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How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?

With a pumpkin patch.

Happy Bowl-oween! Let the Ghoul Times Roll

October Events

Good luck to all the RLBC members who are off to the Indoor Singles National Championships in Vancouver.

Good luck to all the RLBC members who are off to California to participate in the US Open.





Happy Thanksgiving!

BYOB (Bring Your Own Boo's)

The RLBC's Yearly Liquor Licence will be in full swing during the fall and will start up next spring. In the meantime, we'll get a weekly licence to satisfy our needs for Cathedral Short Mat.

Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be available all year round.

Broom Parking . . . Violators will **be Toad**

When you come to Cathedral Short Mat there is plenty of parking for your vehicles and your brooms! With the RLBC being on a snow plough route, the street will be clear of ice and snow.

Brewin' with the Board

So . . . while the outdoor lawn bowling season may be over (or just about over) for 2023, that doesn't mean that the RLBC is going to stop working for you. No way!

Here's a recap of the chatter at the most recent board meeting:

- Garage work is still in progress. We need architectural drawings from a certified engineer before the City of Regina will let us build.
- Still working on backboard placements which has been postponed until next year.
- Exciting times next year when POBO will be held at the RLBC. We need 8 teams to register to get the go-ahead!
- → Purchased 3 more sets of used bowls B Cubed will be happy about that! A few sets need restoring.
- Bowls Sask Tournament was a success. 14 individuals competed.
- Karen will be applying for the New Horizon's for Seniors Program Grant again this year – backboards!
- ♣ An events committee will be formed (hopefully) over the winter.
- ★ The AGM will take place on November 5th. Might see some new faces on the Board and some vacancies filled?

Interesting Fact: Did you know that, in the month of September, we had almost 1,000 people use our greens via group bookings (schools and corporate)? That's a lot of people . . . a lot of non-members . . . a lot of money . . . and a lot of volunteers (thank you so much). Makes you wonder how many more people entered the turnstiles of our gate throughout the season!



Roney returns to venue where she represented Canada in 1994 Commonwealth Games

by Cleve Dheensaw (Aug 26, 2023)



Roneys of Regina are probably more well known in England, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa than in Canada. Jean Roney doesn't disagree with the well-worn analogy that lawn bowling is to the rest of the Commonwealth what curling is to Canada.

That's why the Roneys of Regina, wife Jean and husband Keith, are probably more well known in England, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa than in Canada. Keith Roney was world champion in men's pairs with Canadian playing partner Ryan Bester in 2004 at Ayr, Scotland, and world championship bronze-medallist with the Canadian men's triples rink in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2008.

He won four medals in the Asia Pacific championships, including at Victoria in 1993, and 27 national championship medals and was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame with the Class of 2013.

Jean Roney is an 11-time national champion who represented Canada in the 1994 Victoria and 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games and twice medalled in the Asia Pacific championships in 1993 in Victoria and 1995 in Dunedin, N.Z.

"We pushed each other," said Jean Roney. "I am a competitive person by nature."

"I've been blessed with health, especially the elbows and shoulders, which are so important in our sport," said Roney.

She was also blessed with an interesting career off the greens. She is a retired forensic scientist for the RCMP and was once featured on the true-crime documentary TV show *Forensic Files*.

It is on the greens, from Victoria, Australia to Victoria, B.C., where the other part of her life flourished. "Everything comes down to the moment, and you always wish you had won more medals, but it's been such a great and wonderful experience that very few players get to have," said Roney.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth Games green from nearly three decades ago is still considered world class at Juan de Fuca.

"I really like everything it has. It's one of the best, and fast like a carpet," said Lisa Cheung of Richmond, a member of the B.C. women's fours rink at nationals.

A total of 168 participants, all champions from their provincial playdowns, took part in the national championships from last Saturday to today.

This was the third time for Juan de Fuca hosting the national championships after also doing so in 2009 and 2017.

And whether it is in Canadian red internationally, or Saskatchewan green nationally, the Roneys always fit in, even if it meant leaving hometown but wintery Regina for training stretches in Arizona.

Jean, at 77, is competing in the 2023 Canadian championships, which began last weekend and conclude today at the Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowling Club, a competition that has brought her back to the venue where she competed in the 1994 Commonwealth Games and medalled the year before in the Asia Pacific championships.

"There's lots of memories and old friends, and new friends made, which is what this sport is all about," said Jean Roney, rolling this week at nationals in women's pairs for Saskatchewan.

With the careers of the likes of Cathy Freeman and Kieren Perkins in the far past, Roney may very well be the last athlete from the 1994 Commonwealth Games still competing at the top level of her sport.

Oh my Gourd Cathedral Short Mat is Starting Teamwork Makes the Scream Work

The upper level of the RLBC clubhouse will be tranformed into the Cathedral Short Mat right after the Annual General Meeting.

The furniture will be moved over there, a seating area will be set up in the locker room, and the short mat carpets will be unrolled.

If you are interested in playing short mat this fall, winter and spring, here is the information you'll need in order to register. If you are interested in playing short mat in the afternoons, let us know and we'll try and set something up.



Dates: Friday Nights. Games will start in November after the AGM.

Exact Start Date to be announced. You'll get an email.

Times: Games start at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$100.00 for the entire season

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\$15.00 the first night and

\$7.00 each time you come to play.

Discipline: We play pairs, triples or fours.

Teams are made up each Friday,

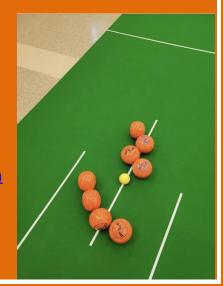
by the Team Generator App.

How to Register: Email us at cathedralshortmat@outlook.com

You can etransfer your registration fee,

or

You can pay the first night.



Annual General Meeting

The RLBC's Annual General Meeting will take place as follows:

Date: Sunday, November 5

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: RLBC – Upper Level

The words 'AGM' and 'FUN' go together like cheese and Nutella. But at the RLBC, things are different. At our AGM, we'll have lots of fun and we'll still get things done! And what's for snack? Why cheese and Nutella, of course!

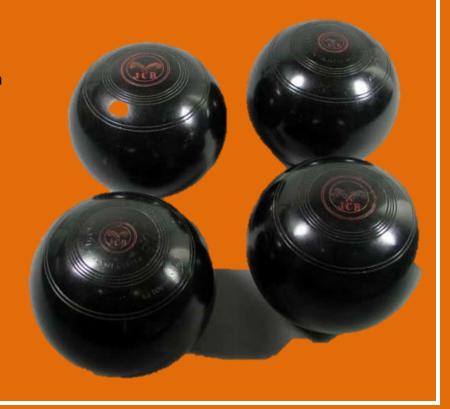
If the lawn bowls could talk

We are always looking for more bowls (preferably smaller sizes) to add to our bowls collection. Imagine our surprise when one afternoon a fellow visiting from Saskatoon dropped off a beautiful set of bowls as a donation to the Regina Lawn Bowling Club.

As the story goes . . . his dad (17 years) and mom (10 years) were members of the club and his dad was president of the club in 1977. His mom passed away in 1981 and his dad in 1990. The set of bowls we received were his mom's bowls and are a beautiful set of shiny, size 2, black bowls with his mom's initials "COH" on them.

With our ever-expanding B Cubed and Group Bookings, we are always looking for bowls donations to fulfill our requirements. But, what is more interesting, however, is the story behind the bowls.

Do you remember Mr. Harrington?



I'm just here for the Boo's cans

Thanks to Bo for recycling all the cans and bottles each week. Bottle and can recycling is a great revenue source for the RLBC. We'll have to check the financial statements to find out exactly how much money recycling brought in – but we know it was a lot.

Thanks to Karen and Pat and Doug and others for recycling all the paper and cardboard each week. This is a great way to tidy-up the RLBC clubhouse and also keep the facility 'green'.



Bo, Doug, Karen and Pat will get a little rest until the season starts again in the spring.

What do you call a cleaning skeleton? The Grim Sweeper!



Hocus Pocus – I Need Candy to Focus

Submitted by the Werther's Fairy

My colleagues – Werther's Original, Werther's Hard Caramels. Werther's Chewy Caramels, and Werther's Soft Caramels - and I have really enjoyed the social coffee and chat which has taken place at the club this season. We heard all about your children and grandchildren, about that new job you were offered, about that great shot in the 6th end which was a game changer, about your lawn bowls trips, your retirement hobbies and other stuff that I simply can't share (spicy!). We've had the best time listening to all the chatter at the clubhouse – and we can't wait for next season when we can catch up on all the winter news.

Witches and Mummies and Ghosts, Oh My!

Brain Freeze

Practice makes Perfect

Mind and Body

We often make an argument that substantiates the way in which we believe things ought to be. When we think of the word . . argument . . . we automatically think in the negative. But some arguments can be very positive.

What? Can't think of any?

Let's go back to grade 7 science and talk about the "if" | "then" statements.

IF I practice rolling bowls THEN I'll be a better bowler.

You are probably thinking, duh, yeah!

But an argument can be made that this is simply not true. What? Go against science? Never!

If you are practicing incorrectly or practicing something you are already very good at - the IF | THEN statement, argumentatively, is a negative. To turn this argument into a positive, you need to rethink things.

If you can already draw your first bowl to the jack within 2 feet, and you can do it consistently, with all 4 bowls, practicing that skill continually, over and over again, for the entire duration of your two hour practice, will probably NOT improve your game.

However, if you practice the things that you are not skilled at, then the statement works.

IF I practice all the things I struggle with THEN I'll be a better bowler.

Time to throw some jacks.







Me . . . when I find out Doug is looking for volunteers to lay the tarps on the greens which means the outdoor lawn bowls season is over.

If you can help lay tarps – please let us know and Doug will contact you when the date and time is confirmed. What's involved? The tarps are pretty heavy – so, you will help to bring the tarps from their storage place to the greens, unfold them, and make sure that every inch of the greens is covered. There are several tarps used for each green. You don't have to commit to the entire tarp time, but if you can spare a couple of hours, that would be wonderful.

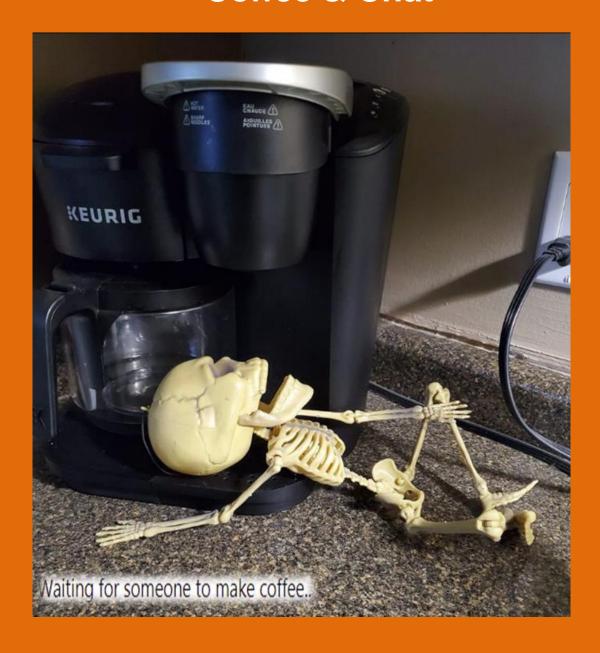
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The final load of laundry was folded and all the towels are returned to the clubhouse.

Thank you, Jean, for washing, drying, and folding all those towels – bowls towels, tea towels, beach towels (yes, there was the odd beach towel – someone didn't want to do their own laundry).

Coffee & Chat



Even though the outdoor lawn bowling season is over (well just about over), the RLBC Board is still offering complimentary coffee, tea and hot chocolate all winter long. Come to the RLBC clubhouse to socialize – enter by the west deck, remember to turn off the alarm, and have a great time. The lower level is ready for you to gather. We also have cards and board games in the piano bench. Looking for something to do on Friday nights? If you won't want to play short mat, come and have a coffee and chat with the members who are playing. We'd love to see you.

I'm going as a Zombie this year for Hallowe'en. All I have to do is skip coffee!

Club Windup

The Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists in the Men's and Women's Singles club tournament started off the Club Windup with some great bowling. Drawing to the jack, yard through, and some up-weight shots were witnessed by the many spectators who arrived early to watch.

How to eat pumpkin pie the right way.



Men's Gold Women's Gold Michael Pituley v Jan Robson *A come from behind win for Michael.*

Men's Silver Women's Silver Kevin W. v Janet Watson

Men's Bronze Women's Bronze Bryon McMillan v Karen Schlotter

Club bowling started at 1:00pm but with the inclement weather, teams only played 6 ends.

Refreshments were served as the winners of the club tournaments were announced. Hopefully you were able to win a pin or two this year.

Thank you to Doug for organizing the championship games and the draw and to Judy (and members) for providing excellent pies!



Bowls Sask Tournament

The Bowls Sask Tournament welcomed the young and the young at heart; and, the tall and the tall-at-heart!

Bowlers who wanted to experience a bit of competitive play at the provincial level entered the Bowls Sask Tournament in both the pairs and triples discipline.

This year, there were 3 men's pairs teams; 3 women's pairs teams; and 4 triples teams. If you are counting, that's 14 individuals.

12 bowlers were from Regina2 bowlers were from Moose Jaw

Congratulations to all the winning teams!

New Zealand 5s

New Zealand 5's is a great team game —Teams played pairs and triples. Hey, wait! With the new 5-aside format for Canadian Nationals next season, was Regina's New Zealand 5s a prelude of what to expect?

Each team played 90 minute games on Saturday. Game times were 9:00 am; 10:45 am and 1:15 pm. Players enjoyed some cool treats after the last game.

Congratulations to all the players who entered the New Zealand 5s competition and especially to our winning teams!

Honourable Mention to Team Yellow – Mike, Vi, Jo, Garth and Liz.



1st Place - Team Red

Ingrid, Heather, Carter, John, Doug

A man entered a contest for who can last the longest in space. He got first place, so what did he win?

A-trophy



2nd Place – Team Blue

Bryon, Mark, Jeannene, Janet, Kevin



3rd Place – Team Green

Maddie, Al, Doug, Brandon, Jan

Congratulations! Well Done! You are Awesome!

Huge congratulations to all our Regina bowlers who competed in provincial playdowns ~ to those who went on to represent our province at the Canadian Nationals ~ to those who represented Canada at international events ~ and to those who came home with fond memories, great experiences and even a medal.

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club is so proud of you!



Men's Fours – Gold Medal Murray Pituley, Brandon Watson, Carter Watson, Jon Pituley



Women's Fours – Gold Medal
Eileen (Saskatoon), Harriette Pituley, Heather (Saskatoon), Rachel (Saskatoon)



Men's Senior Triples - Silver Medal Al Hastings, David Calam, Doug Normand



Women's Pairs - Silver Medal Karen Schlotter & Jean Roney

Well done and congratulations



Parking for Cathedral Short Mat

Just a reminder that if there is a Rider Game happening the same time as Cathedral Short Mat, parking could be scarce on Victoria Avenue.

Do the Riders play during the winter? Oh right, only Cathedral Short Mat plays during the winter! Duh!

Group Bookings ~ Thank You Volunteers!



Humpty Dumpty had a great fall . . . and so did the RLBC.

This fall the RLBC was busy with school groups and corporate groups in September who booked early so that they could play bowls in the fall.

Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who helped with the school groups all year round, especially during some brisk, cool fall mornings.

Group bookings are an excellent source of revenue for the club, and we can't facilitate group bookings without our fantastic volunteers. Thank you so much for your help.

Why do ghosts make the best cheerleaders? They have a lot of Spirit! Speaking of Spirit does our yearly liquor licence mean we can serve alcoholic beverages all year long? Sadly, no. But wait . . . we can apply for a weekly liquor licence. Whew! Situation solved!

BOOOOOze

NURSE: WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FINGERS?

ME: YOU KNOW THOSE CHEFS WHO CUT UP VEGETABLES REAL FAST?

NURSE: YES?

ME: I CAN'T DO THAT.

Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice

Thank you to John, Judy and their culinary crew for a fabulous RLBC Windup.

Thank you to Doug and his crew for getting the games organized, including markers for the Championship games.

Corn you believe it? There were so many club pin winners announced at the RLBC windup.

Wow! Congratulations!

Leftovers are for quitters!

Keep Calm and Gobble On Happy Thanksgiving

Gobble until you wobble!

Thank you to all our talented bakers who contributed to the Baker's Box this season. We had some delicious baking contributed which was used for the various events that the RLBC hosted this summer.

We also had a Cookie Jar available for anyone at the club who wanted a little snack.

We think both these ideas are so great - we'll probably do them again next year!



It's Turkey Time

Thank you to everyone who helped with catering, bar services, pop, water and snacks this season. The RLBC hosted several events in 2023 and the catering crew were fantastic. Many corporate groups requested bar services and we were happy to oblige. Others partook of the bar even without pre-booking. The selection of pop and snacks was popular – we could tell by the many times we had to replenish the stock. Thank you to all the organizers, volunteers and helpers who made eats and drinks a huge success.

Thank you to the Tidy Crew

There were several organizers and helpers who kept the clubhouse looking great. So often, members would grab a mop or broom and give the floor a clean. We also saw members grab a wet cloth and polish the end-tables, kitchen counter and bar. Thank you to those who helped wash the laundry, look after the cardboard and paper recycling, and took the cans to Sarcan. Many members took the garbage to the cart and some members drove the cart to the waste bin. Thank you to everyone who helped to keep the clubhouse clean and tidy. It was noticed by the many guests we entertained this season when they remarked about how much they loved our clubhouse and how spotless and welcoming it was. Well done, Tidy Crew!

New Garage

What do you call a witch's garage? A broom closet!

We are still working on getting the garage purchased and built. We had to get

some drawings done first, which took some time. So, Karen had to work her magic and ask for a wee bit of an extension – which of course, was 'grant'ed.

It is hoped that the cement pad will be poured soon and the garage will be purchased and built once the cement dries.

Whew!



Go Team Outdoors!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped keep our facility beautiful all year. Our flowers and perennials looked awesome. The grass cutting crew arrived every Thursday (sometimes on Fridays) to cut the grass, weed-wack the perimeter and water the yard. Several volunteers helped to keep the weeds in the ditches under control – that was a difficult and timely job. Other members grabbed a watering can and gave the flowers a drink. With your help, our park-like setting was well received during the 2023 Canadian Youth Nationals. How do we know? Because our guests and visitors told us. Thank you Team Outdoor Crew!

It's the little things that count

We have a great group of members who find ways to contribute to the betterment of the club. One member not only built the two step-downs, but also provided a collection box for can tabs. One member arranged for the purchase of a previously loved riding mower, which helps our grass cutting crew tremendously. Other members contributed by bringing in kitchen items, tools, decorative items and other things. When sub-committees were formed, members volunteered their time to help. The Backboards Committee and the Garage Crew are perfect examples. Every year, the RLBC members apply for Grants. Grants are a great way to subsidize our many ongoing projects and they help pay the salaries of our summer students. Thank you to everyone who has positively contributed to the social and recreational atmosphere at the RLBC. It truly is the little things that count!

RLBC Club Tournaments

Several club tournaments were held over the summer with members rolling bowls in order to win a pin or two at the RLBC Windup. There were some format changes this year which saw some tournaments being offered in the morning. The tournaments were well attended and the 1st and 2nd place winners were awarded their pins at the Windup. If you participated in a club tournament, we hope you enjoyed it. If you did not participate in a club tournament this season, please consider joining next season.

Thanks to the bowls restoration team who were at it again – getting the black and brown bowls spruced up for the 2024 season.

6-49+ Punch Cards

Our 6-49+ Punch Cards are catching on. One of our members was on a bowls trip and happened to mention the RLBC's 6-49+ Punch Cards to a group of bowlers. A member from another bowls club stopped in his tracks, turned around, and settled in for a lesson on how our 6-49+ Punch Cards work.

As our RLBC member was explaining the process, the other bowler was taking notes on his phone, double checking that he had all the facts correct. Many questions were asked – and all were answered.

Watch for the 6-49+ Punch Card springing up in other bowls clubs next season. And when they do, you can smile, and nod, knowing that it all started at the RLBC.

I yam who I yam – So Bowl Me Over



The Monday Night Bowl Me Over League was a success! For those who did not enter a team in the Bowl Me Over League, here's how it went.

The league consisted of RLBC members, new members, and youth members. If you were a member of the RLBC, you bowled free of charge. If you were a league member only, you paid \$100.00.

Using the B Cubed league as a model, we played music, offered a round-robin schedule, and the bar was open. We did not offer our famous B Cubed Hot Dog Bar – it was missed. But . . . pizza pops were available! And who doesn't love pizza?

We ran the League in two sessions. We're glad we did. We had teams from the first session invite their friends to join for the 2nd session and so we had more people exposed to our club and our sport.

Players were responsible for picking their own set of bowls – they were able to try the size and bias they wanted. Some bowls were picked based on their color – the pink bowls were popular.

We didn't keep stats this year. Thought about it . . . and decided not to for the first year. Maybe next year – who knows?

Will we run the Bowl Me Over League again next season? We think so. Will anything change? Maybe. We're working on it. We'll let you know.

Thank You B Cubed Volunteers

Shout-out to the wonderful B Cubed volunteers who worked 9 Thursdays in the season to provide our B Cubed players with a fabulous experience. The Greeters always had a kind word or a joke or two – and they set the mood for the night. The B Cubed Headquarters table was always busy selling booze, hot dog and raffle tickets. Then they had to count the \$\$\$ at the end of the night! The bartenders were kept busy serving cold bevies – especially during the Song of the Summer. As always, the hog dog bar was a huge hit. A great assortment of snacks and non-alcoholic bevies were available, which complimented the ever-popular hot dogs. The setup crew worked hours and hours bringing all 144 sets of bowls to the greens ~ and figuring out how to get 8 greens on a rink. All the volunteers stayed to clean up the bbq, the garbage, the recycling, the bowls and the greens. HUGE thank you and shout-out to everyone who helped. B Cubed would not be the success that it is without such a great group.

POBO - That's a-maize-ing

Last month, we launched the announcement and the video introducing POBO aka Pile O'Bowls Open Tournament. The tournament is guaranteed to be 'a-maize-ing' – just ask anyone. Start thinking about your team.

Dates: Long weekend in August, 2024

Location Regina Lawn Bowling Club

Team Dynamics: Posse of Four – mix and match

All Cowboys (Men), All Cowgirls (Women),

or, Some of Each!

Entrance Fee: \$200.00 per Wrangler | \$800 per Posse

Other: • Huge Bounty - dependent on the number of teams

entered

Great grub Blind Draw

7 Games Guaranteed

Calcutta aka Posse Auction

• Saloon will be Open

Western Theme

RLBC Policies apply

Registration: Accepted Now

Age Restriction: None

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

Facebook Pile O' Bowls Open Like us | Follow us | Share us

Promotion video (click here)

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Will you claim the bounty?

Turnip the Beat – B Cubed

Well, who would have thought on August 14th, we had our first team attempt to register for the 2024 B Cubed season. We weren't quite ready to accept registrations on August 14, but it is really great to know that B Cubed teams are already anticipating another

year of great bowling.

Now, the only question is . . . what will be the 2024 Song of the Summer? Suggestions?



The Gravy Train

And the compliments keep rolling in.

Oh, we're talking about the 2023 Canadian Youth Championships which were held in Regina at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club from July 26 (practice day) to July 30 (medal day). One of our committee members received a



phone call from a B.C. family (call came in late August) saying how great the Youth Championships where. Apparently, we made an impression.

Here's the list of compliments

- You guys were so organized
- Food was excellent
- Umpires were terrific
- Space was great
- People were fantastic

So, there ya go.



Penny for your Thoughts?



With the 2023 lawn bowls season coming to a close and while the 2023 season is still fresh in your memory, we'd like to hear about your experience at the RLBC.

This year, the RLBC Board offered many new events for our members to enjoy. A lot of previous events were also offered. We hope that you had an opportunity to participate in all of them, or, at least, in some of them.

We are always looking to the future and we would like to know if you have ideas that you would like to see implemented next season. And, we'd like to know what you enjoyed this season.

You can send your thoughts to the Board via several options.

- https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/contact.html This is the Contact Us form found on the RLBC website. The Suggestion/Comment Form can be anonymous. The Contact Us Form requires your name.
- Send us an email. You can email the board rlbc.sk@outlook.com. Or, you can email the President doug.normand@sasktel.net.
- You can write your thoughts on a piece of paper and drop it in the B1 Mail Slot at the club.
- Or, simply have a conversation with one of the Board Members.

A reminder about the events this season:

- Membership Renewal Day. This was the second time we offered Membership Renewal Day. Did you enjoy socializing with members, getting your locker, handing in your membership, and enjoying refreshments?
- Guaranteed Draws. Started with one schedule in June and a schedule change in July and August. Did the days and times work for you?
- Bowl Me Over League on Monday Nights. Would you like to see more leagues? If so, what types of leagues would interest you?
- Yearly Liquor Licence. Did you enjoy a refreshment or two on the deck after a game?
- 2023 Canadian Youth Championships. Would you like to see the RLBC bid on more Canadian Championships in the future?
- A lot of new snacks, pop and Gatorade were added to the mix this year. Were you happy with the selection?
- B Cubed expanded. In fact, B Cubed pretty much took over the club every Thursday for 9 weeks. Did you come to B Cubed and enjoy a hot dog and a cold one?
- Many club tournaments were offered in the mornings. Did you attend any of the club tournaments? Did you like the new time slot?
- Competitive 3s. Did you feel that the Competitive 3s league got you ready for provincial playdowns?

Let us know what you liked, what we could add or change --- so that you can have even more fun next year. And let us know what ideas you have that you would like to see implemented in the 2024 season. The Board might not be able to accommodate all your ideas, but the Board will do its best to plan for another exciting bowls season in 2024.

Board Members - Vacancies

Every year, at the AGM, the terms of some of the board members come to an end. Sigh!

We have 8 positions which will be up for grabs. Here's a little info for you.

President. Doug has agreed to let his name stand for one more term. He likes to be called, "Mr. President".

Vice President. Judy has also agreed to let her name stand for one more term. She likes to be called, "Madam VP".

Housekeeping. We are so sad to see Karen step down from the board but her plans to travel outweighed the benefits of monthly board meetings. I know . . . we were shocked, too. The duties of the housekeeping position are: organize the spring and fall cleanup and ensure that weekly housekeeping is done at the club (dust, mop floors, vacuum, and yes, some toiletry work is required). And some other stuff.

Communications. Janet has agreed to let her name stand for another term. As she put it . . . she already has everyone's emails set up in distribution groups.

Bar Services. Darrell will be back! Bartending is awesome!

Equipment Director. Scott's full time job keeps him busy so sadly, Scott will step down from the board. Oil changes, filling gas cans, equipment repair, ordering fertilizer, and other mechanicy-type stuff like that are part of this job.

Group Bookings. This position is currently vacant. But this is your chance! There are several parts to the Group Bookings director, but remember, you only really have to do the job when the summer student isn't around - May and September. Easy, peasy. We think that a group of individuals who communicate well with each other could handle the Group Bookings job. Duties are: read and reply to emails; make the booking in the Group Booking calendar and in the spreadsheet; organize volunteers to come and help with the groups; record the number of participants for each booking; record the volunteers who helped out; send out invoices so that the RLBC can get paid and keep track of which group paid and which group's payment is still outstanding. Some parts of this job can be done from the comfort of your own home.

Catering. You don't have to be a Julia Child to be the Catering Director. You just have to be able to organize food stuff for events happening at the RLBC by ordering in or by visiting the local bakery.

Members who are interested in running for any of the vacant director positions or who want to let their name stand along with the current incumbent are encouraged and welcome to do so. Please let Doug know if you are interested. If you want more information about any of the board positions – contact Doug. Doug.normand@sasktel.net

Also, if you are interested in one of the positions, but really don't want to attend board meetings, we can work something out.

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." ~ Winston Churchill

Let's Get This Party Started & Plan for the 2024 Bowls Season

Did someone say ... FUN?????

Over the summer – well actually during the lawn bowls season - our members have been talking amongst themselves as well as with members from other clubs. Lots of great ideas have been shared. Your great ideas as well as ideas and events that have been successful at other lawn bowls clubs can be tried at the RLBC, right? Why not?

We are looking for individuals with great ideas who want to be part of an Event's Committee (we MUST come up with a better name for the committee!).

Lois has agreed to lead the committee, but if you'd like the job, it's yours!

We are looking for a group of about 4-6 members, oh heck, the more the merrier ~~ who can brainstorm ideas and come up with interesting plans for 2024. Lois agreed to be your voice on the Board and she will share your ideas with the RLBC Board of Directors for approval and support.

Working together, we can plan for the future.

We will get together as required, but probably once a month over the winter. We can meet at the DQ and 'shake' things up; or we can meet at Timmy's for a double-double – double the ideas, double the fun; or we can meet at McDonald's for a McCafe . . . or we can always meet at the clubhouse where the coffee will be on. We'll be creative!

If you are interested in being part of this great group of creative minds . . . please contact Lois – lkos@accesscomm.ca or rlbc.sk@outlook.com.

If you have an idea, or two, or three . . . but don't want to be part of the Event's Committee (come on – can't we come up with a better committee name?), send us your thoughts. Use the same emails as above.

If you have suggestions about a current event (not the newspaper kind of current events) that we already run during the season, but you think it could be tweaked or modified – just drop us a line.

Oh, by the way we'd like to have the first meeting in November.

It's not just about ideas. It's about making ideas happen Scott Beisky



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That's a wrap!

Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Halloween

