# Newsletter

Sept 2026

**From the Office of the President**

Hello PLBC members,
The summer has flown by and the lawn bowling season is coming to a close. It's been quite a year.

In the spring, we received a new set of bowls (value about $850) from the OLBA for the largest number of new members and the highest retention rate in 2024-25 in Ontario. Our membership has increased again. We hope our new members have enjoyed being with us and we look forward to having you back next year. Significant improvements have been made to the property: new porch lighting, garage door and, calling it a shed is an understatement, we have a fabulous new building to store our equipment.

Most recently, we had the green laser surveyed and, over the next few seasons, Willy will be working to level the playing surface.

Most of you are aware that PLBC has been nominated for the City of Cambridge Sports Organization of the Year award. We'll find out if we win at the awards banquet in early November. Rumour has it that the Cambridge tennis club, an organization that has also existed for more than 100 years, is one of our competitors.

We also had a competition milestone! Members Pat Beaumont and Dave DeFoe were successful in winning the Gold Metal in Provincial Pairs. Congratulations to both and thank you for bringing this honour home to PLBC!

Coming up on September 28th is the AGM. Gary will give you the details. We'll be voting to ratify the By-laws that the Board has worked on for the past several months. To do this we need a 2/3 majority. If you are unable to attend, please fill

out a Proxy form, included in your AGM package and give your vote to any voting member. The form needs to be delivered to Louise by September 25 th.

This is my last message as President. Thank you to all of our members who have helped to make 2026 a successful season. I can't close without saying what a fabulous Board I've had the pleasure of which to work and be a member! I look forward to being the Immediate Past President (IPP) serving on the 2026-27 Board.

See you on the Green,
Carol

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**AGM 2026**

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Monday, Sept 28. There will be light refreshments available as of 5 pm and the meeting starts promptly at 5:30 with bowling to follow.

We encourage everyone to attend, as part of the responsibility of membership is an understanding of how the club is being managed.

If you are unable to attend in person, please download the proxy form that was supplied in my email entitled AGM reports dated Sept 19. The completed form needs to be returned to Louise Guay (hlouiseguay@gmail.com) no later than Sept 25.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 28th!

Carol

PLBC President

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**Tues League Champions**

And, here they are!

A flight: Karen (spare), Lily, Peter and Pat T.
B flight: Trish Howe, Cindy & Tom Angers

Well done everyone!!

Thank you Lance for your leadership related to this league.

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**B & B Kudos**

Thanks to Dave Allen for continuing to run the Thursday night program. This is the third year running that we have had a full program with 64 participants.

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**Club Competition Winners**

Ladies' Singles winner 2026: yet TBD between Pat & Karen

Men's Singles winner 2026: Bill Blake

Triples winner 2026: Susan, Andrew and Marg F

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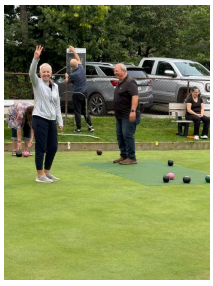
Our hearty congratulations to Pat Beaumont and Dave DeFoe who won Gold at the 2026 Ontario Provincial mixed pairs competition! Yahoo!!



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**Harvest Bowl**

The annual Harvest Bowl was held on Sept 18 and it was another resounding success! Thank you Dave Allen!!





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**Year end banquet**

Plans are underway to hold our annual year end banquet.

Stay tuned for details.

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**Short Mat Program**

As our summer program winds down, please be reminded that the fun continues with the short mat play.

Play starts in October and is being held weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Tuesday play starts Oct 13, at 1pm and the cost is $10 per week. This is jitney style play and there are cash prizes associated with this offering.

Wednesday games start Oct 7, at 1pm and the cost is $5 per week. There are no cash prizes involved in Wed play.

All short mat play is held at The Yard Athletic Centre at 777 Lawrence St. in Preston.

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**Our Pitch**

For everyone's awareness, we have embarked upon a levelling program for our outdoor playing surface. We have contracted with MTE Consultants to produce a laser generated contour map of the current surface. This is scheduled to take place over the next several weeks.

The map will identify low and high spots across the entire surface of the pitch. Our capable grounds crew will then be able to more precisely target areas for remediation.

The expectation is that over the next several years we will be able to obtain a flatter playing surface.

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**Liquor License Jeopardy**

It has recently become apparent that consumption of non-club supplied alcohol has occurred. Perhaps one's favourite tipple isn't offered at the club and consequently some outside libation found its way onto the grounds. On the surface, one might assume that all is well and good, but, and there's a BUT.

We enjoy the privilege of being able to hold a liquor license and it is contingent upon the consumption of **only** club purchased beverages. If we should lose our

license due to the abuse of the alcohol requirements, it would represent a significant loss to the club.

Please take heed.

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**Year End Request**

With the culmination of another year of bowling and friendship, the board of directors is interested in any and all feedback that the membership can provide. The board wants to ensure that everyone enjoys a positive experience and any suggestions for improvement will be greatly appreciated.

There's a colourful, polka dot box labelled **Successes and Suggestions,** on the porch table outside the kitchen door**.** Paper and pencils are beside it. Use these to tell the Board what it is that you enjoyed this year and/or how the club can be improved. If you have more to say, feel free to use a larger piece of paper or send via email. Your help in improving our club is appreciated. Sign your name or be anonymous; we want to hear from YOU.

Carol

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Until the next time,
**Gary Brown**