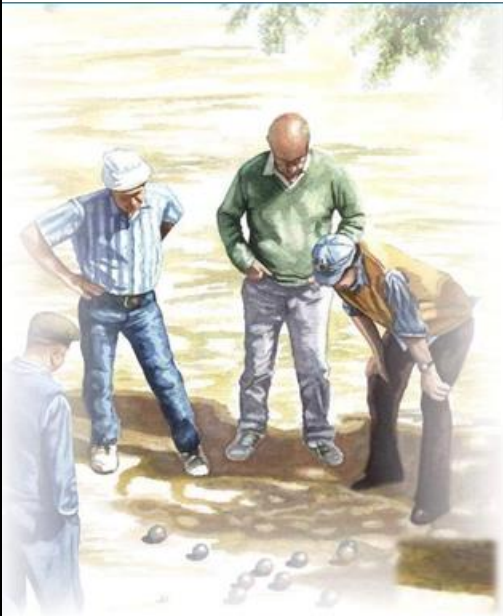
Carter

Brandon

Jon

Doug

Jordan



Heather

Janet

Darrell

Harriette

Al

Keith

Anita

Murray

Liz

David



2023 CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS?

Are your bags packed cause you're a member of the provincial team?

Is your luggage already at the airport cause you're the team coach?

Is your over-night bag good to go cause you're the Sask manager?

Is your carry-on ready cause you're a huge fan?



Got your boarding pass printed? Got your hotel room booked? Got your transportation in order? No time to wait. Here's the schedule . . .

EVENT	DESTINATION	DATES
OUTDOOR SINGLES	VICTORIA	AUGUST 18 – 21
FOURS	VICTORIA	AUGUST 22 – 24
PAIRS	VICTORIA	AUGUST 22 – 24
MIXED PAIRS	HALIFAX	SEPTEMBER 12 – 16
SENIOR TRIPLES	EDMONTON	SEPTEMBER 12 – 16
INDOOR SINGLES	VANCOUVER	OCTOBER 24 - 28

What kind of chocolate do they
sell at the airport?
Plane Chocolate

*If you have a referee in football, what do you
have in bowls? Soup!*



Deal or No Deal Do We Have the Deal For You!

Hurry Up
When it's
gone, it's
gone



This is the
biggest sale in
town

Hello
Discount!

Spend Less
Save More

Don't delay
Sale today

Biggest sale
of the year

50% off

Hurry . . .
before the
stock runs out

We have a much better deal for you at the RLBC!

Effective August 1, Full Membership and Full Youth Membership prices are cut in half. That's 50% off of what you would have paid if you had joined the club prior to August 1.

So why not join the RLBC effective August 1st – and get in on the half price deal! There's still plenty of time to bowl. All of August, all of September, and some of October.

Or, if you took out an Associate Membership or a Youth Restricted Membership and want to upgrade your membership . . . here's a perfect chance!

Half Price Memberships –while quantities last!

Vacations, cocktails, grilled food, parties, swimming pools, beaches, picnics, and bowls. What comes to your mind? Summer. And what happens during the Summer? Bowls! Purchase a membership for 50% off and spend the rest of your summer bowling as often as you want. Now, who can pass up an offer like that?

The Travelling Shirt Judy

At the clubhouse, we have our Bowls Boutique where you can purchase chalk, measures, caps and shirts. Have you ever wondered who is buying these items? Let me tell you the story of the travelling shirt.

Once upon a time, long, long ago on a cold, dark winter's night (okay it was this past December but it seems long ago), a group of people huddled for warmth around a coffee pot. (Okay, they were the Cathedral Indoor Short Mat who were bowling but the coffee pot was on). Suddenly, the door flew open, the wind howled, and.... (Okay, okay...two people walked in the door and, of course, the wind was cold because it was winter. Look, who's telling this story??)

A young couple came in to buy a shirt for their nephew as a present. They were heading back home to South Africa for Christmas. Their nephew loved to bowl with his Grandpa and really wanted a shirt from our club. (He had checked it out online.) Everyone had a good visit while the said shirt was being bought.

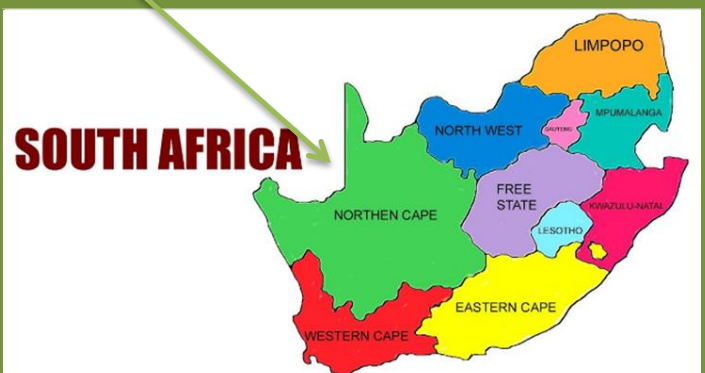
Fast forward to a hot smoky July day in Regina. An older couple and a young woman appeared. The older gentleman walked quickly along and into the clubhouse. He came out disappointed. He had heard about the indoor short mat in the clubhouse and was anxious to see this different format for lawn bowling. He was disappointed that it only happens during the winter.

Who was this man? He was the Grandpa from South Africa who came with his wife to visit their daughter and her husband. He was excited and thrilled to see the greens and to watch a game in progress. He had lots of questions about Canadian lawn bowling and about the club where the shirt had been bought.

The nephew? According to Grandma, the nephew proudly wears his RLBC shirt. His friends and fellow bowlers think he has a pretty cool looking shirt. They are amazed he has a shirt from Canada.

Maybe we should open a boutique shop in South Africa. Anyone want to volunteer to take care of it there? Yeah, me too!

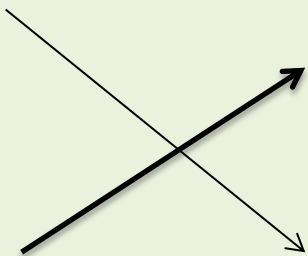
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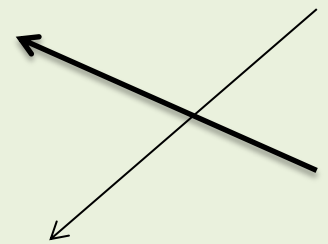
Brewin' with the Board



- This month's board meetings revolved around making the 2023 Canadian Youth Championships as great as they can be. Everyone on the committee and on the board has lots of responsibilities and were busy getting last minute details ready.
- The new riding lawn mower arrived! It's great.
- Lots of discussions about the RLBC hosting cash tournaments in 2024. Watch for more details coming your way.
- B Cubed is finished for the season. Not without awarding prizes for the top 5 teams, picking the Booze Basket winner, the 75 Jive Winner and the door prize winners. The players said, over and over again, how great the volunteers are and they absolutely love the league. Good job B Cuber's.
- Bowl Me Over League starting part 2. More teams for the second half.
- Bowls Boutique has more merchandise – tossing coins and 2023 Canadian Youth Championship pins. \$5.00 each.



Reset.. Restart.. Refocus..
As many times as you need to.
Just don't quit.





Me when I realize you can get a 50% off membership at the RLBC and you didn't submit your application form.

Guaranteed Draws

Just a reminder about the Guaranteed Draws for the month of August.

Monday Afternoons – starting at 1:00. Please have your name in the draw tray by 12:45.

Tuesday Evenings – starting at 7:00. Please have your name in the draw tray by 6:45.

Wednesday Mornings – starting at 10:00. Please have your name in the draw tray by 9:45.

See you on the Greens!

You Never Know Who You'll Meet

Judy

It is always fun to meet friends and family for a game of bowls. But sometimes there are faces you don't know. You might say a quick hello with a smile (you do smile, right?) as you go your way. But, sometimes it is fun to just talk with these new people because they come with a story.

There was a person who just arrived in Canada from China. It was his first day in Regina when he walked into B Cubed. He had many questions about what was going on. He stayed for quite a while. He had a great chat with many of the B Cubed volunteers and even enjoyed a cold beverage.

How about the couple who dropped in on a B Cubed night drawn by the music, laughter and such. He had played lawn bowls back in Ireland as a boy. His aunt was a bowling enthusiast. He would join her many nights for lawn bowling. He loved what he saw at RLBC that night. They are interested in learning more about how they can be involved.

Or the couple from South Africa who wanted to see where their grandson's lawn bowling shirt had come from. They were excited to see our club and learn the similarities and differences between their club and ours. Did you know that they don't play in the evenings because it is dark at 7 and they don't have lights? They have their leagues and such all on the weekends.

Those are three meetings in the space of three days. And there are more stories out there. So, next time you don't know someone, offer a smile, a hello and a listening ear. You never know who you'll meet.

BOWL ME OVER



The Bowl Me Over League started its second session on July 31 and will run for 7 Monday evenings. There are 15 teams registered for the second half. An odd number means some teams will get a bye.

There is lots of fun happening – great shots being made and a few cool beverages sold.

A Manitoba Success Story – B Cubed

https://bowlsmanitoba.wordpress.com/2023/07/28/b-cubed-a-transformational-success/?fbclid=IwAR1xu1IbANW9oh13L3ajgnAuaAbXd6_kUFdWnpDiYkR3n0HFE12Vh8tSy3A#like-7837

Read about Norwood Lawn Bowling Club in Winnipeg and how their 1st year hosting B Cubed was a huge success!

Weekly Walkers



11 laps around any green	=	1 mile	=	approximately 2000 steps
7 laps around A & B or C & D	=	1 mile	=	approximately 2000 steps
4 laps around A, B, C, D	=	1.1 miles	=	slightly over 2000 steps

PRO-TIP: Carry binoculars when hiking so when you make frequent stops, it looks like you're appreciating nature not fighting for air.



What do you say to annoy a walker? Take a hike!

What are the two best songs for National Walking Day?
Walk This Way by Aerosmith and *Walk Like an Egyptian* by the Bangles.

Sometimes you might feel like no one's there for you, but you know who's always there for you?

Laundry.

Laundry will always be there for you.

WHEN YOU PUT TOWELS, BOWLS CLOTHES, AND DISH CLOTHES IN THE LAUNDRY HAMPER IN THE UNISEX BATHROOM – EVER WONDER WHICH LAUNDRY FAIRY COMES AND CLEANS THEM?

IT'S JEAN RONEY!

THANK YOU, JEAN!

WHAT'S A LAUNDRY MACHINE'S FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE? LINDT!

HOUSEWORK:
No one notices when you do it,
but everyone notices when you don't!



Thank you to Karen Schlotter and her Clubkeeping Crew who keep the clubhouse looking clean and spotless.

Thank you, as well, to Liz, who gives the clubhouse a quick tidy every day before she goes home.

Kitchen Inspection A++

We did it! We passed the kitchen inspection. Changes at head office of the Health Inspectors Department meant that health inspectors have to make two inspection visits now. Thanks so much to Karen, Anita, Heather, and Judy for all your hard work in getting the Clubhouse spotless and ready to be inspected.



Brain Freeze

I can see clearly now!

When our reasoning is muddled, we have a difficult time making decisions. When our reasoning is crystal clear, we can easily make decisions and stick with them.

How do we determine if our reasoning is muddled or crystal clear?

Well it's the source you go to that may determine if your reasoning is muddled or crystal clear.

For example If you want to find out something about B Cubed . . . you would approach Brandon or Carter. If you have a youth question, you'll see Mark. If we want to find out something about the City of Regina Agreement with the RLBC . . . you'll approach Doug N. If you want to find out when the next Between Bowls Newsletter is going to be distributed. . . you'll ask Janet or Jordan. If you are interested in catering . . . you'll ask John or Judy. If you want to know about publicity or social media, you'll want to seek out Brandon, Carter or Jordan. If you want to find out something about housekeeping, you'll look for Karen. If you want to know something about the equipment, you'll contact Scott. If you need some coaching, you'll find Mark. If you want to know about group bookings, you'll ask Liz, Doug N. or Lois. If you have a question about our liquor licence . . . ask Darrell. If you want to find out about the Bowl Me Over League, you'll ask Janet or Lois.

You see where we're going, right?

When you need to find out about something that is happening at the RLBC, you need to contact the right person or persons.

What happens when we don't ask the question of the right person? Well, we can be misled – not intentionally, of course. But it could happen. And, our brain will automatically hear the first response to the question, and despite whether the response was right or wrong we decide that's the correct answer.

There are several board members who can answer your questions or who have the ability to find the answers for you. Don't get yourself muddled contact those in the know for crystal clear information.

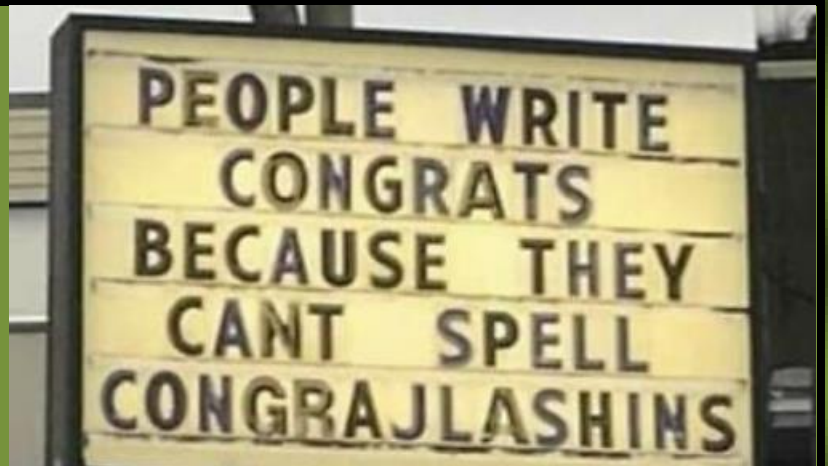
Not sure who to contact – email us at rlbc.sk@outlook.com – and we'll forward your question, comment or suggestion to the right person.

So, what do you know?



Heading to Nationals

As our Saskatchewan athletes head to the Canadian Championships, the Regina Lawn Bowling Club wishes Team Saskatchewan great success.



Heading to Canadian Nationals via YQR? Don't forget to take your bowls, measure, bowls shoes, and bowls bag!

Travelling by car? Great. More room for your stuff.



B Cubed

What a success! We are talking HUGE success! The B Cubed organizers took a chance and expanded B Cubed from one side of the clubhouse on Greens A and B in past years . . . to the east side of the clubhouse including Green C this year. Guess what? It worked. We were able to register 48 teams this year, for a total of just under 200 players with 12 teams on the waiting list.

We were able to attract more sponsors this season – and guess what . . . THEY came to us. They loved our league so much they wanted to be part of it. So, we welcomed Backyard Escapes as one of our new sponsors this year and they purchased 2 large coolers for our Backyard Escapes Beer Gardens. Our returning sponsors included – Ripplinger Financial, Wingert Construction, Tommy's Speakeatery, District Brewing, Gopher Car Wash and the Regina Pats.

The League is run by a fantastic group of volunteers who give up 8 Thursdays (this year, 9 due to a rain out) to work tirelessly at the club to ensure everything is ready to go when the B Cubed players arrive. We cannot do it without you. On behalf of the RLBC, huge thank you to our volunteers

B Cubed Organizing Committee	Brandon, Carter, Janet, Jordan, Lois, Doug
Setup	Doug, Liz, Jan, Brandon, Carter, Janet, Lois, Jordan, Judy, John, Harriette
Hot Dog Bar	Keith, Brandon, Jean, Lois, Liz, Harriette
Backyard Escapes Beer Gardens	Darrell, Heather, Michael, Jon, Carter
Snacki-Snacks	Judy, John, Marnie
B Cubed Headquarters	Don, Anita, Liz, Jean
Greeters	Janet, Jordan
Scorecards	Janet, Jordan, Harriette
On the Greens	Doug, Janet, Kevin, Michael, Jean
On the Wagon	Carter, Jordan, Liz
Cleanup Crew	Liz, Brandon, Carter, Janet, Jordan, Don, Anita, Jean, Keith, Lois, Kevin, Marnie, Doug, Judy, John, Michael, Jon

B Cubed – Popping Up All Across Canada

Janet



After over 20 years of twisting arms, solving logistics, dealing with insurance and everything else that goes with starting something new . . . the Preston Lawn Bowling Club in Ontario is running their version of B Cubed.

A little different twice, but sorta the same – they call their league – Bowls & Beverages – and they play for 10 consecutive Thursday evenings during the summer.

They started off with 22 new bowlers and 4 regular members who only wanted to play once a week. That's 26 players. Considering their regular membership is only about 40 regular members, they were pretty pleased with the results.

This year, it exploded! Organizers had to cut off B Squared (that's what we call their league) membership at 48 – *Hmmm, come to think of it, that number rings a bell* – with several on the waiting list. You have to remember – they are a very small club, so this explosion was huge!

Cost to players to join Bowls & Beverages is \$35.00 to join and \$10 / evening on a pay-as-you-play plan, or a flat fee of \$135 / season. You can do the math!

They found excellent sponsors, and they said that the Bar has its best night of the week on B Squared evenings.

The Preston LBC organizer has been following Regina's B Cubed for a few years and wanted to know how we run things. Eager to share our success story, we let Jack (yes, that's his real name – not a take off on our sport) know that we have a great group of organizers, volunteers and support from the RLBC Board of Directors and Membership. That makes all the difference in the world. We also talked about the importance of sponsorship – helps to lighten the financial load.

So Janet and Jack have committed to sharing their stories and keeping in touch – sort of like pen-pals. One thing they did say . . . "this is the kind of thing that through the exposure will bring members to regular bowls in the future and sure is a nice little profit generator for us at the moment."

We wish the Preston Lawn Bowling Club all the best . . . which reminds me . . . I wonder how B Cubed is doing at the Norwood Lawn Bowling Club in Winnipeg.

We'll check.



B Cubed – Putting Smiles on Faces . . . One Ticket at a Time

Janet

One night at B Cubed, not so long ago, the Backyard Escapes Booze On The Go Cart was selling Alcoholic Beverages along with the 75 Jive tickets. The Go Cart had just left the B Cubed Headquarters on a mission to sell sell sell, when a B Cubed player from the team, Stop, Drop & Roll, approached the Headquarters table and wanted to purchase some 75 Jive tickets.

Don, being extremely customer service oriented as well as very quick on his feet, asked the player what rink he was on. The rink was identified – that one over there. Don took the player's \$5.00 and said he would purchase the tickets for him and deliver the tickets to him shortly.

Don sprinted to the far end of Green A - as if to follow his up-weighted bowl down the green looking to take out shot bowl and sit for 3 - and found the Booze On The Go Cart and Liz who had the 75 Jive tickets. Without breaking a sweat and not out of breath in the least – Don purchased \$5.00 worth of tickets and found the player from Stop, Drop & Roll who was actually playing on rink B5.

Later that evening, when the 75 Jive winning ticket was announced, it belonged to the player from Stop, Drop & Roll – the player to whom Don had purchased the tickets. After collecting the winnings, the player immediately approached the B Cubed Headquarters table and told Don that the winnings belonged to Don. After all, it was Don who purchased the winning ticket – and, according to the Stop, Drop & Roll player, the winnings were Don's. The player insisted.

Don explained that the player was the winner and Don just simply provided a service.



The player wasn't going to take no for an answer and offered to split the winnings with Don. Don wasn't having any part of that either and expressed that he was very happy that he was able to help the player.

The player was so appreciative that he purchased \$40 worth of beer tickets with part of his winnings! The player walked away from the B Cubed Headquarters table extremely happy.

This speaks volumes about how great our B Cubed volunteers are and how great our B Cubed players are!





The Conklin Family practices Re-Cycling

Cans for a Kos

*I had a joke about recycling
Unfortunately, it's already been used*

Thanks to Bo for helping with the club's bottle and can recycling. Not only does the recycling add \$\$ to our revenue balance sheet, but, it keeps the club and grounds tidier. And, if you can remember to take the tab off your can before recycling, AI is collecting the can tabs for SARS.

Here's an interesting factif you're in to that sort of thing by recycling aluminum cans, you can save 95% of the energy required to make new ones.

What? Another Lawn Bowling Shirt Story? Go on.....

An email hit the RLBC inbox and it was a very interesting email. So interesting, in fact, that we just have to share.

A bowler from Oak Bay Bowls on Vancouver Island was snooping around the internet and came across our Bowls Boutique page on our RLBC Website.

This bowler absolutely LOVED our club shirts and in fact used the words "Very Impressive". The bowler wanted to know all the things, you know like . . . who designed them, where we got them from, how much they cost . . . and stuff like that. Of course, we shared everything with the club – why not?

It's kinda cool that our club shirts, which were designed a few years ago, are still a big hit across Canada.

Way to go, RLBC!



RLBC - A Great Place to Socialize

Please feel welcome to come to our clubhouse any time (when we are open, of course, so, like, not in the middle of the night or anything like that) and enjoy a beverage and socialize. Embrace and enjoy our beautiful grounds, our park-like setting, the gorgeous Regina summer weather, and the fantastic atmosphere both inside and outside.

Help yourself to a hot bevvie compliments of the RLBC – a selection of delicious beverages is found on the coffee cart. Don't forget our Keurig basket of coffee, hot chocolate and tea pods.

If you are looking for a cold beverage, we have bottled water and soft drinks for \$1.00. Gador-ade for \$1.50.

Sometimes, having coffee
with your best friend
is all the therapy you need.



Baker's Box

**You know when
you buy a bag of
salad & it gets all
brown & soggy?
Cookies don't
do that.**

Just a quick reminder about one of our new incentives in 2023 – the Baker's Box.

If you feel like baking and donating some of your baking to the club, which will be used for various events throughout the season, we'd love to take your baked goods off your hands.

We have a drawer in the tall freezer dedicated to our Baker's Box goodies. Please feel free to leave your bagged treats in the freezer at your convenience. It would be very much appreciated if you labeled your goodies – so we know what they are.

Cookies on the Go

And . . . don't forget about our bag of cookies on the kitchen counter, over by the stove. We put out a tray of cookies when we have events at the RLBC, but they are also there for members to sneak a cookie when they get the cookie-munchies.

THANK YOU

Backyard Escapes Decks & Landscaping ~ They're so 'cool'ers.

Bowls Canada Boulingrin ~ Our National Sports Body

Bowls Saskatchewan Inc. ~ Where the Grass is Greener

City of Regina ~ Who lets us play in their yard!

Cloverdale Paints ~ Paint & Stain

D & R Roofing Inc. ~ Puts a roof over our heads.

Dairy Queen ~ Sweat Treats.

Regina Funeral Home ~ And Jitney go hand in hand!

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Ripplinger Financial ~ Sound Advice & Prizes Too

Sterling Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning ~ Keeping our Clubhouse Cool!

The Floor Show ~ Funky Flooring

Tommy's Speakeatery ~ Shhhhhh....the free nachos are a secret!

Water Boy Supply Centre ~ Even irrigation systems need a remote control.

Wingert Construction Ltd. ~ Prizes, Prizes & More Prizes



If you know of a company or organization or individual who would like to sponsor us here at the RLBC, please contact us so that we can contact them.

Thanks so much – rlbc.sk@outlook.com