

# JUST A SMIDGEN

## President's Message

Welcome back to a great summer of bowling. There have been enforced changes (owing to illness) to the governance of the Club and they are now as follows for the season of 2024.

President Larry McLellan

Secretary Christa Polley

Treasurer William Dupuis

Directors Janet McLellan

Dawn Collins

Chris Collins

Randy Petrucci

Brian Polley

## Tournaments for 2024

Date Type Time

Sat May 22<sup>nd</sup> Men's Pairs 10 am.

Sat May 25<sup>th</sup> Open Fours 9.30 am.

Tues June 11<sup>th</sup> Open pairs 10 am.

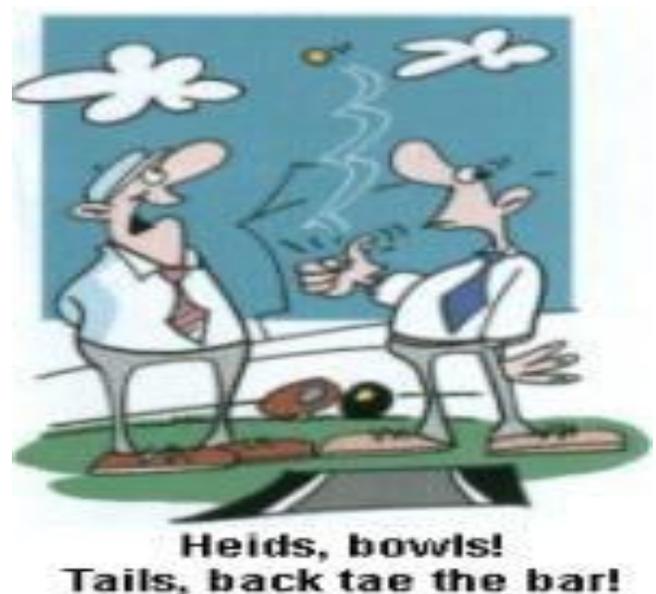
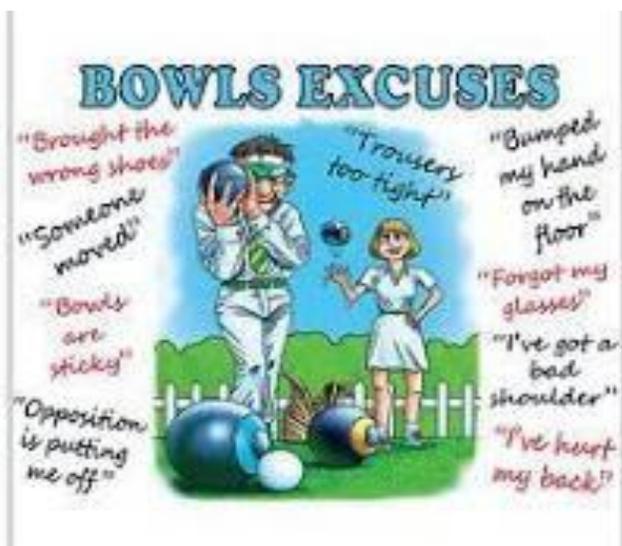
Thur June 20<sup>th</sup> Mxp/Wp 10am.

Sun Aug 4<sup>th</sup> open Pairs 10am.

Sun Sep 15<sup>th</sup> Mxp/wp 10am.

Sun Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> Open triples 10 am.

Entries to Larry McLellan.



## Leagues for the year.

Mon Ladder

Wed Singles

Thurs Triples

(ALL starting 6.30 pm)

Tues Ausie Pairs 10.30 am.

## Sign-up sheets will be in the Club house.

Open Bowls Thurs Afternoon at 1 PM.

Registration Fees for the year

Adults \$150

Under 21 \$75

Monthly \$60 Associate \$50

## Open House

Sat May 4th & 11th @ 9am to Noon Wed  
May 15th @6.30pm Sat June 1st @9am  
to Noon.

## Learn to bowl Dates.

Fri May 17th 6.30pm

Wed May 22nd 6.30pm

Fri May24th 6.30pm

Cost \$40.00

If you become a member your \$40,00  
dollars goes against your fees

## Open Bowling

Tues 6.30pm

Thurs 1 pm

We will start at the end of May or the  
first week of June weather dependent.  
Thanks

Larry McLellan

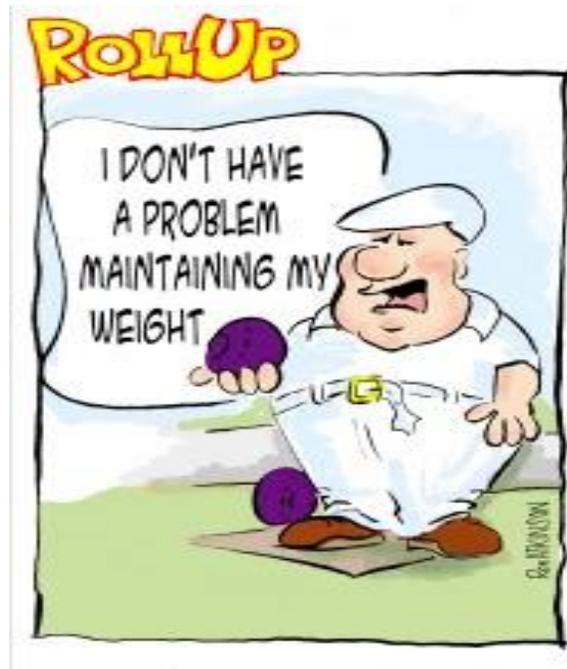


So, there you have it Polish  
your bowls, shine your shoes,  
have that first shower of the  
year, it's bowls time.

Other news and business. We are looking forward to a new influx of bowlers and the return of all our members. But most of all we are looking forward to some good company and some fun! For those members unable to return, we are hoping to see you come down when you can and have a chat and tell some tall stories.

As always, we ask that if you have time please volunteer or, if you have a special skill that you think we could use, please come forward. Any time you can give us is appreciated.

**Remember: We don't stop laughing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop laughing!**



**Clean up at the Club will be announced shortly, please offer your assistance. Just turn up, no sign-up fee, or sheets to fill in, no one to call!**





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Four bowlers were out on the green practicing. As one of them was about to bowl, they saw a funeral procession go by.

Instead of bowling, the bowler removed his cap and placed it on his chest until the funeral had passed.

At this point, one of the others said, "You know, that was the most touching thing I've ever seen."

And the bowler answers, "Well, I was married to her for 15 years. It was the least I could do!"

## A history of Bowls

Perhaps the most famous historical game took place in 1588, with legend claiming that Sir Francis Drake insisted on finishing a game of bowls at Plymouth even as the invading Spanish Armada approached. There are numerous theories regarding the origin of the sport, however archaeological findings from Egypt suggest a sport with biased stone balls was played close to 7000 years ago. A variation of the sport, which later came to be known as 'bocce', was popular in Rome in the days of Julius Caesar. The spread of the Roman Empire may explain the early introduction of the game to much of Europe, while other variations of the game were gradually appearing across the globe, from China to Polynesia. The oldest surviving bowling club is in Southampton (England) and

dates to 1299, and as the game grew in popularity in the 14th Century, the respective kings of France and England banned the sport as it was seen to be distracting people from the militarily critical practice of archery. The sport is referenced in no less than three of William Shakespeare's plays, at a time when it was almost exclusively played by nobleman and punishment was enforced when commoners were caught playing amongst themselves. The preferred style of play at the time was 'crown bowls', perhaps a reference to the popularity of the sport amongst the royals. The game was played on an uneven grass surface until the flat-green game was developed in Scotland where it found a welcome home. The Scots also developed a formal code of laws, the essence of which still form many of the current rules and regulations. Perhaps the most famous historical game took place in 1588, with legend claiming that Sir Francis Drake insisted on finishing a game of bowls at Plymouth even as the invading Spanish Armada approached. As the British colonized much of the world, so did the sport of lawn bowls spread: to Australia, Canada and the United States amongst others. Although the sport has never reached great heights in the United States, George Washington's father Augustus was a keen competitor and is believed to have commenced construction of a bowling green in 1732, the year of George's birth. In the late 1800s, national bowling associations were being established across the globe. The Royal Victorian Bowling Association (Australia) was formed in 1880, while the Scottish Bowling Association came into existence in 1892. Today there are more than 55-member National Authorities in 51 Member Nations, with the prestigious World Bowls Championships taking place every 4 years. 5

**Thank You**

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