



Newsletter

April 2025

President's Message

As we get ready to welcome another exciting lawn bowling season, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your continued support and enthusiasm. It's always a joy to see the club come to life again each spring, and this year is no different. With opening day just around the corner, there's a sense of energy and anticipation in the air — and we're looking forward to seeing both familiar faces and new ones on the greens.

I also want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped wrap up another successful short mat season. Your participation and efforts kept the spirit of the game alive through the winter months, and it was wonderful to see such strong engagement and camaraderie. And a special thank you to the volunteers who stepped up after the recent ice storm — your quick action and hard work ensured our grounds are safe and ready for the season ahead. Here's to a smooth start and a great year of bowling!

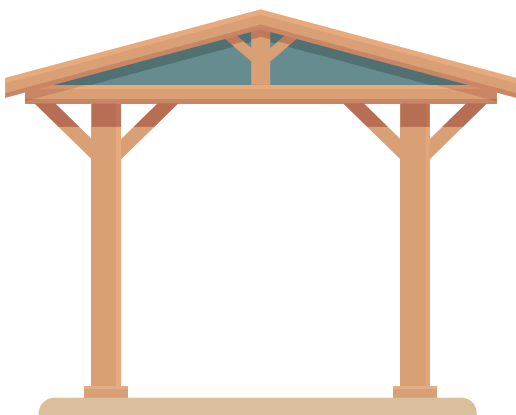
Warm regards, Rhys Warren

Special Thanks

A special thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped clean up after the recent ice storm. Your hard work in clearing debris and getting the grounds back in shape did not go unnoticed. Thanks to your efforts, we're in great shape to start the season strong.



**Thank you Al Martin, Hank Vesters, Kitty Stone,
Tracey Warren, and Rhys Warren**



Update on Sun Shelters

The Sun Shelters are on their way—just in time for the opening of lawn bowling! With student builders confirmed, designs finalized, and vendors secured, we're ready to bring this exciting addition to life. Let the season begin in comfort and style!

Upcoming Events

Register for the Upcoming Season

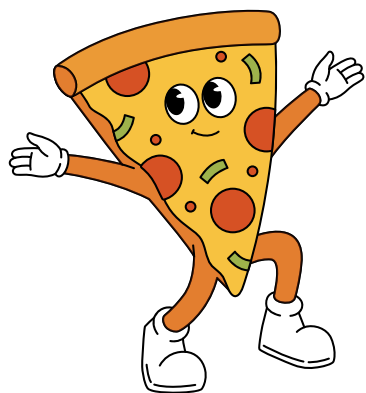
Member Registration

Thursday, May 1st & Friday May 2nd from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

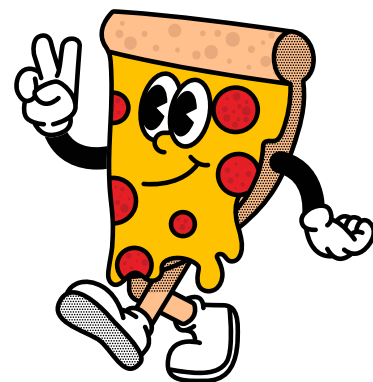
Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Stop by the clubhouse to renew your membership and get set up for the season. This is also a great time to ask questions, learn about new programming, and connect with fellow members. Your registration ensures you're ready to roll when the season begins!

Can't attend in person? Go to our website (<https://lindsaylawnbowls.com/>) and print the registration and waiver forms to fill out and bring with you to the club. You can also email Rose Martin at the club and we'll email both the registration and waiver forms.



Spring Meeting & Pizza Social
Friday, May 2, 2024
4:00 to 5:00 PM



Pizza to Follow Registration!

Join us for our spring kickoff meeting! We'll share important updates about the season ahead, including club initiatives, tournament schedules, and ways to get involved.

After the meeting, stick around for a pizza social—catch up with old friends and welcome new faces. It's a great way to ease into the season.

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks
2. President's Report
3. Greens & Grounds Update
4. Clubhouse Update
5. Membership & Registration
6. Season Events Overview
7. Budget 2025/26
8. Volunteer Opportunities
9. Open Floor – Questions & Suggestions
10. Closing Remarks

Short Mat Bowling

DID YOU KNOW?

Short Mat Lawn Bowling is Growing in Popularity!

Short mat bowling is gaining momentum across Canada and beyond. This indoor version of lawn bowls, played on a compact carpet surface, continues to attract new players every year thanks to its accessibility, social atmosphere, and all-season play. With support from organizations like the Ontario Trillium Foundation, more clubs are forming, equipment is becoming more available, and participation is at an all-time high.

Here at our club, we've experienced remarkable growth and community engagement. Over the past year, we recorded more than **1,500 visits**, with over **10 bowlers playing more than 50 times**. We had **65 different members** participate in short mat and welcomed more than **40 additional guests** through our tournaments. It's clear that more people are discovering how fun and rewarding this version of the game can be.

Whether you're new to the sport or a seasoned lawn bowler, short mat offers a great way to stay active, social, and connected throughout the off-season. We encourage all of our summer bowlers to keep the momentum going by joining us indoors once the greens close. With no rain delays, no bugs, and plenty of laughs, it's a relaxed and welcoming way to stay in the game—and you just might discover your new favorite way to bowl.



Come Cheer Us On!

Lindsay Ear Clinic Chili Bowl

Short Mat Lawn Bowling Tournament

April 26, 2025

Join us for a day of fun, friendly competition, and mouth-watering chili at one of our most anticipated events of the year—the Chili Bowl! This exciting event will take place at the Lindsay Curling Club on Saturday, April 26, 2025, and promises to bring together bowlers and spectators for an unforgettable experience. 🌶️

Whether you want to play or volunteer, we'd love to have you join us. For more information, please contact us at lindsaylawnbowls@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events



🎯 “Give It a Try” Sessions – Welcoming New Bowlers!

We're looking for friendly volunteers to assist with our popular Give It a Try sessions, where community members come out to experience lawn bowling for the first time. Volunteers will help set up equipment, greet guests, and offer basic guidance on bowling. **If you'd like to help teach our new bowlers, bring out some friends or family members or volunteer to help out at the sessions. No coaching experience needed—just a welcoming smile!**

GIVE IT A TRY DATES

Tuesday, May 13 & 20 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Wednesday, May 14 & 21 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Friday, May 16, 23 & 30 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Pre-register by May 9th. Contact our Secretary Extraordinaire, Rose Martin at 647.631.2257 or email lindsaylawnbowls@gmail.com to sign up or volunteer
No experience needed Bring your flat bottom shoes.



To Give It A Try Volunteers

: email Rose and let her know your availability is during times laid out above. You will be contacted once the schedule is finalized.

🌟 Celebrate National Bowls Day with Us! 🎉

This year marks the 9th annual celebration of Lawn Bowls across Canada — and we'd love for you to be part of it by inviting you to our Open House and Barbeque on Saturday, June 7th, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Join us for our Open House on National Bowls Day and experience the joy, strategy, and community that make this sport timeless. Meet our executive, connect with fellow members, and discover why lawn bowling is loved from coast to coast.

We can't wait to welcome you to another amazing season on the greens!

Let's Volunteer

We  our
Volunteers

Club Opening – Volunteers Needed!

Help us get the club ready for opening day. Whether you're handy, organized, or just eager to pitch in, there's a job for you! Please reach out to the contact person at the club email.

Clubhouse Setup: Susan Eason

Assist with cleaning, organizing supplies, and preparing the lounge and kitchen areas for members and guests. It's a great role for detail-oriented helpers who like things tidy and welcoming.

Greens Preparation: Kitty Stone

Help prepare the playing surface—this includes light raking, inspecting for damage, setting up equipment, and ensuring the greens are safe and ready for play. No experience necessary—Kitty will guide you!

Drawshed Setup: Sheila Bondi

Assist with organizing scorecards, mats, jacks, and equipment for draws and matches. If you like things in their place and enjoy behind-the-scenes logistics, this role is for you.

Grounds & Maintenance: Rhys Warren

Pitch in with outdoor tasks like weeding, raking, and light repairs to keep our grounds looking great all season long. Perfect for those who enjoy fresh air and light physical activity.

Volunteer Spotlight



Thank You, Sheila and Len Bondi!

As the Short Mat season wraps up, we're thrilled to recognize two incredible volunteers whose dedication made it all possible. This month, we're celebrating **Sheila and Len Bondi as our Volunteers of the Month!**

Whether it was organizing, setting up, managing draws, or just quietly ensuring things ran smoothly behind the scenes, **Sheila and Len** were always there. Their commitment, energy, and attention to detail helped create a welcoming and well-run season for everyone who participated.

On behalf of the club, thank you both for all you've done. We're lucky to have you.

 
We appreciate
all that you do
 

Contact us at lindsaylawnbowls@gmail.com to sign up or learn more about any of the positions or opportunities mentioned.

Thank you for your support – together, we make the club stronger!  

Club News

JOIN

OUR

TEAM

Looking to Get More Involved This Season?

If you're someone who enjoys being part of the action or simply wants to feel more connected to the club community, we'd love your help! Volunteering is a great way to meet fellow members, share your ideas, and make this season our best yet. Whether you enjoy planning events, organizing snacks, or just lending a hand where needed, there's a place for you. Check out some of the ways you can get involved below!

In-House Activities – Contact: Elaine Antaya

Want to get to know more members and feel part of the heart of the club? Volunteering for our in-house events is a fun and easy way to do just that! From tournaments and leagues to theme days and socials, helping with setup, refreshments, or scorekeeping puts you right in the action. You'll connect with others, share some laughs, and help create memorable experiences for everyone involved.

Inter-Club Tournaments – Contact: Rhys Warren

Be part of something bigger! Volunteering at inter-club tournaments is a chance to represent our club with pride and hospitality. You'll meet players from across the region, help our events run smoothly, and play a key role in making guests feel welcome. Whether it's greeting teams, keeping scores, or helping in the kitchen, your contribution makes a real difference — and it's a great way to be recognized as a valued member of our community.

OLBA NEWS




2025 Annual General Meeting Announcement

The OLBA is excited to host its Annual General Meeting (AGM) this spring! This important event is your opportunity to stay informed about OLBA business, participate in Board elections, and connect with the club's vibrant community.

 **Date:** Saturday, April 26, 2025

 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. (Online)

 **Register at** <https://www.olba.ca/annual-general-meeting.html>

OLBA Coaching Training

If you are interested in obtaining coaching training from the OLBA, please contact Rhys . The training is both online and in person.

If you are interested in becoming an umpire, you can go to the OLBA website and complete the [Umpire Recruitment Form](https://www.olba.ca/new-umpire-info.html)
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