



Orientation Manual

A beginner's guide to navigating the Regina Lawn Bowling Club

Also known as

It's not how you bowl, it's how you roll

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RLBC New Member 101 - Orientation Manual

ONE-STOP-SHOP - FOR ALL YOUR BOWLING NEEDS

Everything you wanted to know about the RLBC . . . but were afraid to ask!

The Organization

In the beginning

Welcome. Let's talk about bowls and stuff.

On behalf of the Regina Lawn Bowling Club Board of Directors and the members of the Regina Lawn Bowling Club, welcome to bowls.

We have created this novel to help guide you through a typical season at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. Have we covered everything? We think so . . . but probably not. We want you to know that you can feel free to ask any questions you have or make any inquiries to board members or any club member. You may get as many answers as people you ask . . . don't fear. We can sort it all out so it makes sense to you.

In the meantime, the following pages will provide a guideline and a reference. We want your experience at the Club and in the sport to be a positive one.

RLBC - A bit about our club

Bowls. *It's a mysterious and ancient game played by people old enough to know better, using balls carefully designed to go in the wrong direction. Are you ready to rock'n'ROLL? Fasten your seatbelts for a journey on the Green.*

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club, also known as the RLBC, is a 4 green facility located at the tee of Victoria Avenue and Queen Street with its street address as 3820 Victoria Avenue and its mailing address as RPO Normanview, PO Box 31102. But you already know where we exist – or you wouldn't be a new member. So, we'll move on.

For years and years, the City of Regina provided a Greens Keeper and maintained our greens and clubhouse. And then, the dreaded budget cut of 2017 happened ~ surely you heard about it (and yes, we know your name's not Shirley). The long and the short of the story is, after a group of fierce lawn

bowlers stormed City Hall, we managed to save our Greens. However, the City told us “*fine – but look after them yourself, then*”, and we’ve been on our own ever since after a transition year in 2018. Well, that’s a bit of a short cut from then til now. In between, we negotiated an agreement, got the City to do some much needed maintenance, the City agreed to give us some start up funds, and here we are.

On our own, we’ve done very well. We gave the inside of the clubhouse a much needed make-over. We became creative in ways to raise money to keep our club open. We’ve changed the way we do things. And, we’re pretty proud of ourselves.

Our membership averages about 150 (give or take 25 members, and not counting our Covid season) yearly. We are run by a volunteer Board of Directors. We hire a Greens Keeper and a couple of summer students (through the Canada Summer Student Grant Program). That’s basically how we get things done. So now you’re caught up to date . . . here’s the rest of the stuff you need to know. Happy reading.

See you on the green!

Remember . . .

If you don’t know who to ask . . .

Or you don’t know who to call . . .

Check our website / send us an email.

Bowls Canada and Bowls Sask

WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT THEM

So . . . here's the boring stuff. It's all about our governing bodies - Bowls Canada and Bowls Sask. You might find the next few pages super interesting . . . but if you don't (yawn), feel free to skim over the information and move on. Perhaps you can come back to these informational pages when the rest of the information makes more sense.

Bowls Canada

www.bowlscanada.com

Bowls Canada is the governing body for all things bowls in Canada and its office is situated in Ottawa. Provinces take their direction from Bowls Canada. Bowls Canada – commonly referred to as BCB - has an Executive Director who is a paid employee, and her name is Anna Mees (as of 2021). Funny, Anna doesn't even bowl. Anna has a staff of two or three who are also paid employees. Bowls Canada has a board of directors who are volunteers and give of their time to handle all bowls business.

Bowls Canada organizes and selects the Canadian National Team (Senior Squad, Development Squad, Junior Squad) – and the Regina Lawn Bowling Club is proud to announce that it has members who are currently on the National Team.

Bowls Canada organizes the Canadian Nationals. Every summer – usually in August – Bowls Canada asks a few cities in the country to host the Nationals, sometimes called the Majors – you'll hear both phrases used. Each province – well almost every province – sends a team of Men's and Women's Fours, Men's and Women's Pairs, Men's and Women's Singles, Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples, Men's and Women's Youth Singles, Men's and Women's U25 Singles and Men's and Women's Indoor Singles - in the hopes of bringing back a medal to their home province. Saskatchewan always sends a team. Sometimes, Saskatchewan gets greedy and sends 2 teams. In order for BCB to fill the slate of teams – 10 is the magic number – some provinces are offered the opportunity to send their “B” Team which is typically the silver medal team. BCB has a rotational list indicating which province can be invited to send a second team in each discipline ~ no playing favorites!

Bowls Canada organizes and promotes lots of opportunities to get more people involved in the sport. Bowls Canada coordinates National Bowls Day in conjunction with Bowls Sask and the local clubs. Bowls Canada has many promotional videos about the sport on their website. They live stream national games and then save them on their website for viewing at a later time. If you would like to see some games from previous years – you can find them as follows:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZe-rkQND1hOyKQbBuXwhcA/videos>

In case the link doesn't work, go to the Bowls Canada Website which is www.bowlscanada.com and click here:



Hey – while you're visiting the Bowls Canada Website, snoop around. You will see all sorts of information about our national sport body.

So, that's what Bowls Canada does. Oh, just about forgot . . . if you are into social media, they have a Facebook page and an Instagram account.

Bowls Saskatchewan – Now Let's talk about Bowls Sask www.bowlssask.ca

Bowls Sask is the Provincial organization that represents all bowls members in Saskatchewan. The Bowls Sask office is located in Mosaic Stadium – Regina. In order to play bowls at any club in Saskatchewan, you have to be a member of Bowls Sask. Your Bowls Sask membership is taken out automatically when you join a club – so don't worry – we've taken care of you.

Bowls Sask hires a paid Office Admin who works part time. Bowls Sask has a board of directors who are volunteers from various bowling clubs in the province. They meet on a regular basis and give of their time to handle all bowls business for Saskatchewan.

Bowls Sask organizes the Provincial Playdowns every season, and if you remember reading the Bowls Canada section, it's at the Provincial Playdowns where Saskatchewan determines which team(s) will represent our province at Nationals. Larger clubs in the province are asked to host the Provincial Playdowns and they alternate between the North and the South.

The North includes three clubs – Mayfair Lawn Bowling Club in Saskatoon; Nutana Lawn Bowling also in Saskatoon; and the Battlefords Lawn Bowling Club in North Battleford. Usually, the club in North Battleford doesn't host provincial playdowns because they are a small club with few members. However, they have hosted playdowns in previous years.

The South includes two clubs – Regina Lawn Bowling Club and the Moose Jaw Lawn Bowling Club. Bet you can figure in which city those two clubs reside. Usually, Regina hosts most of the events. The Moose Jaw club has hosted events in the past but they are a small club, similar to the club in North Battleford.

If you want to compete in the provincial playdowns, it's pretty easy. You need to find your own team, and then you need to contact Bowls Sask to let them know the name of your teammates and the category you are entering. This is pretty competitive, and the bowlers can be pretty darn serious! The Provincial Playdown schedule is provided to the individual clubs at the beginning of the year – so watch for that. A list of the events and the city and club where the Provincial Playdowns are being held is created by Bowls Sask and then Bowls Sask lets all the clubs know well in advance. You will usually find this information on the bulletin board in the club house – by the admin desk.

Bowls Sask prepares the tournament draw, and teams compete in the city where the discipline is being hosted. Other than being a regular member of a bowls club, and a member in good standing (your dues are paid and your membership hasn't been revoked), there are no other stipulations about entry into a provincial playdown. We should mention again – it's pretty competitive! Oh, did we mention . . . there is a small entrance fee collected when you enter the provincial playdowns which is not covered by your regular membership fees. So that's on you. It's usually about \$30.00. And, if the provincial playdowns are held in a city whereby you will need to pack your overnight bag and travel – all travel, meal and accommodation expenses are also on you! Provincial playdowns are usually held in June and early July, and usually start on a Friday and end on a Sunday.

Once the provincial winners are determined, Bowls Sask makes all the arrangements to get the players to Nationals. So, if you happen to win the provincials – you pay a self-help fee which is determined by Bowls Sask – usually \$400.00 – and then all your expenses are taken care of. Well, not ALL your expenses. Bowls Sask pays your entrance fee and your meal package, and pays for your travel arrangements and hotel accommodations. You are responsible for your own food and beverages outside the games and any shopping! Another thing included is a Province of Saskatchewan team shirt and a really cool jacket. Wind pants are also available to be purchased by the athlete. By the way – if you enter into provincial playdowns and win, and then decide not to attend nationals – well, that's a real no-no. A serious no-no! Like – it's bad. It's really bad. So only enter if you intend on going to nationals should you win.

~It's not flupperware
BOWLS, it's
lawn BOWLS~

Each year, Bowls Sask asks each club to provide the name of a volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution this year and in previous years. The RLBC calls for nominations from the membership and then the RLBC Executive votes on the most deserving candidate. Usually this is a lengthy process because all names submitted are worthy of being the Award of Merit winner. But, we can only submit one name, and sometimes we submit a backup just in case Bowls Sask feels generous. The Award of Merit winner receives a Bowls Sask jacket. It's super cool!

What else does Bowls Sask do? Well, Bowls Sask also runs two tournaments of its own – the Grassroots Tournament and the Bowls Sask Fall Tournament and they alternate being held at Bowls Clubs in the North and South.

Grassroots Tournament

The Grassroots Tournament is a provincial tournament designed to get new members involved. First, second and third year members provide their name to Bowls Sask, and Bowls Sask puts you on a team. If you have to travel to another city, you get a bit of gas money and you will receive a meal package as part of your registration fee; but hotel accommodations are your responsibility. It's nice to have friends and family in other cities who might let you crash on their couch. The Grassroots Tournament provides you with an opportunity to meet other new bowlers from across the province.

Bowls Sask Fall Tournament

The Bowls Sask Fall Tournament is a little different – but still lots of fun. You are responsible for entering your own team – usually pairs and triples. There are some restrictions, however. Only one member on the team can be a funded Sask First athlete, National Team member or a provincial playdown gold, silver or bronze medalist in the current year. So, each team has a seasoned bowler to provide leadership to the rest of the new team members. It's really just a way to eliminate 'stacked teams' while at the same time, getting new bowlers some experience with the competitive aspect of the game.

Leslie Greens ~~ Where it Began ~~ A Bit of RLBC History

Regina Lawn Bowling Club
Leslie Bowling Greens, 3820 Victoria Ave

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club's long history begins in 1912, when land near the Gun Club was donated by the Provincial Government to build Regina's first lawn bowling green. This land is now occupied by the Provincial Health Building. In 1922, when the land was reclaimed for development, the City of Regina donated some land and the club moved to a location near the General Hospital. In August of 1930, when construction on a new building began behind the General Hospital, the Regina Lawn Bowling Club was once again without a home. For this reason, the 1930 provincial tournament was held in Saskatoon instead of Regina, and the club prepared from a space in Confederation Park at the Exhibition Grounds, made available for a nightly fee.

Four men's rinks and two ladies' rinks were sent to Saskatoon for the 1930 tournament, which began on Labour Day, on a special chartered coach on the Canadian National Railway. On October 9, the club held their annual windup banquet at the Champlain Hotel and, for the first time, the club's ladies were present. They were congratulated on their achievement at the provincial tournament, having won three first place and one second place spots. Some of the prizes won by the club included a silver plate, silver cigarette cases, cuff links and Wahl pencils. Following the

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The
White*

banquet, the 85 attendees proceeded to the Metropolitan Theatre for an exclusive show.

The club remained at the Exhibition Grounds until 1932 when the City of Regina allocated land at the present day location now known as Leslie Park. The members built the "West Green" and a clubhouse. Mayor James McAra officially opened the new green, located at the present-day Victoria Avenue location, for the Victoria Day Games that year. Membership was 54 men and 20 ladies. The following Labour Day, the provincial tournament was back in Regina and was opened by, once again, Mayor James McAra at the club's new location. 125 bowlers from Regina and Saskatoon played until midnight the first night, and the three-day tournament was heralded as "one of the most successful in history, the weather being ideal throughout and the new home of the Regina bowlers adding to the enjoyment of the visitors."

**Bowls,
that's what
I was
thinking!**

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.

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 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 celebrates its 70th anniversary and makes an addition to the west side of the clubhouse. The two new sand based greens were opened.

Thirty four 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.

Note: As of 2021, the Regina Lawn Bowling Club and the Leslie Greens are part of the Regina Cultural Trailways – Cathedral Village walking tour. Our plaque and audio are situated on the outside of the west entrance gate. We are Stop #14 on the tour. <http://www.reginaculturaltrails.com>

The Board | The Committees | The Personnel

Mission Critical

RLBC Board Members

The RLBC has a Board of Directors who consists of the Executive ~ President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past President ~ and Directors, all of whom are elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one or two years, depending on the position. A list of the current board members can be found on our website. All board members hold a portfolio, some hold more than one.

www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca Click **About** along the top menu | then **Board of Directors** from the dropdown menu.

Board's Mandate

The Board's mandate is really quite simple ~ make sure everything runs smoothly, keep the members happy, and keep the money flowing in. Okay, it's a little more complicated than that, but still.

The Board meets once a month from January until November (when the AGM is held) and takes December off. So, even in the off season, the Board is still working hard. The Board sets the budget (which determines if there will be an increase in fees or rentals), reviews and updates policies and procedures (which are communicated to the membership), finds the Greens Keeper, staff and volunteers, and handles day-to-day operations of the club and situations as they occur ~~~ and just makes sure everything is running tickety-boo.

Every year, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is usually held in November, a new slate of board members is presented to the membership and is voted in (and those who are a sucker for punishment, put their name forward for another year). The AGM is also an opportunity for membership discussions, pass changes to the RLBC's Bylaws and Regulations, and to present reports from the various directors who provide a recap of the season. The financial picture ~ no not a polaroid ~ is also presented to the members. We need 20 members to meet quorum, so as soon as the AGM date is announced – mark your calendar!

Committees:

Strategic Planning Committee

In order to help the RLBC thrive and prosper, future planning is necessary. The RLBC board formed a Strategic Planning Committee to look back at what has worked and what has not worked in our past and then looked ahead to plan for the future. This process includes both short term and long term goal setting. The information received from membership surveys has been referenced as well as other sources of members' input. Part of the Strategic Plan was a brand refresh. As a result, the RLBC Logo was redesigned and approved by the membership in 2020 (see front cover for our new logo). Plans to increase and retain membership, increase visibility and interest in the sport, encourage volunteering, etc. is ongoing.

Orientation Committee

The need for an Orientation Committee was identified by the Strategic Planning Committee. The Orientation Committee was formed in January of 2021. The goal of the Orientation Committee is to make a smooth, inviting and welcoming transition for people from first point of inquiry to full membership. The members of the RLBC are the heart, soul and foundation of the club. We recognize the value of encouraging and retaining new membership.

Greens Keeper

Well, our Greens Keeper is more than just a gardener. Our Greens Keeper has skill and knowledge in the ways of cutting grass to within a quarter of an inch (without the aid of scissors), attacking pesky weeds, providing just enough water to keep the greens green, but not too green, and knows how to steam-roll over the lush grass in order to provide a flat surface in which to roll your bowl.

Looking after lawn bowling greens is a complex task that requires a very specific set of skills, regiments and maintenance routines. Some tasks dictate that the greens are not available for play while certain maintenance is underway. The Greens Keeper will advise membership (via the whiteboard displayed in the clubhouse) which greens are available for play each day.

Sometimes the Greens Keeper will ask for volunteers to help spread sand or fertilizer, or to put tarps on the greens to get them ready for the fall, or take the tarps off the greens in the spring. We can always use extra help and on-the-job training is provided.

Summer Students

The Government of Canada offers a Summer Student Grant Program which the RLBC applies for. We have been fortunate to receive grant money to help pay for an assistant Greens Keeper and for office personnel. The grant covers minimum wage and the RLBC pays the rest. In the years when we don't receive the Canada Summer Student Grant, the work falls back on volunteers.

The Game

Let's Play

A basic lesson is given to all perspective new members at the Open House and is followed up by a coaching lesson given by one of our certified coaches. Perhaps you happened upon our sport in a different way. Regardless . . . new members are provided instruction before they hit the greens running. Oh, and if you would like a refresher course, you can look at several videos that are available in order to review the basics. Or, you can contact one of the coaches and ask for additional lessons.

A bit about how much fun bowls is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfunziBZolo>

Technical Excellence – well, you don't need to be excellent to play, but here's how:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5FskMtmHDw>

A 2 minute refresher <https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/teachers-resources.html>

Find a coach: go to the website – www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca, select **About** from the menu and then select Coaching / Officiating from the drop down menu. There is a list of coaches whom you can contact. Yes, yes, we know – there is no contact information for any of the coaches listed on the website – just email rlbc.sk@outlook.com and we'll get you hooked up.

Daily Draws

Two artists had a contest – it ended in a draw! The Daily Draw times are 10:00 am (during the very hot summer days), 1:15 pm, and 7:15 pm, Monday to Friday. Anybody who wishes to have an organized, social game of bowls can participate in the daily Draws. One person volunteers as the draw master and divides the club members who are participating into teams. If you want to play, simply show up about 15 minutes before your choice draw time, enter your name (draw tag in the tray), and wait for the game to begin. Draw games are usually 12 ends. Skill level doesn't matter – Draws are for everybody! 'Wanna' know who's attending ahead of time??? Check the SignUpGenius (instructions following)!

Jitney

Friday Night Jitneys (usually run in June, July, August, and September) start at 7:15 pm and takes the place of the typical Friday night draw. Players contribute a toonie to the 'pot' and the Jitney Director organizes teams. Sometimes the games are pairs, triples or involve a swinger! Don't get too excited now. A swinger is just a cute name for a player who will play for both teams. It's not as complicated as you might think.

After each game, players enjoy a midnight snack. The snack doesn't just appear by itself; players sign up the week before to bring jitney treats. *Hey - if we're not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?* Okay, okay. Snacks aren't really served at midnight – they are served following the games. Whichever team scored the most game points gets their toonie back and the team who scored the least amount of points has to 'do the dishes' ~ but everyone gets to snack. So consider attending Jitney ~~~ Let's face it – what other plans do you have on a Friday night?

Club Tournaments

Club Tournaments run from June to September. Each tournament is played either during the week or on a weekend. The Tournament Director posts the sign up sheet of the next tournament on the bulletin board to the right, if entering via the east door of the clubhouse. If you are interested in participating, add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet. Dates and times of the tournament games will be listed. The Tournament Director organizes the teams and informs you prior to the start of the tournament. Women's pairs, men's pairs, singles, mixed triples, fours, New Zealand Fives (nope, not a road trip)... you name it, we have it! If you're good, and place first or second, you might even receive a tournament pin (either gold or silver) at the end of the season, so it's worth fighting for.

The Club Tournament games are not a round robin format. Winning teams play other winning teams, and losing teams play other losing teams (cough!). The Tournament Director ensures that no teams play each other twice, so there is always a variety. Sometimes tournaments are 3 or 4 days duration. Ideally, when you sign up for a tournament, you should keep in mind that the expectation is that you will attend all games. If, however, you miss one game, that's okay. Simply inform the Tournament Director and a substitute will be found.

A word about subs – you might want to participate in a Club Tournament but some of the dates don't work with your schedule. However, one of the days does. Simply add your name to the tournament sheet, under Substitutes – and indicate which day(s) you are available to be a sub. If a sub is needed, you may be called.

Provincial Playdowns

We talked about this under the Bowls Sask section, but we thought we should give Provincial Playdowns a bit more exposure here. Every season teams from across Saskatchewan gather in either Regina or Saskatoon to compete for an opportunity to represent Saskatchewan at the national championships. Visit the Bowls Saskatchewan Bulletin Board in the clubhouse by the office desk for more information on upcoming events. If you want to compete in an event(s), be sure to enter your team with Bowls Saskatchewan before the deadline, otherwise come out and cheer on your local teams as they compete.

Special Days

Renewal Day. (April) This is held at the end of April and gives returning members an opportunity to socialize before the season starts, bring their bowls back to the clubhouse and put them in their locker, meet the Board and ask questions, and learn about volunteer activities.

Clean-Up Day. (May) This usually takes place in early May. Members clean up the grounds, picking up garbage, raking leaves, picking up twigs, pulling weeds, cleaning the ditches on the greens, etc. and once all the garbage bags are filled, transporting them to our garbage bin in the parking lot. Volunteers clean the inside of the clubhouse, wash floors, clean the washroom, get the Kitchen ready for inspection, etc.

Open House. (May, weekend before Opening Day) The Open House is usually widely advertised through various forms of media outlets as a way to attract potential new members to the club to try out the sport of bowls. Volunteers welcome visitors to our club, coaches provide a lesson on the green, and the visitors are treated to refreshments afterward with an opportunity to sign up for lessons. Most of our new members join our club via our Open House.

Opening Day. (May Long Weekend) Opening Day is held on the Monday of the May long weekend and it is the first time that all members have an opportunity to come together to roll bowls. The President usually addresses the members, introduces the Board of Directors, makes special announcements, the Canadian flag is raised, and the winner of the Bowls Sask Award of Merit is announced. A piper (bag pipes, kilt and all) awakens the greens ~ you may hear that term “awakens the greens” ~ and members walk around Greens A and B following the piper. This is a time-honored tradition that seems standard at most lawn bowls clubs. Before the game starts, a loonie is placed in the middle of the green and bowlers roll one bowl to try and land closest to the loonie. Someone yells “GO” and everyone rolls their bowl at the same time. It’s any body’s guess which bowl will end up closest. Refreshments are usually served following the draw.

National Bowls Day. (June) Every year Bowls Canada sets the date for National Bowls Day. It’s sort of like an Open House, only different. We advertise to attract new members, but we also try and get existing members involved in a fun activity. Sometimes we have prizes. Refreshments are served.

Bowls – Get Jacked for Life!

Canada Day. (July 1st) Is a day in which all members wear their national colors – red and white (but you knew that) – and come together to bowl. After the draw, sometimes a cake is served, and sometimes the barbee is fired up and we make hotdogs. It’s a great way to celebrate Canada Day.

Fall Windup. (September) The Fall Windup is a sad time, because it is the realization that the season is coming to an end. Prior to the Fall Windup the Men’s and Women’s single competition has taken place and the winners compete for boasting rights as THE club champion. Then a regular draw takes place ~ and everyone wants to bowl on the same team as the winner! While members are rolling bowls, the catering crew are busy preparing a light supper which the members enjoy after their game. The Tournament Director has

compiled a list of gold and silver winners of all the year's club tournaments and a presentation of the pins is made. Sometimes we sell tickets to a 50/50 draw or a raffle prize and the winner is typically announced during supper. Sometimes tickets are sold for supper, other times it's complementary.

Score Card

<i>Rink <u>B4</u></i>				
	<i>Team Bunny</i>		<i>Team Fox</i>	
End	Points	Score	Points	Score
1	3	3	_____	_____
2	1	4	_____	_____
3	_____	4	3	3
4	_____	4	1	4
5	_____	4	1	5
6	2	6	_____	5
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
Total				

Score Card ~ The following will provide an explanation on how to

TEAM BUNNY

complete a scorecard for a game of lawn bowling, in this case a triples game. The scorecard shows a six end game being played between Team Bunny and Team Fox on **Green B Rink 4** (indicated by **B4** on the scorecard). This game took place on July 24, 2020 between the experienced veterans (Team Fox) and some up and comers (Team Bunny).

Team Bunny came prepared to start the game showing no apparent jitters being the underdogs while Team Fox was still apparently not quite awake from their mid-day nap. **Team Bunny scores 3** in the **1st End**.

Team Fox appeared to be waking up in **End 2** and held **Team Bunny** to just **1 point**. Team Bunny believes they are on their way to a win over the favorite Team Fox.

The **3rd End** begins and it starts well for Team Bunny – two of their first three bowls are touchers (the bowling term for a bowl that makes contact with the jack during its initial delivery). But then Team Fox finally wakes up. When it comes time for the Team Fox skip to throw his last bowl, he has a draw for three or he can remove the third shot belonging to Team Bunny for four and a measure for five. What should he do? The skip decides to go for the easier shot, the draw, and calmly draws the bowl to within six inches of the jack and **scores 3**.

End 4 begins and Team Bunny appears to be shaken by the previous end. Half way through the end Team Fox is counting three and Team Bunny has already thrown a couple of wrong biases which ended up on the rink where Team Kittens and Team Puppies are playing. Team Bunny recovered a little and when the Team Bunny skip is ready to throw his last bowl, Team Fox is only counting two. The last bowl is thrown and it is looking good but comes up a bowl length too short and **Team Fox scores 1**. Tie game.

TEAM FOX

As **End 5** begins the experienced veterans on Team Fox appeared to have shaken off their early cobwebs and have Team Bunny somewhat rattled. Team Bunny is playing better this end but cannot seem to overcome the first bowl of the end by Team Fox which was a toucher. The skip of Team Fox throws his first bowl and executes a delicate hit to count four. The Team Bunny skip drops his head in fear of a big end against his team.

The next four bowls do not change anything in the head (the bowling term for the area closely around the jack). So the Team Bunny skip decides to throw caution to the wind with his last bowl and throws a runner (the bowling term for throwing a fast moving takeout). The bowl is delivered; it looks like it is going to connect with something in the head, but what? The bowl hits the second shot bowl, deflecting it on to shot bowl which was touching the jack. The jack goes flying off to the right and into the adjoining rink. The skips of Team Robin and Team Bluebird calmly look at the result of the shot, smile and carry on with their game. The players on rink B4 look at each other with one team smiling and the other not so much. Since the jack is out of play, the re-spot rule comes into effect. The jack is placed on the center line two metres from the ditch. The

thirds on the two teams look at each other, who is shot? Team Bunny has a couple of bowls close. Team Fox has one that is close. It is a measure. The measure is completed and **Team Fox scores 1**, not quite as good as the four they were counting before the last bowl was thrown. Team Fox has their first lead of the game.

As play begins on **End 6**, the last end, Team Bunny is thankful that they are still in the game but have not scored since the second end and are wondering if they can score again. The end is back and forth with each team counting at various times. With two shots to go, Team Bunny is counting one. The Team Fox skip with his last bowl has a wide draw to count one to put pressure on Team Bunny. The bowl is delivered and is tracking well, looking good but comes up a few inches short. Team Bunny remains shot so right now, it is a tie game. The Team Bunny skip also has a wide draw to count two and win the game. The bowl looks good as it leaves his hand, all eyes are on the bowl except for the Team Bunny lead who has put her hands over her eyes. The bowl starts to make its turn and keeps rolling, rolling and finally comes to a stop. Did it roll far enough or stop just short? The thirds look at each other and then the third on Team Fox extends his hand and concedes the win to Team Bunny. **Team Bunny scores 2 and wins the game**. The lead on Team Bunny finally removes her hands from her eyes and realizes her team has won and is all smiles.

Practice

Question of the day – If practice makes perfect, but if nobody's perfect, why practice? Now THAT's a conundrum! Second year bowlers and beyond can rent a set of keys to the clubhouse so that they can arrive anytime for a bowls practice. First year bowlers can practice too – just make sure someone is at the clubhouse to let you in. To ensure a hearty practice, feel free to use the practice props and equipment, set up your own rink and practice away.

Organize **Your Own Game**

Sometimes you'll see bowlers on the greens who have arranged their own game. While it's lots more fun to play in the daily draw, sometimes bowlers arrange a game if they want to practice a particular skill or are getting ready for provincial playdowns.

Short Jack

There is an opportunity for those members who wish to play a “short jack” game or minimum jack length. Just place your draw tag in the “Short Jack” draw tray. All bowlers registering for a game of short jack can be assured that no long jacks will be thrown during the game – all jacks will be the minimum jack length.

Drop In Bowling

Sometimes members from previous seasons who decided not to join this year, or, associate members whose membership fee only entitles them to play three times a year, or, lawn bowlers from another club, or, pedestrian traffic ~~~ will arrive at the club and want to have a roll-up. A drop in fee of \$10.00 is collected from the bowler which entitles them to play on their own or play in the draw (if they have some experience bowling).

Setting Up a Rink

So, we didn't know where to put this information. It's sort of part of the Game but it's also part of outside. We decided to put a reference here, with a pointer to Page 39.

SignUpGenius

You don't have to be a Genius to use SignUpGenius. It's a handy tool you can use to either let the group know you plan to attend one of the daily draws ~ or ~ a way for you to peek and see who has signed up to play in one of the daily draws.

We have two versions – the book version (found below) and the movie version (found on the RLBC website).

Like all good movies, they start with a good book. Following is the ‘book’ version of “**How to Add Your Name to the Daily Draw Schedule**”. If, however, you prefer the movie version – watch “**Tutorial – Daily Draw Signup Form**”. This 3 minute and 28 second video tutorial demonstrates the same thing that you will read about below.

SignUpGenius is a tool you can use to let others know you plan to attend the draw – and to check to see who else will be there. If used properly, it will be pretty handy.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE THE SIGNUPGENIUS TO ATTEND A DRAW. This app is for your convenience only. It is a way to sign up to let others know you plan to attend and to check and see who else will be there. So don't feel like you can't attend a draw if you didn't sign up. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY DRAWS.

The instructions look daunting. You might be thinking ~ nope, too many steps. Not for me, thank you. But we encourage you to give it a try. It's actually much quicker and easier than you think – and once you've tried it a couple of times, you might really like it. Don't be afraid to experiment. Try adding your name to several draws – and then try removing it. You can't break anything. Trust us, we tried!

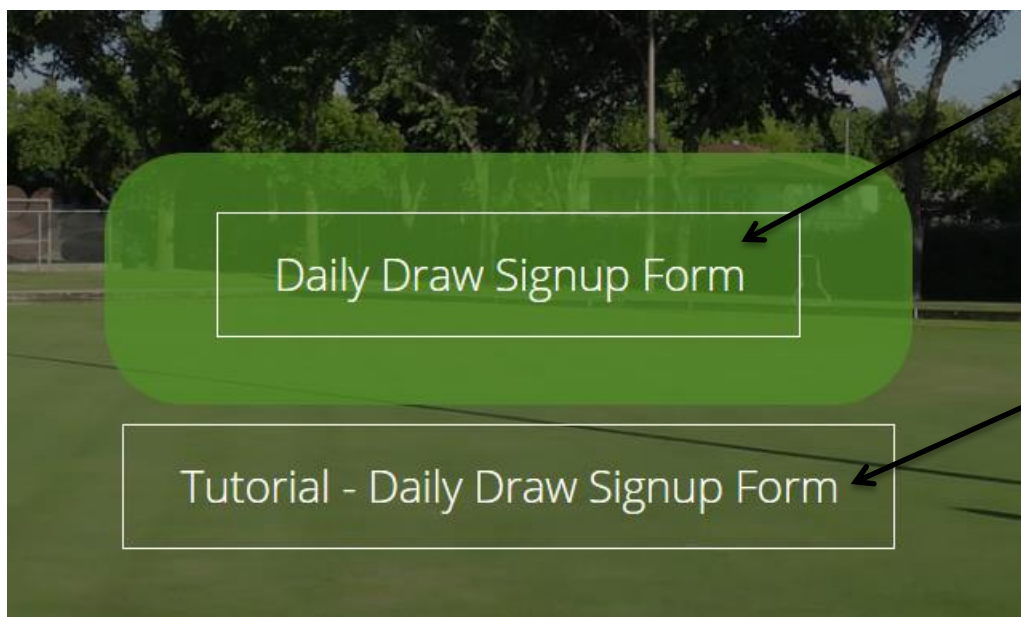
If you run into any problems – we're here to help. Just send us an email – rlbc.sk@outlook.com.

So, let's get started.

Signup Genius – The Book Version

Open your favorite Internet Browser.

Go to the RLBC Website – www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca



Click here if you want to add your name to the daily draw ~ or check out who already signed up!

Click here for the Movie version

Click on the Button – **Daily Draw Signup Form**

By clicking on the **Daily Draw Signup Form** button, you are taken to the **SignUpGenius** page. It looks like this:

Regina Lawn Bowling Club
RLBC Draw
 Please review the available draw times below and click on the button to sign up. Gotta be there!
 Location: Regina Lawn Bowling Club
 Created by: RLBC
 Already signed up? You can [change your sign up](#).

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Time (CST)	Available Slot	Calendar View
05/17/2021 (Mon.)	10:00am - 12:00pm	Player Spots 3 slots filled - more available Lois Kos Carter Watson Brandon Watson Sign Up	
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Player Spots 1 slot filled - more available	

Once you've decided which draw(s) you want to attend – select the Date and Draw Time from the options. You can select multiple draws. To select, simply click on the **Sign Up** button.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Time (CST)	Available Slot Calendar View	
05/17/2021 (Mon.)	10:00am - 12:00pm	Player Spots	3 slots filled - more available LK Lois Kos CW Carter Watson BW Brandon Watson Sign Up

When you click on the Sign Up button, a check mark appears in the little white box. It looks like this:

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Time (CST)	Available Slot Calendar View	
05/17/2021 (Mon.)	10:00am - 12:00pm	Player Spots	3 slots filled - more available LK Lois Kos CW Carter Watson BW Brandon Watson Sign Up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Click on the **Submit and Sign Up** green button at the bottom of the screen.



Submit and Sign Up

When you click on the **Submit and Sign Up** button, you are taken to the next screen. Input your **First name**, **Last name** and **Email** address. Sorry, but these three fields are mandatory. Then click on the green **Sign Up Now** button.

Sign Me Up

Sign me up for:

Available Slot	Date (mm/dd/yyyy - CST)	My Comment	Quantity
Player Spots	Mon., 05/17/2021 10:00am - 12:00pm	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>

Name

First

Last

Email

Already have a SignUpGenius account? [Login](#)

By signing up, you agree to the SignUpGenius [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

Sign Up Now

Cancel

A confirmation will be sent to your email. Voila! You're done. Wasn't that simple?

Thank you, ^{Your Name} !

You're all signed up for **RLBC Draw**.

A confirmation email with an attached iCalendar has been sent to you.

✓ **Player Spots**

Mon., 05/17/2021 10:00am - 12:00pm CST
Location: Regina Lawn Bowling Club

One more thing! Want to make it easier to sign up or edit your items in the future?

[Create a free SignUpGenius account](#)

Back To Website

[Return to Sign Up](#)

 [Add to Calendar](#)

 [Contact RLBC](#)

Ooops – My Bad!

Signed up for a draw Date or Time and can't make it? No problem. You can delete it.

Go back to the RLBC website | click on

Daily Draw Signup Form

You are back at the SignUpGenius Daily Draw Schedule page.

Click on the following link:

Already signed up? You can [change your sign up](#).

Choose

☐ I signed up without a SignUpGenius account

Pick Option #3

3. Send yourself an email link that will allow you to edit your sign up item.

Enter your email address:

Send Me an Email

Enter your email address – and press Send me an Email

Go to your Inbox – and you'll see a message that looks like this

✉ RLBC RLBC Draw Edit Link

Open the email and click on

Click Here to Edit

You are taken to the SignMeUp page. Just Click [Update My Sign Up](#) or Click [Delete](#).

Update My Sign Up

Delete

Cancel

You will be asked – Are you sure! Click

YES - DELETE

NO - CANCEL

Tips & Tricks

Bowls Etiquette – Miss Manners

Bowls Etiquette and Good Sportsmanship go hand in hand. Bowls Etiquette is separate from the Rules of Lawn Bowling or the Regulations that govern the Conditions of Play – which are mandatory. Bowls Etiquette promotes civility and friendship and is a sign that you respect the game, the players, the greens, the clubhouse, and the members. Some important Bowls Etiquette to remember:

- ❖ Begin each game with a friendly handshake and end the game with the same.
- ❖ Be a gracious winner and a good loser.
- ❖ Be ready to step to the mat and play when it is your turn.
- ❖ Possession of the mat is yours only until your delivered bowl comes to rest – once your bowl stops, vacate the mat, step aside.
- ❖ Possession of the rink belongs to the team whose bowl is being delivered. The players in possession of the rink for the time being shall not be interfered with, annoyed, or have their attention distracted in any way by their opponents. As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink is then transferred to the other team, with time being allowed for marking a 'toucher'.
- ❖ Wait quietly behind the collection of bowls and be prepared to take your next turn. Have your bowl ready.
- ❖ Provide the bowler delivering their bowl the courtesy of minimal noise and movements in an effort to not distract them.
- ❖ If you use a bowls cloth, ensure that it is out the way when it is the next bowler's turn.
- ❖ Remain quiet and still on the green behind the head and away from the sideline markers until the score has been agreed upon by both teams.
- ❖ Never openly criticize the condition of a green. You must adjust your bowling to the conditions.
- ❖ Never criticize a team member for a poorly-played bowl.
- ❖ Be sure to complement a good shot from either your team or an opponent. Nothing said about a poor shot is the best policy – especially if it gives your team the count!
- ❖ If you are raking the bowls for your team, grab the rake from the bank, and get ready, but don't start raking until both teams agree on the score.

Then rake the bowls to the right side of the mat, behind the mat. Usually, most players help to 'kick' the bowls into position so that raking is easier.

- ❖ Be on time ~ Dress appropriately (cover the bits).
- ❖ You are a team member ~ Stay in the game.
- ❖ Use common sense ~ Be kind ~ Be respectful.

Glossary of Bowls Terms and Phrases

2-Meter Mark	<i>This isn't the name of one of our bowlers.</i> It refers to two things – the mat and the jack. Mat placement to start an end must be at least 2 meters from the ditch (front of the mat). A jack that is re-spotted, or is incorrectly delivered by both leads is placed 2 meters from the ditch.
B Cubed	BBQ, Beverages and Bowls. A rec league specific to the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. Usually run for about 8 weeks on Thursday evenings.
Back Bowl	A bowl that has come to rest beyond the jack and is still in play.
Backhand	For the right-handed player, the bowl is delivered so that the curve of the bowl is from the left to the right as it moves towards its object (usually the jack).
Bank	The outer wall of the ditch which surrounds the green. It is raised above the playing surface. Usually bowls which are out of play are put on the bank.
Be Here	The same as "Do not be short", only more emphatic.
Bias	Weighted offset to make the bowl curve. The bias side of the bowl is marked by the smaller circle. Bias is correct when the bowl curves towards the jack.
Blocker or Stopper	A bowl delivered short of the object (usually the jack), in the hope that it will prevent an opponent being able to play a certain shot.
Bowls	Usually a set of four identical bowls, manufactured under strictly controlled specifications. It is essential that bowlers choose a set which they can use with the greatest ease and comfort.
Bowling Arm	A device that enables players, who have an inability to bend as part of a standard delivery action, to bowl in an upright position.
Boundary Markers	Markers situated on the bank which indicate the boundary of each rink.
Centre Line	An imaginary line that runs lengthwise down the centre of the rink (which lines up with the centre line marker situated on each end of the bank).

Chalk it or Mark it	To mark a toucher (a bowl which has touched the jack before coming to rest when delivered) with chalk.
Change of Ends	Once all bowls have been delivered by players standing at the mat end of the rink, they will move to the other end of the rink.
Claw Grip	Used for holding the bowl while it is being delivered. The thumb must be positioned high up on the side of the bowl. This leaves the bowl resting forward onto the palm, with most of its weight being deflected onto the fingers.
Counter	Any bowl which contributes to the score at the completion of the end.
Cover that Bowl	<i>Not with a blanket or anything.</i> It's an instruction to a bowler to bowl in such a way that the bowl finishes between the jack and the bowl indicated.
Cradle Grip	<i>Nothing to do with infants . . .</i> Used for holding the bowl while it is being delivered. The bowl is cradled in the palm of the hand with the thumb dropped.
Dead Bowl	Either a bowl which comes to rest in the ditch or is knocked into the ditch and is not a toucher, or a bowl that comes to rest outside the confines of the rink, either in its course or by being knocked there.
Dead End	<i>It's not like at the end of a street or anything.</i> A Dead End is considered not to have been played and so no score is recorded. It can happen as a result of the jack being driven out of the confines of the playing area.
Delivery	The moment at which the bowl leaves the hand.
Ditch	The depression that surrounds the green. This edge marks the boundary of the playing surface. Measurements of the ditch need to conform to the laws of the game.
Do Not Be Short	<i>We know you can't help your height, but this instruction has nothing to do with that.</i> It's a plea to a bowler to use sufficient pace of weight and with the correct green to arrive exactly at or beyond its object.
Drive or Fire or Runner	<i>Believe it or not, these three words all mean the same thing.</i> A shot where the bowl is delivered at a very fast pace.
Down	When you team does not have the shot bowl, you are considered to be down. You may be down by one or more shots.
Either Hand	When a bowler delivers a bowl, the bowler can choose to play either a forehand or backhand shot. During play, the person in charge of the head, usually the Skip, may advise the player on the mat what hand works, letting the bowler decide which hand to play.

End	The sequence of play, beginning with the placing of the mat and ending with the coming to rest of the last player's bowl, after all have delivered their bowls in the same direction and the points have been agreed to.
Fast Green	Usually a dry and closely cut surface which offers little resistance to the progress of the bowl. Fast greens are funner.
Fluke	An unintentionally planned shot that worked out in the player's favour.
Follow Through	This should be the natural movement forward of the delivery arm following the line or path of the bowl.
Foot Fault	When the rear foot is not completely on or above the mat at the moment of delivery. The player could incur a penalty.
Fours	Four players against four, each using two bowls (typically) for a set number of ends. Their position in order of play: lead, second, vice and then skip.
Forehand	For the right-handed player the bowl is delivered so that the curve of the bowl is from right to left as it travels towards its object (usually the jack).
Green	The total playing surface, the measurements of which are laid down in the rules.
Head	The jack and as many bowls as have been played at any stage of any end. Bowls in the head may be on the rink or in the ditch. Usually, the head is considered the area in close range to the jack.
Heavy Bowl	<i>They sure are, but that's not what we're talking about here.</i> This is where a bowl has been delivered with too much pace or weight and will end beyond its objective.
Hog Line	<i>Oink! Oink!</i> The distance the jack has to travel in order to be playable. The hog lines are marked by poles that may be colored or stick up.
Jack or Kitty	The round white ball towards which play is directed. The size of the jack must conform to the rules.
Jack-High Bowl	A bowl which, when it comes to rest, is at the same distance from the mat as is the jack (beside the jack, on the left or right side).
Lead	The player who lays the mat, rolls the jack, and delivers the first bowl in an end – if their team scored in the last end. Otherwise, the lead throws the second bowl of the end. The lead players are responsible for raking the bowls when their team does not score points in an end.
Line	The imaginary curved line that the bowl must travel from the mat to reach its objective.

Live Bowl	Any bowl that comes to rest within the confines of the rink and is acceptable under the conditions laid down by the laws of the game, or any toucher in the ditch.
Long Jack	A jack that is the greatest distance allowed from the front edge of the mat, or is close to this limit. Or a long jack is longer than a short jack or medium length jack.
Marker	A person who undertakes to see that a game of singles is played according to the rules. Marks all touchers, centres the jack, and relays information to the bowler upon request but only when the marker is asked a direct question.
Mat	The mat from which a bowler must make his/her delivery.
Measure or Tape	A device used to determine which bowl is nearest the jack.
Measuring	The process of determining which bowl is nearest the jack.
Narrow Shot	Where a player has not allowed enough green. Sometimes this shot is intentionally played.
Open It Up	An instruction for a bowl to be delivered with enough weight (sometimes called a Drive or an Up-weight Shot) to clear any obstruction in the way of bowls that are between the player and the jack.
Pace of the greens	See fast green and slow green.
Pairs	Two players against two, each using four bowls (typically) for a set number of ends. Their position in order of play: lead and then skip.
Penalty	This may be awarded by the umpire when, for example, a player has been foot faulted in delivering the bowl, or taking too long to play a shot. The umpire could also declare the bowl to be dead. This only happens in provincial playdowns and Canadian National events.
Plinth	The vertical trim in a ditch.
Possession	The player or team whose turn it is to deliver a bowl is said to be in possession of the mat. Possession passes to the opposition when the bowl has come to rest after delivery. Possession also includes the possession of the head, and opposition players should remain away from the head when not in possession of the mat.
Potato	A bowl that leaves the bowlers hand in an awkward, unintentional manner and usually ends up being a short bowl.
Promote this Bowl	An instruction to a bowler to play his/her bowl into a bowl belonging to his/her side so that the bowl that is stationary is moved closer to the jack.

Rest this Bowl	<i>It's not nap time.</i> It's an instruction to a player to bring his/her bowl to rest against another bowl.
Re-Spot	<i>Dick, Jane, and Re-Spot.</i> If, during play, the jack goes out of bounds, some competitions have provision for placing the jack back within the confines of the rink on a predetermined place, rather than having it be declared a dead end. The end then continues from that point with all other live bowls delivered remaining in place.
Rink	The rectangular area of the green on which games are played.
Rub	A bowl that, during its running course, comes into light contact with another bowl, which can affect the line of direction.
Second Bowl	A bowl which finishes closest to the jack, other than the shot bowl.
Second or Number Two	The player who plays after the lead in a game of fours or triples.
Short Bowl	A bowl that has not been delivered with sufficient weight to reach its objective.
Short Jack	A jack that is at the shortest distance allowed from the front edge of the mat, or close to this limit.
Shot	The bowl that finishes nearest to the jack at any stage of play.
Singles	One player against one player, each using four bowls.
Skip	The captain of a game of fours, triples or pairs. The skip is the last to bowl and is responsible for dictating the tactics of the game.
Slow or Heavy Green	Where the surface offers some greater resistance to the progress of the bowl. When the green is heavy or slow, it typically takes more effort by the bowler to get the bowl the other end.
Split these Bowls	<i>Not in half.</i> . . It's an instruction to the bowler to bowl a bowl of sufficient weight that it forces apart or separates other bowls (usually in very close proximity to each other) and has enough momentum to carry on beyond that point.
Take it Out	<i>Not on a date . . .</i> It's an instruction to a bowler to bowl with sufficient weight to push an opponent's bowl away.
Take Green or Take Grass	On forehand or backhand, the bowler bowls so that the bowl will curve and come to rest as near as possible to the point desired. Since all bowls have different biases, the bowler will need to adjust the amount of grass taken to achieve the desired result.
Team	A group of bowlers playing fours, triples or pairs.

Third	A position in a game of fours. Usually responsible for measuring and determining the count at the end of the end.
Tied End	When the nearest bowls of both sides are exactly the same distance from the jack at the completion of the end (e.g., when both have a bowl actually touching the jack). Neither side scores but it is a completed end and is entered on the scoreboard. This rarely happens.
Toucher	<i>Now THIS is a touchy subject!</i> A bowl which during its course of being delivered has touched the jack before coming to rest. This is a live bowl unless it has come to rest outside the confines of the green. It is marked with chalk to designate it as a toucher.
Toucher in the Ditch	A toucher which has fallen into the ditch. This is a live bowl, unless it has come to rest outside the confines of the green. It is marked with chalk to designate it as a toucher.
Trail the Jack	To play a bowl in order to move the jack to another position on the rink. The bowl usually follows the jack's path.
Triples	Three players against three, each using two or three bowls (depending on the rules) for a set period of ends. Their position in order of play: lead, second (sometimes called vice), skip.
Umpire	The person with total overall authority during a game to enforce the laws of the game.
Up	When your team has the shot bowl, you are considered to be up. You may be up by one or more points.
Using the Mat	The movement of the mat (within the limits of the rules) for the purposes of lengthening or shortening the length of the jack.
Wick or Wick Off	A bowl that is travelling at a certain weight which comes into an angled contact with another bowl, thus causing the course of the moving bowl to be definitely altered.
Wide Bowl	Where the player has allowed too much green for the bowl to travel to the jack.
Wedge	A piece of material placed under a bowl to hold it in place on the green. This may be used while the shots are being measured, but not while the game is still being played.
Weight	The amount of force with which the bowl is delivered to execute a particular shot.
Wrong Bias	A bowl delivered with the biased side of the bowl placed opposite to the desired position.

Leagues

A League of Their Own!

Competitive 3s

This league is open to all bowlers who have submitted their RLBC membership form and registration payment for the current season. The intent of the league is to give those bowlers who are entering into Provincial Playdowns, or, those bowlers who are thinking about entering into Provincial Playdowns, an opportunity to practice in a competitive game situation, against other bowlers with the same intention, prior to the start of Provincial Playdowns. An email is sent to all members at the beginning of the season, letting them know that registration for the Competitive 3s is open. You enter as a team, with teammates of your choice. Format is Open Triples. Men's Triples or Women's Triples or Mixed Triples – anything goes. Round robin format; however, depending on the number of teams entered, there may not be an opportunity for all teams to play each other.

Other Leagues

The RLBC Board organizes a league for newer bowlers, one for recreational bowlers and one for competitive bowlers. The format of the leagues may change each season.

B Cubed

Bowls, BBQ and Beverages. B Cubed. Anybody who is ANYBODY can be found on the greens every Thursday night for about 8-10 weeks in the summer. Teams of 3 or 4 members register to play. Players start with a BBQ – hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza; and enjoy a bar beverage before getting on the greens at 6:00 pm to bowl. The music is loud, the laughter is plenty and the fun is second to none.

Meid & Friends Charity Event

This is an annual bowls tournament which raises money for KidSport. Novice or inexperienced bowlers are encouraged to enter a team and participate in a one day tournament to assist a good cause. To enter a team,

be hooked up with a team, volunteer at the tournament or contribute in some way contact Ernie Meid ~ emeid@sasktel.net or at 306-209-7897.

Lawn Summer Nights

The RLBC has a history of partnering with Lawn Summer Nights to host their fundraiser each year. The Lawn Summer Nights staff transforms the facility into a very special setting filled with music, lights, outdoor tables, and special food and drink. Lawn Summer Nights provides a unique summertime lawn bowling fundraiser held over the course of several weeks in cities across Canada, benefiting Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Never fear ~ even though Lawn Summer Nights is captivating and appears to take over our facility, it doesn't. The daily draws still take place.

Join the Club

Membership

I've signed up for a 6 month gym membership and I still haven't seen any progress!

I guess I'll have to go there myself and see what went wrong.

Membership Application

Every year, usually in March or April, the President sends a communication to last year's members, and possibly others, outlining the Board's plans for the upcoming season, and along with the letter is an application form for membership. Each returning member completes that application form, and submits it, along with membership dues. There is a membership criteria document that contains the expectations of all members – it's an easy read and can be found on the RLBC website. A copy of the current year's membership application can be found on the RLBC website and several hard copies are left at the clubhouse. New members are given an Application form at the Open House or after they have met with the Coach for a lesson.

Don't forget to check all the boxes – and read and sign the waiver on the back of the form. Questions? Email us – rlbc.sk@outlook.com – and we'll answer them all.

May all your

BOWLS

be touchers.

Oh, and by the way. \$25.00 of a regular membership purchases a Bowls Sask and Bowls Canada membership, so you get 3 for the price of 1. Pretty good deal.

When you join the RLBC, you are given a written receipt acknowledging that you paid your dues – don't bother keeping it for income tax purposes, it doesn't work.

Grey Cup Pool Tickets ~ Go Riders!

When you join the RLBC you are given some Grey Cup pool tickets. Open the envelopes, (the teeny tiny brown envelopes) write your name on half of the ticket, and pop your tickets in the mail slot at the Club – B1. There are cash prizes for the person who has a ticket with a score matching any of the quarter scores. If you have that lucky ticket, you could win a small fortune.

Draw Tags and Lapel Pins

I said draw tags, not dog tags. Each RLBC member receives a personalized draw tag which can be used to enter club draws and tournaments. The draw tags (black with white writing) are kept on the draw tag board just inside the door of the Clubhouse. When you arrive at the clubhouse for a draw or for a Jitney, put your draw tag in the "draw tray" 15 minutes prior to game time so that the Draw Master can use the tags to form the teams for the games.

For new members, draw tags are usually ordered by the Membership Co-ordinator at the end of June and it takes a couple of weeks to custom make the tags. So, for the first few weeks, you will use a piece of paper or an old draw tag with your name written on it. But have no fear - your draw tag will be ordered . . . eventually.

The Membership Co-ordinator will also order you a lapel pin. Some members like to put their lapel pin on their hat or jacket.

Rental Equipment

To Rent . . . or NOT to Rent . . . This is the question

It's not like a bowling alley where you rent shoes. But you can rent bowls, a locker, and keys ~ for a fee, and other stuff is available too.

We have lots of props in the lockers labeled Youth and Coaching. Feel free to use them to practice. Just return them where you got them.

We have a real cool bowls launcher, also called a bowling arm, you can use. It allows bowlers to deliver the jack and bowls from an upright position.

Cold or rainy day and you forgot your jacket? We have a pile of coats in the lower level hanging on the coat rack. Feel free to use them ~ they have been abandoned and we decided that they were great for this purpose.

Sometimes our members have items for sale that you could be interested in. You might be able to negotiate a good price for a set of used bowls or lawn bowls shoes. You will find notices on the bulletin board in the club house.

Another place to look is on our website ~

<https://www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca/bowls-boutique.html>

Bowls Rental

We have a variety of bowls for you to use once you've paid your bowls rental fee. Try a different set every time, or, pick a favorite set. Remember the bowls cannot be stored in your locker. They need to be returned to their original spot on the shelf because we use these bowls for corporate and school group bookings.

Locker Rental

It's nice to rent a locker to keep your valuables when you are bowling, or to store your personal set of bowls when you aren't on the green. The seasonal rental is \$10.00. Bring your own lock. Let the Membership Director know which locker you chose. Your name will be labelled on the front.

Keys to the Clubhouse & Grounds

To Infinity and Beyond! All second year members and beyond may rent a set of keys to the front gate and clubhouse. You will be given the security code to arm and disarm the alarm. Come any time! But, remember to lock up when you leave. The full Security Protocol is located on the Website under the **About** tab.

Outside

Where to Play – **Green A B C D** (*sung to the tune of the Alphabet song*)

The RLBC is one of only 3 clubs in Canada to have 4 greens. In order to identify each one a letter (A, B, C, D) was assigned to each green. Wow, how creative! Green A is the furthest Green to the West of the Clubhouse and the rest of the greens follow in order with Green D being the Green furthest to the East of the Clubhouse. Each day the Greens Keeper will advise which greens are either available or unavailable for play. This information is posted inside the Clubhouse, usually on the white board.

Rink Setup



Tim has volunteered to setup the rinks for the upcoming Provincial Pairs tournament for Men and Women. Tim has only watched this being done in the past so is not exactly sure what has to be done but is willing to learn. Gordie is supposed to come and help but his experience doing this is also limited.

Tim arrives at the clubhouse first, goes into the clubhouse and sees that the greens keeper has indicated that Greens A & B are to be used and the rinks are to be on brown E-W. Tim thinks he knows what A and B means but is not sure what "on brown" means. Is that some kind of sandwich? "E-W", what is that, Everyone Welcome? It also says 4 rinks on A and 4 rinks on B.

To be sure about the greens, Tim looks at a chart on the wall which shows where Greens A and B are. Green A is the one closest to the parking lot and Green B is the one beside it closer to the clubhouse. Green C is the green on the other side of the clubhouse and Green D is the one beside it closest to the playground. This is easy to remember; the greens are in order just like the alphabet and go west to east.

TIM

Gordie has still not arrived (he is always late) so Tim decides to get the keys to the sheds and goes and opens the shed to get the rink markers. Tim does not see any brown rink markers; they are all white and different sizes. Some are wide and some are on a diet and half as wide but longer. Tim remembers from playing recently that the ones on a diet, the slim ones, are the ones to mark the edge of the rinks because he remembers aiming at them. The wide ones are for marking the center of the rink because he also remembers centering the jack with them.

"Hey Tiny". Tim turns around. Gordie has arrived and called him by his nickname which described his small stature. Tim tells Gordie what the greens keeper had indicated for the greens. Tim asks Gordie "what does E-W" mean?" Gordie knew from doing this once before that this means the greens are to be setup east to west on the green and says that they need 5 rink markers and 4 center markers for 4 rinks. Tim says that would only do one side of the green so they double the number to get enough for the opposite side of the green. Gordie tells Tim "I guess we have to get the same number for the other green but we will come back later and get them". Tim asks Gordie "what does on brown mean?" Gordie says that means we place the rink markers on the brown markers on the end boards. "Place" means to hang the rink markers in the hole above the colored marker.

The two of them go on to the green and look for the brown markers. There are a lot of them on one side of the green and many other colors as well. In fact there are thirteen brown markers to allow for six rinks to be set up.

GORDIE

Which ones should they use? Tim thinks they should use the ones in the middle of green, Gordie agrees so they place all the rink markers on both sides of the green to get the four rinks setup in the middle of Green A. They look at each other and Tim asks Gordie, "Is Green A done?" Gordie says "Yes" but as they are walking off to setup Green B, Tim says to Gordie "What about those tall white posts". Gordie says, "Right, we forgot the

hog line markers". They go to the shed and get four hog line markers, two for each end of the green. They find the place on the end boards where the posts go and insert them. This time Gordie realizes they forgot something else and says to Tiny, "We forgot the mats and the jacks". Back to shed they go and get eight mats, one for each end on each rink and four jacks. The jacks are placed at the home end. Now they look at each other again and give themselves high fives, the four rinks on Green A are ready for play.

They repeat the same process for Green B and now all the rinks needed for the tournament are ready to go. As they are admiring their work, Tiny says "there is something missing". Gordie looks at him and then around the green and says "you are right, we forgot the rakes". The two of them go to the shed and get eight rakes for Green A and eight more for Green B. They place one rake at the each end of all eight rinks. Tiny says "that looks better, now we are done". Gordie agrees. Tiny and Gordie give themselves fist pumps for a job well done and head to the clubhouse for a pop (which is \$1.00, by the way).

Other Things to Know about Greens Setup

There are four rectangular colors on each side of each green. Brown, Black, Blue, Beige (also called the four Bs), and a White circle. When setting up the rink markers on these colors, you can get six rinks on a green. There are also a couple of other white markers, a diamond and a square. When using the diamond, you can get eight rinks on a green and seven rinks when you use the square. The club uses the six rink setup most of the time but can use the other two setups when more rinks are needed. The rink markers are typically rotated through the five colors on a daily basis. This is done so play on the green is moved around thus helping to save the greens by not always playing in the same spot.

The direction of the greens can go two different directions. You already know about E-W. The other direction is N-S which does not mean "no smoking" but rather north – south. (Oh, speaking of no smoking, the RLBC is a no smoking facility.) Typically, the rinks are setup east – west during the day and north – south in the evening. The reason for this is dictated by the big orange ball in the sky. We do not want players looking into the sun when delivering their bowls.

~Odds are
you might
get a wick~

The greens keeper may at times dictate that the direction may differ from this norm based on certain conditions on the greens. He may also indicate that some portions of the green are out of play and rather than setup the rinks in the middle of the green, you may have to set them up at one end. In some cases, an entire green may be out

of play.

Sometimes green mats have to be placed on the rinks. Green mats are used to help protect the greens by preventing damage to the greens caused by divots. Divots can be created in wet conditions or when the players are lofting their bowls rather than rolling them. Green mats should be used for all school groups, most other group bookings, for some club events where members are lofting their bowls and in wet conditions. Under the above circumstances green mats should be set up a meter from the ditch and centered at both ends of the rink. At times they may only be needed at one end of rink if the wet conditions are only at one end.

If you are setting up one rink, you need four rink markers (the slim ones) and two centre markers (the wide ones) to do both ends of the rink. To determine how many rink markers you need, add one to the number of rinks required and multiply by 2 (i.e. - $(1+1)*2=4$). If you are setting up two rinks, you need six rink markers, and four center markers. If you are setting up three rinks, you need eight rink markers, and six center markers and so on.

In all cases, when setting up any number of rinks, you need four hog line posts.

There is wagon in the shed to cart around all the required equipment around the perimeter of the green as you set up the rinks.

Depending on the circumstances, typically the last draw of the day, the players on each rink may have to return the mats, the green mats if used, the jacks and at times the rink markers to the shed. The players who return the last items lock the shed.

Divots

Sometimes bowlers will make divots on the greens – similar to a golf green – where a chunk of grass is removed. It is important to avoid making divots, but if you do make one or two, trying to repair them as soon as they happen helps to keep our greens in great shape and our Greens Keeper happy.

Equipment Sheds

There are several equipment sheds on the grounds and each one has its own purpose.

There is a small shed, situated between Green A and B, and another small shed situated between Green C and D – well, closer to Green D, actually – and these sheds hold the equipment necessary to set up a rink and bowl a game. You will find the rink markers, jacks, mats and rakes in the equipment sheds. If you are having difficulty carrying everything to the rink, use the little wheely-wagons. Typically, bowlers set up their own rinks before the game and take down their rinks after the game is finished, and put everything away. However, sometimes, the rinks are pre-set (Yeah!). Remember, the bowls are found in the clubhouse in the locker room.

The larger equipment sheds, located on the north side of the greens, are the homes for all the equipment needed to maintain the grounds and the greens. The shed to the north of Green D is the greens equipment shed and contains all the equipment needed to maintain the greens and keep them ready to roll. It also contains other miscellaneous tools, gas, grass seed, sometimes fertilizer and other greens related maintenance items. The shed north of the clubhouse is the grounds equipment shed. It contains the riding mowers and push mowers to cut all the grass around the perimeter of the greens, in the RLBC's big yard. The grass is cut by volunteer grass cutting crews. The shed also contains other grounds maintenance equipment like a whipper snipper, shovels, rakes, gas and various tools. The club's two bar-be-ques are also stored in this shed.

Grounds

The perimeter of the Greens is maintained under the direction of the Grounds Director. A grass cutting crew, a weekly trio, arrive close to the weekend, and cut the grass. It's quite a job! The more experienced volunteers get to use the riding mowers while the less experienced members walk behind a push mower. The weed-wacker is used along the fence, around trees and shrubs and the edge of the greens to keep the grounds looking pristine.

The Grounds Director organizes the arrival of the spring flowers and perennials every year. With a little help from his friends . . . many beautiful flowers are planted in the flower beds located at the south gate and by the flag pole. Several large and small plant pots also get a fresh makeover every spring with beautiful begonias, petunias, and other interesting flowers.

Four volunteers look after cleaning the ditches in the greens keeping them free from weeds and other debris.

Other volunteers help to pull weeds, water flowers, and pick up garbage that accumulates in the RLBC's big yard.

At the beginning of the year, the Grounds Director asks for volunteers to attend Clean Up day where the winter sludge is removed, the grass is given a gentle massage by raking leaves, and the grounds are given a tidy. Tarps are taken off the greens in the spring, and put back on in the fall, in order to keep the grass free from winter kill.

Parking

PARK AT YOUR OWN RISK . . . Our neighbours across the street have asked the RLBC members to park on the north side of Victoria Avenue when attending events at the Regina Lawn Bowling Club. We have agreed to comply whenever possible, and so, as a good practice, we don't park our vehicles on the south side of Victoria Avenue.

There is a gravel parking lot located at the far west side of the greens, beyond the chain-linked fence. Although the RLBC claims it as its own, in fact, it belongs to the City of Regina and is a public parking lot. Entrance to this well kept secret is off of Victoria Avenue (north side). It holds about 20 vehicles.

When there is an event at Mosaic Stadium – like a Rider Game (Go Riders!) – the parking on Victoria Avenue, both sides, fills up. That's just a heads-up. We still come to the club, it's just that parking can be scant during these time.

FYI – there is a 30 km zone starting east of McTavish Street which ends just before the Handicapped Parking to the east of the main gate of the RLBC greens. Drive Carefully!

Oh, and by the way. The large garbage bin in the City parking lot is ours. We rent it seasonally to store our garbage until the weekly pickup.

What's **Inside the Club House ...**

Upper Level

The kitchen is the hub of every home – and it's no different at the Clubhouse where many consider the RLBC their home away from home.

The Catering Director along with the Beverage Services Co-ordinator are busy all year planning the food fests for the lawn bowling season. We have had some amazing Catering Directors who rivaled the best 5 star restaurants for their culinary cuisine; and we have had other Catering Co-ordinators who used the services of Uber Eats and Skip the Dishes to order in pizza to satisfy the call. It doesn't matter to us – we just need someone to organize this job.

What does this all mean? Well, several times during the lawn bowls season, snacks, refreshments, or full course meals are prepared and serviced. The Catering Director arranges for refreshments for the Open House, a celebratory cake for Canada Day, luncheons for provincial playdowns, and a hot dinner served at the windup. Sometimes a fee is charged and other times the treats are complimentary.

The Beverage Services Co-ordinator arranges for all liquor licences – *did someone say Mint Julip?* - which happens 3 or 4 times a year. But daily, the Beverage Services Co-ordinator makes sure that the refrigerators are stocked with bottled water and pop, that the snack cart is full of snackie-snacks, and that the freezer is full of ice cream treats. A nominal fee of \$1.00 for any of the above is collected on the honour system – check out the cute piggy bank in the fridge. Sarcan and the Beverage Co-ordinator are best friends – we love to recoup the recycling costs.

The upper level of the club house is used for many gatherings. This is where the daily draws and club tournament information is announced, where the Jitney teams are put together, and where socializing is encouraged. Check out the coffee cart full of teas, hot chocolate, coffee packets ~ all complimentary. Help yourself. Feel free to use the Keurig machine located in the kitchen area.

Life Keeps Rolling

Just empty your pods, please. The large, commercial coffee maker, located adjacent to the unisex washroom, is used when large gatherings are anticipated. This machine is a little tricky – it has to get warmed up, and the water has to be poured in a certain way. It might be best to get a lesson from one of our experienced coffee baristas before attempting to make coffee in that beast.

Watch a bit of telly – we subscribe to Access Communication's Sports package – so lots of channels to choose from. We have WiFi at the clubhouse – and the WiFi password is posted on the bulletin boards.

The office area is where all the admin work happens. Sometimes we have a summer student on staff – that's their workstation for the summer. Sometimes you'll see Board members going through scads of paper. The computer is for everyone's use, but if the summer student or board member is using it, you might have to wait your turn.

The Greens Are Alive With The Sound of Music! There a switch on the wall above the sound system black cabinet – that has disguised itself as a light switch. Don't be fooled. It doesn't turn on any lights! (Well, that's not what the lights say, but that's for another manual.) This is the switch which allows music to be played inside the clubhouse as well as outside on the greens. Remember . . . Up for music ~ Down for silence.

The washrooms. Yours, Mine and Ours. We have separate washrooms for Men and Women and a gender neutral washroom which also serves as an accessible washroom.

The locker room – locker talk. The locker room is full of surprises. Lots of great stuff finds its home in the locker area, some of which we have touched on already. You would know that if you have been reading this entire manual! Gotcha!

Lockers – We mentioned this earlier under Memberships. Here's a refresher. Lockers for rent, \$10 / season. Pick the one you want, and, as long as it doesn't have a name on it, claim it for your own. Just let the Membership Co-ordinator know which locker you want and a label will be printed for you.

Bowls – The club's bowls are located in the locker area. If you rented a set of bowls – you can pick out which set you'd like to use from the many sets available. Just remember which shelf you took your bowls from and then return them to the same spot. Unfortunately, rented bowls can't be stored in your locker or taken home because we use the bowls when we have school or corporate groups, for B Cubed, and other functions.

Supplies – Housekeeping supplies are found in some of the lockers – paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, etc. The housekeeping cleaning supplies – mops, vacuum, etc. – are kept in the locker room. Use them any time – no one is going to stop you from cleaning!

Coaching Materials – The coaches and the youth co-ordinator use various props when helping members become better bowlers. These materials are found in the lockers and are marked.

Board games, decks of cards, and other fun stuff are also found in the lockers. Have a game, and then put the stuff back.

Fold up tables for dinners and meetings are kept in the locker room. If you use them, just stack them back when you're finished. A wipe-down would be great too.

Lights! Camera! Action! Sometimes we play after dark. It's impossible to see the greens, the bowls or the jack after dusk. So, we have the ability to turn on the outside lights and the greens are lit up. The lighting system for the greens is located in the clubhouse near the locker area. An experienced member will be happy to turn on the lights if required as the lighting system is fairly complex.

Please consider the clubhouse your home away from home. Enjoy all that it has to offer. Use anything you'd like, just tidy after yourself.

Bowls Boutique

The merchandise cabinet, located on the upper level called the Bowls Boutique, contains items for sale that you may be interested in purchasing. You

can pick up an RLBC club shirt – plenty of sizes still available. You might want a souvenir from the time we hosted the 2018 National Championships. We sell RLBC lapel pins, chalk, grippo, tape measures and other goodies. If you want to purchase something – just drop us an email – rlbc.sk@outlook.com.

Lower Level

The lower level is another area to rest or meet for social conversation. The TV in the lower level works – so use it any time. Many of the Board meetings take place in the lower level. You might even find some of our members taking a much needed snooze on one of the comfy couches. All the club's fold-up chairs are stacked in the lower level. We use these chairs when we have dinners or meetings. Feel free to get out a chair or two any time – just please remember to put them back. Oh, and check out all the plaques on the walls which highlight our member's achievements over the years.

Housekeeping

A quick word about Housekeeping. Our Housekeeping Director and volunteers come once a week, or so, and clean the clubhouse. This includes cleaning the floor, giving the washrooms a good clean, vacuuming the lower level rug, and generally tidying the clubhouse. If you are at the club and notice something that could use a clean . . . well, you know. No one is going to get mad at you for cleaning!

In the spring a call for volunteers to help with Clubhouse Cleanup is made and again in the Fall.

Communications

It feels like we just don't communicate any more . . .

You can run but you can't hide. We WILL find you!

We have several ways to reach you and communication during the regular season happens pretty frequently. If, however, it seems that no one is contacting you about anything . . . we may have accidentally copied down your email incorrectly or transposed digits in your phone number. We don't want you to miss out on any form of communication, so just in case – send a quick email to our Communications Director – rlbc.sk@outlook.com. Here are some of the ways that we will communicate with you.

Director of Communications – Those **Emails**

Once you become a member of the RLBC, we add you to our Email Communications list. You will begin to receive emails from our Communications Director on behalf of the RLBC. Our Communications Director is in charge of sending all kinds of emails to the membership to make sure they are kept informed about what's going on at the club. Sometimes the emails are informational, sometimes they are a call for volunteer help and sometimes they are providing you with big news on upcoming events. Check your inbox frequently!

Between Bowls Newsletter

Why did the newspaper reporter talk to the ice cream? He was looking for the scoop. All great products start with an advertisement in a newspaper. Between Bowls is a monthly newsletter emailed to the members of the RLBC club via the Communications Director. The Between Bowls Newsletter often includes a Coach's Corner, updates from the Board, interesting information about the sport of bowls, a summary from pre-established committees, bit of history, and many other informative articles. Previous copies can be found on our website – under **News-Newsletter**. This isn't just **A** Java Jabber, it is **THE** Java Jabber.

Website

www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca

The RLBC has a website, which is updated and maintained by our webmaster. The website contains a lot of great information and should be your 'go to' when you want to find out something about the RLBC. We want to 'draw' (excuse the pun – we like to use bowls talk whenever we can) your attention to some really important stuff - Daily Draw Sign Up link (SignUpGenius), the Board of Directors, electronic copies of the Between Bowls Newsletter, upcoming events, items for sale in our Bowls Boutique, great photos in our Gallery. . . And so much more. So, go have a look-see.

Social Media

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/reginalawnbowling>

Instagram

The RLBC currently has two social media accounts set up. Our Social Media Director looks after the RLBC Facebook account and the RLBC Instagram account. Be sure to Like and Follow our social media pages!

Minutes ~ Hours ~ Days

The RLBC Board meets monthly during the regular season – sometimes more often if there is something really juicy or super important to talk about – and the Board Secretary prepares the Minutes of the meeting. Once the Minutes are approved at the next month's meeting – they are distributed to the members who requested to receive an electronic copy. How do you get a copy? When you complete your membership application form, ✓ the minutes box. The default is no, so no ✓ = no minutes! A hard copy is always posted on the bulletin board.

Handbook

The Handbook comes in pretty “hand”y sometimes. The handbook is an electronic copy of all members' names and contact information. It is usually distributed in July. Just print it off if you want a paper copy. If you're looking for your name and it isn't listed, it's likely because you didn't ✓ off the box that gives us permission to include your information. The default is NO.

Bulletin Boards

There are several bulletin boards mounted on the walls inside the clubhouse. The one closest to the Admin desk is for Bowls Sask communications. Check that bulletin board if you are looking for information about Provincial Playdowns, Grassroots Tournament, Bowls Sask Fall Tournaments, Coaching or Team Manager opportunities.

The bulletin board directly to the right as you enter from the east door contains a real hodge-podge of information. All Club Tournament entry sheets (and the results as the games are being played) are found on this bulletin board. Items for sale, a hard copy of the RLBC Board minutes, upcoming events, notices, and other stuff is posted on this bulletin board.

The bulletin boards behind the filing cabinets also contain information about the club and the sport. It's an extra bulletin board – because we had room to mount it.

White Board

The big portable white board usually sits in the middle of the foyer and 'hits' you when you walk into the clubhouse using the east doors. The Greens Keeper will indicate which greens are playable – or out of play – so look there before setting up your rink(s). If someone really wants to leave you a notice, such as "ET Phone Home", the whiteboard may be used.

Telephone Committee. 1 ringy dingy. 2 ringy dingy.

There are some of you, believe it or not, who do not have email. So, we need to get a hold of you somehow. The Communications Director organizes a phone committee who will call and leave messages (if you're not home) about important events coming your way. If you have an email address – you are contacted by email. The Phone Committee isn't an option.

Surveys ~ Survey Says

Once in a while, the Board of Directors sends out a survey to its members – because we want to hear what you have to say. Watch for surveys (notification via email) and let us know what you think. Well, not your deepest, darkest secrets . . . just stuff about the club, and about bowls.

Contact Us Form

Any member can contact the Board members by completing the "Contact Us Form" found on the Website, under **Contact**. The drop-down menu provides two options. The "Contact Us Form" initiates conversation between you and the board and you will receive acknowledgement of your comment/suggestion/idea/experience, and a board member will follow up with you. If you use the "Suggest/Comment Form" link, you don't have to leave your contact information. The board will do the best it can with the information you provide, but you won't be contacted for follow-up, because we won't know who you are. Feel free to use either form at any time. We always want to hear from you.

Coaching & Officiating

Just watch me . . . and tell me about my form!

Coaching

We have many coaches – some with their elite coaching certification and others with their club level coaching credentials – all of whom would be happy to provide you with some technical critiques, or just some friendly bowls reminders. You won't want to form any bad habits – and contacting the Coaches for some guidance is the best way to ensure you're doing everything right. A list of the coaches can be found on the RLBC Website. Go to the RLBC website, www.reginalawnbowlingclub.ca, click on **About** and then click on Coaching / Officiating from the drop down menu. This page contains a list of all the coaches. No contact info, right? Gotcha! Perhaps we should change that on the website? Or, you can look up your favorite coach's contact information in the club handbook. Or, just drop us a quick email – rlbc.sk@outlook.com

Officiating

When you hear fellow club members use the word 'officiating' they are referring to umpires ~ sort of like baseball umpires, only different. Umpires are needed for provincial and national tournaments to make sure that the games are being conducted properly and to settle disputes between players or teams, usually concerning points. Any bowler can become an umpire but certain training is required first. If you are interested in learning more about umpires or becoming an umpire, contact a board member and they can either answer your question or facilitate your request.

Youth Program

If we remain young at heart, do we ever grow old? The youth program is offered for bowlers under the age of 25 years as of January 1. The 'young ones' meet every Wednesday for an hour during the summer under the tutelage of the Youth Co-ordinator. Often times, club coaches are on hand to offer their expertise. There are lots of props that the youth bowlers use on Wednesdays, but they are available for everyone else to use as well ~ just not on Wednesdays.

The Wednesday night youth bowlers always end their season with a really fun windup.

The youth bowlers are offered a reduced rate to participate. Some play for the social aspect of the game while others train to compete at the Provincial Playdowns and Canadian Nationals.

*If you have the right **LINE** and the right
WEIGHT, chances are you'll
have a good **BOWL**!*

The RLBC offers its clubhouse and facilities to corporate or private groups as well as school groups and this is a great way for the club to raise money and keep membership fees low.

Corporate Groups – Often businesses will book an employee's day out, and come to the club for a game of bowls and some refreshments. Groups must book in advance to ensure the greens aren't being used by another event. You might see a group booking any day of the week or any time of day. We try to be accommodating.

Private Groups – We have hosted birthday parties, anniversaries, wedding showers, baby showers ~ you name it ~ at the club. As long as they clean up afterwards, we are okay with private groups enjoying themselves, for a fee of course.

School Groups – Lawn bowls is part of the physical education program at the high school level and many phys ed teachers book up to 3 or 4 'classes' at the club.

And, of course, we already mentioned B Cubed (on Thursdays), Lawn Summer Nights (usually on Wednesdays), and Meid & Friends.

Unless you hear otherwise, group bookings never interfere with the bowls enjoyment of our own members. There are plenty of greens for everyone.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Regina Lawn Bowling Club is operated by volunteers who serve on the Board of Directors, various Committees, and who help with the day-to-day operation of the club. Although the Greens Keeper and the Summer Students are paid, the rest of the work is done by Volunteers. The RLBC relies on members to volunteer for various tasks during the season to ensure it maintains itself as a viable organization. The more support we receive from our members, the less stressful and demanding is the time and commitment made by others. You are encouraged to volunteer in a capacity that suits your talents and abilities, and schedule. All volunteers will receive direction and instructions from the director in charge. Thank you for your assistance. It is truly appreciated!

The following is a brief description of the various areas where volunteers are required:

Vacancies on the Board – Rarely is the RLBC Board completely full. Please check out the Board vacancies (by visiting the RLBC website) and consider filling a vacant position. A job description for each position is available from the Club President. If only a portion of a position appeals to you, let the Board know, we would be happy to work with anyone who is interested in contributing.

Assisting with Corporate Groups and/or School Bookings – Group bookings provide a very good source of revenue to the club. One essential component involved in group bookings is having volunteers at the club during these events to assist people in small but necessary tasks such as picking out a set of bowls, and helping with any questions the participants may have during their bowls experience. A short 3 minute video (available on the RLBC website) is a requirement for all group booking participants. The video provides a good explanation of the lawn bowls basics. However, once the people begin bowling, they may have some basic questions that volunteers can answer. We want the participants to enjoy their experience at the club and often times a friendly face who can provide some valuable assistance makes a huge difference. When corporate groups enjoy their experience, they become repeat bookers, which is great for the club.

Catering – Light refreshments or meals are sometimes available at some events throughout the year. Major events are Opening Day, Canada Day, the Wind-Up BBQ and one Bowls Sask. tournament. Lunches for Provincial Playdown events are optional. For each event, several members, under the direction of the convener, assist with the arrangement and/or preparation and food service.

Draws/Green Setting – Our busiest draws each year occur on Opening Day, Canada Day, and the Wind-Up BBQ. Assistance is required forming teams and preparing score cards and assistance is required setting up rinks in preparation for the games. Regular afternoon and evening draws are conducted by the bowlers playing in the draw. Green setting for the regular afternoon and evening draws is the responsibility of the bowlers playing in those draws.

Housekeeping – Under the direction of the Housekeeping Director, conduct general housework in the clubhouse which includes cleaning the bathrooms, floors, and general tidying. A sign-up sheet is located in the clubhouse which avoids multiple people cleaning at the same time.

Spring Clean-Up Day in May – Before the season starts each year, the clubhouse and grounds require a clean and refresh after the long winter. Clean-Up day is scheduled and announced to the membership via an email communication. You may choose to assist with the outdoor clean up activities, such as raking, etc., or you may want to assist with freshening up the clubhouse. You don't have to spend the entire day – even an hour or two really helps.

Grounds – As part of a 3-person team, using push lawn mowers and riding mowers, you will cut the grass once every three weeks. Your schedule starts in mid May runs to the end of September. The work is usually done on Friday or Saturday mornings. Volunteers are also needed to clean the ditches, pick up garbage, and do other routine maintenance on a periodic basis. Others are needed for the Spring Clean-Up Day (see above) in May and to assist with the planting and watering of flowers.

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Bar & Beverage - Assist with bar preparations and/or be a bartender on Canada Day, the Club wind up, at the B Cubed Rec League and at other events where a liquor license is obtained. Take a turn making a trip to Sarcan to obtain a refund for the used cans and bottles which have accumulated.

Youth Program – Assist with the coaching and supervision of youth bowlers on Wednesday evenings. Assist with the Youth Program windup, which may consist of food preparation, organizing prizes, helping with the youth tournament, etc.

Bowls Buddy – Be a mentor to a new bowler by assisting them in learning about club procedures and policies. Help a first year bowler become comfortable at the club and to encourage them to participate in club activities.

Sponsors

We are fortunate to have had many sponsors over the years as well as many current and ongoing sponsors. Our sponsors graciously assist the club and our members by providing us with much needed items for the club, by providing financial assistance, or by offering our members a discount at their establishment. We encourage our members to patronize our sponsors ~ show them you appreciate their support. If you know of a person or business who may be interested in providing sponsorship to the RLBC, please let any member of the Board of Directors know and we would be pleased to follow up that lead. Check out our current sponsors listed on our website!

Financial Information

Let's talk money. How do we keep afloat? No manual would be complete without a word about the dollars and sense. In order to provide pristine greens, an attractive clubhouse and beautiful grounds, we have to have money.

Our revenue comes from annual memberships, locker and bowls rental, key rental, group bookings (school groups, corporate groups and private groups), our B Cubed league, Lawn Summer Nights, pop, snackie-snacks and recycling, club dinners, donations, grants, MAP funding and sponsors. Our Bowls Boutique merchandise offers a small profit to the club. The majority of the tasks are done by volunteer members who work to serve the membership in various capacities.

Our expenses are many. We pay our Greens Keeper and our summer students a monthly salary. We pay the water bill, electric and power invoices, Internet, telephone and cable fees. We purchase fertilizer and sand for the

greens, weed killer and chemicals for the grass, service fees to keep our equipment in good shape, and irrigation supplies. Sometimes we purchase equipment, or pay to have our old equipment maintained.

We have nominal expenses such as trophy engraving, gold and silver club tournament pins, score cards, paper and pens, kitchen supplies, housekeeping supplies, and plants/flower garden supplies.

The Board prepares an annual budget. The Board tries to be creative – how can we raise money to keep the club viable without having to raise membership fees? We are always looking for sponsors to assist us with items that require repair or replacement or to provide cash donations. Perhaps you have a suggestion?

And that's a wrap!