

BETWEEN BOWLS

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Preserving the Past

Part 3 of a 3 Part Series – The Final Frontier

Wishing our members and loved ones a very Merry Christmas ~ and great rolling in 2021.

**Don't forget . . .
Bowl'em over with a gift from
the Regina Lawn Bowling Club**

Visit our Bowls Boutique and make your Christmas Wish List! If you would like to purchase a gift card for our Bowls Boutique, or for a 2021 Membership, please contact Santa:
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HO HO HO

PS: The gift cards are really nice!

The sixties saw a surge in membership, reseeding of the east green, and a perimeter fence erected. Let's bring us through the seventies into the present.

At the 1972 Annual National Championships hosted by the Montreal Club in Lachine, Quebec, women bowlers, for the first time, competed alongside the men. The Regina LBC, who had bid the previous year to host the 1973 Championships, was told their bid was successful. That news alerted the Club to its need for a third green. The new green was built to the north of the "West Green". Membership was now well over 100. A new constitution was also drawn up in 1972.

The club hosted the National Championships in 1973. This was the first time in 19 years of competition that Saskatchewan hosted the games.

In 1974, 25 touring bowlers from Australia visited the Regina LBC on July 7 and an additional 29 arrived on July 14.

In 1975, the Regina LBC hosted the 50th annual Saskatchewan Annual Tournament.

In 1979, the club had discussions on a facility for indoor bowling. The club also approached the City to build a fourth green to help support the Regina Lawn Bowling Club's bid to host a major event in 1981. Although Canada was successful in its bid to host the 4th Women's Bowls (16 countries), the Regina LBC lost out to the Willowdale Club of East York, Ontario as the tournament venue. However, the club did succeed in getting a fourth green, which was built on the north side of the "East Green". Only a few years later, with the construction of Saskatchewan Drive, this newest green was leveled and the third green was reduced to a practice green. In compensation, the City built two new sand-based greens to the west side of the clubhouse. The original "West Green" was now no longer west, but actually one of the two east greens. To avoid confusion, club member Fred Johnson built four large signs designating the club's four greens, from west to east, as A, B, C and D greens.

The Regina LBC hosted the Canadian Championships for a second time in 1980.

In 1982, the Regina LBC celebrated its 70th anniversary and made an addition to the west side of the clubhouse. The two new sand based greens were opened.

34 bowlers from Northern Ireland visited the Regina LBC in August of 1985.

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club remains as a four green club and has now hosted eight Canadian Championships (1973, 1980, 1990, 1996, 2003, 2006, 2013 and 2018). It also has hosted the inaugural Canadian Junior Championships (1996), the inaugural Canadian Senior Triples Championships (1999) and again in 2012, the 100th anniversary of the club, the inaugural Canadian Singles Championships (2013) and an international event, the North American Challenge (2006). One of only 3 four green facilities in Canada, the RLBC, along with our hospitality and pies, are the talk of all bowling visitors.

This concludes our historical look at the RLBC.

Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)

The bowls may be taking a rest . . . Between Seasons . . . but the Strategic Planning Committee isn't!

Judy Whiting, Brandon Watson, Doug Normand, Mike Higgins, Heather Hanoski and Lois Kos, your Strategic Planning Committee, continue to meet to finalize the fundamentals of the Club's future. The Strategic Plan was revealed at the AGM held on November 1 – and was met with an overwhelmingly positive response. The RLBC Board asked the Strategic Planning Committee to keep working for you! The Committee will start pounding out ideas to achieve our Values and Goals while adhering to our Vision and Mission Statements. Stay tuned – this is going to be exciting.

Vision Statement

Bowls – A Sport for Everyone in Our Community.

Mission Statement

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club promotes a growing and active community where everyone can play the sport of bowls, both recreationally and competitively.

Values

**Community-Minded & Member Driven
Inclusive & Diverse
Responsible Stewardship
Respectful & Safe
Communicative & Transparent**

Goals

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club has the overall goal of sustainability of the club. This will be achieved through a 5 pronged approach of growth in membership, reaching the public, volunteerism, financial sustainability, and social activity.

Strategic Objectives

- **The growth in memberships is a priority in both retaining memberships and obtaining new members.**
- **The public's perception of the sport and of the club needs concerted effort through education and through outreach.**
- **Volunteerism required for the operation of the club needs to be addressed.**
- **The sustainability of the club involves membership fees and creating other financial income.**
- **The social aspect of the club is important for building and strengthening the club.**

He Shoots! He Scores! SPC Goals Defined!

Well, they did it. They agreed on 4 main goals and several tasks associated with those goals to keep the RLBC moving forward. Attraction and Retention of members is a priority and a new Orientation Committee will be developed over the winter months. If this is something you'd love to be part of . . . they want you ~ they need you! Contact anyone of the SPC members!

New Logo – Yes!

Brandon Watson spearheaded the initiative to create a fresh, new, modern logo for the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. Building on recognizable colors ~ Green, White, Gold ~ the new logo will bring the RLBC into the future. Look for the new logo on pins, shirts, towels and letterhead. Special thanks to Brandon for his inspiration and creativity. This costly venture was offered to the RLBC free of charge. Stay tuned – the new logo will be featured in upcoming newsletters.

Regina Cultural Trailway

Exciting News! The RLBC will become part of the Cathedral Village Historic Places walking tour. An audio recording about our Club's history will be part of the historic walk. Situated just outside the front gate is a Heritage Stand, where those on the walking tour will stop and listen to an RLBC documentary. If you are interested in taking the tour, or, would like more information – go to their website.

<http://reginaculturaltrails.heritageregina.ca/cathedral-village/>

The Perfect Christmas Present – RLBC Gift Card, in any amount!

Email Santa at rlbc.sk@outlook.com to order yours.

Here's how it works. Purchase a gift card in any amount. Then, simply have the recipient spend, spend, spend. The gift card can go towards a 2021 membership or to purchase any item in our Bowls Boutique. The gift card makes a great stocking stuffer! When you order your gift card – you can pay for it by cash, cheque, money order or etransfer.



People Power ~ A Year in Review

As 2020 comes to an end, the RLBC Board of Directors would like to thank the many volunteers who helped with all the activities at the club this season. The ability for the club to continue to thrive rests, in part, with volunteer support from the membership. Every minute you spent helping to make the club better, counts! Don't think we didn't notice . . . when you picked up that piece of garbage ~ or when you cleaned the bathroom ~ or when you swept the floor ~ or when you tidied the lower level ~ or when you provided goodies ~ or when you helped with group bookings ~ or when you sanitized the jacks ~ or when you volunteered with B Cubed ~ or when you cut grass ~ or when you pulled weeds ~ or when you spread fertilizer ~ or when you laid the tarps ~ or when you applied for sponsorships or grants ~ or when you sat on committees ~ or when you did this or that ~ everything you did helped. So, here's a big Thank You to the membership. We appreciate your support.

Dear Santa

I have been very good this year, Santa. I really have. I had a lot of 'drive' and got a lot of things accomplished, but I don't really want to 'draw' attention to myself. Well, maybe just a little . . .

I signed in each day~ before I bowled
Then signed out again ~ after I rolled
I washed my hands 'til they were raw
Which made it hard to throw and draw
I sanitized my bowls and jack
And then ~ I put everything back
I didn't use a rake or mat
I wore sunscreen and a hat
I tried to bowl Covid style
While wearing a mask that hid my smile

I ordered from "Skip" the dishes so I wouldn't have to dirty any "bowls". I perfected the art of Christmas "short"bread cookies (a plate awaits you on the 24th) and "chalk"olate cake. I think I did pretty good this year, Santa. Soooo. . . Here's my Christmas wish list:

I want a new set of bright coloured bowls
Which are fully trained, no matter where I roll
While you're at it, I'd like a new jack
Which rolls exactly down the right track
May my line be perfect, and my aim be great
May I throw my bowl with just the right weight
A new set of eyes to see where to throw
A new set of knees, so I can get down low
If this seems too greedy, I have to admit
I will alter my list – just a little bit
I'll settle for patience when things run amok
Never mind, dear Santa, just wish me good luck!

Thanks Santa – see you soon!
Corona Charmin—Royale
A covid weary bowler

PS: On second thought, please disregard
What I'd really like is a RLBC gift card

Member's Moments

It's always great to hear from our membership. Here's a great article we wanted to share.

Jim Slough reminds us about 30 years ago, the RLBC used to have a Christmas Party where we ate, sang songs and even did a skit one year. Somebody – perhaps it was Jack Wotherspoon - made up the words for two familiar songs. Enjoy a new rendition of some old Christmas favorites.

One of these songs is called “A Bowler's Christmas Dream”, sung to the tune of “I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas”. Here's how it goes.

I'm dreaming of a green Christmas
Just like the ones some bowlers know,
Where the blue seas glisten
And tanned ears ain't missing
The howl of winds that up north blow

I'm dreaming of a green Christmas
Where fast, true rinks wait all day long,
Where you've perfect bias, non wrong,
And then fill your night with wine and song

I'm dreaming of a green Christmas
Just like where twelve-month bowlers go,
Where the palm trees rustle,
And you needn't lift a muscle
To shoo 'way mosquitoes or scrape snow

I'm dreaming of a warm Christmas
When fellow bowlers pause to share,
Knowing with or without sun, or care,
Peace on Earth, with people everywhere.

So, I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Not 'cause of icy winds that blow -
It's the trees, lights and tinsels
Warm friends, food and sleigh bells,
And children laughing in the snow

I'll still be here this white Christmas,
So let the bells ring out that morn,
May that joy be true, to form,
And may all your Christmases be warm,

Merry Christmas!

We all know the “Twelve Days of Christmas” – we'll here's a bowlers rendition

The twelve rules of bowling, my coach did teach to me

- 1 Jitney's on Friday
- 2 A wrong bias costs you
- 3 Keep bowls in bounds
- 4 Chalk all touchers
- 5 Trust your skip
- 6 Take this much green
- 7 Mind your manners
- 8 BEND YOU KNEES
- 9 Centre the Jack
- 10 Don't loft the bowls
- 11 Put mat at six feet
- 12 And your soles must be tread free
And your soles must be tread free!

Jim Slough – you are definitely on Santa's good list!