



**BOTH THE ROYAL AND THE CALGARY LAWN BOWLING CLUBS  
CELEBRATE THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR**

# LBAA Newslettr



**June 2013**

## President's Call to our Clubs

Hello everyone, I have been chatting with the club presidents from across the province with the hope of sharing some of the ideas and activities that are at the heart of Lawn bowls groups in Alberta. These conversations are my perception of the interactions from the clubs.

### Royal LBC in Edmonton

Hi Val, how are your greens? "Getting better, we had some winter kill but with seeding and care they are looking good."

I came to your open house on May 25<sup>th</sup>, how was the turnout? "Despite the cool damp day we had a 16 people on the greens."

Do you have many new members? "We have 25 new members for a total so far of 64, this is better than last year. New bowlers are invited to come to the greens 30 minutes early to have the basic instructions and therefore be able to participate in the jitney."

Are you trying anything special this year? "On June 1<sup>st</sup> we are having a family bowling day where we are encouraging the family to bowl

together. We are also holding a Picnic in the park day with morning and afternoon draws and we are trying a singles league during the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

### Stanley Park LBC in Calgary

Hi Angela, how are your greens? "Fabulous!"

Did you hold an open house? "We had one on Sunday with 40 people coming through and 5 new members signed up. There are about 100 members at the moment."

Do you have a 'learn to bowl' program? "On Mondays we have clinics which have a progressive program plan. The first three are free."

What challenges do you have this year? "We have decided to enhance our club house this year which means we have had to put off building a second green."

(Update: and then the rains came and the floods. At one point Stanley Park was under over 4 feet of water! We are awaiting word as to how much damage was done and what kind of losses there were in the club house as well.)



### Lethbridge LBC

Hi Eileen, how are your greens? "Looking great."

Did you have an open house? "Not this year but we have three new members." How is the membership? "We have 16 so far."

Do you have anything special going on this year? "We are looking forward to having Clay Parker visit us in August when we will have an opportunity to invite the media out."

### Commonwealth LBC in Edmonton

Hi Trevor, how are your greens this year? "All four are doing very well" I came for a short visit to your open house and there seemed to be a lot of people on the greens, did you have many visitors? "There were 40 people came through over the day and we had 18 members helping them."

What about coaching for the new bowlers?

"We have sessions all this week followed by a fun tournament on Saturday where we mix the experienced bowlers in with the newbies."

Do you have any other challenges? Not really, we had an assessment of the club house by the city recently and they have a few maintenance issues to deal

with but we are not responsible for those exterior problems."

### Calgary LBC

Hi Hal, how are your greens? Top notch!

Did you hold an open house this year?

"Not so much as an open house just an opening day on the long weekend with a jitney."

How is the membership? "I don't have the figures with me but about 50-60."

Do you have a 'Learn to Bowl' program? "We informally match up new bowlers with the experienced members on the evenings that they attend."

Do you have anything special going on?

"We have our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year our celebration dinner is in June. We are having a city wide Tea and Jitney where we have invited all the 'old' members from the past to come together and catch up with old friends. We are also preparing to host the Canadian Mixed Pairs in September. This year is the last year in our present location; we are working with the city on plans for the new site which should be ready in a couple of years."

### Highlands LBC in Edmonton

Hi Barb, how are your greens this year?

"Now they are looking good but we had shock when the snow cleared as they were in very poor state. We have a new greens keeper who has nursed them back to health."

I attended your open house on May 25<sup>th</sup>, did you have many people out?

"Considering the rain and cold winds we did okay. There were 11 people given an introduction to the sport and all took membership forms away with them. We had 18 members out to help on the day, they enjoyed the bowling!"

How is membership so far? "We have 54 members signed up which is the same number as we finished with at the end of last year"

Do you have a 'learn to bowl' program?

"We have one of our members with many years of experience coaching running our coaching sessions on Wednesday evenings. The content of the sessions is adapted according to the people who come out."

Is there anything special going on this year? "We are hosting the Mixed Triples, that's not new, but we are able to have Clay Parker come to the greens on the Friday evening for a barbeque to welcome him to the country."

### Rotary Park LBC in Calgary

Hi Kathe, How are your greens? "Very good."

Did you hold an open house this year?

"We had planned a tournament but we were rained out. We have some parking issues which would have been compounded by opening up to the public."

How is your membership? "We are doing very well as we had a large influx of people from Inglewood. There are at least 50 new members, not all new bowlers so we are addressing issues of usual procedural clashes where members of the incoming club have their habits which are different from ours. Change is difficult for all of us. Any other special projects or events planned? "We are still battling with the city about the parking lot usage but we are holding a 'Sugar Bowl' which is a fund raiser and a memorial for one of our bowlers who enjoyed playing triples."

### Medicine Hat LBC

Hi Gerry, how are your greens this year?

"Our lower green is open for play but it isn't great. Our upper green is under repair at the moment." I'm sorry to hear that but did you have an open house? "We had two days of open house, May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> but we had very few people come out." How's the membership so far? "the members are slow in getting started this year." Do you have anything special going on for the season?

"We have three schools in the community which use our members and greens for their Physical-education program. This way we are introducing the sport to the youth as they are learning the more common sports."

Thanks Gerry, I hope we can generate more interest in the sport to the adult population when we have Clay Parker come to your city.

### Bow Valley LBC in Calgary

I spoke to Grants wife but Grant wasn't available at the time. Check out the website for the club at:

[www.bowvalleylawnbowling.com](http://www.bowvalleylawnbowling.com)

Tony Spencer  
LBAA President



## Celebrating 90 years!

### A Short History of Calgary Lawn Bowling Club 1923 - 2013

This season marks the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Calgary Lawn Bowling Club. It all started when a group of ten men gathered in the boardroom of The Trust and Guarantee Company on May 16, 1923 to discuss forming an affiliated Lawn Bowling Club.

Judge Winter was elected President and offered the east side of his lawn as a green, the location of which was near the old Holy Cross Hospital. A tent served as a clubhouse. This location was used for nearly 6 years. Initially, "men only" played, but later on ladies were invited to participate and a ladies section was formed. The men paid a fee of \$10 and the ladies paid \$5. The men bowled three or four evenings a week and the ladies were at first encouraged to bowl only one evening a week and in the afternoons.

In 1927 negotiations were made with the City for a new location and a site on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W. was allocated. Although the city assisted with the land, club members funded the new green and clubhouse with subscription fees from members, and a loan from member R. H. Williams. Another member, W.H.R. Gardiner, acquired and moved to the green, the building which

became the clubhouse. The new facility was officially opened on Labour Day, September 2nd 1929.

At the new venue Calgary Lawn thrived and in 1932 there were 125 members. Around this time, and for many years later, R. H. Williams, M. Cunningham and Prime Minister R. B. Bennett sponsored trophies. During the year of 1932 the club had grown sufficiently to warrant the building of a second green. A short time later the greens received lights and improved ditches.

The Provincial Level of the Association was formed in 1929 and the first provincial tournaments were held in Edmonton in 1931. Calgary Lawn hosted its first Provincial tournament in 1941.

Interclub competitions were held during the 1930's and the Calgary City & District was organized in 1936.

The separate men's and ladies' sections of the club occupied the same premises since 1949. In 1969 it was recommended that the sections be amalgamated, but the idea was rejected, as not being consistent with the original constitution.

Over the years we have had many members from our club play in the Canadian Championships and our club has been honored by members winning medals.

In past years we have hosted many bowlers from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. A wonderful time of friendship and bowling was enjoyed each time one of these groups came to visit.

We co-hosted the National Senior Triples in 2000 and 2005 at the Rotary Park greens and in 2013 we are hosting the National Mixed Pairs at our green.

For many of the years there were special Spring & Christmas Lunches for the members. In recent years we've had a Christmas get together as well as monthly lunches at the Legion and then at Nick's, where bowlers connect and enjoy fellowship year round.

Canada Day has been celebrated in the Club each year. Fun games are often played in the morning and after lunch members play for the Canada Day Trophy.

Most years, an Annual Tea and Jitney has been held and many members from other city clubs come to join us for tea and a

special jitney and many years ago we also had a bake table and white elephant table.

1982 saw the remodeling of the Clubhouse where many members spent numerous hours of hard work. In the early 1990's the clubs were amalgamated and since that time both ladies and men have played in the same club.

In the late 1990's the City & District was disbanded. To keep in touch with other clubs many of the clubs continued to have a Tea & Jitney.

We currently have several trophies that we play for each year including: The Larry Hughes Men's Singles, the Jackson Men's Pairs, the Silver Cup Ladies Singles, the Cunningham Doubles Ladies Pairs, the Carol & George Pain Trophy, the Stout

### Calgary Lawn Bowling Club Tidbits

- 1932 - An unusual event was noted as all club members attended the Semi-annual meeting.
- 1936 - Cost of replacing greens - \$350 - \$400.
- 1936 - Approx. cost for ditch and labor on east green was \$55
- 1936 - The following gentlemen were made patrons of the club; R. B. Bennett, Sen. Pat Burns, J.C. Brokouski, Mayor Andy Davidson, Commissioner Riley, W. R. Reader, Dr. Stanley, George Ingram, Geo. Williams, D. E. Black, and Sen. Michner.
- 1937 - Noted that more attention had to be paid to new members to encourage them to play
- 1940 - George Bonke the greens keeper asked for an increase and his wage was set at \$80/mo.
- 1940 - Membership was \$5 and a committee was set up to interview prospective members!
- 1943 - The greens keeper advised he would do his best to be released from his regular job, in order to have the greens ready for opening day and thanked the club for allowing him, his wife and family to live on the premises.
- 1947 - A new power mower cost \$250.
- 1993 - The club membership was 108 members and it cost \$600 to run the club for the year
- 1994 - The Men's and Ladies amalgamated into 1 club.
- 1996 - We received a memorial donation of \$5000 in memory of Carole & George Pain.
- 1997 - A new sprinkler system was installed - \$3000.
- 1998 - Lorne Stout left us \$15,000 and approx. \$1000 per year for the next 21 years.
- 2000 - We resumed working Casinos (on a regular basis).
- 2012 - The club membership was 56 members and it cost \$44,500 to run for club for the year

Trophy and the Canada Day Trophy. All the trophies are on display in the club with all the winners' names engraved on them.

We currently have organized jitneys or leagues running 3 nights a week, beginner lessons on Monday nights and play on Saturday afternoons.

For the past several years we have been doing corporate events and have many groups a year come down to bowl, for a work team builder, or a social event.

Submitted by the Mackies



## A Few Important Laws of the Sport of Bowls



Submitted by  
Dianne Douglas,  
LBAA Coach Facilitator

### Law 19.1

Before the start of play in each end, the player to play first should place the centre line of the mat lengthwise along the centre line of the rink, with the mat line at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 23 metres from the front ditch.

### Law 20.1

Before delivery a player should be standing on the mat with one foot fully on the mat. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player should have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.

*Failure to comply with this constitutes a foot fault (law 21.1) and after a warning a bowl will be stopped and declared dead.*

### Law 35.1 and 35.2

Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played. As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.

*After a warning for non-compliance of this law the last bowl played by the offending player or team is declared dead.*

### Law 36

Players at the mat-end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl should stand at least 1 metre behind the mat.

Players at the head-end of the rink who are not controlling play should stand behind the jack if they are members of the team which is in possession of the rink, and behind the jack and away from the head if they are members of the team which is no in possession of the rink and on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch. As soon as a bowl is delivered, a player who is controlling play from a position at is either level with or in front of the jack, should take position as described above. *If a player does not meet the terms of this law, law 35 will apply.*

### Law 47.1

If a player plays out of turn, the opposing skip can stop the bowl and return it to the player to play it in the proper order.

If the bowl has come to rest and has not disturbed the head, the opposing skip should choose whether to: leave the head as it is and have their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play; or return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play.

If the bowl has disturbed the head, the opposing skip should choose whether to: leave the head as it is and have their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play; replace the head in its former position, return the bowl and go back to the proper order of play; or declare the end dead.

### Law 47.2

If a player plays another player's bowl instead of their own, the player's bowl should be replaced with the player's own bowl.

### Law 47.4

If the result of an end has been agreed or the process of deciding the number of shots scored has started, a player who has failed to play a bowl (either deliberately or accidentally) will lose the right to play the bowl.

If each team has played a bowl before the players discover that one of them has failed to play a bowl in the proper order, that player will lose the right to play the bowl.

### Law 24

A bowl in its original course, which touches the jack, even though it comes to rest in the ditch within the boundaries of the rink of play, is a live bowl and is called a toucher. A bowl is also a toucher if, after having come to rest it falls and touches the jack before the next bowl is delivered.

### Law 52

Under no circumstances should any object be placed on the bank, the green, in the ditch, on the jack, on a bowl or anywhere else to help a player.

Rules books: Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 2nd Edition, 2011 are published by Bowls Canada Boulingrin. Copies should be available at your Club. For more copies (\$5 apiece) clubs can contact the LBAA office.



## Clay Parker's visit to Alberta

The exact schedule of events is still being planned as billets and transportation and events at clubs are being finalized. Clay will give coaching sessions for players of all skill levels. Watch for further posting at your club in regards to when and where.

You can also arrange private individual or group coaching at \$20 a half hour and \$30 an hour. Contact Pat at [office@bowls.ab.ca](mailto:office@bowls.ab.ca) to book your time to improve your game!



**Bowls Canada  
has a new  
Executive  
Director,  
Anna Mees.**

Anna is joining BCB from the Coaching Association of Canada where she has spent the last 10 years and she brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be valuable in her new role.

Anna began her work on Monday 3rd June 2013 and we look forward to what she will bring to our National Sports Organization.

Don't forget to regularly BCB website for regular updates and news:

[www.bowlsCanada.com](http://www.bowlsCanada.com)

You can also find them on Facebook!

## Mixed Triples Cash Tournament July 19-21 Highlands Lawn Bowling Club

Please note that there are only a maximum of 14 teams for this tournament! The poster says 16 but since then we became aware that Highlands only has 7 rinks...so register early. Once 14 teams register your team will be placed on a waiting list.

**Register today to secure your spot!**



Yes, that's a split jack! Do you recognize the red bowls? The owner can tell you how that jack split and what the umpire decision was in this case!



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### Bowls for Sale

Size 4 Taylor Lignoid \$175, contact Stu at

403-282-3356

Size 4 Taylor Lignoid \$150, contact Stu at 403-282-3356

Size 1 Henselite bowls with bag \$75 contact Delsie at 403-228-9545 or ddworkin@shaw.ca

Size 4 H Henselite burgundy bowls dated 2014 with bag \$200 or best offer, 780-250-6147

Size 4 Henselite Super grip, Brown, IBB 92 \$75 Contact Donna Ferguson 780 984-2417 or 780 467-1374

Size 2 Henselite Speckled blue poodle logo (brand new) \$425, call Pat at 780-885-0134



New bowls (Taylor, Henselite or Drakes) and other bowling supplies...contact Pat at pjvos@shaw.ca.

### Friendship Bowls

Let me play as long as I may  
When days are warm and bright  
Or let me draw an end of two  
Some long clear lighty night  
But when I play, be night or day  
My games will count for naught  
If I should ever fail to see  
That friendship lies the shot.

Though friendships are the lying shot  
In every game of bowls  
It never once gets mentioned in  
The bowlers book of rules  
It's never chalked nor ever marked  
Nor reckoned in a measure  
Yet, it's the shot that beats the lot  
And fills the game with pleasure

Alas the pleasure friendship brings  
Is like a powerful fuel  
That drives the summer season in  
Just like a running bowl  
And as the bowler sees it pass  
They vow it was fulfilling  
And that they'll all be back next year  
Providing God is willing.

Scottish author: D. C. Taylor  
Translated by Lindsay Mackie



Team Alberta 2011 in Toronto

Please submit articles or ideas for the next newsletter to Pat at office@bowls.ab.ca

## New 2013 LBAA CODE OF CONDUCT

### **A** Policy Statement

All individuals affiliated with the Lawn Bowls Association of Alberta (LBAA) through their individual club memberships participating in LBAA activities or sanctioned events shall:

1. Strive at all times to work towards the goals and objectives of LBAA and the sport of lawn bowls, and towards the betterment of its members;
2. Attempt to maintain and improve the image and dignity of LBAA and the sport of lawn bowling, and refrain from any behaviour which may discredit LBAA or the sport as a whole;
3. Always be courteous and objective in any dealings with other members;
4. Refrain from unfavourable comments and criticisms of other members unless done through proper means;
5. Strive for excellence in all aspects of the sport while supporting the concepts of fair play and drug-free sport;
6. Show respect for cultural, social and political values of all members of the sport of lawn bowling in the province of Alberta and elsewhere;
7. As a guest in a club, province, or foreign country, abide by the laws of the sport and host club, province or country, and adhere to any social customs concerning conduct;
8. Refrain from using their membership, or office within LBAA for personal and/or material gains;
9. Not knowingly circulate false, malicious or derogatory statements about or to any other member of LBAA;
10. Know and abide by all by-laws, policies and procedures of LBAA;
11. Not counsel others to disregard or break the by-laws, policies and procedures of LBAA;
12. Not act in such a manner as to dishonour, embarrass or disgrace LBAA or any of its members.

### **B** Council of Appeal

The LBAA Council of Appeal shall decide any further actions which may include letters of warning or reprimand, fines, payments of any cost, suspension or expulsion from LBAA. Any member of LBAA whose conduct is in question shall have the opportunity to defend their actions and respond to the Council of Appeal or it's designate.

For all LBAA policies please see the LBAA website. Policies are continually being worked on and will be added when finished and approved.



Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club

#### **LBAA challenges all Member Clubs to host a Family and Friend's "Give it a Try!" Event**

**This can be a day, weekend, evening...an event where all your club members are encouraged to bring their family and friends out to the club to give lawn bowls a try. You can include some demonstrations, lessons, fun competitions, games, food...the activities are up to you.**



#### **Requirements:**

- Register your event with the LBAA office before July 1<sup>st</sup>
- You must hold this event sometime between the middle of July and the middle of August.
- Hold the event and keep records of attendees that are not members and give lawn bowls a try.
- At the conclusion you must fill out a short form and send it in with pictures of your event!

The club which has the most successful event based on attendees / club membership numbers will be awarded \$250 towards hosting a similar event in the 2014 season. This award will be presented at the Oct. AGM.

For ideas on how to organize and make your club's Family and Friends' Event a success contact the LBAA office.

