



Newsletter

August 2025

President's Message

As we wrap up the summer season, I want to thank everyone for the way we've pulled together once again. From jitneys and BBQs to keeping the shelters in good shape and caring for the greens through heat and drought-like conditions, our success has truly been a team effort. It's the commitment and spirit of our members that keep the club thriving.

I'm always struck by the amount of laughter and sense of play that fills the club. It's incredibly heartening. Of course, like any community, we sometimes hit rough patches with unkind words or behaviours. What matters most is that we get through it together — for the love of the game and in support of each other. That resilience and willingness to move forward as a group are what make our club strong.

Now, as summer winds down, we look forward to building our Short Mat community with the same enthusiasm and dedication that has made our Lawn Bowling season so strong. Short Mat offers another opportunity to connect, to stay active, and to enjoy time together during the colder months. With your involvement, we can continue to grow this part of our club into something just as vibrant and meaningful.

And please remember to mark your calendars for our Annual General Meeting on October 25. It's a chance to reflect, plan, and keep shaping the future of our club together.

Thank you all for your energy, your resilience, and your commitment. Together, we've had a wonderful season — and together, we'll carry that spirit forward.

Warm regards, Rhys Warren

Upcoming Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars—our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club.

This is an important opportunity to come together as a club, reflect on the past season, and look ahead to the year to come.

Schedule of Events

- 3:00 PM – AGM begins
- Networking & Pre-Dinner Drinks – immediately following the meeting
- 6:00 PM – Dinner

Please note: due to a lack of volunteers this year, there will be no dance following dinner. We hope to bring this tradition back in the future with your support.

Executive Committee Openings

We have two key executive positions are currently open:

- Second Vice President
- Secretary

If you are interested in being nominated or would like to know more about what these roles involve, please let us know. Our club depends on the time, talent, and energy of members stepping forward—it's a fantastic way to give back and help shape the future of our community.

We also thank Bloom Lindsay Retirement Community, our newest sponsor, for sponsoring our Fall AGM.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Club News

Get Your Official LLBC Shirt!

Show your club spirit in style with our new LLBC shirts, sourced by Elaine Antaya through Lindsay Sportsline. These shirts are high quality, comfortable, and perfect for tournaments or just representing the club with pride.

-  Try Before You Buy: Sample sizes are available to try on in the clubhouse
-  Sign-Up: Sheet is posted beside the freezer
-  Cost: \$40 per shirt
-  Deadline to order: August 27
-  E-transfer: lindsaylawnbowls@gmail.com
-  Prefer to pay by cash or cheque? Contact Sandy Scott directly



Let's get as many members as possible wearing the new shirt — especially for upcoming events and tournaments!

Club Etiquette Revisited Do's and Don'ts

As we wrap up another busy season, it's a good time to pause and reflect on club etiquette—the little do's and don'ts that help keep our community respectful, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone.

Most of us come to the club to bowl, to socialize, and to relax. But occasionally, issues do arise. When they do, it can be very challenging for a volunteer board to step in and deal with them after the fact. That's why it's so important for each of us to take responsibility for our words and actions, and for how we handle situations when they come up.

To support this, the board is putting together a clear Issue Resolution Process that everyone will be responsible for following. The goal is simple: to address small concerns early, respectfully, and constructively, before they grow into bigger problems.

Good etiquette is really about respect:

- Do treat fellow members, guests, and volunteers with kindness
- Do bring concerns forward calmly and promptly
- Don't let frustrations fester or escalate into conflict
- Don't forget that everyone here is a volunteer giving their time to make the club better

By following these simple principles, we can all help create the positive, supportive atmosphere that makes our club such a special place to belong. It's our collective responsibility to protect the spirit of the club and ensure it thrives for years to come. A full list of Etiquette in Lawn Bowling is available on our website.


Club Name Tags

*We're also ordering new name tags!
A sample is posted on the board near the desk with
the sign-up sheet below it.*

Cost: \$10 per tag (minimum 10-tag group order)

New Procedure: Sign-In Books

To help us protect our facilities and make better decisions for the club, we are introducing a new procedure: all members and guests must sign in when visiting the club for non-bowling purposes.

 **Sign-in books are now located in the clubhouse, drawshed, and garage.** Please use them every time you visit the club outside of regular bowling—whether you're:

- Helping with greens
- Dropping off food for the kitchen
- Picking up or returning bowls

These logs help us track visits in case of damage or vandalism and narrow down timelines when issues arise.

Tracking Club Bowls

We are also asking members to note which sets of club bowls they are using. This will help us identify underused sets and plan future purchases based on actual size needs.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us look after the club!

Short Mat Bowling

Bowling Doesn't Stop When the Greens Close!

We know summer isn't quite over yet, but it's never too early to start thinking about what's next! Short Mat Bowling season begins in mid-October, and it's the perfect way to keep rolling through the colder months.

Short Mat is fun, social, and a great way to stay active when the greens are closed. It offers the same strategy and excitement of lawn bowling, but in a cozy indoor setting — no need to worry about the weather!

Whether you're a seasoned bowler or brand new to the game, Short Mat is easy to pick up and always a good time.



5 Ways Short Mat is Different from Lawn Bowling

1. **Played Indoors** – Short Mat is played inside on a portable carpet surface, making it perfect for the fall and winter months.
2. **Smaller Playing Area** – The “mat” is only 45 feet long, compared to the much larger outdoor greens. This means quicker ends and a faster pace of play.
3. **Center Block Challenge** – A wooden block is placed in the middle of the mat, so bowls must curve around it. This adds a fun twist and extra strategy.
4. **Different Delivery Style** – Players stand on a delivery mat and adjust their throw to the shorter distance, which makes accuracy and touch even more important.
5. **Year-Round Social Play** – With no need to depend on the weather, Short Mat keeps the fun, camaraderie, and competition going all year long.

If you're curious to give it a try or want more details, reach out today. We'd love to see you on the mats this fall! If you're curious to give it a try or want more details, reach out today. We'd love to see you on the mats this fall!

☀️ The Nationals Are Coming!

Exciting news—the Lindsay Lawn Bowling Club is proud to be hosting the **Canadian Short Mat Bowling Association (CSMBA) National Championships** from **November 17 to 23, 2025**.

This prestigious event will take place at the **Commonwealth Building at the LEX**, and we can't wait to welcome competitors and guests from across Ontario to our community.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors to date—Remedy's Rx, Days Inn, Mariposa Electric, and Canadian Tire—who are helping make this championship possible.

Want to be part of the action? There are many ways to support this event, from volunteering to sponsorship opportunities. If you'd like more information, **please contact the LLBC**.

Full details about the championship can also be found on the **Championship Page** on our Website.

🍕 Another Successful Social Event

Despite the sweltering heat, the turnout was fantastic! We filled five full greens for a lively evening of lawn bowling, laughter, and local flavour.

A big thank you to Pie Eyed Monk for joining us on Wednesday, August 17th, serving up ice-cold beer and wine to keep spirits high.

Paired with delicious pizza, fresh salads, and ice-cream, the food and drink were a hit. It was a wonderful night of community, connection, and summer fun.

Thanks to everyone who braved the heat and came hungry—for both the food and the company!



Club Events



Celebrating Our Club Champions!

Labour Day Jitney & BBQ Monday, September 1st, 2025

Last Fun Jitney & BBQ of the Season!

Don't miss out on our Labour Day Jitney and BBQ — the perfect way to wrap up a wonderful summer of bowling! Join us for one last afternoon of friendly competition on the greens, followed by a delicious BBQ and good company.

Date: Labour Day (Monday, September 1)

Time: Jitney begins at 10 am so arrive at 9:30 BBQ to follow the second game.

👉 Volunteers are needed for kitchen help,

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the clubhouse, or you can contact Elaine Antaya at 705-878-5877 or text 705-341-0916.

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you for all you do, Rick Wall!

Many members might not know his name, but you've seen his work every time you step onto our greens. Since joining in 2021, Rick has quietly kept our playing surface in top shape—regularly mowing the greens and handling whatever greens maintenance Kitty needs.

Rick is the person who notices a loose screw, a wobbly hinge, or a job that just needs doing—and does it. He never looks for credit, he simply shows up and keeps the club running smoothly.

Please join us in thanking Rick for his steady, behind-the-scenes commitment to LLBC. If you see him at the club, be sure to say hello and let him know how much his efforts are appreciated.

🎉 Simcoe Day Winners!

🏆 **Random Draw Winners:** Derek Ash, Cathy Alldred, and Julie McDonald

🎯 **1 Game High:** Gord Travis, Wayne Alldred, and Betty Avery

🏆 **2 Game High:** Pat Rankin, Anne Dranitsaris, and Janet McGarry

A big thank you to cook Reg Armstrong and our kitchen crew Susan Eason, Carolyn Armstrong and Nancy McKague

🎉 Novice Tournament Winners!

Congrats to our winners...

🎯 **1st Place:** George Brown, Janet McGarry, and Bob Perhinski

🏆 **2nd Place:** Art Gudmundsson, Pat Antaya, and Bev McMillan

🏆 **3rd Place:** Eric Harding, Shirley Toombs, and Ingrid Ankert

Thanks to everyone who participated and made this such a great event.

🎉 Club Single Winners!

Perfect bowling weather and strong turnout with 7 men and 10 women competing

🏆 **1st Place:** Theresa Duhamel and Derek Ash

🏆 **Runners Up:** Tracey Warren and Pat Antaya

🎯 **Consolation:** Sandy Scott and Paul Morasse

Lots of appreciation to markers Brenda, Sue, and Nancy; to Pat, Brenda, and Sandy for setup, to Brenda for treats, and Pat for ice cream. You made everything run smoothy and sweetly.

Club Activities

LLBC Sunshine Column

Tournament Play Update

We are finalizing the four-person team entry for our Tournament Play Guidelines, and we're excited to share that these changes are being made with accessibility in mind. One of the goals of the update is to make tournament play more welcoming for everyone, regardless of their schedule, stamina, or other commitments.

In the past, some members who couldn't play the full three games in a day felt they couldn't participate at all. With the new four-person entry format, that will no longer be the case. Teams will have the flexibility to rotate players, so those who need a break or cannot play all three games can still take part without letting their team down.

We hope this adjustment encourages more members to get involved in tournament play, enjoy the camaraderie, and experience the fun of competition at a level that works for them.

Once the guidelines are finalized, they will be shared with all members. We appreciate your patience as we work through the details, and we look forward to seeing even more bowlers out on the greens.

Shout Out!

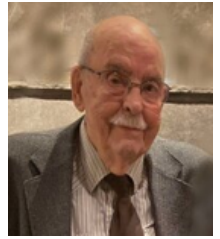
Thank You, Tracey Warren

A heartfelt thank-you to Tracey Warren for leading a fundraiser in support of a local 9-year-old who has undergone cancer treatment and pelvic reconstruction. Tracey's initiative reflects the best of our club's spirit — compassion, action, and community care.

If you'd like to help, donations are welcome to support her recovery and return home. Please get in touch with Tracy if you would like to contribute. Every bit helps.



This month, we take a moment to remember our friend **Doug Simmonds**, who passed away on October 26, 2024, at the age of 93.



Doug was a constant at the club since moving to Lindsay in 2001, joining both lawn bowling and curling right away. He quickly became one of our strongest advocates, bringing in new members—many of whom are still part of our community today.

Doug was an amazing bowler to watch. He never seemed to line up the bowl quite like the rest of us, yet it always seemed to find its mark. When his wife Sandra passed, Doug showed his love for both her and the game by dedicating a bench to the club—a gift that continues to remind us of his presence.

Beyond the greens, Doug was known for his ingenuity. He could build just about anything, from a homemade curling helmet out of pipe wrap to a sea-flea boat for his son that still exists today.

Doug will be remembered not just for his skill and creativity, but for the warmth and spirit he brought to the club. We are grateful for the many years we shared with him, and his memory will always be part of our community.

Men Needed!

Our Ladies Luncheon in the Bryant/McIntyre tournament is coming up on Monday, September 8th, and we're looking for men to volunteer during the event.

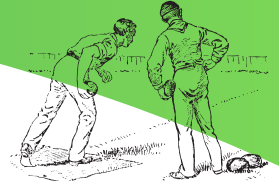
It's a fun way to support the ladies, serve with a smile, and be part of a special afternoon.

If you're available to help, please let us know—your support will make the luncheon and the event a success!



Upcoming Tournaments

September 2025 Tournaments



**Here's what's coming up on the greens this month.
Come out to play or cheer on your fellow bowlers!**

*****Saturday & Sunday, August 30th & 31st – District Novice Singles*****

A chance for novice players to shine—this is a qualifier for Provincials.

Monday, September 1st – Labour Day Fun Day

A relaxed and festive day on the greens—come out for games, laughs, and community spirit!

Thursday, September 4th – 2-4-2 Playoff

Sponsored by the Hearing Clinic, this playoff is shaping up to be a nail-biter with several teams tied for first and second place. Bring your cheers and come support the bowlers for an exciting afternoon on the greens.

Saturday, September 6th & Sunday 7th (Woodstock), District 14—Novice 2-4-2 Playdowns

Wishing the best to Pat Antaya and Mike Cyr as they represent District 14 in Woodstock
Send them your support and good vibes for a strong showing.

Saturday, September 13th & Sunday 14th—Club Pairs

Open to any pairs. Teams must sign up together. The sign-up sheet goes up September 1st and closes September 11th, so find your partner and add your names early.

**Good luck to all LLBC members competing
Bowl well and make the club proud!**

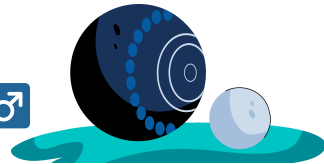
** These are competitive all-day tournaments with teams from Lindsay as well as out of town. If you have an interest in playing in one of these types of tournaments, contact Sheila Bondi or Keith Olan

*** Contact Rhys Warren for more information about the District Novice Singles.

Contact Elaine Antaya at 705-878-5877 or text 705-341-0916 for all other tournaments .



Volunteers Needed for All Our Events!



We've got a busy and exciting month ahead, and we're counting on our amazing members to help make it all happen! Whether it's setting up, helping with registration, scoring, kitchen duty, or cleanup, every bit of help matters and makes a big difference.

If you can spare a little time to support the club, please sign up at the clubhouse or contact [insert name/contact info here].


🙏 Thank you for being part of what makes our club great—we couldn't do it without you!

Sign-up sheets for volunteers are on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. or you can contact Elaine Antaya at 705-878-5877 or text 705-341-0916. For anything related to cleaning or outside tournaments, or kitchen help, email Susan Eason at susan.eason@hotmail.com


Club Marketplace

Items for Sale

We're making it easier for members to get the supplies they need, whether you're just starting out or looking to refresh your gear. A selection of bowling essentials is now available for purchase.

 **Grippo Bowls Polish** – Keep your bowls clean and grippy with this trusted polish. \$10

 **Spray Chalk** – Great for marking positions on the green—easy to use and clean. \$10

 **Magnetic Name Tags** – Custom tags available by sign-up; look for the sheet posted by Ian Hunter in the clubhouse. \$10.

 **Henselite String Measures** – For precise measurements during play. \$40- \$50

 **LLBC Flipper Coins** – A handy tool for deciding turns with ease. \$3

 **Lawn Bowling Law Books** – Stay sharp with the official rules. \$15

If you would like to purchase any of these items, email the club with your order and e-transfer payment to the club gmail. Sandy or Rhys will arrange to get the item(s) to you. Supplies are limited, so don't miss out!

Bowls for Sale

Looking to own your own set of bowls?



Contact the club if you're interested or want to see what's available. First come, first served — don't miss out!



Jigsaw Puzzle Sales at the Club



Are you a puzzler? 🧩 We've got just the thing for you! The club is now offering a great selection of jigsaw puzzles for sale—the perfect activity for cozy fall and winter days.

- \$3 for 500-piece puzzles
- \$5 for 1000-piece puzzles

Donations of gently used puzzles are always welcome—if you have some at home that you've already completed, consider bringing them in to keep the table stocked.

Be sure to stop by, browse the puzzle table, and take one home today! Thanks to Barb Jenkins and Sue Tidsbury for making this happen.

Newsletter Contributors

This month's newsletter was brought to you by Anne, Rhys, and Elaine. Thank you for helping keep our members informed and connected!

Thanks to Joan Ridgers for suggesting Doug Simmons and providing us with memories and information for the Sunshine Column.

The newsletter is open to member contributions. If you have a story, photo, or club update you'd like to share, please reach out to Anne at 647.227.0332 or anned@annedranitsaris.com.

Your voice matters, and we'd love to feature more perspectives from our amazing community.