



Newsletter

June 2026

From the Office of the President

The first night we melted, the second night we froze, but we haven't been rained out (yet!).

It's been a busy start to the season. Thanks to everyone who came to open and clean the club house and grounds in early May.

The first annual Registration and Social was a success! On May 13th members were invited to bring their registration forms, and enjoy some food and fellowship with bowling friends that they may not have seen since last fall. (see photo)



On May 21st, our members attended the Spotlight on Seniors held at the Newfoundland club. We introduced lawn bowling to many of the 175 guests and provided the opportunity for them to try short mat bowling. Thanks to all who assisted with this event. (see photo)

Thursday, May 28th was our evening Open House with 7 guests visiting.

We welcome Janet and John _____ who have transferred their membership from the Paris Lawn Bowling Club.

Up-coming, on Saturday June 6th is the National Bowls Day Open House.

Visitors are invited to tour our facility and “Give Bowls a Try”.

Thank you to all who are signed up to assist. A free BBQ will follow for members who help. Others are welcome to come and pay for the BBQ. (more info later in Newsletter)

In the early spring, the city needed to come and repair a water leak in the pipe running from the club house to the street. That led to issues with toilets and taps that gave our Property Lead, Stan, more than a few headaches! Fortunately, it's all good now.

You'll no doubt have noticed the new fans and lighting in the porch. A big improvement in both aesthetics and functionality. Friday game night was very enjoyable under the improved lighting. Thanks to Fred Natolochny and Stan Jones for installing them.



Willy and his team have been working hard to have the green in top condition, as have Fred and his assistants looking after the lawn.

Your Board members for this year are: Helen Baker (Membership), Pat Beaumont (Past President), Alison Blair (Governance), Gary Brown (Communications), Louise Guay (Secretary and Bar Lead), Elaine Habicher (Treasurer), Lance Vibert (Vice President and Lead for Tuesday Triples) and myself as President. Both Gary and Alison are in their first year on the Board and doing a splendid job in their newly created roles.

Over the winter, we've held monthly meetings. Alison has led us in updating and revising all 11 of our Policies and Procedures. Currently, we're working to develop more comprehensive Bylaws. Thank you, Alison, for your time and expertise.

Your Kitchen and Social Team Leads, Mary Witmer and Sally De Leonardis (Kitchen), and Peter Short (Social) have also been busy. Thank you for taking on these important roles.

Bowls Canada Boulingrin has updated the Bowler's Handbook. If you're interested in purchasing a copy, watch the board in the lounge for more information.

Name tags will soon be ordered at no charge for our new members. If you have lost your tag, and would like to replace it at cost, sign your name to the sheet.

A list of Teams, the jobs that you've volunteered to assist with, will soon be posted on the board in the lounge. We'll be looking for members with strong leadership skills to head and coordinate each of the teams. We may be asking you!

We don't have any paid employees at PLBC. To have a successful club, it takes the effort of each and every member. Thank you again to EVERYONE who has stepped up and signed up to help with any job from Team Lead to Treat Wednesday, yard and clubhouse cleaning to maintenance and washroom upkeep.

How are YOU making our club a success?

Carol Jones, PLBC President 2026

Thursday Coaching Sessions

For anyone interested in improving their bowling skills, Pat Beaumont is again offering her time and energy in support of the club. This coaching is available to all club members, regardless of experience. Pat will be available each Thursday morning, from 10 am 'til noon for instruction and support. She will be conducting these training/coaching sessions during the months of June and July.

This is very gracious of Pat and everyone is encouraged to take advantage of her offer.

Learning Via Osmosis

For those who learn by osmosis, do we have a deal for you!

The club recently purchased copies of the BCB Laws of Lawn Bowls and they are available on a 'first come, first served' basis. The cost is \$7 per handbook.

Get your handbook before they are gone.

Give Bowls A Try!

National Bowls Day is being celebrated this June 6, for the 10th year in a row.



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 one and all during this time slot. All members are encouraged to contribute to the success of this event by inviting your non-bowling friends to attend.

The culmination of this day will be a BBQ at 5pm. We are always looking for volunteers. Please check the lounge bulletin board for your opportunity to assist.

PLBC Tournament Update

Registration for tournaments can be found on the club website.

Aussie Pairs	filled, wait list only
Open Triples	July 15

The Open Triples is a great opportunity for newer players to experience tournament play as 2 members of each team must be novices (ie. 5 years experience or less)

Tournaments are popular and teams from other clubs are able to participate. It is an opportunity for some fellowship and fun. Hurry before the few remaining opportunities are gone!

Help Needed!!

Helen Baker will not be available to lead the charge at the Open Triples Tournament. She is in dire need of the following:

- a) A person with experience running tournaments who can fill-in for her on July 15
and/or
- b) Anyone who is interested in learning how to run a tournament can come out tho the Aussie Pairs on June 15 before 6pm. Helen will help train you and will provide extra support prior to the Open Triples event.

Please contact Helen directly at hrbaker50@gmail.com

Volunteers

There are still a number of opportunities for members to assist with maintaining the club and facilities.

Please remember or be made aware of the expression "many hands make light work".

As members, we all have a responsibility to participate as best we are able.

Spotlight on Seniors

On May 21 the Newfoundland Club hosted a Spotlight on Seniors health and information event. The following individuals were caught basking in the glow of that warm light. Wolfgang Habicher, Pat Beaumont, and Carol & Stan Jones just happened to step in front of a camera!



Sunday League

Lance Vibert valiantly attempted to launch Sunday league bowling. Unfortunately, the possibility of Sunday play did not generate sufficient interest to offer it this season.

Social Calendar Updates

Barbecue master Peter Short would like everyone to know that the planned end of June BBQ has been cancelled.

But, fear not. July 1 festivities will be in full swing.

Peter would like to see the sign-up sheet filled. He has some exciting prizes that will be awarded to competitors in his planned games program. He indicates that there will be both indoor and outdoor activities. However, lawn bowling is not on the program. There will be several quizzes that will test your numeracy and your music knowledge. Outside games include cornhole and ladder ball (?). A BBQ hosted by the Social and Kitchen committees, with chefs Eugene and Andre showing their grill skills, will cap the festivities.

Plan to arrive by 2pm. The BBQ is expected to be at full flame by 4:30pm.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, even if it is only to enjoy the culinary delights from the BBQ.

Until the next time,
Gary Brown