

BETWEEN BOWLS

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Stocking Stuffers

Bowls Boutique

With Christmas right around the corner, perhaps you are thinking about the perfect gift for that lawn bowler on your Christmas list. Well, we have the answer for you.

Our **Bowls Boutique** offers RLBC Shirts, Championship Shirts (half price), tape measures, bowls towels, spray chalk, pins and grippo. We can make up a basket for you – or – we can provide you with a gift card. Prices for all items can be found on our website – www.rlbc.ca – and then click on **Bowls Boutique** along the top. Once you've made your list, email Santa at rlbc.sk@outlook.com.

Here's another idea. Consider taking out a membership for a friend or bowler. Interested? Email Santa at rlbc.sk@outlook.com – and a Membership Gift Certificate will be personalized for you.

Does running late count as exercise? Remember, only at bowls can you arrive on time and still be considered late!

Time in a Bottle

Part 2 of a 3 Part Series

We last learned about the Labour Day Provincial Tournament which took place at the Leslie Greens where over 125 bowlers participated, playing until midnight. Let's continue with a look at our historical past.

In 1935, The Victoria Ladies Lawn Bowling club was formed. In 1936, a second ladies club (Caledonian) with 10 members was formed at the Leslie Park facility. Two small clubhouses were built around this time. Both were finished and financed by the ladies club members.

In 1936, the "West Green" was improved and the "East Green" was added to accommodate increased membership which was now 72 men and 38 ladies. This year lighting was also installed.

With the world at war and most Regina residents' minds otherwise occupied, the onset of World War II meant an interruption in the club's activities. However, despite larger events such as the provincial tournament being cancelled in some years, smaller events and local tournaments were organized at the club's greens. In 1947 membership had decreased considerably and the "East Green" was allowed to go to weeds. At this critical time in its history, the Regina LBC might have folded but for the tireless effort of its greens keeper, Val McMillan. Aside from the time he spent as a full time postman, the rest of his working hours were spent at his beloved bowling green.

In 1964, after many years of operating the separate clubs, the two ladies clubs amalgamated with the men's club operating as the Regina Lawn Bowling Club.

In 1966, the Wascana Lawn Bowling Club decided to disband and joined with the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. The following year, the Wascana LBC donated their bank balance of \$391.00 to the Regina LBC. Also in 1967, the City of Regina constructed a fence around the bowling green.

The sixties saw increased support from the City, especially its mayor, Henry Baker. A new club house was officially opened on May 23, 1970 and the new "East Green" was reseeded. Membership increased by 50% to almost 100.

Last installment of our historical past continues in the next issue.

Did you know The Reg Setter Trophy/Plaque was donated by long-time member, Reg Setter, and his wife, Vivian Setter. Reg was a member from 1969 to 1994 and Vivian was a member in 1969, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976 and 1980. The Setter Plaque became the recognition for the 70+ Senior's Triples club champions. When there were no more engraving spaces on the plaque, it was retired. It was replaced by the Don Danter Plaque, sponsored by Youth Bowlers at the time, BranDON Watson, JorDAN Kos and CarTER Watson. So, while rumours circulate that Don Danter was a fantastic bowler at the RLBC, in actual fact, there is no bowler named Don Danter.

Dear Diary, by Billy Feldmaus.

This summer I got to go to my Aunt's place in the big city! She met me at the bus station and we had to walk back to her place. It took a long time! She was excited to show me her big green lawn and told me that I would see lots of humans rolling these big round things on her lawn.

I woke up early to see the humans rolling, but apparently they weren't doing that yet. But there were lots of humans using rakes, shovels, and other tools. I asked my aunt what they were doing and she told me that they were getting ready for the "bowling" season, whatever that is. I was furious when I saw them spreading sand over my Aunt's lawn! But then she told me that they were helping the grass by doing that.

There was this kind old man named Garth and his helper Brady who worked every day and worked from early morning until the evening. They were there even before my aunt woke up! They would walk into this big building and get tools and equipment out, spread some fertilizer, and cut the grass. But my favourite thing was when they turned on the sprinkler! While they were away doing something else, I would run as fast as I could, take a jumping dive, and slide on my belly! Oh what fun it was! And it was a great way to cool down on a hot summer's day!

My aunt saw someone new working in a.....clubhouse? The name scared me because I don't want to be clubbed by a house. Have you seen how big those are?! Anyway, I believe his name was Isaac. He spent his days cleaning, filing, answering phone calls and.....emails? Made me wonder why e mails were worth answering but the rest of the alphabet's mails were not. He seemed to be doing a good job, though I couldn't see much while I was staying out of sight.

There was another man, Doug I think his name was. He would come and look after the flowers. He would come and work quietly and diligently, pulling weeds, pruning the flowers, and made sure they had enough water. Oh they were beautiful! Even on a cloudy day they were bright and cheery enough to make me smile!

My aunt was sad that there were no tasty morsels of food around. Apparently most humans had to stay away due to covid. I dunno what that is but I'm betting it is something related to those sneaky crows and their corvus. So due to that I couldn't see as much bowling as I was wanting to. But there were humans that came out. I got to see them playing alone, and I saw small groups playing too. I thought the groups didn't like each other much since they stood apart a fair bit, they didn't let others touch their round things or their cloth things that they stood on. I suspected they acted strangely due to the crows watching, but then I saw them cheering each other or joking, so I guess they liked each other and were having fun.

Well, that was what I did this summer. It was a great time, but now the temperature has dropped, snow is flying, and it is time to sleep away the winter months. See you next spring! The end.

Strategic Planning Committee

Judy Whiting, Doug Normand, Heather Hanoski, Mike Higgins, Brandon Watson, Lois Kos

& **YOU**

When the world turned upside down this year, it provided an opportunity for our club to engage in a forward-thinking process called Strategic Planning. The mere thought of pounding out mission statements, vision statements, tag lines and a new RLBC logo was frightening – almost daunting. Yikes!

The call for action was made and members responded! And then the work began.

But it is fun work.

So what has the committee accomplished? Lots! Here's a sneak peak into the collaboration of the Strategic Planning Committee, so far

- First and foremost – this needed to be done! That was a given. ✓
- Analyzed the February 2020 survey results – and used the member's suggestions as a place to start. ✓
- Beefs and Bouquets! What have we done that works ~ how can we improve?
- Goals! Values! Big Picture! We are dreaming big! Well, why not?
- Baby steps. We realize that we need to start small and continue to build.
- Doesn't happen over night. But, with co-operation and communication, it can happen.

Now the techy stuff. A **VISION** Statement. What's that? A **MISSION** Statement. Huh? A new **LOGO**? Whoot-Whoot. Can't wait to find out what the committee has come up with in conjunction with **YOUR** input. Don't be shy about letting the Committee know your thoughts. Shoot Judy an email – ginlinjin@hotmail.com, or give her a quick call – 306-781-4045.

This committee is working really hard on your behalf to ensure the viability and sustainability of the club for the future. **So, thank-you Strategic Planning Committee!**

New Horizon's Senior's Grant

It's that time of year again when the RLBC Board submits the New Horizons for Seniors Grant application. The Board identified many items that would be beneficial for the Club that would fit nicely with the application guidelines. However, the paper work is tedious and getting quotes for wish-list items is challenging. In the end, **Karen Schlotter**, our resident Grant-Application-Guru was able to submit the paperwork asking for funds to purchase sets of **colored bowls**. We have no idea if we will be successful, or when we will hear the results. Stay tuned ~ we'll keep you posted.

The Greens Have Gone to Sleep ZZZZZZZZZ

On October 17, a crew of dedicated workers put the greens to rest by getting them ready for the winter months. Our brave crew tackled the wind and the old tarps covered greens A, B, and most of D. A new set of tarps ordered this season will cover Green C (obviously, Green C is the favorite). This project is scheduled for completion in November.



Earlier, on October 15, our team of professional bow tie-ers did an amazing job of 'gift wrapping' the stakes which hold down the tarps. If you order a Christmas Gift Basket (see the Front Page), you may be lucky enough to have one of these bow tie-er experts wrap your Christmas gift!

Huge thank you to **Doug Normand, Gerald Bocking, David Calam, Ingrid Riffel, Garth Zummack, and Mark Sutyla** who helped with the stakes and the tarps. This was a really big job, and we are thankful for the volunteer efforts of this team getting the greens ready for bed. ZZZZZZZ ZZZZZZZ ZZZZZZZ ZZZZZZZ ZZZZZZZ ZZZZZZZ

