

# BETWEEN BOWLS

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## Important Dates to Remember

### Saturday, April 28

- Membership Renewal Day

### Friday, February 2

- Cathedral Short Mat 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tournament

### Saturday, June 1

- National Bowls Day

Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

Yes. February 14.



## **Bowls Tips & Tricks** by Kitty

A successful lawn bowler can throw forehand and backhand. Being ambiguous is the key!



*Follow me for more bowls tips!*



Just 87 sleeps until Membership Renewal Day --- give or take! Who's ready?

*What's the best part about Valentine's Day? The day after when all the chocolate goes on sale. Well, that might not be the BEST part, but, you know . . . . .*



Only pink, red and white bowls allowed on the greens on Valentine's Day!

# Cathedral Short Mat Live Streamed 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pairs Tournament



The teams were selected using the proverbial team generator (Thanks, Brandon). The participants eagerly awaited the results. Would some of the returning teams stick together, or would there be new partnerships formed?

**Here are the teams for this year's event:**

Team Amanda's Brand	Amanda & Brandon
Team WeWa	Kevin & Carter
Team We're with the Band Doug & the Slugs	Doug N & Jordan
Team Bite the WHITEing	John & Lois
Team Gone with the Win	Doug L & Janet

**Here is the link if you would like to watch the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cathedral Short Mat Pairs Tournament:**

**Live Stream Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F810PCh9hCc>

**There will be fun.**

**There will be hilarious commentators.**

**There will be snacks (which unfortunately you will not be able to enjoy unless you attend).**

**There will be hot beverages – coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and creamy drinks.**

**The Backyard Escapes Bar will be open!**

**There will be a winner! But who?**

## Survey Says . . . .

All 2022 & 2023 Provincial championships participants, all Sask First and all Sport for All committee members plus club contacts received an invitation to complete a survey based on how they'd like to see Bowls Sask offer the 2024 Provincial Playdowns.

Results are in.

The Bowls Sask Board carefully considered all of the feedback provided through the survey results and the Bowls Sask Board passed several motions:

**Motion:** That Bowls Sask send one 5-man team and one 5-woman team to the Canadian Championships for 2024 on a one-year trial basis with the teams being chosen by using the BCB playdown format and ranking system.

**Motion:** That the provincial qualifier for singles and fours for the 5-person teams be held on one weekend and that the provincial qualifier for pairs and triples for the 5-person teams be held on a separate weekend.

**Motion:** That the Sport for All committee look at other opportunities for hosting of provincial championships such as senior triples, mixed pairs, a Sask Premier League and any other events and to come back to the board with their suggested calendar of events as soon as possible.



So, do you think Regina will host the Singles and Fours – or – the Pairs and Triples?

We have to wait to find out.

## Thoughts to ponder . . . .

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks'?

Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected become the expected?

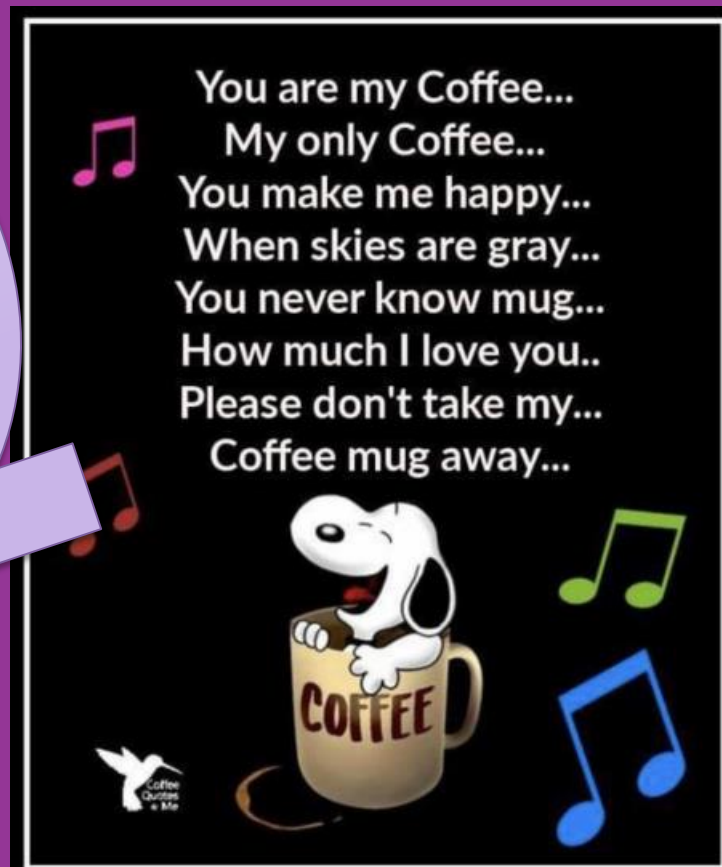
## Let's Welcome Our Newest Sponsor

The Ramada Plaza Hotel by Wyndham is proud to be the host hotel for the Pile O'Bowls Open (POBO) with room specials as low as \$127 for a single or double. Includes 2 hot buffet breakfasts with each room each day.

Need a room? Talk to Ben Dixon over at the Ramada!

Thank you Ramada Plaza by Wyndham for your generous POBO sponsorship.

Don't forget . . . . we  
have complimentary tea,  
coffee and hot  
beverages all year  
round. At this time of  
the year, enjoy a cuppa  
compliments of the  
Cathedral Short Mat  
Club



## Saskatchewan Sport Awards Recipients and Finalists Announced

### EXCELLENCE AWARD FINALISTS

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

**DAVID CALAM - Regina**

*Nominated by Bowls Sask*

- Guided three different teams to national medals in 2023 and coached an athlete to claim two Canadian Championship gold medals, and grew the sport of lawn bowling by introducing it to new players

**Awards Gala**  
February 1, 2024

**The Regina Lawn Bowling Club wishes David Calam the very best of luck – and hopefully, David wins the award for Coach of the Year**

**Go David!**

## Bowls Canada Boulingrin - Marketing Webinar Lawn Bowls – It's A Little Different

Bowls Canada (BCB) hosted a marketing webinar on January 9, 2024 for interested individuals who wanted some tips and tricks for hosting successful Open Houses. In collaboration with the marketing firm *ShortStop* who partnered with *HandMade*, the 3 year long project produced results and suggestions regarding how to successfully get their targeted demographic to try bowls.

Attendees report the following:

- The club and Bowls Canada Boulingrin sign an agreement which provides the club with an Event Kit and a Media Kit – How to successfully advertise and run an open house.
- The idea is not to attract full, youth or league members, but rather to get individuals into the facility to try bowls.
- Target demographic: Males and Females between the ages of 19 – 29.
- Suggestions included in the Media Kit:
  - Advertise at least 7 times. According to a recent New Zealand survey, individuals have to be told about something at least 7 times before they actually retain it.
  - Use every social media app available: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat, Website, etc.
  - Since the target demographic has a phone in their hand at all times, they are apt to see the advertisement about the Open House(s) instantly.
- Suggestions included in Event Kit:
  - Charge a \$20 / person entrance fee to attend the Open House(s). If you host multiple Open Houses, the \$20 / person applies even to repeat customers.
  - Host an Open House every three weeks (suggested, not mandatory).
  - No more than 5 minutes coaching instruction and then let them play.
  - Play 4-3-2-1 (cut throat) for no longer than 1 hour.
  - Play music, have the bar open, get the BBQ going, have extra fun games and activities available as well as bowls. Show how much fun lawn bowling is.
  - Relax bowls etiquette. The mat doesn't have to be exactly centered. The jack doesn't have to be thrown a certain length. The bowls don't have to be raked exactly. Tank Tops and Short Shorts are okay. The strict bowls etiquette of days gone by is no longer.
- Other suggestions from Bowls Canada Boulingrin:
  - Clubs need to be open evenings and weekends to accommodate those who would like to try bowls, but work during the day.
  - 81% of surveyed individuals say they enjoy a social drink when involved in a sporting event. The targeted demographic in this campaign is probably higher.
  - Shorten the games. No more than 1 hour.
  - Summer students should be hired through the Canada Summer Student Grant program to ease the workload of volunteers. It was said that one summer student equals the work of two-three volunteers.
  - There is a new website – [www.trybowls.ca](http://www.trybowls.ca) – which has a demo on the sport and some other interesting information. Have a look.
  - Eliminate the 1-3 day coaching sessions. Give new players a 5 minute tutorial and get them playing.

# Festive Frolics

Formerly Known as the Event's Committee

Doug Normand, Al Hastings, Judy Whiting, Janet Watson, Jordan Kos, Lois Kos

The Festive Frolics Committee met on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to brainstorm ideas for the 2024 outdoor bowls season. The main focus was to come up with ideas or events for our current members to enjoy and ideas that might attract new members . . . all of which require little to no extra volunteer commitment.

We divided our brainstorming into three categories:

1. Big New Ideas.
2. Smaller Events.
3. Suggested Changes to Current Events.

Our Committee had a lot of great ideas.

We finalized two **Big New Ideas**. Two new leagues will be introduced. The first is called **Sunrise Roll & Bowl League** and the second is called **Luck of the Draw**.

Under the category of **Suggested Changes to Current Events**, our Committee recommended one change so far - to the **Guaranteed Draws**. In 2023, we offered 3 guaranteed draws each week for most of the season. As discussed at the AGM this year, the members and the Board thought it was best to offer one guaranteed draw and change the name. The Festive Frolics Committee suggested we call it **Scheduled Draw** and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am is the best time to offer the **Scheduled Draw** because there are currently some Board members who are required to be at the club Wednesday mornings to receive the B Cubed beer order from District Brewing. Of course, members are welcome to come at any time to play a game of bowls.

Popular events such as the Competitive 3s League, Friday Night Jitney, and Club Tournaments will be back in 2024.

We will be hosting major events – B Cubed, B Cubed Encore and Pile O'Bowls Open (POBO) – at the RLBC this season. B Cubed Encore and Pile O'Bowls Open (POBO) are new this year! And B Cubed has expanded onto Green D. Expanded . . . and sold out!

And, we will be hosting Membership Renewal Day, Clean Up Day, Open House, National Bowls Day, Bring a Friend Night, and hopefully other fun and exciting events.

Drop in rates will likely stay the same – \$10.00 / drop in. We will be offering our 6-49+ Punch Card as well.

All of these suggestions – new initiatives and the tried and true – were welcomed and supported by the RLBC Board of Directors at its January 2024 meeting.

The Festive Frolics Committee will meet again this month to brain storm more ideas and to finalize our list of Smaller Events.

If you have suggestions . . . . please do not hesitate to let us know. We'd love to hear from you. Email – [rlbc.sk@outlook.com](mailto:rlbc.sk@outlook.com).

And . . . if you would like to register for any of the events listed below – drop us a line and we’ll get you registered. [rlbcgroupbookings@outlook.com](mailto:rlbcgroupbookings@outlook.com)

Yup . . . . Lots of great reasons to join the RLBC in 2024.

Following is how a typical week will look at the RLBC during the 2024 outdoor bowls season:

<p>Monday</p>	<p><b>Bowl Me Over League</b>  (Same format as last season)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 pm start time.</li> <li>• Session #1: June 10 – July 8.</li> <li>• Session #2: July 29 – August 26.</li> <li>• 12 ends.</li> <li>• Open to RLBC Full Members at no charge.</li> <li>• Open to non-RLBC Full Members - \$100.00.</li> <li>• Register your own Team of 3 or 4 players.</li> <li>• Give your team a Team Name.</li> <li>• Mix and Match gender.</li> <li>• Register by June 4.</li> <li>• Minimum of 6 teams required to run the league.</li> <li>• Bar will be open.</li> <li>• Music will be playing.</li> </ul>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p><b>Sunrise Roll &amp; Bowl League</b>  (New league this season)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55+.</li> <li>• 9:30 am start time.</li> <li>• June 11 – July 30.</li> <li>• 12 ends.</li> <li>• 3 bowls per player.</li> <li>• Open to RLBC Full Members at no charge.</li> <li>• Open to non-RLBC Full Members - \$100.00.</li> <li>• Register your own Team of 3 players.</li> <li>• Give your team a Team Name.</li> <li>• Mix and Match gender.</li> <li>• Register by June 4.</li> <li>• Minimum of 6 teams required to run the league.</li> <li>• Coffee will be brewin’.</li> <li>• Music will be playing.</li> </ul>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Scheduled Draw</b>  (Formally known as Guaranteed Draw)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00 am start time.</li> <li>• Open to RLBC Full Members at no charge.</li> <li>• Drop-in (\$10.00) and 6-49+ Punch Card bowlers who have some bowling experience may participate.</li> <li>• Discipline will be determined based on the number of players.</li> <li>• Coffee will be brewin’.</li> <li>• Music will be playing.</li> </ul>



Thursday	<b>B Cubed</b> (Same as last season)	May 23 – July 11.
Thursday	<b>B Cubed Encore</b> (New this season)	September 5 – September 26.
Friday	<b>Jitney</b> (Same as last season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday nights – start day to be announced.</li> </ul>
Saturday	<b>Luck of the Draw League</b> (New this season) (See conditions of play below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am start time.</li> <li>June 15 – August 24. No Games on August 3.</li> <li>12 Ends.</li> <li>4 bowl pairs; 3 bowl triples; 2 bowl fours; 3 bowl cut throat, swinger.</li> <li>Open to all RLBC Full Members at no cost.</li> <li>Open to non-RLBC Full Members - \$100.00.</li> <li>Minimum of 10 players to run the league.</li> <li>Register as an individual by June 10.</li> <li>Coffee will be brewin'.</li> <li>Music will be playing.</li> </ul>

### **Luck of the Draw League (Conditions of Play)**

- RLBC Members and non-RLBC Members register individually.
- Registered players are encouraged to attend all league games but attendance is not mandatory.
- Discipline: pairs or triples or fours or cut-throat or swinger (when necessary). The discipline for each league game depends on the number of players who attend.
- When members arrive at the Club, their name is put into the draw tray, face down and mixed up. Approximately 10 minutes prior to game time, the blind draw is made.
  - Pairs: The first two names drawn are Team #1 and they will play Team #2 which are the next two names drawn. This draw will continue until all teams are made. The team decides who will skip and who will lead.
  - Triples: The first three names drawn are Team #1 and they will play Team #2 which are the next three names drawn. This draw will continue until all teams are made. Teams determine who plays skip, vice and lead.
  - Fours: The first four names drawn are Team #1 and they will play Team #2 which are the next four names drawn. This draw will continue until all teams are made. Teams will decide who will skip, vice, play second and lead. The fours discipline is not ideal.
  - Cut Throat: In the event that there are 3 players remaining in the draw after all teams are made, those players will play cut throat.

- Swinger: In the event that one player remains after the teams are made, the last name drawn will join the last teams as the swinger.
- Combinations: Depending on the number of players attending, some games of triples and some games of pairs may be played.
- Each week, the teams will be redrawn. It is likely that bowlers will play with different teammates each week.
- Each team keeps score and when the games are finished, the score cards are given to the Bowls Co-ordinator (Liz) who will keep stats throughout the season. Each player on the team must be identified on the score card.
- Points for each individual:
  - Win 6 points
  - Tie 3 points
  - Loss 1 point
  - No Show 0 points
- When the league is over (August 24), the Bowls Co-ordinator will tally the scores and the names of the winners will be provided to Doug Normand, Tournament Director. Gold, Silver and Bronze winners will be revealed at the Club Windup and will receive a pin.
- Registrations will be taken until June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Minimum number of 10 bowlers required to run the league.

*All RLBC Policies apply to all events.*



# Brewin' with the Board

The RLBC Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the RLBC Clubhouse. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

- ♥ Applied for a bunch of grants – ParticipACTION, New Horizon's for Senior's Grant; Summer Student Grant.
- ♥ Remember the lock debacle of the Fall of 2023? Sold the locks! \$\$\$
- ♥ Looking for two members to fill two board vacancies – Catering and Group Bookings. Interested?
- ♥ Board approved 2 new leagues for the 2024 season.
- ♥ The Garage paperwork, drawings, and permits are just about ready.
- ♥ The new acrylic scoreboards are made! They look pretty awesome.
- ♥ The new club tournament pins will be ordered in the Spring.
- ♥ New clubhouse lighting will be purchased and installed over the next few months.
- ♥ New snacks on the snack cart for 2024.



# B Cubed

Building on last season's success, B Cubed thought this year would be a good time to expand. With all those teams on the waiting list who did not get an opportunity to play, an expansion was in order.

There will be 4 rinks set up on Green D this year, increasing the number of B Cubed teams from 48 to 56 in 2024.

Well, we are happy to report that B Cubed sold out again this year – and by January 5, 2024, we had to close the registration portal.

But teams continued to ask to be part of this great league so, we are accommodating that request.

# B Cubed Encore

With B Cubed sold out again this year – even with the expansion to allow for 8 more B Cubed teams – we still had several teams on the B Cubed Wait List.

So, we did the only thing we could . . .

Introducing . . . . . B Cubed Encore.

Using the highly successful B Cubed model, B Cubed Encore will operate very similar to B Cubed. All the great things that make B Cubed successful will be available. Like what?

- ♥ The B Cubed Music Playlist
- ♥ Song of September (B Cubed's Song of the Summer)
- ♥ Hot Dog Bar
- ♥ Backyard Escapes Bar
- ♥ Snack Cart & Non Alcoholic Beverages
- ♥ Prizes
- ♥ Player Gifts
- ♥ A B Cubed Encore Trophy

All played on Greens A & B, under the September lights.

# POBO

Team entries are starting to roll in. We have registrants from . . .

- ♥ California, USA                      \$200 / Player | \$800 / Team (CAN funds)
- ♥ Manitoba                                25% of the registration fee goes to the RLBC
- ♥ British Columbia
- ♥ Nova Scotia                            75% of the registration fee becomes the prize 'bounty' split amongst the top 4 teams (not equally, of course)
- ♥ Saskatoon
- ♥ Moose Jaw
- ♥ Regina                                    Top 8 finishing teams compete in the playoffs

We are still accepting registrations. If you are interested in registering your POBO team, click on this link and complete the registration form <https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/pobo.html>

If you want to receive POBO updates through the POBO Telegram system, click on this link and complete the form <https://mailchi.mp/01e05bbea352/pobo-telegram-signup>

If you would like to participate but everyone thinks you've already been asked, and you actually haven't been asked yet, we can put you on the Player Connection portal.

If you have most of your POBO team signed up but need one or two more players, we can try and hook you up.

Email us – [poleobowlsopen@outlook.com](mailto:poleobowlsopen@outlook.com) – and let us know how we can help.

## Bowl Me Over League

We are currently accepting registrations for the Bowl Me Over League.

Bowl Me Over runs Monday Evenings:

Session #1: June 10 – July 8.

Session #2: July 29 – August 26.

Start time: 7:00 pm.

Enter a team of 3 or 4, give yourself a team name, and register via email:

[rlbcgroupbookings@outlook.com](mailto:rlbcgroupbookings@outlook.com)

Please provide the first and last name of each of your teammates and their email address.

Bowl Me Over is free for full RLBC members. The fee for non full RLBC members is \$100.00. That includes both sessions.

*All RLBC policies apply*

## Luck of the Draw League

We are currently accepting registrations for the Luck of the Draw League. Luck of the Draw League runs Saturday mornings:

- ♥ June 15 – August 24. No Games on August 3.
- ♥ 10:00 am start time.

Register as an individual by emailing: [rlbcgroupbookings@outlook.com](mailto:rlbcgroupbookings@outlook.com)

Luck of the Draw League is free for full RLBC members. The fee for non full RLBC members is \$100.00.

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## Sunrise Roll & Bowl League

We are currently accepting registrations for the Sunrise Roll & Bowl League. Sunrise Roll & Bowl League runs Tuesday mornings:

- ♥ 55+.
- ♥ June 11 – July 30.
- ♥ 9:30 am start time.

Enter a team of 3, give yourself a team name, and register via email: [rlbcgroupbookings@outlook.com](mailto:rlbcgroupbookings@outlook.com)  
Please provide the first and last name of each of your teammates and their email address.

Sunrise Roll & Bowl League is free for full RLBC members. The fee for non full RLBC members is \$100.00.

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## Competitive 3's League

We will be accepting registration for the Competitive 3's league once the dates and times are finalized.

However, if you know that you will be entering a team, regardless of the dates and times, please email us: [rlbc.sk@outlook.com](mailto:rlbc.sk@outlook.com)

Enter as a team of 3 or 4.

Provide us with your team name.

Provide us with the first and last names of your team and their email addresses.

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# Board Vacancies

Are you “Board” of the winter months?

Are you looking for something fun to do?

Well, consider volunteering as a RLBC Board Member. We have 2 vacancies. Both are super interesting roles.

## Catering Director

- ♥ Organizes the meals for events that take place at the RLBC such as provincial playdowns or Bowls Sask tournaments.
- ♥ Organizes goodies for RLBC events such as Open House, Opening Day, Canada Day and the Fall Windup.
- ♥ You don't need to know how to chop or dice – you just need to know how to organize.

## Group Bookings Director

- ♥ Organize the School Groups and the Corporate Groups when the Bowls Co-ordinator is not available – early May, September and early October. Our Bowls Co-ordinator does the job the rest of the season.
- ♥ Receive and respond to group booking inquiries, provide group booking information to potential clients, and finalize the booking in the calendar.
- ♥ Arrange for volunteers to help when the group bookings arrive.
- ♥ Invoicing for the group booking needs to be completed.
- ♥ Recording the statistics for group bookings required by the RLBC and Bowls Sask.

We have board members and other volunteers who would be more than willing to help you navigate both board vacancies.

Continued thanks to Heather Hanoski and Jean Roney for taking on the housekeeping responsibilities. Thanks to Karen Schlotter who continues to submit our grant applications. Thanks to Bo Kos who handles our bottle and can recycling. Thank you to Jean Roney who looks after our laundry requirements.

If you are interested let us know – [rlbc.sk@outlook.com](mailto:rlbc.sk@outlook.com)



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