

BETWEEN BOWLS

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September

I love September
because it rhymes with
Remember!

Remember all the great bowling and social times you had at the RLBC this season? How many events did you attend? What is your fondest memory . . . so far?

Membership

The RLBC is proud to boast that we have 290 members this year. Members include Regular, Associate, League, B Cubed, Youth, and Jitney members. There's still time to meet the magic 300 mark. Do you know someone who might want to join the club, take advantage of our ½ price membership fee, and have a great September?

I just signed up for a 12 month gym membership. My bank called wondering if my credit card had been stolen!

Short Mat

It's time to start thinking about Cathedral Short Mat. Well, not quite yet. But soon. Cathedral Short Mat will start immediately following the RLBC AGM. Well, not IMMEDIATELY like right away. More like – the Friday following the AGM or something like that. More information coming your way.

Happy Fall Y'All

**My horse will only
come out of its stable
when it gets dark.
She's becoming a real
night mare.**

We still play bowls and have guaranteed draws. Monday afternoons at 1:00pm. Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. Friday night Jitney at 7:00pm. For the evening games . . . The days are getting shorter and it is getting darker sooner, so, you may have to turn on the outside lights – light up the greens. Just remember to turn them off when you leave, please.



Regina Strikes GOLD!



**Congratulations to Jonathan Pituley, Carter Watson, Brandon Watson and Murray Pituley!
The 2023 Men's Fours National Champions**



**Congratulations to Harriette Pituley, Rachel Larson, Heather Howard and Eileen McLelland!
The 2023 Women's Fours National Champions**

Jean and Karen Take Silver



Jean Roney and Karen Schlotter
2023 Women's Pairs Silver Medalists!
Congratulations!



Women's Fours and Women's Pairs
won the Lady Alexander Trophy.
Well done!



Now That's The Spirit!

Anita Nivala received the Spirit Award at the 2023 National Championships. The award couldn't have gone to a more deserving person. Anita was so incredibly kind, considerate and supportive during the course of the event.

Cheers Anita!

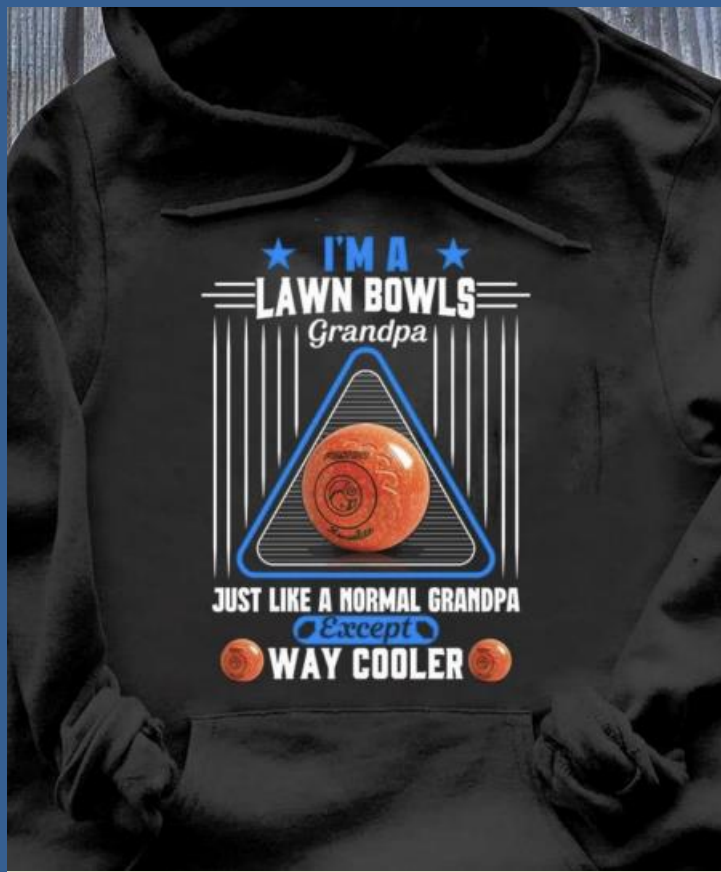
Brewin' with the Board

The RLBC Board met on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Here's what happened at the board meeting.

- Got quotes for the new garage – just have to put all the pieces together (sort of like a puzzle) and then the garage pad will be poured followed by the garage construction. Thank you, New Horizon's Grant!
- Getting more quotes on the backboard replacements. We have a new idea that might work and may cost a little less.
- Bowl Me Over league has 15 teams. The last day of the league is September 11.
- SIRS – the Serve It Right Saskatchewan Course – has been completed by 3 individuals at the RLBC so far. This is a course for bartenders – encouraged but not mandatory.
- Bartenders will need to 'crack the can' when serving alcohol.
- We have some money in the bank - \$155,430.06 – perhaps we should look into some cashable GICs? Or maybe shoes.
- Lots of coaching lessons are being offered. Our coach even travelled to Moose Jaw to give some lessons there.
- The air conditioning could use a tune-up and a new filter.
- The lock to the front gate and equipment sheds have been changed.
- We need lots of help with Group Bookings in the fall. Mark offered to do part of the job. We just need to find someone who likes the admin side.
- We might have a line on some used bowls – RLBC Board granted authority to check them out and possibly purchase them.
- The Guaranteed Draws will continue in September. Monday afternoons. Tuesday evenings. Wednesday mornings.

That's about it.





Sunday, September 10 is Grandparent's day. Happy Grandparent's Day. Treat yourself on the 10th! You deserve it.

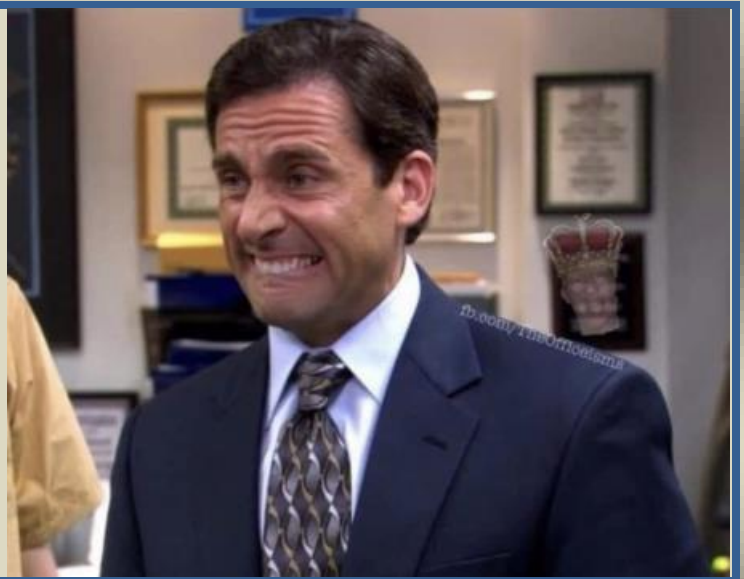
"Back in the day" my grandfather started to say, "You could walk into a grocery store with \$2 in your pocket, and walk out with a loaf of bread, a dozen eggs and a pound of butter."

"But today," he continued, "Wherever you go, there are security cameras!"

*What do people call grandfather clocks?
The old-timers!*

Me . . . when I hear that this might be the last month to roll bowls!

Well, technically, we will roll bowls in October, but only if the weather permits and the greens aren't tarped!



Laundry:
Washing: 40 minutes
Drying: 60 minutes
Putting away: 7 to 14 business days

Thanks very much to Jean for helping with the laundry at the club.

When we asked Jean if she was having fun as the laundry lady, she replied, "yes, loads".

Senior Triples



Doug Normand, David Calam and Al Hastings

Vi McPherson, Jo Urquhart and Janice Robson

will be heading to Edmonton to the Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club to compete in the Senior Triples.

The RLBC wishes them all the very best.
Bring home the gold!

The Security System – in fact there are several different types of security systems at the club – keeps our members, our clubhouse, our facility, and our greens safe 24-7.

Smile – you might be on the security camera!



Group Bookings

With Liz back at school, we need your assistance to help with Group Bookings. In September, many high school teachers book phys ed classes at the RLBC. Please considering helping with school groups – watch for notices.

Clubhouse Chatter

September is a time when the RLBC Board thinks about all the great things that were offered over the season – and the Board wonders what members liked and what we could change or make better. **We'd love to hear from you.** Send your thoughts to rlbc.sk@outlook.com or complete the anonymous or the not-anonymous Contact Us form found on the RLBC website found at <https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/contact.html>.

A reminder of some of the things offered this season ~ perhaps there are other things you'd like to bring to the Board's attention? Perhaps you have great ideas you'd like to see the Board implement? Providing suggestions helps the board plan the season with activities that the members will enjoy. We'd love to hear all your comments.

- Membership Renewal Day.
- Open House.
- Opening Day.
- Competitive 3s League – late May and early June.
- Bowl Me Over League – Monday Nights most of the season.
- Guaranteed Draws.
- Friday Night Jitney. Gift Cards awarded to the winner.
- Club Tournaments – new times - held in the morning.
- B Cubed – Thursday nights.
- Yearly Liquor Licence.
- Membership Fees remained the same.
- Bring A Friend Nights.
- Buddy System.
- Wednesday Night Junior Program.
- Coaching Lessons.
- Call for Volunteers for Corporate Group Bookings, School Group Bookings, outdoor maintenance.
- Canadian Youth Championships Event held at the RLBC.
- Saskatchewan Provincial Playdowns held at the RLBC.
- Kevin's Bike Rack.
- 6-49+ Punch Cards.
- The new riding lawn mower.
- The new garage.
- Snacks on the snack cart.
- Other events at the club.

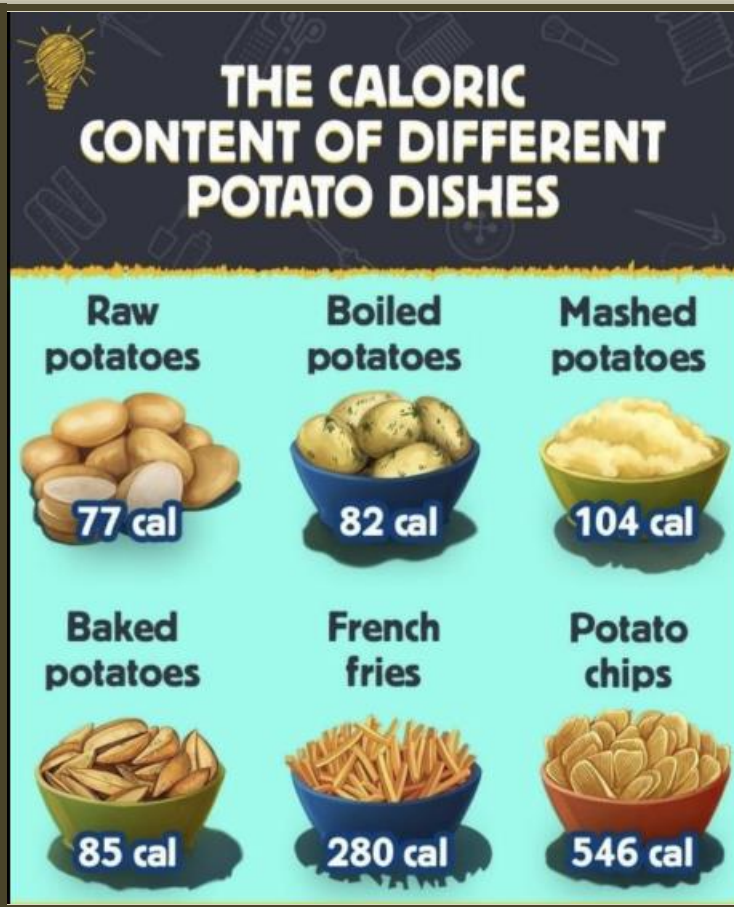




Me when I realize that I could have purchased a ½ price membership last month and didn't do it!

Welcome to all the members who joined us in August and took advantage of our half price membership sale at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club.

A new handbook was distributed – how many new members did you spot?



Potato Bowls

September is International Potato Month, so it was only fitting that we did an article on pa-tate-da's.

Have you ever thrown a potato bowl? Sure ya have. We've all done it. Come on. Admit it.

Ever wondered how many calories you wear off throwing a potato bowl? Us too. Actually, we have no idea, but, we do know how many calories there are in a "bowl" of potatoes.

Speaking of eating . . . don't forget that the year end RLBC windup will be happening at the end of September.

More information to follow.



Well, we don't have the worst coffee at the RLBC . . . in fact between the Keurig, the industrial coffee pot and the coffee cart coffee . . . we rock the coffee bar.

Come on . . . you have to admit. When we get that coffee pot going, and you can smell the aroma of freshly brewed coffee, well, it just makes you wanna cup, right?

Enjoy a hot beverage compliments of the RLBC. We have tea and hot cocoa as well.

*i'm here
for the
snacks*

We have lots of snacks on our snack cart – all snacks are \$1.00.

Brain Freeze

The Ground Floor!

Many of our beliefs are supported by multiple tiers of more fundamental beliefs. Picture a building with several floors, where the top floor is directly supported by the floor below, and that floor is in turn supported by the floor below it. Of course, the lowest floor is supported by the ground. So this begs the question . . . what would correspond to the ground floor in a well-built belief system?

Okay, we're starting to get pretty heavy here, right?

Not really.

Let's turn this into a bowls analogy.

Perception. Betty Bowler comes off the green, with a big smile on her face. You haven't seen Betty's score card, but you can only assume that she won her game, probably handily. You congratulate Betty, only to find out that she lost the game. So why the smiles? Why the happy demeanour? Well, Betty made some incredible shots during the game – shots she had been practicing and when she implemented them in crucial times during the game, they worked.

But . . . But . . . But . . . Betty lost!

Betty doesn't care – she's happy with her bowling. She made shots that she didn't think she could make. She gained confidence in her bowling ability. She understood that practicing those shots paid off.

We all measure personal success in different ways. One member's ground floor is different from another member's ground floor.

Where is your ground floor?

Thank you to all the RLBC volunteers.

Helping with . . . group bookings . . .
housekeeping . . . catering . . . B Cubed . . .
bar services . . . greens . . . equipment . . .
clean up . . . laundry . . . Bowl Me Over . . .
club tournaments . . . 2023 Canadian
National Championships . . . marking . . .
recycling . . . Jitney . . . grass cutting . . .
weeding the ditches . . . planting the flowers
. . . snacks . . . watering the flowers . . .
dusting . . . communications . . . vacuuming .
. . . and everything else you do. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

**"VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE
THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART."
- ELIZABETH ANDREW**

Amazon



of a new Amazon Scam! I ordered a pair of diamond earrings and a set of lawn bowls came instead. Luckily, they were exactly the brand, bias, size and color I liked.

Speaking of new bowls . . . hopefully you've had an opportunity to try all our colored bowls and our refurbished black and brown bowls too. We will have another new set on order pretty soon . . . can't wait to see what size, color, bias and brand they are.

We are always looking for good deals on used bowls to add to our inventory when we host B Cubed and large corporate group bookings. If you know of someone who might want to sell us their bowls – please ask them to contact us – rlbc.sk@outlook.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

"It don't take courage to be a winner.
It does take courage to be a good loser.
Now, you wanna be a good loser, you'll be
proud of your friends that did win, and
you'll congratulate 'em for it."

-Andy Griffith



Congratulations to all the Regina bowlers who attended the National Championships and came home with some hardware, some great memories, and some new friendships.

Those athletes who competed this year mark a milestone in history as the format for the National Championships drastically changes next season.

The RLBC congratulates all those who attended the Canadian Championships, no matter your record – we are proud of you.

Three more National Championships events yet to come – the Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples and Indoor Singles. Good luck to our Regina athletes representing Saskatchewan at those events.



<https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/pobo.html>

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POBO

POBO? What's that?

What? You haven't heard about POBO? Oh my. Where do we begin.

POBO stands for "Pile O' Bowls Open". Next summer, during the long weekend in August, the RLBC will be hosting the first annual POBO tournament. You'll be hearing the term - POBO – a lot over the next year or so. Exciting times at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. Watch the POBO launch video here - https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=2035224370147096&external_log_id=4146bb5a-c5df-4808-a354-b722ef6c0eb8&q=pile%20o%20bowls%20open

POBO is a mix and match 4's discipline. That means your posse – yes, we're going with a western theme - can consist of all women, all men, or some of each. POBO is an open tournament and a golden opportunity to play with your favorite bowlers from anywhere in the City, Province, Country or World. Yes, we said World!

POBO is a high-stakes cash tournament. The entry fee is set at \$200 / person but the 'bounty' is high. Top 4 teams will share in the 'reward'. The RLBC will take their cut.

There will be a chuck wagon with food supplies on site and the saloon will be open.

We anticipate some very exciting team registrations which means there will be some very exciting games. Blind draw – so no favorites. Pinkie swear!

The RLBC has a POBO page all set and ready to go. Lots of information can be found on the website – <https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/pobo.html>. Keep checking back regularly as the website will be updated frequently. We have a POBO Facebook page which will contain all kinds of information and updates – you'll want to follow the POBO page for sure. On Facebook – type Pile O'Bowls Open.

So, why are we hosting POBO? Well, with the new Canadian National format being launched next year, the RLBC thought it would be an excellent opportunity to offer athletes a fun, competitive cash tournament – something to look forward to, and a dream vacation in the heart of the west – Regina, Saskatchewan.

What does all this mean to you? Well, you only have a year to find a posse of 4 so giddy on up and wrangle yourself a herd. You'll want to give your posse a great name (preferably a western name, but any name will do) – if you don't have a posse name one will be assigned to you. You'll need to register early to secure your spot, and you'll need to make your registration payment. Then, you can sit back and wait – to enjoy the time of your life. Oh, and you can spread the word . . . for miles around.

We have a maximum number of teams allowed to enter – so once we reach that cap, registration will be closed. What's the number? That's a secret between the Sheriff and POBO. Do we have a minimum number of teams required? Yup. And that's also a secret number. If we don't reach our minimum number of teams, your registration fee will be returned.

More information will be coming your way through emails, the newsletter, the RLBC website, and Facebook over the next few months. Questions? Email us – rlbc.sk@outlook.com.

Get ready to enjoy the 4 best days of 2024!

All RLBC policies apply.



Keys to the RLBC Facility

We changed the locks for the last time. Promise!

If you purchased a set of keys in the past, you can trade one of them in for a new key to the front gate.

If you can't find your old key, but would like a key to the facility, the cost is \$10.00.

Please see Doug Normand to make a key-exchange.

B Cubed

The B Cubed organizers are starting to get ready for another exciting season - B Cubed 2024. Registration will be open very soon. We had 48 teams register this season. Do you think we'll get 48 teams for the 2024 season?

Our B Cubed organizers are always looking for additional sponsors so that we can increase the prizes given to the top teams at the end of the season. If you know of a company who might want to sponsor B Cubed prizes, please let us know.

You can contact us – rlbc.sk@outlook.com



Bowl Me Over



The Bowl Me Over League was a huge success this season. It looks like we'll be offering the Monday Night League again in 2024. Please spread the word – and invite potential Bowl Me Over League teams to join us next year. Watch for our Open House in the Spring so that new bowlers can try the sport. Questions? Contact us at – rlbc.sk@outlook.com

6-49+ Punch Cards

If you have a 6-49+ Punch Card and you haven't used all the punches yet, you can carry your punch card over to next season. Or, you can decide to take out a membership, and the cost of the punch card will be deducted from your membership fee. It's a win-win for everyone.

Fall Windup



The Fall Windup takes weeks, even months to plan. The Fall Windup is a culmination of all the great bowling that happened at the RLBC over the season. One weekend, the men's and women's singles tournament is held. Then, later on, the men's 1st place singles champ will play the women's 1st place singles champ; the men's 2nd place singles winner will play the women's 2nd place winner and the men's 3rd place winner will play the women's 3rd place winner.

This prestigious tournament takes place at the end of the lawn bowls season. It's open to anyone – any age, any playing level – anyone!

The Men's and Women's Singles Club tournament will be played on either the Sept 16 & 17 or the Sept 23 & 24 weekends. Stay tuned for confirmation on when it will be played. Watch for a sign up sheet at the club house.

The Club Championship and the Club Windup will take place on Saturday, September 30.

So what's for eats? Cake? Hot Dogs? Ice Cream? You'll have to wait and see!

Also, all bowlers who competed in a club tournament or two this season, and who won 1st or 2nd place will receive a club pin.

Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss either of these events!

<i>Today's Menu Suggestions</i>	
Soup w/Crackers Cup.....	25c Bowl.....35c
1. ROAST BEEF DINNER.....	\$1.10
Tender Roast Beef, Brown Gravy Creamy Whipped Potatoes Garden Vegetable	
2. ROAST TURKEY DINNER.....	95c
Roast Turkey (All White Meat) Hot Turkey Gravy, Savory Dressing Creamy Whipped Potatoes Garden Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce	
3. BAKED MEAT LOAF DINNER.....	95c
Oven Baked Meat Loaf, Brown Gravy Creamy Whipped Potatoes Garden Vegetable	
4. FRIED FISH PLATTER.....	95c
Fried Filet of Fish, Tartar Sauce French Fried Potatoes, Cole Slaw	
* * ROLL AND BUTTER SERVED W/ABOVE DINNERS * *	
99c	TODAY'S LUNCHEON SPECIAL 99c
Baked Macaroni w/Old English Cheese Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter Gelatin w/Whipped Topping or Ice Cream w/Chocolate Sauce	
99c	Choice of Beverage 99c

Oh know –

It's time to say good-bye to Liz and Raechel.

Liz spent most of her time organizing the Group Bookings. It wasn't long and she had the whole bias thing figured out. With Liz as our full time staff, we were able to handle multiple group bookings at a time, which provided an excellent source of financial revenue for the club. In fact, someone told us that we had more group bookings this year than ever before. Someone will need to fact-check that! Sometimes, members would receive an email from Liz asking for assistant with larger group bookings. But over the course of the season, there were fewer and fewer requests as Liz had figured out a way to handle many of the group bookings herself. Liz was one of our bartenders, an integral part of our B Cubed volunteers and she helped with score cards and marking during the 2023 Canadian Youth Nationals. Many times, Liz started her day at the club early in the morning and could often be seen leaving well after dark. Liz returns to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon studying psychology. Some might say that working at the RLBC was good experience for her chosen field of study!

Raechel was early to arrive at the club – often arriving before many of us were even awake. When asked how she liked the early morning shift, Raechel replied – I'm getting used to it. That was last week! Raechel was in charge of cutting the greens so that members could roll bowls by 10. Cutting 4 greens by 10 was a huge task. One member asked Raechel how many steps her Fitbit counted in a day ~~ to which she replied, my Fitbit blew up on day 1. That's a lot of steps. When we didn't have enough volunteers join our grass cutting crew this year, Raechel stepped up and took a turn. Raechel was on hand to cut greens before our provincial playdowns and the 2023 Canadian Youth Championships – ensuring the greens were perfect for each event. Raechel will return to school in the fall and at the present time she is debating about switching her major to greenskeeping. With all her experience, she'll have no trouble acing that!

**We wish Liz and Raechel the best of luck.
We will miss them both.**

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