



Newsletter

May 2025

President's Message

The 2025 lawn bowling season is off to a fantastic start! We're thrilled to report that we already have over 87 members, including 4 new bowlers and 1 returning bowler, and we're hoping to welcome even more as the season progresses. Let's all do our part to spread the word and encourage friends, neighbours, and family members to give lawn bowling a try.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Open House on Saturday, June 7th. It's the perfect way to kick off the summer season, introduce new people to the game, and showcase the friendly, welcoming spirit of our club.

A big thank you to everyone who came out for our first Fun Tournament for the Victoria Day Long Weekend —the turnout was great, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces back on the greens. We're looking forward to many more sunny days, good games, and shared laughs throughout the season. Here's to a great summer of bowling!

Warm regards, Rhys Warren

Our Give It A Try Sessions Were A Great Success

We're thrilled with the amazing turnout and success of our Give it a Try sessions! The energy, enthusiasm, and number of new bowlers who've come out to play—and signed up to join—has been incredible. This success wouldn't have happened without the incredible leadership and hands-on work of **Rose Martin**. Rose went above and beyond — recruiting and organizing volunteers, making phone calls, and ensuring every detail was taken care of so new bowlers felt welcome and supported.



A heartfelt thank you for the individual contributions of **Elaine and Pat Antaya, Shelley and Roy McCartney, Sandy Scott, Brenda Simmons, Nancy McKague, Sheila and Len Bondi, Sue Tidsbury, Karen Simser, Paulette Walker, and Anne Dranitsaris**.

A special shoutout to **Elaine and Pat Antaya, Sandy Scott, and Brenda Simmons** for going above and beyond, teaching and supporting our new bowlers at every single session. Your time and kindness made a lasting impact.

Thanks to all of you, we've welcomed a whole new group of bowlers into our community.

Upcoming Events

We've Got Lots Happening



Kick Off the 2025 Lawn Bowling Season with Us!



Open House Saturday, June 7th, 2025 10:00 to 2:00 PM

Join our lawn bowling community as we launch the 2025 outdoor season — and bring your friends and family along to experience firsthand the joy of bowling with our community. You don't need to be a member to join us for our annual open house and barbecue. It's a perfect way to connect, play, and be part of something great. It's casual, welcoming, and a great time for everyone.

Let's roll into the season together — we can't wait to see you on the green!

Canada Day Jitney & B-BQ Tuesday, July 1st, 2025



Celebrate Canada Day with friends, food, and friendly competition at our annual Jitney! This year, the holiday falls on a Tuesday, so be sure to mark your calendars.



Games Start: 10:00 AM



Arrive by: 9:30 AM



BBQ: After the first game



Max Players: 48

Sign-up sheet goes up June 16th

Whether you're a seasoned player or trying the sport for the first time, this is a great chance to enjoy the day and connect with our lawn bowling community.



Volunteers Needed for:

- Kitchen help
- BBQ crew
- Greens setup



Cobourg Friendly Sunday, July 6th, 2025 Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club 177 Church Street, Cobourg

We're heading to Cobourg for our annual Friendly Match on Sunday, July 6th for a full day of lawn bowling!

Bowling begins at 10 am so plan to be there for 9:30. Let's show our club spirit and enjoy a great day of bowling and camaraderie!

All interested players—please sign up in the clubhouse.

Notice to Members

Coke and bottled water are available for sale at \$1 each in the clubhouse. However, we've noticed drinks have been taken without payment. We believe this is due to members being unaware of the charge.

Unfortunately, if this continues throughout the month, we will no longer be able to offer these beverages. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Tournaments

Mark Your Calendar 2025 Club Tournaments



● Novice Tournament

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

New to lawn bowling? This one's for you!

In Ontario, a Novice is anyone with five years or less of lawn bowling experience. This tournament is a great way for newer bowlers to gain confidence, meet fellow players, and enjoy a friendly team competition in a welcoming environment. All skill levels welcome.

 More details coming soon about format, draw times, and registration!




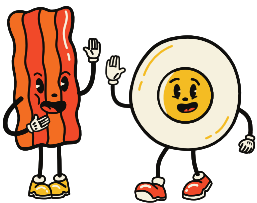
🏆 Club Singles Tournament

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Format: First to 18 points or 10 ends, whichever comes first

This classic one-on-one competition is all about precision, focus, and smart play. It's an excellent opportunity to test your individual skills and challenge yourself on the green.

 Stay tuned for more information on how to register and what to expect on game day!



👯 Club Pairs Tournament

Saturday & Sunday, September 13 & 14, 2025

Format: 10 ends per game

Pairs play is all about teamwork and strategy. Two players work together—one as Lead, one as Skip—to build the head and finish strong. A fun and social format for bowlers of all levels.

 More information will be posted soon on sign-ups, partners, and scheduling!

The Lindsay Lawn Bowling Club is led by volunteers — our dedicated Board members. They give their time, energy, and wisdom not for recognition, but because they believe in the value of community. They guide decisions, solve problems, keep things running smoothly, and ensure the club thrives — often behind the scenes and without fanfare. Their leadership isn't just about governance — it's an act of service. Without them, there would be no club to belong to. We thank each Board member for their commitment, care, and quiet dedication.

Club Play - 2025

CLUB JITNEY SCHEDULE

A Jitney is a casual, friendly game of bowls where teams are randomly assigned by the draw shed crew. Just arrive at the club at least 15 minutes before game time, check in at the shed, and your name will be entered into the draw. No need to pre-arrange a team. It's a great way to meet new players and enjoy the sport in a relaxed setting.

OPEN BOWLING

Open Bowling is a drop-in format open to all members. There are no assigned teams or formal structure—just come when you can. You can bowl solo, pair up with others who are there, or bring your own group. It's a flexible and informal way to get in some practice, play a game, or simply enjoy time on the green.

2-4-2 THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

The 2-4-2 format is a popular style of lawn bowling where teams of two take turns alternating roles each end. One player delivers the first and last two bowls, while the other plays the middle four—hence the name 2-4-2! It's a great way to build teamwork and strategy, and perfect for skips and vices. Players should have experience with measuring and counting the head.

- **League Dates:** Thursdays from June 19 to August 21
- **Playoffs:** Thursday, August 28
- All games will be held on Thursday evenings
- **Arrival Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Start Time:** 6:45 PM

We're accepting a maximum of 16 teams, and we must have an even number of teams. If there is an uneven number, the last team to sign up will be wait listed.

The sign-up sheet will be available from May 26 to June 13.
If you're available to be a spare, please sign up as well.

📞 **Questions? Contact Elaine at 705-878-5877 (landline)**
Come join us for a great season of 2-4-2!

- **Monday–Friday at 2:00 PM**
(May 5 – June 6)
- **Monday, Wednesday & Friday**
at 7:00 PM (June 9 – Sept 12)

Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM
Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM



SATURDAY JITNEY + SOCIAL

Saturday at 10:00 AM

Saturday jitneys combine a fun game of lawn bowling with the opportunity to go out to lunch afterward to one of our many restaurant sponsors. This allows us to build community and support our club sponsors.



Club Activities

Bowling - the Basics

Join us for our Bowling - the Basics pre-Jitney sessions are a great way for new and returning players to practice with some instruction, build confidence, and develop their skills in a relaxed, supportive environment. These sessions support our commitment to helping every member enjoy the game and play their best.

Session Times

May 27th & 28th and June 3rd & 4th from 12:45 to 1:30 pm.

From the week of June 9th to June 26th, Tuesday and Wednesday sessions run weekly at 5:45 PM to 6:30



Bowling Etiquette

✓ Bowling Etiquette: 10 Tips for a Great Experience

Whether you're a first-time or a seasoned player, good etiquette ensures that everyone enjoys a smooth, respectful game.

Here are 10 reminders to keep in mind during tournament play:

1. Arrive early – be on the green and ready at least 10 minutes before your game
2. Stay silent and still when others are delivering bowls
3. Stand behind the mat or head when not involved in the play
4. Avoid distractions – no loud conversations or movements while opponents play
5. Be up and ready when your turn approaches
6. Congratulate good shots – sportsmanship goes a long way
7. Know the rules of the format you're playing (e.g., number of bowls, ends)
8. Don't walk up the green until all bowls have come to rest
9. Keep up the pace – avoid delays between ends
10. Be gracious in victory or defeat – thank your opponent at the end of every game

Let's make the 2025 tournament season respectful, competitive, and enjoyable for all!

And the Winners Are....

Congratulations to the following teams for their outstanding performance at the Victoria Day Fun Day Jitney

1st High 2 Game winners: Maureen Guppy's team

2nd High 2 Game winners: Pat Rankin's team

Random draw: Art Gudmundsson's team.



Let's Volunteer


We ♥ our
Volunteers

Volunteers Needed!

Short Mat Championships Committee

We're excited to begin planning for the Short Mat Championships, and we are looking to form a **planning committee** to help organize this exciting event. While the Championships will take place in November, starting in July gives us time to coordinate logistics, volunteers, and promotion.




We are looking for interested members who are willing to contribute ideas, take on small roles, and help make this a championship to remember.

 If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Rhys Warren.

Calling All Helping Hands!



Are you someone who loves a tidy space and a fresh-looking club? We could use your help with a few important tasks to keep our grounds looking great:

-  Weeding flower beds and tidying shrubs
-  Cleaning the clubhouse
-  Pulling weeds from the sidewalks

Even an hour of your time makes a big difference! Let's work together to keep our club welcoming and beautiful for everyone.

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

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank You, Elaine Antaya!!

This month, we're shining a light on Elaine, one of the quiet forces behind so much of what makes our club run smoothly.

As a Director on the Board, Elaine has taken on the onerous task of being the In-house Events Manager where she runs all the Holiday BBQ jitneys, club tournaments -- novice, singles and pairs and 2-4-2 league.

Before this year, Elaine led the 2-4-2 league and managed the drawshed during our Holiday BBQs—organizing the draw, handling tournament calculations, announcing results, and presenting prizes at our fun days.

Elaine is also one of the first to arrive and the last to leave, helping open and close the club, preparing the clubhouse, and even painting the deck. But she doesn't stop there. You'll find her washing windows, touching up paint, and quietly taking care of the countless little things that may go unnoticed but make a big difference to everyone who walks through our doors.

Thank you, Elaine, for your tireless contributions, your reliability, and your love for the club. We're lucky to have you on the team!

*We appreciate
all that you do*