



Newsletter

April 2026

A Couple of Reminders

1. There will be a Club Registration and Social on Wednesday May 13 from 6-9 pm. The membership form can be found on the club website (<https://www.prestonbowls.org/membership-form>).

The form has been revised to include league play. If you register for league play, also indicate the names of others, if you are joining as either half of a pair or a team member.

Please bring your completed registration form to this Social. The preferred method of payment is via e-transfer to prestonlawnbowls@gmail.com

The waiver will be available at this event, if you are not already familiar with it.

Enjoy some treats. Lubricate your throat. Catch up with friends and regale each other with stories of your bowling prowess!

There will be **no** bowling this evening.

2. Although indefatigable himself, Stan Jones needs some help to open the club house. This fun- filled activity includes removing and storing the protective boards from the porch, cleaning the interior of the club house and, if time allows, doing some yard work. Stan has circled **May 7** as the date for the club house unbuttoning.

Please contact Stan at scj30494@gmail.com if you are available to help.

3. Season 2026 kicks off on May 18th (yes, that's the Monday of the long weekend)
4. The Tuesday League Open House is May 19th (6:30-8:30pm) and play begins on the 26th. Volunteers are welcome to come out and help introduce new players to the game.

5. There will be an evening open house on May 28th from 7- 9pm. Volunteers are kindly requested to sign-up on the duty roster that will be posted in the lounge. Don't be timid. The bar will be open!

From the Office of the President

Hello Bowlers. I'm excited to remind everyone that we are days away from getting back on the green! Monday May 18 is our scheduled start!

I'm also delighted to inform you that PLBC has received the **OLBA Membership Award** for 2025. We increased our membership by 54 members in 2025 while retaining 74% of our 2024 members. The average provincial retention rate is 52%. CONGRATULATIONS to all of our members! This result speaks to the commitment that each and everyone makes to sharing our sport and making new bowlers feel welcome in our club. In recognition of our achievement, we are receiving a new set of bowls from the OLBA (\$800 value).

Let's keep it up and go for two in a row!

See you at the Registration and Social Night on May 13. (more info to follow)

Carol Jones

Belonging In Bowls program

If by any chance you were getting excited about this Bowls Canada program, you are advised to 'hold your horses'.

Apparently the pillars that were the original structure of this program have come crashing down and they are being replaced by levels. We have been advised that there was some 'overlap' within the various pillars, as initially constructed. Hence, levels are intended to solve this situation.

If this is intuitively obvious, please feel free to share!

(See the Dec 2025 newsletter for background info on the Belonging in Bowls program)

Another National Day for Your Calendar

There is currently an effort underway to establish a National Butter Tart Day **but**, ... you don't have to wait for that auspicious occasion as **National Bowls Day** is being celebrated this June 6, for the 10th year in a row. Who would have thought!



But, it gets more exciting.

This is our opportunity to showcase our club via an Open House from 2-4 pm. We will be introducing the sport of lawn bowling to the anticipated hordes of people who will be coming to explore this sport. All members are encouraged to add to the hordes by inviting your non-bowling friends.

There will be a BBQ at 5pm. If you are susceptible to the offer of free food, kindly sign-up as a volunteer for the event and world becomes your oyster (or hamburger, as oysters are not on the menu). A sign-up sheet will be posted in the lounge.

If you are unable to volunteer but are drawn to the aroma of BBQ wafting over your backyard, come out and work the crowd. The normal BBQ expense will apply.

Speaking of bowling, the following tournaments are being held at PLBC this summer.

Registration for each event can be found on the club website. The maximum number of teams for each tournament is limited to 16.

Aussie Pairs	June 17	12 teams are already registered
Open Triples	July 15	2 teams currently registered

Men's Pairs	Aug 5	7 teams currently registered
Women's Pairs	Aug 19	3 teams currently registered

Tournaments are popular and teams from other clubs are able to participate. If you are interested in playing, it is suggested that you act quickly. The **Jack** waits for no one!

And, if that isn't enough



We are seeking volunteers who are able to “work a table” and speak to attendees of this event. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to demonstrate the sport of bowling and entice some willing souls to give it a try.

As you can see in the fine print, this opportunity is being held on May 21 from 2pm - 5pm at the Newfoundland Club at 1100 Dunbar Road in Cambridge. There will be a sign-up sheet on the board in the lounge.

Until the next time **Gary Brown**