



Newsletter

February 2025

President's Message

I want to start by extending my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our club's success. We have some fantastic events lined up, including our upcoming Chili Bowl Short Mat Tournament. We're also working hard on our bid to host the Canadian Short Mat Championships in November. To make these events a success, we need your help in both volunteering and recruiting volunteers. Your support and involvement are crucial, and I encourage you to consider volunteering. Together, we can make this season our best yet!

Warm regards, Rhys Warren

Congratulations to Our Winners!

5th Annual Dream Team Bonspiel



Dream Team 2025: Skip: Paulette Walker, Vice: John Harper, Second: Betty Ryall, Lead: Vivien Ross

On Saturday, February 1st, the 5th Annual Dream Team Bonspiel brought together 24 enthusiastic curlers, all competing for a coveted spot on the Dream Team. Among the participants were 19 lawn bowlers, with 5 curlers from the Oakwood Curling Club stepping in to fill the vacancies. The competition was fierce and full of excitement! Congratulations to the Dream Team 2025:

Special thanks to Joan Harper, Janice Cowles, Rose Martin, and Marie Ferguson for their culinary contributions and to everyone who participated and made this event a success!

Mind Garden Wellness Short Mat Tournament



**Peter Stuart-Sheppard. Lori Willis. Bill McCollam
Sponsor Stacey Gudmundsson**

The Mind Garden Wellness Short Mat Tournament, held on February 22nd, was a fantastic event filled with fun and competitive spirit. A big thank you to Stacey Gudmundsson (Art's daughter) for sponsoring this event. We welcomed 18 teams from Ottawa, Oshawa, Cobourg, Milton, Hamilton, and Lindsay, making it a truly memorable day of bowling.

Thank you to all the participants for making this event a success. We look forward to more exciting tournaments in the future!

Club News



Survey Results

A club survey was mailed out to our club membership late last year. Considering the Canada Post strike and the Christmas holidays, we received a sizable number of responses; fifty returned out of 122 sent out. **Thank you to everyone that took the time to answer the questions and return the survey to us.**

Both new and returning bowlers had positive experiences and enjoyed last season. **Jitneys** were overwhelmingly the most important activity, with **In-house Tournaments** second, followed by **Open Bowling** and then **District Tournaments**.

New members were looking for more opportunities to get to know other members and made some good suggestions. Most felt the instructional training was good. Some **returning members** would have liked to have had some of this training. Recognizing that members are at diverse levels of skill and interest in additional training we will be looking to review this area to offer more options.

About **40% of the membership indicated that they would be interested in volunteering** this coming season which is a respectable number of members. Some of you indicated, health reasons, age, and too many past years of volunteering as reasons they were not going to volunteer this coming season. **To those members, we thank you for the hours you have volunteered in previous seasons. It is much appreciated.**

There were other suggestions and comments that we will be reviewing and with a view to amend or expand what is offered to members at the club.

Grants & Sponsorship



A huge shout out to our President, Rhys Warren, for his incredible dedication and hard work in seeking grants and funding for our club. Stay tuned for more information about our grants, sponsors and fundraising efforts.

We would also like to recognize the work of John Harper over the years for onboarding the many sponsors that contribute to keeping our fees low and making our club a success.

Thank you both for your unwavering commitment and support! .

Let's Volunteer

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We are thrilled to see that almost 40% of our survey respondents expressed a desire to volunteer this year! Your enthusiasm and willingness to contribute are what make our club so special. We want to hear from you and learn how you'd like to get involved. Whether you have a few hours to spare or can commit to a larger role, every bit of help makes a difference. Join us in making this season the best one yet—reach out and let us know how you can contribute to our vibrant community!

Volunteer Opportunities

Membership Manager

We are on the lookout for dedicated individuals to take on key roles within our club and help us grow and thrive. Our most pressing need is for a **Membership Manager**.

If you have strong organizational skills and a knack for delegation, this role is perfect for you. As the Membership Manager, you will oversee membership activities, recruit new members, and ensure a welcoming environment for all. Your efforts will be crucial in building a vibrant and engaged community within our club.

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Other Opportunities

✓ **Youth Manager:** Oversees programs, activities, and support services for young people, ensuring a safe, engaging, and developmental environment.

✓ **Property Manager:** Oversees the maintenance, upkeep, and facility management of the club's grounds, buildings, and equipment

✓ **Events Committee :** Help with tournaments, social gatherings, and community outreach events

✓ **Social Events Committee** – Plan fun activities to bring members together off the greens!

Even a few hours of your time can make a huge difference! Whether you want to take on a leadership role or just help out occasionally, we'd love to hear from you.

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! 🎯🏏👏

Short Mat News & Events

Bid for the Canadian Short Mat Championships!

Exciting News: We are Making a Bid for the Canadian Short Mat Championships at the Lindsay Exhibition in November 2025!

We are thrilled to announce that we are submitting our bid to host the prestigious Canadian Short Mat Championships in Lindsay this November! We meet all the criteria and are confident in our chances to bring this fantastic tournament to our city. This event presents a tremendous opportunity for everyone—sponsors, bowlers, restaurants, and the entire community alike.

➡ We need your help to make this a reality!

If you'd like to be part of the planning, organization, or volunteer team, please let us know. Your support and involvement are crucial to our success. Let's work together to showcase our city and club on a provincial stage! Contact **Rhys Warren** to volunteer.



Lindsay Ear Clinic Chili Bowl Short Mat Lawn Bowling Tournament

Get Ready for the Chili Bowl!

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 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.

Don't miss out on the fun—mark your calendars and get ready for a fantastic day!