



*Summer Newsletter of the Preston Lawn Bowling Club*

## President's Message

So glad to see spring flowers and the snow disappearing. I Hope everyone had a healthy winter and is as eager as myself to get back to outdoor bowling. Your executive has been busy over the winter making sure this will be a great year for all. This year is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and the Government has brought back Participaction. That means everyone should go out and try a new sport this year and Lawn Bowling just happens to be on the list. Dave Allen applied (on behalf of our club) and received money to promote our club, therefore we will be having extra incentives to introduce Lawn Bowling to new people. Dave has extra posters to advertise so if you know of a place we should have a poster please let us know.

Some of our bowlers went to Budd Park and Milton to their indoor soccer fields to participate in Indoor Lawn Bowling this winter. They will now have to learn to slow down their delivery but they have been practising their lines so we should have some great games this year. Other members did alley bowling but the facility will be closing soon so maybe we should look into a facility in Cambridge to do indoor lawn bowling next winter?? I did curling so we are having a curling night on grass for participaction.

It was great seeing most of our members at the Get Together in March – we always have a great time, don't we!! Thanks again to Carol Jones for organizing and to Colleen and Mike Longo for providing the room. You will notice when you come to the Club Rooms the inside has changed. The men's washroom door has been moved to the meeting room side and the bar is now at the back of the kitchen. Thanks to Stan and Dan for doing this and Richard and Harry for getting things started.

We also received a grant to redo the boards and ditches around the rinks that should be started and hopefully finished before lawn bowling starts. We will just have to wait until all the grass grows back around the outside but should look great for years to come. We will be asking people to come out to open up and clean the facilities and grounds will let you know when the water is turned on and the construction is done. See you on the Greens

Patricia Beaumont - President

### Coaches Corner

*Our club is blessed with five coaches, and this month's tips are coming to you from Kathy Greener.*

A new season is just around the corner; bring your smile and sense of humour. Coaches and club members will help with the rest!

#### Season Start-up Tips

1. Footwear – safe and comfortable
2. Clothing – sleeveless tops require a collar
3. Protection – sun block, hats, visors and sunglasses.
4. Hydration – bring your water bottle
5. Be Prepared – We play in the rain!

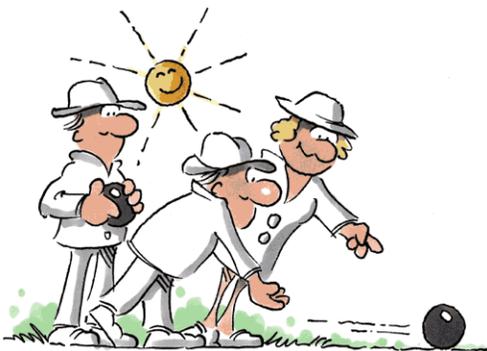


## Todd Lawrence

Todd, a ten-year resident of Waterloo, joined our club in 2015, but has been lawn bowling for much longer. His numerous lawn bowling accomplishments at The Canadian Transplant Games include: **Gold** (Triples) in Edmonton in 2006; **Gold** (Triples) in Calgary in 2012; **Gold** (Singles - Men 40-49) in Moncton in 2014; and **Gold** (singles) and **Silver** (mixed triples) in Toronto in 2016. Todd is also a 4-time House League Hockey Champion!

Spring is the favourite season for 'Fire Todd' as he uses his Maple Syrup production skills in a local sugar bush.

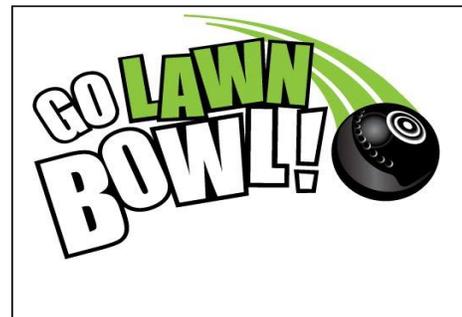
Todd is also a blessed 15 yr Kidney/Pancreas transplant recipient!



## Our Club

The Preston Lawn Bowling Club has existed in this community for 101 years. It started in 1915 and moved to its present site in 1927. Members of the club have the use of the beautiful old building and the grounds from May through to October. The property and Green are maintained by the efforts of the members of the club. The Club is licensed to sell and serve wine and beer.

Please feel free to drop in any Monday, Wednesday or Friday evening from 6:45 until 9:00 p.m. We are waiting to answer your questions and start you on your way to a sport that is easy to learn and takes a lifetime to try and master.



### Three important rule changes for those who participate in Ontario Championships

1. Games will be played to a 3 hr time limit.
2. Trial ends will be played before the start time for games.
3. Instead of a dead end, if a jack is driven out of play it will be re-spotted at the 2 metre mark.

*All of these are abbreviated versions, and the full rule can be found on the OLBA website under Conditions of Play.*

## Kitchen News



There is a new sheriff in town. I will be working with a committee to see that our kitchen lives up to the high standards set by my predecessors. And there will be some changes.

**COFFEE:** Last season we were constantly throwing out pots of coffee each night. As well as being a waste of money, it was also an inconvenience for the person who had to remember to come in and get it ready. The club has purchased a Keurig Single Serve Coffee Maker. You can pay \$0.50 and purchase a pod to use in the machine or you are quite welcome to bring your own. The club will continue to supply tea, juice, cream, milk, sweetener and sugar. Some people say they have missed using a real mug. Again you are welcome to bring your own and keep it in the cupboard at the club. You will be responsible for washing it. Therefore we will not be in violation of the Health Dept.

Every member will be assigned one week on kitchen duty. This will be with a partner or depending on the number of members in the club, it may even be a trio. Your jobs should be relatively simple. Pam has agreed to continue to look after Wed. night bowling. That leaves us most weeks dealing with Mon. and Fri. We will have boxed cookies available for you to put out on Monday night. Friday night will be snack night, an opportunity for you to supply a snack of your choice to the group. If you are not available for your assigned week, it will be your responsibility to switch with another week.

Each member will also be given the choice of how to assist with our tournaments. Hosting 6 tournaments will mean that each person only needs to perform one task during the entire year! We will be looking for

people to act as servers on the day of the tournament or to supply a dessert type item (which would at the most be nine portions). These items could be homemade or purchased.

### Kitchen Committee

I would like to have a few members volunteer to serve on a kitchen committee. Duties would include but not limited to: checking supplies and purchasing needed items; assisting with special social functions by helping to arrange for food, etc. (e.g. Fri. BBQs); seeing that the kitchen is kept clean.

## Bar Buzz



Some exciting news, Stevie now has her Smart Serve and will be joining the staff. Anyone else who has completed the Smart Serve program should let Dave know. The more volunteers we have to serve, the more chances the bar will be open.

Prices this year will remain at \$5 for a regular can of beer or a 5 oz. glass of wine. However we are going to have special pricing on Friday nights – 20% off.

Some people have wondered why we serve our drinks in plastic glasses and cups. This is a health regulation related to our inability to properly wash glassware. However if you prefer your drink in frosty mug or real wine glass, you may bring your own personal container and keep it at the club. (You will be responsible for washing it.)

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**Executive**

Past President - Dave Allen

President - Pat Beaumont

Vice President - Dan Greener

Secretary - Kelly Kleinschmidt

Treasurer - Paul Deemert

Director - Jenn Irwin

Director - Carol Jones

Director - Stan Jones

Appointments

Greens keeper - Richard Bullock

Bar Manager - Mike Sullivan

**Upcoming Events**

May 11 – Clubhouse Opening and Clean-up Day

May 21 - Open House

May 24 – Regular Social Jitney Nights begin

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at **6:45**

June 11 – Club Members Only, Aussie Pairs Tournament

June 14. - Australian Open Pairs - 6:00 p.m

June 15 – Thursday -Tri-city League begins

June 20 – Tuesday Club Pairs League begins

July 16 – Club Members Only, Open Paris Tournament

July 22 - Open Triples (1 Novice) - 10:00 a.m.

Aug 18 - Open Pairs (1 Novice) - 6:00 p.m.

Sept 14 - Open Pairs & Open Triples - 6:00 p.m



**Tri-City Bowls League**

This year there will be a Thursday night league with Heritage Greens. We will play 6 nights there and 6 in Preston. Cost will be \$25 per player (some of which will go to the clubs and the rest to an end of year celebration).

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the club house.

For more details see our website: <[panthergpss.wixsite.com/tcbl](http://panthergpss.wixsite.com/tcbl)>

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