

# The Right Bias



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## Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of *The Right Bias* – the Bowls Alberta newsletter. The Board and Club Presidents all agreed that a newsletter was a great way to keep all members up to date on the latest news from all the committees as well as learn what's happening across all the clubs in Alberta. This issue is loaded with a wealth of information that you'll want to read as we kick-off our 2018 outdoor bowling season. You will find many of the articles have hyperlinks taking you to further information posted online.

Please join me in thanking all Alberta lawn bowling clubs (LBCs) and committees who contributed articles to make this newsletter possible! We plan to publish this newsletter 3 times per year – May/June, July/August and September. The newsletter will be emailed to all LBC Presidents and Secretaries who will distribute it to their membership. The newsletter will also be posted on our website and promoted on the Bowls Alberta [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

If you have comments on this newsletter or suggestions for future issues, please send me an email. Read on and *Roll on!*

– Bob Selzler, Editor  
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## Alberta Bowlers Roll Down Under at the Commonwealth Games

By Pat Vos



This spring two Bowls Alberta athletes, Joanna Cooper and Greg Wilson competed at the Commonwealth Games along with 8 other players from across Canada. What an amazing experience this was for them as our Canadian Team had their best results ever at the Games. They reached the semi-final in 6 out of 8 events and demonstrated a depth and consistency that has never been seen

before in Canada. For the full story check out the [Bowls Canada's Team report](#).

"It was the proudest moment of my life. It's been a dream of mine since I started playing," Greg Wilson was quoted as saying in an article published by the Cochrane Eagle. You can [read the full article here](#). Its well worth the read!

Our next newsletter will feature Joanna Cooper and her experiences at the Games along with a report on [her opportunity to represent Canada this summer in Wales at an invitational event](#) featuring players from six other countries.

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## Point of Aim

By Pat Vos

This section of the newsletter will focus on Bowls Alberta's 'point of aim' towards a target and the adjustments we may make as we set out to hit the target. In each newsletter, *Point of Aim* will feature one of the Bowls Alberta targets/goals as identified in our [Strategic Plans 2018 – 2022](#). We'll identify the factors that we need to take into consideration as we aim, the work we need to do as we 'backswing' and what and how we plan to delivery through our programs to achieve the goal and hit our target.



**Target: Take the pledge and align our practices with Phase 1 of the 'Responsible Coaching Movement'**

The Responsible Coaching Movement (RCM) is a multi-phase system-wide movement, coordinated

by the Coaching Association of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport for all sport organizations and coaches. The RCM is a call to action for organizations to implement changes based on the role coaches play with issues relating to the health and safety of athletes.

As we adjust our sight on the goal of taking the pledge we ask ourselves all those good questions: Why? How

much does it cost? Has Bowls Canada Boulingrin showed leadership by taking the pledge? Will our coaches agree with the pledge? How much work is involved?

As a provincial association we have already begun the steps to ensure responsible coaching. Any coach that works on behalf of Bowls Alberta must go through a background screening process through the site [myBackCheck.com](http://myBackCheck.com). Contact the [Bowls Alberta office](#) if you have club coaches that require background checks as we provide this service through the website at \$25 per coach.

We have updated our [Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy](#) and are working on updating the forms the coaches and athletes sign as a pledge to be responsible and respectful as they coach and play on behalf of Alberta.

Last of all, to comply with Phase 1, we require a parent / designated chaperone to accompany any youth that plays in a provincial or national event. With high expectations for our youth when it comes to their behaviour we have [forms](#) for them and their parents to sign before they are off to compete. We are taking steps to ensure they play in a respectful and safe environment.

We are on target to have our association put into place all the Phase 1 requirements and then take the RCM pledge before the end of the 2018 season.

## Committee Updates

### Bowling Program Committee – 2018 Conditions of Play

By Pat Bird

#### 2018 Conditions of Play – Overview of Changes

The Bowls Alberta ("BA") Conditions of Play governing our provincial championships and other sanctioned events has been substantially re-written for 2018. Our former Conditions of Play and Tournament Format documents have been consolidated into one document, with revisions in many areas to simplify our rules, bring them into conformity with internationally accepted standards, and address changes brought about by the Bowls Canada Boulingrin ("BCB") Program Review.

Summary of major changes:

- Eligibility conditions – substantially revised due to changes in BCB eligibility criteria to compete in national events:
  - A. Recipients of an entry into the current year's Canadian Fours Championship are ineligible to compete in the Provincial Pairs Championship;
  - B. Recipients of an entry into the current year's Canadian Fours, Pairs, Outdoor Singles, Indoor Singles or Mixed Pairs Championships are ineligible to compete in the Provincial Senior Triples Championship;



- C. Recipients of an entry into the current year's Canadian Fours, Pairs, Outdoor Singles, Indoor Singles or Senior Triples Championships are ineligible to compete in the Provincial Mixed Pairs Championship;
  - D. Recipients of an entry into the current year's Canadian Senior Triples or Mixed Pairs Championships are ineligible to compete in the Provincial Indoor Singles Championship;
  - E. Competitors in the Canadian Youth Championships are ineligible to compete in the Canadian Mixed Pairs Championship; and
  - F. Age requirements to compete in Provincial U18, U25 and Senior Triples Championships have been revised to agree with BCB requirements.
- Late entry – all entries received up until the entry deadline will be accepted – where BA receives an odd number of entries as of the entry deadline, BA reserves the right to accept a late entry or solicit an additional entry prior to the draw in order to avoid byes – once an even number of entries has been obtained, no additional entries will be accepted
  - Bowls decals – will be provided for provincial championship play, as well as some sanctioned tournaments, in which case their use is mandatory
  - Movement of players during play – continues to be controlled as per Appendix A.4 of the Laws – in addition, all players except for the skips must start each end at the mat end of the rink
  - Time limits – will apply for some events in preliminary and round-robin matches
  - Re-spotting of the jack – the single re-spot rule per Law 56.5 will apply to all matches
  - Tournament formats – continue to depend on the number of entries – multiple revisions from our 2017 tournament formats - consult Section 8 of the 2018 Conditions of Play
  - Number of ends and bowls per player – revised to agree with BCB formats: Provincial Fours Championship, 16 ends and 2 bowls per player - Provincial Pairs and Mixed Pairs Championship, 18 ends and 3 bowls per player - Provincial Outdoor Singles Championship, 21 shots - Provincial Indoor Singles Championship, sets play - Provincial Senior Triples Championship, 16 ends and 2 bowls per player - Provincial U18 Singles Championship, 18 shots - Provincial U25 Singles Championship, 21 shots
  - Tied match after regulation number of ends or expiry of time limit – depending on the tournament format, a tie- break end may or may not be required – see Section 5 of the Conditions of Play
  - Ranking system – revised to simplify the rule and emphasize performance over the entire event – see Section 5 of the Conditions of Play

This is a summary of the major changes for 2018 and not an all-inclusive list. Competitors are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the **2018 Conditions of Play** prior to competing in an event. A copy should be posted at all clubs and the document is available on our [website](#).

Please contact me at [pbird01@gmail.com](mailto:pbird01@gmail.com) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.



## Youth Development Committee

The provincial Youth Development Committee, made up of representatives from Calgary and Edmonton, dreamed up several ways to support and increase the number of youth bowlers across the province.

The big project was the initiative to increase awareness of our sport with school leaders and parents through the development of youth lawn bowling posters and brochures for clubs. The material has been made available to all our clubs for distribution to interested parents, community members and schools surrounding their club. A "[Learn More](#)" link is provided on the material for further information and to connect interested individuals to a bowls club where they may have the opportunity to bring out a youth group. If more posters or brochures are needed please [contact the Bowls Alberta office](#).

Support for clubs to start up or continue with a Youth Program seemed a great idea as well. So now the Bowls Alberta budget contains funds for clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to help with expenses of running a youth program. Those funds can be used to purchase youth bowls, or to host special events, or to feed the youth during their league play...dream up a way to support your youth program and apply. [Application forms are on the Bowls Alberta website](#) under Programs, and then under Youth Program.

Last of all, we are pleased to be able to support our youth and their parents through funding for travel to provincial events. Parents can apply for a \$200 grant to help with their expenses of coming up to Edmonton for the Youth Development Camp on Friday, June 15 and for the Provincial Junior Singles Championships scheduled for June 16 & 17 at the Highlands Lawn Bowling Club. Information for these grants is available through a youth Club Coach.



## Athlete Development & Coaching Committees

By Derek Dillon

### 2018 SEASON

The Athlete Development Committee is proud to announce several initiatives for the 2018 Lawn Bowling Season:

#### 1. Athlete Development Camps

Bowls Alberta will be holding Athlete Development Camps throughout the Province this season with Bowls Alberta Head Coach Derek Dillon. Derek is a registered professional coach through the Canadian Association of Coaches and a certified Competition Coach through the National Coaches Certification Program.

The Development Camps are intended for players with more than two years playing experience who wish to advance their skills and learnings to improve their game to competition level.

Posters on the dates and location of the camps are available at local clubs.

- [Calgary Camps – June 13 and September 4](#)
- [Edmonton Camps – June 15 and June 16](#)
- [Medicine Hat Camp – June 27](#)
- [Lethbridge Camp – July 11](#)

#### 2. Alberta vs. British Columbia Test Match

A Test Match between Alberta and British Columbia will be held in Victoria on May 25 - 27. This match is for development athletes looking to advance their careers within lawn bowls.

5 Women and 5 Men along with Coach Derek Dillon have been selected from across the Province to play in this annual event.

Athletes will play a series of matches involving singles, pairs, triples and fours that have been organized along the same lines as an international competition.

A full report of the Test Match will be included in the next newsletter.

#### 3. Coaching

Derek Dillon, Head Coach for Bowls Alberta is available to assist other coaches or players within Alberta with any matters to help improve their game.

Please contact Derek at [coach@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:coach@bowlsalberta.com) for assistance where time allows.



## Officials Committee

By Cathy Selzler

### Bowls Alberta Needs Umpires!

If you have a minimum of two years of bowling experience, love the sport and want to build on existing skills, then consider enrolling in a training session for Level 1 Umpires. For further information and to begin the process to becoming an umpire, email Alberta's Head Umpire, Jenn MacDonald, at [umpires@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:umpires@bowlsalberta.com).

### Alberta Provincial Competitions

All participants in Alberta Provincial competitions this year will have to undergo a shoes and bowls inspection by an official before they can commence play. Also, officials will be issuing mandatory bowls stickers to adhere to the bowls that have passed inspection.

### The Umpire's Corner

The first topic that we will be addressing is **Section 1.3** in the Law of the Sport of Bowls – **Possession of the Rink**; one of rules that many novice and veteran bowlers appear to have a challenge adhering to. By definition, possession

of the rink belongs to the player or team whose bowl is being played until each bowl comes to rest, then possession of the rink transfers to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.

So what are the most common violations of Section 1.3?

Players at the head-end of the rink, whose team is not in possession of the rink, should stand behind the jack and well away from the head. This includes no walking into the head to see if you are holding shot or communicating information to your teammate at the other end of the rink. All of that should **only** be done when your team is in possession of the rink.

As the skips and thirds change ends, if it is not your team's turn to bowl, you cannot stop and discuss strategy and delay the other player if they are on the mat. If you want a lengthy discussion, wait at the head until the rink belongs to you.

Never walk up the rink in front of the player who has just bowled until their bowl comes to rest. They are still in possession. Also, if you want to follow up the bowl you just delivered to the head, you should arrive at the head at the same time as your bowl so as to not impede your opponent who will be taking the mat. And to the same point, if your delivery involves taking many steps away from the mat, you need to be back in the general area of the mat when your bowl finally comes to rest.

All of the abovementioned violations will receive a warning after the first offense, but a subsequent infraction will result in the umpire having the bowl last played by the offending player or team declared dead. Abiding by the rules in Section 1.3 will prevent the potential penalties but will also provide for a courteous game.



## Finance Committee

By Jon MacDonald

### Treasurer's Report

As the new treasurer since October 2017, I've been trying to get my feet under me and fill the shoes of Pat Bird who did a great job as Bowls Alberta Treasurer for the previous four years.

The 2018 Bowls Alberta budget was prepared and approved at the spring general meeting. The funding model for the Alberta Sport Connection has recently shifted, and to ensure we continue to receive our annual funding grant and our priorities align, the Bowls Alberta budget has also seen a shift. One of the outcomes of this has been an increase to player assessment fees. New assessment fees are outlined in the '[Alberta Player Support Policy](#)' located on the [Bowls Alberta website](#).

### 50/50 Raffle for 2018

Trevor Pohle, a member of the Royal and Commonwealth LBCs in Edmonton, has taken on the task of running a 50/50 Raffle for Alberta this summer. He has 4,500 tickets to sell at just a Toonie (\$2) a ticket and he would appreciate the help of clubs or members to sell the tickets. You can contact him via email at [tpohle@live.ca](mailto:tpohle@live.ca) to receive a booklet or two of tickets.

The 50% that stays with Bowls Alberta is designated for a 'greens fund'. Clubs that are financially strapped will be able to apply for a grant to assist with their challenges of purchasing equipment, paying someone to work on their greens, receiving advice for what needs to be done to their greens, or for purchasing the materials that they need to improve their greens.

So please support our 'greens fund' and make sure you purchase a ticket or two or sell a booklet or two!

## Marketing Committee

By Bob Selzler

### Lawn Bowls Association of Alberta is now Bowls Alberta

At the Spring General Meeting in Red Deer on April 14<sup>th</sup>, we agreed to rename Lawn Bowls Association of Alberta to **Bowls Alberta**. Our new name is shorter and more modern sounding, which is much more in alignment with Bowls Canada and other provincial bowls organization names, and the names of national bowls organizations around the world.



### Bowls Alberta Logo

Many asked if we are changing our logo. The current LBAA logo was a logomark, or symbol not containing the name of the organization. We are adjusting the Bowls Alberta logo to contain the existing LBAA logomark, with the **"BOWLS ALBERTA"** logotype below it. We will use the full version (logomark with logotype) of the Bowls Alberta logo whenever we are creating something new, or where it is easy to make the change without throwing out any inventory of materials we already have. Since we still have a supply of team clothing, medals and pins that use the existing logomark (without the text "BOWLS ALBERTA" below it), we will continue to use this version of the logo until we run out of supplies and need to reorder.

## Nominating Committee

By Glenda McPherson

What do you think of the policy changes Bowls Alberta is making? Are you happy with them, or are they causing you sleepless nights?

You can have a direct input on the future development of **OUR** Bowls Alberta by serving on the Board of Directors.

Interested?

I knew you would be!

For further information please contact Glenda McPherson at [coxdave@shaw.ca](mailto:coxdave@shaw.ca). Don't be shy – I'd love to hear from you!

## Happenings Across the Clubs



### Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club

By Bob Bragg

The Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club held its largest ever annual general meeting on April 20 with 47 people in attendance. The club's membership grew to a record 116 members in 2017. The membership drive for this year is now underway.

Members heard that the historic clubhouse, which dates back to 1932, will be painted this year. Sadly, the historic night-lights over the greens have had to be taken down for safety reasons.

On May 21st we hosted our members opening event. The club is also pleased to be hosting the Bowls Alberta Southern Novice Pairs Tournament on August 25 and 26. In addition, a full season of bowling and social activities are planned, including:

- Public open house on June 2
- Annual Black and White event on July 22
- Club BBQ and in-house jitney on Aug. 11
- Season closing event on Sept. 29

As always, the willingness of club members to step forward and contribute by volunteering allows the club to grow and thrive! We look forward to another great year of bowling!"



### Social Media

Social media has significantly changed the way we interact and communicate with each other. Social media is about conversations, community, connecting with audiences and building relationships. The quick, visual, constant communication, sharing and exchanging of information and ideas makes it perfect for staying updated and building our bowls community in Alberta with our current Bowls Alberta members, potential members, sponsors, and even members of the local media.

To stay current on the latest happenings across our bowls community and to join the conversation, please follow **Bowls Alberta** on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). **Like** us, **follow** us, **join** the conversation, and **share** our posts. Email [marketing@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:marketing@bowlsalberta.com) to share stories, events, photos (include captions), etc. with our community.

### Join the Marketing Committee

Do you have a flair for marketing, social media, communicating with people, writing, photography, shooting and editing videos, graphic design, or the ability to convince people to try something new? If you said yes to any one of these abilities, come join the Marketing Committee for Bowls Alberta. For further information email Bob Selzler at [marketing@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:marketing@bowlsalberta.com).

# Calgary Lawn Bowling Club

By Bob Selzler

During the offseason club members had many opportunities to stay connected, including: monthly lunch meetups at the Danish Canadian Club; our Christmas potluck dinner at the clubhouse; a Super Bowl party and potluck; a 5-pin bowling night; indoor lawn bowling at the Calgary West Soccer Centre; and of course, following and cheering on our club members, Greg Wilson and Joanna Cooper at the Commonwealth Games.

Late last summer we dug up and replanted our east green to have it better match the performance of our west green. Our master greenskeeper Ken Olsvik and his Specialty Turf Care team quickly removed, laser leveled and replanted our new green giving it a chance to start growing before winter.

After our long cold winter and record snowfall, we thought that we would never be ready in time for our targeted May 12<sup>th</sup> opening. Desperate times led to desperate measures, so in mid-April we brought out the snow throwing quipment to help remove snow on our greens and accelerate the thaw. We are pleased to say our east green is coming along nicely and should be ready to play on later this summer.

We held our Semi-AGM on May 12<sup>th</sup> and had a great turnout from existing and new members. Following the meeting we hosted a jitney where bowlers were already exhibiting top form. Let the season begin!!!

On May 21<sup>st</sup> we hosted a fun well-attended Charity Jitney and our members raised \$228 for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, on a spectacular sunny and warm Victoria Day.

Mark your calendars for June 3rd, 9:00am – Noon, we will be hosting a [New & Used Bowls & Equipment Sale](#). Bring any lawn bowls or equipment you may want to sell. Buyers and sellers from across the city are all welcome to attend.

This year we are celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary and have ordered new club shirts. We would like to thank Amica at Aspen Woods for your sponsorship!

We have an exciting schedule of social bowling, leagues, jitneys and trophy tournaments planned for the year, be sure to check our [Events Calendar](#).

Our club will be hosting some high-level championships this summer, starting with the Alberta Senior Triples Championships on July 27-29, the Alberta Visually Impaired Singles Championships on July 28-29, and the Canadian Senior Triples Championships on September 10-15. If you are not participating, be sure to come watch the competitions and support the athletes!



# Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club

By Keith Wylie

The club had a very successful President's Tournament on Saturday, May 5th with 30 members and guests participating. We played 3 eight end games with a fine brunch enjoyed at 12:30 prepared by David Coutts who is a chef who is interested in providing catering services at our club. The meal was enjoyed by all and the beautiful sunny weather was perfect for our first day of bowling in 2018! The green was a bit heavy in the morning but speeded up throughout the day thanks to the hot sun.

Unfortunately, the 3 warming spells through the winter were hard on the greens. So, Ursula Poitras, our new greenskeeper, requested no bowling for the week of May 6 to 13 to allow her to work aggressively to revitalize the dead spots on the greens. Consequently, the first morning social bowling did not happen until Monday, May 14th.

We held our open house on Saturday, May 12th. 64 people came to the club to give lawn bowling a try. All new members will be put through 3 lessons to ensure they understand the game and to give them confidence to play and enjoy the sport. 18 new members signed up at the open house and as a result Commonwealth LBC has 73 members as of May 15th.



On May 19th and 20th over the long weekend, we hosted the Early Bird Quaddie open to members across the province. Club members and especially our new members can look forward to the Yardstick Tournament on Sunday, May 27th. This is a fun, relaxing tournament as all bowls within a yard of the jack count so high scores are the order of the day! Hopefully, attendance will be good!

To match up with the National Bowls Day on June 2nd we will be holding a family and friends fun day to celebrate our new members and this exciting sport.

Commonwealth LBC hosts the Edmonton Corporate Challenge lawn bowling event every June. The actual Corporate Challenge competition takes place June 4th to the 7th with 106 teams entered for 2018. This is a major booking event for our club which requires many, many volunteers. I hope that we have strong support from our members for this event.

June 10th will see our club tournament called Dress the Duck. This is a triples tourney which entitles the winners to dress the "duck" trophy as they see fit. Last year the duck became a "tropical vacationer – most likely Hawaiian." The previous year the duck hailed from Scotland post the tournament. Where will the duck find itself this year or what will it be? Only the winners will know! At least until the duck is re-dressed!!

To keep up on all the events at Commonwealth LBC check out the [calendar posted at our website](#).



# Edmonton Indoor Lawn Bowling Club

By Claire Day

As we are now in May our season is closed.

We are happy to say that we offered bowling 5 days a week at 3 separate locations, giving opportunities to bowlers across the city. We had a lovely Christmas social as well as an end of the year picnic closing party.

Some clubs may not know that our club had excess funds that we have donated over the last three years. One of the nicest Thank You's came from Gayell Slater the president of the Commonwealth Lawn Bowls Club, her thank you was an open invitation to all our members to bowl anytime at the Commonwealth LBC.

We are contemplating a singles league one afternoon next season and possibly a pairs league if there is playing time available.

Another avenue that we are investigating is for Short Mat play in the evenings next fall – anyone who is interested and reading this please contact me at [claireday@shaw.ca](mailto:claireday@shaw.ca).





## Highlands Lawn Bowling Club

*By Eileen Passmore*

Situated in the leafy Highlands neighbourhood, the Highlands Lawn Bowling Club welcomes people of all ages and abilities from all over the city of Edmonton. The 2018 season started on May 12 with a good turnout of members to set up for the coming year, enjoy a BBQ lunch, and to attend the spring general meeting. Regular bowling began on May 14.

In addition to a season of regular play, the club is hosting the Provincial Juniors and Under 25 Tournament on June 16 and 17, and the Northern Alberta Open Triples on August 16 and 17. Special initiatives for 2018 include a new junior league and the celebration of 100 years of lawn bowling in the Highlands community.

The junior league begins on June 2 and will continue until August 25. The junior league complements the Bowls Alberta initiative to encourage and support youth lawn bowling in the province. Promotional activities for the junior league include contact with local junior high schools, and an information table at Londonderry Mall.

2018 marks 100 years of lawn bowling in Highlands, and we will be celebrating with a wine and cheese party on June 29, and club bowling on June 30. This photo from 1918 depicts a happy group of lawn bowlers on William Magrath's lawn on Ada Boulevard. Magrath was co-owner of the Magrath-Holgate & Co. Ltd., the developer and builder of the Highlands subdivision in the early 20th century. His mansion, built in 1912, still stands. Magrath was an avid sportsman, with particular interest in lawn bowling, curling and baseball. In 1921, the bowling green was built in its current location at 62 St. and 113 Ave. The greens have been refurbished and improved since then! (The photo is courtesy of the Glenbow Archives NC-6-3695.)

The next event at the Highlands Lawn Bowling Club is the Open House on May 26. Promotional activities for the open house include street signs, posters, and an information table at Londonderry Mall. The open house is also advertised in the Highlands Community League newsletter, and in Coffee News. The open house is a high-visibility recruitment activity that attracts new members to the sport.

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## Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Club

*By Gary De'Ath*

Hello fellow lawn bowlers!

Our annual "Spring Cleanup" was Sunday, May 20 and we enjoyed some cold refreshments to help the work go easy (sorry, no booze...yet!) The club will be open for drop-in play (5:30-7:30 PM) and league registration from 6:00-7:00 PM on May 28, 29 & 30. Fees are \$85 per member and registration can be paid by: cash, cheque or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Amex, Discover), but we can NOT accept debit. Please let us know if you are financially tight and paying membership dues is too high so you can't play due to cost. The board will review your situation and work out something for your situation.

This year we will be trying something new for us that is done at other clubs around the world! We will be having "Bare-Foot-Bowls" starting on Sunday, May 27th from 11:00 – 3:00 for free for members and public. It is a great opportunity to get a little practice in and to bring out friends that make the excuse "I just can't make it during the work week"!

This year we will be open for National Bowls day on June 2nd so come out for free food, bowling, prizes and a good time starting at noon. We will have food, refreshments, games and PRIZES!!!

If you are wondering what to do on Sunday, July 1st this year, we will be having open bowling in the late afternoon/evening with fireworks to follow! Last year we had a great time bowling, chatting and eating with the fireworks to end the day, let's do it again!

Our website is up and looking good, have a look to see what events are happening at Rotary Park, around Calgary and across the province so you don't miss anything. With this new presence on the web, we need your pictures, to put in our website (ads, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and club posters).

We are looking forward to a great season and hope to see you out!

# Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club

By Kathryn MacGregor

## Celebrating National Bowls Day on June 2



An 'Open House' is planned for Saturday June 2, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Guests will be welcomed to tour the facilities, coaches will be on hand to provide an introduction to the fundamentals of the game of bowls, instructions on delivery and play a game. Members will be on hand to provide a warm welcome and the Social Committee will serve refreshments. To promote the event, information has been sent to 5 news publications, 12 targeted Community Associations, a TV station, Calgary Community websites and posters were sent to members to invite their friends/family and post on their local Community Bulletin boards. A road side sign will be promoting the event to passersby.

## Calgary 55 plus Games Association sponsors a 'Fun Day' at Calgary Lawn Bowling Club on June 28.



This event is open to all Calgary 55 plus members and all Calgary Lawn Bowling Club members 55 plus in age. The entry fee is 'Free'. The format is Open Draw Mixed Triples, three 8 end games will be played. Registration starts at 9:30 am, the first game at 10:00 am. Lunch is provided. Teams will be drawn the day of the event. A maximum of 48 players can enter. There will be Gold, Silver and Bronze medals presented to the winning teams. The registration deadline is June 21st. For more info, contact Kathryn MacGregor [kathrynmac@live.ca](mailto:kathrynmac@live.ca).

## Ideas to Increase Club Member Participation and Interest

**Bowl and Dine Night** – once a month. Very easy to organize. You need a convenor to research restaurants in close proximity to the club or ask the members their preferred choice. Post a 'sign up' sheet showing the restaurant's location, menu/prices and date. Fridays are always a good day for these types of events. Open draws work best, play triples, fours, pairs – your choice. Start bowling at 3:00 pm and you'll be on your way to the restaurant by 5:30 pm.

**Themed Socials** – once a month. You will need a convenor and an assistant. Hold this event at your club's regular scheduled jitney night. June is good for a 'Strawberry Festival', July could be 'Hawaiian', 'Mexican' or 'Italian' night, August is great for a 'Corn Roast' and

September can be 'Spud Night'. Charge a nominal fee to cover the cost of the food. Post a 'sign up' sheet and remind members if they sign up and food is purchased in advance come 'rain or shine' the event takes place! Congratulate the winners with fun prizes.

**Men's and Ladies League** – Have the Men's League invite the Ladies League to a BBQ to show their appreciation for all the hard work the Ladies do in the Clubhouse Kitchen.

**Start an Evening Ladies League** – Open Draw once a week. Members do not need to get spares – come as often as you want. You will need a convenor and an assistant convenor. Charge a season fee to play in the league. Keep records of the person's wins and loss point score – 3 for a win, 2 for a loss and 1 for attendance. Each evening plan a social after the game – tea/coffee and something yummy! Charge an extra small fee each evening to cover the cost of the food. At the end of the season plan an award's night out dinner with the gals. The restaurant to be chosen by the group. This plan works well for the guys with the exception of the social tea/coffee – they may want something stronger?

**Start an afternoon 'Mixed' Triples Bowling League** – You will need approximately 5 volunteers to organize. A score keeper, equipment set up, a games scheduler, social convenor, team selector. Divide the season up into three four-week sessions. Charge a fee to join each session to be used for prize money. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd team winners plus 'best effort'? Members can play in all three sessions or pick their choice of session. Play two eight end games with a coffee break in between. After the games have a social gathering in the club house.

**Other Ideas to Consider** – Once a month, Under the Stars, a Barefoot Bowling Jitney! Introduce the game of 'Jack Attack'. Have a late afternoon Tournament starting at 4:00 pm with a Pot Luck Dinner in between the games.



## Provincial Events Schedule – 2018

Also visit the [Bowls Alberta website](#) to see the latest list of events.

Dates	Event	Location	Registration Deadline
June 16-17	Provincial Juniors Singles	Highlands LBC	08-Jun
June 16-17	Provincial U25 Singles	Highlands LBC	08-Jun
June 22-24	Provincial Fours Playdowns	Rotary Park LBC	15-Jun
July 6-8	Provincial Pairs Playdowns	Commonwealth LBC	29-Jun
July 13-15	Provincial Outdoor Singles Playdowns	Commonwealth LBC	06-Jul
July 21-22	Medicine Hat Memorial Triples	Medicine Hat LBC	13-Jul
July 27-29	Provincial Senior Triples Playdowns	Calgary LBC	20-Jul
July 28-29	Provincial Visually Impaired Singles	Calgary LBC	20-Jul
Aug. 10-12	Provincial Mixed Pairs Playdowns	Commonwealth LBC	03-Aug
Aug. 17-19	Northern Open Triples Tournament	Highlands LBC	10-Aug
Aug. 17-19	Southern Open Triples Tournament	Stanley Park LBC	10-Aug
Aug. 25-26	Northern Novice Pairs Tournament	Royal LBC	18-Aug
Aug. 25-26	Southern Novice Pairs Tournament	Bow Valley LBC	18-Aug
Sept. 7-9	Provincial Indoor Singles Playdowns	Stanley Park LBC	31-Aug

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