



Newsletter

December 2025

President's Message

Organizing and participating in the Nationals this year was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had as president. Standing in the Commonwealth Building each morning, watching clubs from across Ontario arrive with excitement, pride, and nerves, reminded me how special our sport and our community truly are. Seeing our volunteers working seamlessly, hearing visiting teams say how welcome they felt, and watching our own members compete with such heart made the long hours and planning feel more than worth it. The positive feedback was the icing on the cake, especially the suggestion that Lindsay would be an ideal host again next year. It was a moment of genuine pride for our club and a memory I will carry forward for a long time.

As we shift into winter, staying connected becomes even more important. We have a full lineup of events designed to keep us active, social, and laughing through the colder months. From Short Mat sessions and curling to bowling and euchre games, there are plenty of ways to stay involved and keep the spirit of the club alive until spring returns. Whether you join us on the mats, on the ice, at the lanes, or around a card table, I hope you'll find something that brings you joy this season. I look forward to seeing you throughout the winter and keeping our community thriving, one gathering at a time.

Warm regards, Rhys Warren

News from Your Board

We held our first board meeting with the new executive, and it was filled with optimism, laughter, and plenty of productivity. As we look ahead, we do have a few gaps on the executive team, and we've heard from members who feel unsure about taking on these roles. We want you to know that we understand this hesitation and are actively looking for ways to make involvement feel lighter and more supported.

One change we're considering is shifting some manager roles into small volunteer teams, particularly in areas like the kitchen where rotating volunteer duties can make the work easier and more enjoyable.

We also have open positions on the executive itself, including **First Vice President, Secretary, and Directors at Large**. If you've ever thought about joining but felt intimidated, please know you'll be stepping into a friendly, supportive group where everyone works together for the same outcome. It's a meaningful way to contribute, build connections, and help shape the future of our bowling community.

We hope you'll consider getting involved. Your presence and energy can make a real difference, and there's a place for you here.



Short Mat News & Events

2025 Canadian Short Mat Championships!

What an incredible week at the National Short Mat Bowling Competition held November 17–23 at the Commonwealth Building. The energy was outstanding from start to finish, and we at the Lindsay Lawn Bowling Club could not be more proud of how smoothly the tournament came together.

We were especially thrilled by the overwhelmingly positive feedback from out-of-town participants, many of whom shared how impressed they were with both the venue and the hospitality. Their enthusiasm has already sparked conversations about welcoming everyone back again next year.

This event was made possible by the generous support of our sponsors: Remedy's Rx, Canadian Tire, Days Inn, Mariposa Electric, Home Hardware, Loblaws, Food Basics, Giant Tiger, and Wholesale Club, with special gratitude to the Lindsay Agricultural Society for hosting us at the Exhibition grounds.

A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers and to the staff at the LEX for keeping everything running so well, to the spectators who brought such warmth and enthusiasm, and to all the clubs that travelled to participate.



Congratulations

We also celebrate standout performances.

- **Rhys Warren and Chad Burgie** reached the Round of 16 in doubles.
- **Art Gudmundsson, George Brown, and Len Bondi** defeated one of the strongest triples teams.
- **Rhys Warren, Tracey Warren, Alan Hunter, and Larry Brown** for winning the bronze medal in fours.

A special congratulations to **Rhys, Tracey, Alan, and Larry** for being selected for the CSMBA National Team heading to the **2026 World Championships in Norway**.

A special thank you to our president, Rhys Warren, for his leadership, vision, and tireless work engaging volunteers, securing mats, and bringing sponsors on board. His efforts were central to the success of this year's Nationals.

Check out photos on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LindsayLawnBowls>

Awesome Feedback!



We have received feedback from visiting clubs at this year's Nationals, noting how well the event was organized, how welcoming our community was, and how smoothly the week ran from start to finish. Some went a step further and suggested that Lindsay would be an ideal host location for next year's Nationals.

Hearing that from participants is the best praise we could receive, and it reflects the hard work of our volunteers, the support of our sponsors, and the warm spirit of everyone who attended. We are proud of what this year's event achieved and grateful for the recognition from our peers.

Short Mat News & Events

Sign Up for the Next Short Mat Session

The first session of our Short Mat season wraps up at the end of January 2026, and it's the perfect time to come out and give the game a try. Short Mat offers an easy way to stay active, shake off the winter blahs, and keep both mind and body moving during the cold months. It's welcoming, low pressure, and a lot more fun than staying home counting the days until spring.

Our next session begins February 2026, and we'd love to see new and returning players on the mats. If you're looking for something enjoyable, social, and good for your health, sign up and join us. It's a simple way to feel better, stay connected, and add a little energy to your winter routine.

Half Season Rates:

- **Returning Members:** \$75
- **New Members:** \$70
- **Daily Rate:** \$10 per session



If you've been curious about Short Mat Bowling, now is the perfect time to give it a try. Come out and join us for a session filled with fun, friendly competition, and plenty of social time.

Lindsay Ear Clinic Chili Bowl Short Mat Lawn Bowling Tournament April 22, 2026

It's a ways away, but it's not too early to 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, 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!



A Thank You Message from Dorothy

"To all of the lawn bowlers who helped me celebrate by attending, sending messages, and helping community charities in my name, I want to say thank you from my family and myself for making my day one I will cherish always." 🧡

Dorothy

Annual Holiday Celebration

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our holiday party. It was a wonderful night filled with laughter, music, and plenty of festive spirit. Seeing the room packed with members enjoying each other's company was a great reminder of what makes our club such a strong and welcoming community.

A highlight of the evening was our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, which brought out some truly memorable creations. Congratulations to our winners: **Nancy McKague, Steve Millard, and Len Bondi**, whose sweaters captured the fun and playful spirit of the season. And congrats also to our lucky door prize winner: **Reg Armstrong**. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the contest such a hit.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to One Eyed Jack for their outstanding service. The food was delicious, the waitstaff was attentive and quick on their feet, and the atmosphere added so much to the night.

We're especially grateful to our **Elfin Greeters, Nancy McKague, Sheila Bondi, and Anne Dranitsaris**, whose holiday spirit added much cheer to the event. A warm thank you as well to **Blake Taylor** for his help with photography, setting up the table games, decorating, and cleanup.



Warm holiday wishes from your executive team. As we wrap up another wonderful year together, we want to thank every member for the energy, laughter, and community spirit you bring to our club. Your enthusiasm keeps our events lively, our programs strong, and our club a place people love to belong to.

We hope this season brings you joy, relaxation, and time with the people who matter most. Here's to good health, good company, and a bright year ahead.

Upcoming Winter Events



6th Annual “Lawn Bowlers Curl” Tag Bonspiel Saturday, January 17th 2026 Oakwood Curling Club

Thank you, John and Joan Harper, for hosting the 6th Annual Bonspiel at Oakwood for LLBC lawn bowlers. The event features two 6-end games and includes lunch. Entry is \$40 for curling and lunch or \$15 for lunch only.

To register, fill out the registration form and email it to joanjohnharper@gmail.com. If you have any questions or need more information, contact John Harper at 705 934 1967.



5 Pin Bowling

Wednesday, February 18th 2026

3 to 5 pm

Strike Point Bowling Center

46 William St S, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 3A5

Join us for a fun afternoon of bowling at the Strike Point Bowling Center. It's a relaxed afternoon out with lots of laughs and friendly competition.

After the games, we'll head over to the **Cat and Fiddle** for dinner and more good company. Come for the bowling, stay for the great food and conversation. Spouses welcome!

Lane fees and bowling shoes are payable at the bowling center. Dinner is ordered and paid for individually at the restaurant.

To register, fill out the registration form and email it to Kitty Stone at lindsaylawnbowls@gmail.com.

Newsletter Contributors



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

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.



Volunteer Spotlight

Thank You, Marion Chisholm

We are pleased to recognize Marion Chisholm as our Volunteer of the Month. Marion has been a dedicated long-time member of our club and previously served as our Membership Chair, welcoming and teaching new members and supporting the smooth running of our growing community.

Marion's generosity and commitment were especially visible during the Nationals, where she organized homemade baking, purchased snacks and fruit, and delivered daily food to the kitchen staff. Her support helped keep everything running with ease and good spirits.

Beyond that, Marion is an important part of our short mat program. She helps organize the season and is one of the few members who steps in for Sheila to run the short mat jitneys when needed.

We were happy to see Marion back on the greens after taking several months off to focus on her health. Her return brings warmth and continuity to the club. Thank you, Marion, for the many ways you contribute to our community.