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Athlete Profile – Joanna Cooper

By Joanna Cooper

The past few months have been a whirlwind of great bowling experiences for me. In April I represented Canada at the Commonwealth Games, then in June I played in the Australian Open, and from July 2-15 I was in Wales with the Canadian Team for the Welsh 10 Nations Test Series. I feel very fortunate to be getting these opportunities and I know that my game is improving all the time as a result.

The Commonwealth Games were an amazing experience. The whole atmosphere is a celebration of sport and it was great to see so many diverse cultures that are connected through a common history. It was incredibly special having my family there in the stands waving the Canadian flag as well as getting messages of support from family and friends back home who were following our progress. As a team, making the semi-finals in six of eight events was a great result and I am very proud of my teammates for their efforts, especially Ryan Bester on his silver medal in singles. Personally, getting so close to bringing home a medal is huge motivation for me to keep pushing to get better.

For the Australian Open I was back on the Gold Coast again. In addition to the Commonwealth Games I also played two events there in 2017, so I am starting to feel very much at home on the greens at Broadbeach. This year I improved on my results in all three events. In singles I made the final 32 with wins over previous champion Anne Johns and 2017 runner-up Georgia White in the knockout stages. In pairs I played lead for Katelyn Inch, a New Zealand international, and we beat Aussie legend Karen Murphy in the round of 16 before narrowly losing the quarterfinal to a team from Hong Kong. In fours I again played lead for Katelyn along with two other kiwis and we made it to the round of 16 where we lost to fellow Canadian Kelly McKerihen's team. I learned a lot this year, especially about playing in the wind - a cornering wind makes the line and weight different on all four hands, so it is a real challenge.



After a brief 10-day stopover at home I was off to Wales for the 10 Nations. I was a bit nervous about adapting to the Northern Hemisphere greens after so much play in New Zealand and Australia over the last year. Because of a very unusual spell of hot, dry weather, the green speeds were actually closer to Australian conditions than anything else, so I felt fairly comfortable. The only difficulty was that we had all brought our wide slow-green bowls so the amount of curl that we were getting was pretty extreme, with bowls going straight sideways at the end and even curling back up the green when they finished in some cases! Instead of the rain that we expected, we enjoyed hot sunny weather for the whole tournament. I played vice in the fours for Shirley Fitzpatrick-Wong (MB), with Jackie Foster (NS) and Baylee van Steijn (ON) on the front end. We had a great run, including a solid team game in the quarterfinal where we beat South Africa 18-3. We lost the semi to the home-town Welsh team, which gave us bronze. In pairs I skipped for Jackie and we made the quarterfinal, where the South Africans unfortunately got their revenge. It was a new experience for me skipping at the international level, and I found it challenging, but learned a lot about the importance of staying patient in difficult conditions!

I think that my journey over the last couple of years, from making my international debut at the 2016 North American Challenge, to making the National Team in 2017, to where I am today, is a testament to dreaming big and working hard. If I can do it, you can too! Train diligently, analyze and improve your technique, and work on your mental game. Take any opportunity you can to extend the season, play on fast, true surfaces, and challenge yourself against good competition. Thanks to my teammates and fellow competitors in Alberta for being a part of my development so far. Special thanks to the Edmonton Indoor LBC and Royal LBC for their donations to Bowls Alberta for National Team Athlete Support over the last few years – it is greatly appreciated!



Point of Aim

By Pat Vos

Bowls Alberta has set out goals to achieve as identified in the [Strategic Plans 2018 – 2022](#). Last [newsletter](#) we featured our goal to take the Phase 1 Responsible Coaching Movement pledge. This time we'll feature a specific target under the larger goal of “**Supportive Thriving Clubs**”.

Goal: Members support provincial events and competitions

Target: 30% participation of all club members in provincial events

Bowls Alberta serves its member clubs and their individual members in a variety of ways. The easiest events to identify are the provincial tournaments. First,

we hold championships to determine who will represent our province at Canadian Championships as follows: Pairs, Fours, Outdoor Singles, Senior Triples, Mixed Pairs, and Indoor Singles. These events are determined by the type of Canadian Championships Bowls Canada holds each year. We also hold a Youth event which this year included a Junior Girls Tournament. The following shows the participation statistics for the events held so far:

- Youth: 7
- Pairs: 24
- Fours: 48
- Singles: 21

Of those 100 registrations, if we eliminate the duplicates, we have 67 members participating in the provincial championships so far. BUT it should be noted that that number does not include the many members from each club that volunteered to help host the events! On average

another 5-10 members minimum, per club, help run the events by being a draw master, an umpire, preparing the rinks, putting out equipment, preparing the snacks and the meals, and the many other tasks that start on a Friday afternoon through to the end of the tournament sometime on Sunday afternoon or evening. Adding in the volunteers and doing a bit of math we have **12.5%** participation so far this year.

Along with the championships that lead to national events we also hold the following tournaments: Medicine Hat Memorial Triples. Visually Impaired Singles, Northern and Southern Novice Pairs and the Northern and Southern Open Triples. These tournaments provide opportunities to compete for our many recreational bowlers that do enjoy competition but don't aspire to play nationally or internationally, for a special segment of our members that are visually impaired, and for our new members wishing to compete with others with the same level of experience as them.

To date we have 46 members registered to participate in the Medicine Hat Memorial Triples and 8 members in the Visually Impaired Singles, and not counting the duplicates that's an additional 50 members to count to reach our target along with another 10 essential volunteers to run these events.



Approximately **160 members out of 776** registered members sets us at **20%**. Are we on target? With the numbers to add from three more Provincial Championships and from four more Sanctioned Tournaments, YES. We should reach our goal! Especially because we haven't factored in the numbers of members across our province that participate in the other events Bowls Alberta provides for its members: coaching workshops, development camps, and umpire training sessions.

We are thankful for our **supportive clubs** and all their members that ensure our competitions are well run!

Committee Updates

Bowling Program Committee

By Pat Bird

The last five weeks has been very busy with 100 entries into our four provincial tournaments to date. I would like to thank: Highlands LBC, Rotary Park LBC and Commonwealth LBC for hosting these tournaments; all the athletes who competed; and all of the volunteers, greenskeepers, draw masters and umpires who made these events such a success! Below are the Provincial Tournament Results for June and July so far.

Junior Singles at Highlands LBC on June 16-17, 2018

Junior U18 Girls

- Gold: Kiera Schaelow
- Silver: Alexis Gallacher
- Bronze: Kayla Malcolm

Fours @ Rotary Park LBC on June 22-24, 2018

Women's

- Gold: Jan Robinson, Peggy Plathan, Bev Robinson, Patricia Walker**
- Silver: Claire Day, Joanna Cooper, Jenn MacDonald, Val Wilson
- Bronze: Cecilia Gillespie, Pat Vos, Chris Adams, Kiera Schaelow



Men's

- Gold: Roy Riege, Peter Mok, Paul Maskell, Mike O'Reilly**
- Silver: Greg Wilson, Kevin Childs, Derek Dillon, Ken Olsvik
- Bronze: Pat Bird, Lyall Adams, Francis Standen, Herman Cooper

Pairs @ Commonwealth LBC on July 6-8, 2018

Women's

- Gold: Claire Day & Amanda Berg**
- Silver: Cecilia Gillespie & Pat Vos**
- Bronze: Jennifer MacDonald & Pauline Wong

Men's

- Gold: Pat Bird & Jon MacDonald**
- Silver: Greg Wilson & Derek Dillon
- Bronze: Roger Allen & Keith Wylie

Outdoor Singles @ Commonwealth LBC on July 13-15, 2018

Women's

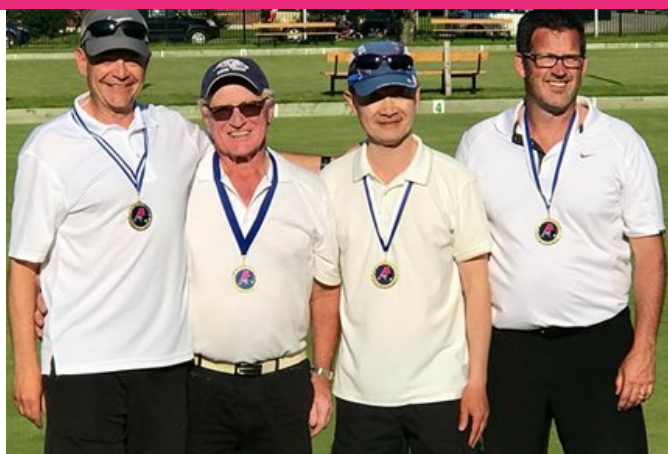
- Gold: Jan Robinson**
- Silver: Claire Day**
- Bronze: Bev Robinson**

Men's

- Gold: Greg Wilson**
- Silver: Roy Riege**
- Bronze: Pat Bird**

The Canadian Youth Championships will take place on August 14-18 in Winnipeg. Bowls Alberta will be sending six athletes to represent us: Kiera Schaelow, Alexis Gallacher, Kayla Malcolm, Jamie Scott, Andrew McLeod, and Andrew Davison.

The Canadian Championships will take place in Regina on August 22-29. Teams/athletes representing Bowls Alberta are highlighted above (**) and include: Jan Robinson, Peggy Plathan, Bev Robinson, Patricia Walker, Roy Riege, Peter Mok, Paul Maskell, Mike O'Reilly, Claire Day, Amanda Berg, Cecilia Gillespie, Pat Vos, Pat Bird, Jon MacDonald, and Greg Wilson.



Youth Development

Alberta Members off to Canadian Youth Championships

The door of opportunity in our sport is wide open for youth! That knowledge, along with a growing enjoyment of our game and the encouragement and support of their coaches, has six young people preparing to attend the Canadian Youth Championships being held August 14 – 18 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Two under 25 (U25) members from Commonwealth LBC, Jamie Scott and Andrew McLeod, coached by Rob Krepps, will participate in the U25 competitions. This is their first year playing lawn bowls but as part of the University of Alberta Curling School development team they quickly picked up the skills to play at a competitive level. A third member of this development team, Kyla Malcolm, can still compete as a junior player (U18) and she too will off to the Canadian Championships.



Andrew and Jamie



Kyla, Alexis and Kiera

Two young ladies from the Highlands LBC, Alexis Gallacher and Kiera Schaelow, coached by Cecilia Gillespie, are also off to the Canadian Youth Championships. Both competed last year for the first time and Alexis came in 4th in the Junior Girls and as such was placed on the Bowls Canada Junior Squad. They are excited to return to the nationals, not only to catch up with the new friends they made last year, but also to try and improve on their 1st year performances.

Andrew Davison, from the Royal LBC, coached by Howard Davison, will be attending the nationals as a junior player for his first time - sorry but no picture of Andrew. Encouraged by his grandparents, Andrew has gravitated to the game and wishes to become a competitive player. This is a big step for Andrew to compete with some youth that have been competing at the national level already for several years, but he is up for the challenge.

This team of six, attending the Canadian Youth Championships, will be the largest team we have ever had at this annual event! Alberta Coach Derek Dillon is assisting in preparing these youth for a great experience, whether there for the first time or returning, whether highly competitive or continuing to develop their skills. He will also be their coach, along with the assistance of Cecilia Gillespie in Winnipeg. You'll want to keep an eye on their results during the competition!

Athlete Development Committee & Coaching Committee

Athlete Development & Training Camps

Successful Athlete Development camps were held in Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge with the number of participants per club membership increasing with each camp. Five attended in Calgary, 6 at the youth camp in Edmonton, 10 at the other camp in Edmonton, 8 in Medicine Hat and 14 in Lethbridge. Both senior and junior athletes have been attending these camps to help improve their game. Bowls Alberta Head Coach, Derek Dillon adjusted each camp to meet the needs of those in attendance and those that participated enjoyed the camp



Coach Derek Working with Athletes in Medicine Hat

and were very appreciative for the opportunity to practice and learn. So much so, the Medicine Hat members are trying to arrange a return visit from Derek and the youth have already done so.

Currently these camps are on the schedule still for this season:

- Youth Team: July 21 at 10:00 am at Highlands LBC in Edmonton (for all youth going to Nationals)
- Alberta Team: August 11 at 10:00 am at Commonwealth LBC in Edmonton (for all players going to Nationals)
- Heads Scenario Practice: September 4 at 6:00 pm at Rotary Park LBC in Calgary (for all Bowls Alberta members)

For those that couldn't make the camps and still wish to have some assistance from the coach, he says, "Please, don't be shy, contact me to arrange getting together, having some fun and learning at the same time." Derek's dedication to all bowlers is tremendous!

Coach Derek is available to assist all Alberta coaches and/or players with any matters to help improve coaching or their game. Contact Derek through the [Bowls Alberta office](#) for assistance where time allows. During the month of August Derek's availability will be very low as he will be away coaching at two National events, the Canadian Youth Championships in Winnipeg and the Canadian Championships in Regina.



Alberta Development Team at 2018 Challenge Match

Alberta vs. British Columbia Challenge Match

Alberta played British Columbia in Victoria, BC in May in a challenge match designed to develop athletes in high level competition. The Alberta team included development and junior athletes as well as a couple of senior athletes to assist with on-the-green guidance.

The athletes got to experience strong competition in singles, pairs, triples and fours across 3 days play.

Even though British Columbia took home the trophy for the competition, the Alberta team gained valuable experience at the level required to win National events. Our Juniors and developing athletes received training exercises, game plans and the experience of team bonding at an event that will prepare them for future competitions.



Development Team Members at 2018 Challenge Match

Development Team Selection

5 men and 5 women were selected for the team based on nominations received from clubs and a selection criterion that was formulated last year. A list of athletes was compiled and reduced to the 10 selected after availability was confirmed.

Recognizing the challenge and possible downfall of clubs nominating developing players, a new application process will be put in place late this summer/early fall. Any player that wishes to be chosen for a future development team can evaluate themselves against the set criteria and complete an application. A selection committee will then review and select teams for whatever development opportunities can be arranged for the 2019 season. Our plan is to have the Alberta vs. British Columbia Challenge Match again but this time in Alberta. We will also explore the possibility of other opportunities for camp/competitions for our developing players.



Officials Committee

By Jenn MacDonald

Alberta Provincial Competitions

A huge thank you to all the umpires who have been officiating at provincial events this year. We have had at least one umpire at all provincial playdown events this year and provincial umpires will continue to be busy this summer with the upcoming Mixed Pairs and Senior Triples events.

Alberta Umpire Courses

A Level 1 Umpire Course will be held in Calgary on July 30 and 31, 2018. If you would like to register or would like more information about the course, please contact umpires@bowlsalberta.com.

If you are in Edmonton and are interested in becoming an umpire, please contact umpires@bowlsalberta.com. Courses will be held if there are enough interested participants.

The Umpire's Corner

The topic that we will be addressing is the movement of bowls during the process of determining shot and the **use of wedges** to support bowls when deciding the number of shots. **Law 23.1** states that the process of deciding the number of shots scored must not start until the last bowl played in that end has come to rest or 30 seconds after that if either skip in the game requests a 30 second time period. After this time, either team can place wedges under any of the bowls in play at any time during the process of deciding the number of shots scored (**Law 23.6**). Wedges can be used to secure a bowl that is likely to fall or to secure a bowl that is resting on a bowl that needs to be removed to complete a measure. If a bowl falls on its own accord during the process of determining shot, it is left in its new position while the process continues but all shots agreed to before the bowl fell will count.

Wedges can be made from a range of materials but something that is non-slip such as rubber is the preferred material. Players can purchase wedges or may make their own from materials such as rubber erasers. Having a couple of wedges in your pocket during play may make the difference between counting shot or not!



Finance Committee

By Jon MacDonald



Update: 50/50 Raffle for 2018

In an effort to generate funds for Bowls Alberta, Trevor Pohle has done a great job organizing a 50/50 fundraiser raffle. Over 2200 tickets are out and currently over \$300 in the pot. Tickets are \$2 and are still available so please contact the [Bowls Alberta office](#) if you would like a book or two. Trevor is away on vacation until after the first week of August at which time you can also contact him directly at tpohle@live.ca.

Proceeds from the raffle are intended to contribute to a 'greens grant' fund which will be offered to member clubs who need some financial assistance to work on improving their greens and to purchase equipment that may be needed for the maintenance of the greens. A grant application process will be set up next year, once we have a Greens Development Committee in place.

Marketing Committee

By Bob Selzler

Social Media – See What You’re Missing

Social media, including Facebook and Twitter, is playing an increasing role in people’s lives, both as a way of connecting with family, friends and other people with similar interests, and as a way of increasing awareness across associations and sports groups. Social media marketing is especially beneficial for several reasons:

- 2-way communication – allows you to provide instant feedback in the form of liking and commenting on posts
- Word of mouth marketing and sharing – if you share it, others who follow you will see it
- Create community and supporters – a great way for like-minded people to connect and share information
- Extend our reach – across Alberta, Canada and globally
- Free to use – if you have a mobile device or internet at home you can access it

Social media is an efficient way to quickly share news, photos of events and activities and have it automatically appear in the news feeds of your followers.

Total Number of People (Unique Users) Who Like/Follow Our Facebook Page



Our Followers on Social Media

On [Facebook](#) our Followers include Bowls Alberta members and others from across Alberta, many from across Canada, as well as followers in Australia, UK, USA, New Zealand, South Africa, India, and even Uganda. Thank you to all who followed us on Facebook after our last newsletter in late May. How about the rest of you?

Some of our [Twitter](#) Followers include Bowls Alberta members, lawn bowling clubs from around the world, and national bowls organizations including Bowls Canada, Bowls Scotland, Welsh Bowls, Bowls Guernsey, European Bowls Union, Bowls South Africa, and World Bowls.

Where to get More News, Tips and Stories on Lawn Bowls in Alberta and Beyond

Did you know that since April 1st, 2018 we have posted:

- 12 news updates in the [Latest News](#) section on the Bowls Alberta website
- 163 tweets on the Bowls Alberta [Twitter](#) page
- 189 posts on the Bowls Alberta [Facebook](#) page

If you’re not following Bowls Alberta on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), here’s a sampling of what you’re missing (click on image to see post)...





Answer These Questions

- Do you enjoy the sport of lawn bowls?
- Do you have access to the Internet?
- Do you have a Facebook account?
- Do you have a Twitter account?

If you answered yes to two or more of these questions then please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our [Website](#) to stay connected to the latest news, tips, stories, photos and videos on lawn bowls in Alberta, across Canada and around the world.

Participate in Social Media

Like and share our posts on social media. People who follow you will see these posts and may become more interested in lawn bowls when they see the fun you are having! Email 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, please consider joining the Marketing Committee for Bowls Alberta. For further information email Bob Selzler at marketing@bowlsalberta.com

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. Don't be shy – I'd love to hear from you!

Happenings Across the Clubs

Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club

By Bob Bragg

Bowling season is well underway at the Bow Valley LBC. Our Doubles League, playing 2-4-2 Australian pairs format, is in mid-season form, characterized by hard-fought but friendly contests, some ties, some blow-outs and some agonizingly close wins and losses. Thanks to Bob Mergny for organizing and keeping track of games and scores.

This year has been busy with the annual landscaping clean-up held in May, with past-president Daunine Rachert handing over supervision of this worthy task to Jackie Robinson and Sarah Greenwood.

We had a successful Open House on a sunny June 2 in conjunction with National Bowls Day (see photos). More than 30 newcomers dropped by to take a first try at bowling aided by several Club volunteers. The Club now has almost 100 members and continues to see a growing interest in lawn bowling reflected in activity by our members and keen interest in rentals.

As our season unfolds, we look forward to holding an in-house jitney and BBQ August 11 and then playing host to the Alberta Novice Pairs tournament Aug. 25-26. Our popular annual Black and White Event is being held July 22. This is the only event we hold when we dictate dress style. It has resulted in tuxedo jackets with shorts, fancy hats and fascinators, referee garb and much else in the black and white theme.

Meanwhile, we are still working on rehabilitating the green, which took a pounding from a tough winter but is still very playable. Thanks to our hardworking greens-keepers for spiking, re-seeding and levelling. A further remediation is planned this fall when our season ends September 15.

The Clubhouse itself is looking good with a new coat of paint and installation of sound-baffling acoustic tiles. These tiles already make yoga classes more serene and are expected to make our off-season, indoor gatherings that much more enjoyable. Also, in the works is a reboot of our Bow Valley LBC website aimed at facilitating membership, rentals, as well as internal and external communication.



Calgary Lawn Bowling Club

By Bob Selzler

The last 2 months have been very busy for Calgary LBC and our members.

A Full Calendar of Activities

We have a busy schedule of events running at our club, with a variety of social and competitive leagues and jitneys combining players of all levels.

We had a very successful bowls and equipment sale at our club. Buyers and sellers from Calgary and Edmonton arrived early to buy and sell some great bowls and accessories.

We hosted 2 club trophy days, our Pain Trophy jitney and our Canada Day Trophy jitney. The Canada Day jitney was extra special, as we opened our new East Green and now have 2 greens with similar performance!



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We’ve hosted 9 corporate events resulting in about 400 non-members coming out and trying lawn bowls at our club!

We welcomed approximately 75 visitors as part of the Spruce Cliff Open Doors Picnic hosted by the Bow Cliff Centre 50+ giving community members and even politicians a chance to roll a few bowls.

Calgary 55 plus Games Association sponsored a ‘Fun Day’ of Lawn Bowling at our club. This free event was open to all Calgary 55 plus Games Association members and all Calgary area lawn bowling club members 55 plus in age.

Thank you to Stanley Park LBC for hosting an outstanding Stampede Breakfast and Jitney open to all Calgary clubs! There were over 60 bowlers, including 20 Calgary LBC members. A great day was had by all.



Club and Provincial Championships

We hosted our Club Pairs Championship and our Club Singles Championship. Congratulations to:

- Men's Pairs Champions: Pat Bird and Peter Mok
- Women's Pairs Champions: Cathy Selzler and Janette Mackie
- Men's Singles Champion: Francis Standen
- Women's Singles Champion: Leona Hatton

Many of our club members competed in provincial tournaments with some great success. Congratulations to:

- Alberta Men's and Women's Fours Championship:
 - GOLD: Peter Mok, Mike O'Reilly, Patricia Walker, Bev Robinson
 - SILVER: Greg Wilson, Kevin Childs, Ken Olsvik, Derek Dillon, Joanna Cooper, Jenn MacDonald
 - BRONZE: Pat Bird, Francis Standen
- Alberta Men's and Women's Pairs Championship:
 - GOLD: Pat Bird, Jon MacDonald
 - SILVER: Greg Wilson, Derek Dillon
 - BRONZE: Jenn MacDonald, Pauline Wong
- Alberta Men's and Women's Singles Championship:
 - GOLD: Greg Wilson
 - BRONZE: Pat Bird, Bev Robinson

Thank You to Our Volunteers

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of our club members who volunteer to help make our club and the many events run so smoothly! Without your support none of this could happen!

Raising Awareness for our Sport

Our very own, Derek Dillon, and Head Coach for Bowls Alberta was interviewed by Rob Kerr for Sport Calgary regarding the status of our sport in Canada. You can listen to the podcast here:

<https://www.sportcalgary.ca/member-profile/2018/6/27/bowls-alberta>

Walter Woodroffe-Brown, editor of Sport Calgary gave our game a whirl and found it challenging and addictive. He was impressed with our new facilities and the speed of our greens and he wrote the following article:

<https://www.sportcalgary.ca/sport-stories/2018/7/13/all-summer-one-sport-lawn-bowling>

Upcoming Events

On July 27-29 we will be hosting the Alberta Senior Triples Championship and the Provincial Visually Impaired Championships at our club. We are also well underway with all the planning for hosting the Canadian Senior Triples Championship at our club on September 10-15. As we are getting closer to the event we are starting to recruit volunteers to help with the various tasks required for hosting a Canadian Championship. In the next month we will be sending out posters to all the clubs inviting any members to come out and cheer on the players. If anyone would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Heather Mackie heathermackie@shaw.ca. We are looking forward to a great week of bowling in September and a chance to show off our great greens.



Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club

By Keith Wylie

Well put on your tin foil hats and extend your antennae so you are able to go back in time.

Whirrrrrrrphut! The Early Bird Quaddie tournament happened but with only 5 teams so they played a modified format to get the games in and the prize money was small. The Yardstick tournament also went off with 18 bowlers with many of them brand new this season – it is rewarding to have your bowl score when it is within a yard of the jack! The Dress the Duck tournament happened as well on a wet Sunday which saw only 9 bowlers show up! There were two men and 7 women, so I guess the ladies are not as whoosey as the guys. This was won by Jan Robinson and Margaret Ellis who is a new bowler. The duck is very chic looking in his leather hiking outfit!!



The Corporate Challenge went off well with 30 volunteers stepping up to help keep this event on track. There were 120 teams entered so we had 3 full greens for several days. This event generates good revenue for the club.

June was also extremely busy with 11 group bookings which has kept Gayell and Keith very busy managing the bookings and ensuring that enough volunteers are available to help out these groups.

Late May and early June was also very busy with the coaching of the new bowlers with 82 plus 2-hour sessions delivered to the new members.

The Summer Solstice tournament happened on June 23 with 19 members turning out for some afternoon bowling so that they could enjoy the longer nights sitting in their own back yards.

July has also started off with 5 group bookings and all of the Thursday evenings in July see our club hosting the Lawn Summer Nights event which is a cystic fibrosis fundraising event that happens across Canada – loud music, 3 greens full of young people playing lawn bowls with enough food and drink to keep them happy – it is a very upbeat and joyful event.

July 1 meant a Canada Day tournament which saw 32 members show up to enjoy sunshine, 2 ten-end games and a hamburger extraordinaire prepared by Chef David.

We hosted the Provincial Pairs Championship on July 5-7 with Pat Bird and Jon MacDonald victorious over Greg Wilson and Derek Dillon for gold/silver. Roger Allan and Keith Wylie took the bronze. 10 club members turned out on the Saturday to play their own little pairs tournament matching an experienced bowler with a newer bowler however they were not impressed with the heavy rain, so their tournament was shortened.

On July 13-15 we hosted the Provincial Outdoor Singles Championship which saw Commonwealth LBC members Jan Robinson win gold and Roy Riege win silver medals. Both Roy and Jan led their Fours Teams to gold medals at the Provincial Fours playdowns in Calgary on the June 22- 24. Roy's team has Paul Maskell from our club as well as Mike O'Reilly and Peter Mok from Calgary. Jan's team are all Calgarians – her sister Bev Robinson and the well-known Peggy Plathan and Patricia Walker. Good luck to all in Regina!!

Highlands Lawn Bowling Club

By Eileen Passmore



May and June were busy, successful months for the Highlands LBC with respect to new members, centennial celebrations and Canada Day bowling.

Welcome New Members!

The club actively recruited new members through mall displays, an open house, and a family and friends event on National Bowls Day. These activities resulted in 25 adults and 2 juniors joining our club, bringing the total number of members to 81. The club coaches and mentors are working hard to get everyone on the green and enjoying the game.



Centennial Celebrations

To recognize its centennial, the club undertook initiatives that both honored the past and looked toward the future, including a display of past awards, a new logo, new club shirts, and new benches to surround the bowling green. The club's Centennial celebrations included a wine and cheese party on June 29 and a triples tournament and social bowling on June 30. About 60 people attended the party including, Bowls Alberta President Grady Long who presented Club President Barb Spencer with an engraved bell, MLA Brian Mason who presented Barb with a congratulatory certificate, and MP Kerry Diotte.



The program also included the presentation of lifetime memberships to Helen Boyle, Jean Davidson, and Nancy Napora, who have been continuous members of Highlands LBC for 20 years and have consistently served the club as board members and volunteers.

The spider bowl proved to be a great way to start the triples tournament and social bowling on June 30. The day included morning and afternoon bowling, a great lunch, and a presentation by member, Keith Driver. Keith, an accomplished potter, presented each member of the Highlands LBC with a pottery bowl that he made to commemorate the club's centennial. The bowls are beautiful and were appreciated by all members!

Canada Day

Our friends from the Royal LBC joined us on Canada Day for bowling and lunch. This event has become a tradition that is well-attended by members of both clubs. This is a great event for bowlers to see old friends and for new members to get to know other bowlers and to practice their skills in a relaxed setting.

Future Events

July will see the continuation of the juniors' league and the start of the singles' league as well as regular bowling five days per week. Highlands will also send 5 teams to the Royal LBC to play in the Interclub Klondike Classic Quaddie. Club members will also assemble and install new benches around the green in July.

In August, Highlands LBC will continue with regular bowling five days per week, as well as Civic Holiday Bowling and Lunch on August 4. The club will also host the Northern Alberta Open Triples on August 17-19.

Medicine Hat Lawn Bowling Club

By Curt Moll

We had a hat trick of good news in June. Within a two-week period, we found out that the City of Medicine Hat is going to replace our aged, decrepit clubhouse at zero cost to our club. We found out that one of the local golf courses is going to offer their services to get our upper green to golf course standards for a low fee – and it will be ready when we host the Memorial Tournament later this month. And we found out that Royal LBC was willing to donate \$5000 to our club – money that couldn't have come at a better time – and should more than cover the cost of what the golf course guys are going to charge us for labour and supplies.



Our competitive leagues are up and running. Our singles league only has six participants, but our pairs league has six teams this year – up from three last year. Our jitneys have also been well attended with an average of 22 people attending. Every jitney seems to have new people attending and giving bowls a try.

Bowls Alberta Head Coach, Derek Dillon put on a delivery clinic at our club for 8 of our members. We are hoping to get Derek down again this season. Several members are practising and using the techniques he showed us during the clinic.

Welcome to Terry Lerner and Jamie Sutherland to the club!

We travelled to Lethbridge to play a jitney with the Lethbridge LBC. Its always fun when we get together with Lethbridge. Pictured on the Lethbridge LBC green is our VP, Joan Theriault with Lethbridge's Club Coach, Robert Rodzinyak.



Our groundskeeper, Jim Reid, is learning a ton of new information from the golf course guys. The green already looks 100% better than it did at the start of the season, thanks to Jim's dedication, willingness to learn, and flexibility. The green will be ready to go for our Memorial Tournament.

Allan Hunt was one of our super volunteers. He organized all the community bookings and ensured each group had a member or two to assist the group.



Our new president, Bill Cuthill (pictured raking the bowls), didn't waste any time and revived discussions with the City of Medicine Hat about replacing our clubhouse. Bill and the new director of Parks and Recreation were able to work together to secure the new building.

We are very excited about welcoming Bowls Alberta members to our Medicine Hat Memorial Tournament on July 21 & 22. We have 15 triples teams registered for our tournament! We had such a great time

three years ago when we first hosted and then we were educated on how its done when we travelled to Royal LBC when they hosted two years ago. For all of our members this is the only Bowls Alberta sanctioned tournament they participate in.

In the next couple of months, we will host three in-house tournaments – the Burniston Triples, our novice pairs tournament, and our year-end triples tournament.



Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Club

By Kathryn Chin

Rotary Park LBC has seen an increase in membership and we currently have 200 members! Our club has been busy with many events like our Barefoot Bowls night, National Bowls Day, and the Canada Day celebration.

Thanks to all of our seasoned and new members, other newcomers, and volunteers that came out to our events!

Rotary Park LBC hosted the Bowls Alberta Women's and Men's Fours Championship on June 22-24. Congratulations to our club members who were medalist on three different Fours teams: Peter Mok for winning gold; Joanna Cooper and Jenn MacDonald for winning silver; and Pat Bird for winning bronze.

Our club members also had success in other Provincial Tournaments this month. At the Alberta Pairs Championship, Pat Bird and Jon MacDonald won gold and Jenn MacDonald and Pauline Wong won bronze. At the Alberta Outdoor Singles Championship, Pat Bird won bronze.

Good luck to our club members – Peter Mok, Pat Bird, Jon MacDonald – that are moving on to the Canadian Championship in Regina on August 22-29.

Our website is back up and more updates can be found at www.rotaryparklawnbowls.com.



Royal Lawn Bowling Club

By Howard Davison

The Royal LBC situated in the picturesque Legislature grounds in Edmonton is once again enjoying evenings of unparalleled beauty as well as good friendship and good bowling.

Our green is available to our members at any time as long as our greenskeeper is not working on there. We run organized social and league bowling Mondays through Thursdays.

We have had three tournaments this year so far with more to come:

Gunn Tac Triples on June 2nd – this is an internal tournament named after Gunn Tac who loved to play triples and was created after a trophy was donated by a close friend.

Interclub "Crazy Bowl" on June 24th – this is really crazy because non-conventional rules are used in scoring each end.

Klondike Classic Quaddie on July 8th – this is another interclub tournament (see photos).

Much fun was had by all and many thanks to our social ladies for all the snacks and drinks.

As we are located in the Legislature grounds, Canada Day is always a problem with all the activities taking place, so we never use the green on that day but our friends at Highlands LBC always invite us over for a Canada Day get together and



this year was even more special as we helped them celebrate 100 years of lawn bowling in the Highlands area. Thank you to our friends at Highlands LBC and congratulations.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the Royal LBC members that have achieved success in provincial tournaments so far –

Gold in Women's Pairs – Claire Day and Amanda Berg

Silver in Women's Fours – Claire Day and Val Wilson

Qualified for U18 Boys Nationals – Andrew Davison

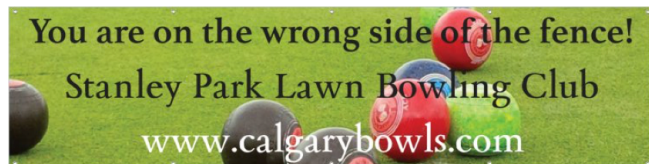
Congratulations and good luck to you all and also good luck to our members who are in tournaments still to come.

Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club

By Kathryn MacGregor



Stanley Parks LBC membership has increased this year from 100 to 102 even though some members did not return. Dave Simpson – Stanley Park’s Head Coach is reporting a record number of new beginners interested in learning the game of bowls attending the coaching lessons on Monday evenings. Our new club banner attached to the side fence has attracted many visitors to the club and interest in the game.



On Saturday June 16th, five volunteers from Stanley Park LBC introduced the game of bowls to children 10 to 17 years old at the Calgary Indoor Soccer Centre. The 'All Sport One Day' event was a free day of 70+ sport discovery activities in 17 facilities across the city and was sponsored by sportcalgary.ca.

Stampede Breakfast Jitney – Sunday, July 15 – Yahoo!

Stanley Park LBC invited all members of Lawn Bowling Clubs in the Calgary area to a delicious stampede pancake and sausage breakfast. Wearing their western duds, the interclub event was attended by 70 guests. A three-game jitney followed breakfast.



Provincial Events Schedule – 2018

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

Dates	Event	Location	Registration Deadline	Location
July 21-22	Medicine Hat Memorial Triples	Medicine Hat LBC	13-Jul	Poster
July 27-29	Provincial Senior Triples Playdowns	Calgary LBC	20-Jul	Poster
July 28-29	Provincial Visually Impaired Singles	Calgary LBC	20-Jul	Poster
Aug. 10-12	Provincial Mixed Pairs Playdowns	Commonwealth LBC	03-Aug	Poster
Aug. 17-19	Northern Open Triples Tournament	Highlands LBC	10-Aug	Poster
Aug. 17-19	Southern Open Triples Tournament	Stanley Park LBC	10-Aug	Poster
Aug. 25-26	Northern Novice Pairs Tournament	Royal LBC	18-Aug	Poster
Aug. 25-26	Southern Novice Pairs Tournament	Bow Valley LBC	18-Aug	Poster
Sept. 7-9	Provincial Indoor Singles Playdowns	Stanley Park LBC	31-Aug	Poster
Oct. 13	Bowls Alberta AGM	Red Deer		Kerry Wood Nature Ctr

Note From the Editor

On behalf of the Bowls Alberta Board, Committees, and Lawn Bowling Clubs (LBC) I would like to thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope you found the content useful, timely and now have a better connection to the Alberta lawn bowls community.

Please join me in thanking everyone who contributed articles to make this newsletter possible!



In case you missed it, you can [download our first issue – May/June – here](#). Our next issue – September/October – will be out in late 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](#) pages.

Was the content useful and timely? Did you learn more about the committees and the activities at our LBCs?

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

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