

# The Right Bias



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## Long-Term Member & Athlete Profile – Janette Mackie

By Bob Selzler

Janette was first introduced to lawn bowling in 1987 when her 70-year-old father was visiting from Scotland and was reminiscing about lawn bowling in his 30's. Janette had never seen her father lawn bowl, so she and her husband Lindsay and daughters Heather and Tracy thought it would be a good idea to take him down to Calgary Lawn Bowling Club (CLBC) to watch him bowl. After shuttling him back and forth to the club 2 to 3 times a week, they decided that they should give the sport a try and the four of them all joined CLBC. Janette, Lindsay and Heather immediately enjoyed playing the sport together and have been members of CLBC ever since.

Prior to lawn bowling Janette and Lindsay were both active playing tennis, badminton and curling. Their experience curling helped them to pick up lawn bowling quickly as both sports have many similarities – not aiming directly at the target, draw weight shots, take-outs, and game strategy.

Janette first started competing in provincial events in the late 1990s and has earned 11 medals between 2004 and 2018 in fours, mixed pairs and senior triples. She has gone to Canadian national championships three times and earlier this month led her Alberta-B team to a gold medal at the 2018 Canadian Senior Triples Championships at CLBC!



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**HAVING A BALL** – Heather, Lindsay and Janette Mackie. *Calgary Herald*, June 8, 1994

"It was very exciting to win gold at a Canadian championship and doing it at my home club made it extra special," stated Janette. She went on to say, "I was especially excited for my vice, Cathy Dallas, as this was the first time for her to compete in a Canadian championship. I was very happy not to have to throw the last bowl in the final end to win the game."

Janette and Lindsay have bowled all over Canada both recreationally and competitively, and have bowled while vacationing in Scotland, Australia and while wintering in New Zealand. Through bowling they've made friends with many people around the world. They met Dave and Annie Mathie from Vancouver at a Canadian championship in Halifax and became friends, they discovered that both couples got married in Scotland on the same day and the same year!

### Many Changes Over the Last 30+ Years

Janette has seen tremendous change in lawn bowling over the years. When she first joined CLBC, there were actually two separate clubs, the Men's club and the Women's club. The division of labour around the club was men taking care of the greens and the surrounding grounds while the women took care of the kitchen duties. It wasn't until the mid-1990's that the two clubs became one, and the position of club president began to alternate between men and women every other year.

Today bowling is much more casual than it was when Janette started in the 80's. "I don't think it was a law or rule, but all these old Scottish guys at our club used to tell us, if you're not skips, stay on the bank, don't stand on the green. And if you're not going to have your whites on don't expect to play," explained Janette.

When Janette first joined CLBC almost everyone had either Henselite or Taylor bowls and they were all black in colour, although over time brown bowls started to appear. There was even a lady at the club who played with wooden bowls.

### A Committed Club Member

Janette has been a very active member since joining CLBC in 1987 – bowling socially, competing in club trophy and championship events, an engaged volunteer and a club leader.

She has held numerous board positions at CLBC, where she has been club President twice, club Secretary twice, and is an active leader on the social committee. She even did a term as Secretary on Lawn Bowls Association of Alberta (now known as Bowls Alberta).

Although not an official coach, Janette has helped with lessons to new bowlers and corporate event visitors all her years as a CLBC member.

A couple of months ago someone asked Janette, "Its amazing that Calgary Lawn has been around as long as it has, why?" Janette replied, "From the time I joined Calgary Lawn it has always had members that helped out all the time. Volunteering is huge, you can't run a club without volunteers sharing the load. We are very, very fortunate at Calgary Lawn, we have a lot of good dedicated volunteers!"

The social aspect is a big part of being a member of a club. For about 20 years, Janette and Lindsay hosted a CLBC Christmas party at their house.

### Just Enjoy It!

Janette loves lawn bowling because it's a great social and competitive sport she can play outdoors in the fresh air. It has been a perfect lifelong sport she enjoys playing as a family or as a couple with her husband Lindsay.

Janette's advice to new bowlers, "Remember, just enjoy it!"





# Point of Aim

By Pat Vos

Bowls Alberta has set out goals to achieve as identified in the [Strategic Plans 2018 – 2022](#). In our [last newsletter](#) we featured a specific target under the larger goal of “**Supportive Thriving Clubs**”.

**Goal:** Members support provincial events and competitions

**Target:** 30% participation of all club members in provincial events

At the time of the release of the last newsletter we were sitting at approximately 20% with 160 members out of 776 registered for provincial events. Now we'll add the additional numbers from the last three Provincial Championships, Senior Triples, Mixed Pairs and Indoor Singles along with the registrants and volunteers that helped run the Northern and Southern Novice Pairs and the Northern and Southern Open Triples. And again, not counting duplicates, as many members play in more than one provincial event, we get an additional 90 players and about 15 more volunteers that helped run the events.



That's **250 members out of 804** for a participation level of **31%** and so we hit our target for 2018! We are thankful for our **supportive clubs** and all their members that compete in our provincial events or volunteer to ensure our competitions are well run!



Another target featured in our Strategic Plans is:

**Goal:** 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Bowls Alberta (LBAA)

**Target:** Season of 2019

A celebration requires some planning! This is the first call out for committee members to help with that. Please email [office@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:office@bowlsalberta.com) if you would like to help shape our 30th anniversary celebration in 2019. Ideally, we need 3 - 5 individuals with at least 3 of them having been part of our association since it began.

# Committee Updates

## Bowling Program Committee

By Pat Bird

The last two months have been very busy with 8 different provincial championships and sanctioned events taking place across Alberta. Many thanks once again to the host clubs, their greenskeepers, their many volunteers, the draw masters, and the umpires for helping our provincial events run as smoothly as they do.

Below are the Provincial Results since our July/August newsletter:

### Medicine Hat Memorial Triples at Medicine Hat LBC, Medicine Hat on July 21 – 22

- Div. 1 Winners: Tony Spencer, Barb Spencer and Monica Pachan
- Div. 2 Winners: May Dalziel, Sue Davison and Francis Yo
- Div. 3 Winners: Marlen Shustov, Anne Hammond and Margaret McDonald
- Div. 4 Winners: Jim Clegg, Marg Clegg and Bill Cuthill
- Ben Osterman Award: Curt Moll



### Senior Triples at Calgary LBC, Calgary on July 27 – 29

#### Women's

- Gold: Margaret Bruce, Cathy Wieliczko and Sharon Brunelle
- Silver: Janette Mackie, Cathy Dallas and Chris Adams
- Bronze: Barb Spencer, Kathy Kerr and Taeko Tobari

#### Men's

- Gold: Neil Douglas, Kevin Power and Ju Cho
- Silver: Glen Brunelle, Gordon Small and Peter Gubitz
- Bronze: Herb Monteith, Dwayne Hauck and Graham Jones





**Mixed Pairs at Commonwealth LBC, Edmonton on Aug 10 – 12**

- Gold: Keith Wylie and Shannon Roden
- Silver: Roger Allen and Julie Ford
- Bronze: Kevin Dusablon and Brittany Dusablon

**Northern Open Triples at Highlands LBC, Edmonton on Aug 17 – 19**

- First: Gerald Hoffer, Pat Vos, Shannon Ross Watson
- Second: Roger Allen, Julie Ford, Ken Winslow
- Third: Jan Robinson, David Biggs, Ana Manriquez

**Southern Open Triples at Stanley Park LBC, Calgary on Aug. 17 – 19**

- First: Dwayne Hauck, Justin Dusablon, Mike O'Reilly
- Second: Pauline Wong, Cheryl Storrow, Shari Henry
- Third: Robert Rodzinyak, Al McGarty, Bob Edmiston



**Northern Novice Pairs at Royal LBC, Edmonton on Aug 25 – 26**

- Gold: Mike Evans and Susan Kitzan
- Silver: Dennis Nolan and Johanne Duchesne
- Bronze: Ana Manriquez and Dylan Liley

**Southern Novice Pairs at Bow Valley LBC, Calgary on Aug 25 – 26**

- Gold: Dave Storrow and Cheryl Storrow
- Silver: Justin Dusablon and Trevor Smith
- Bronze: Bob McDue and Karen Dawson



**Indoor Singles at Stanley Park LBC, Calgary on Sept 7 – 9**

Women's

- Gold: Jan Robinson
- Silver: Claire Day
- Bronze: Pauline Wong

Men's

- Gold: Greg Wilson
- Silver: Mike O'Reilly
- Bronze: Pat Bird





You can also visit the Provincial Results page on our website to see the results for the entire year:  
<https://bowlsalberta.com/events/provincial-results/y-2018/>

The Bowls Committee will meet this winter to discuss how we can improve our events. If you have any input with regard to our provincial championships or sanctioned events, please email me: Pat Bird, Bowls Committee Chair at [pbird01@gmail.com](mailto:pbird01@gmail.com)

## Athlete Development Committee

By Derek Dillon

### 1. Athlete Development Camps

Bowls Alberta has held several successful Athlete Development camps in Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. More camps will be held in the 2019 season.

Both Senior and Junior athletes have been attending these camps to help improve their game.

Don't be shy – come and have fun and learn at the same time.

### 2. Canadian Youth Championships

6 Junior athletes represented Alberta in the National Championships that were held in Winnipeg on August 14-19. The 6 athletes were all from clubs in Edmonton.

4 girls and 2 guys represented Alberta very well with strong performances in both the under 18 and under 25 categories.

All of our Junior athletes had minimal competition experience prior to the Championships but, showed through their composure and competitive spirit that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the future. Many of the athletes from other Provinces who currently are in Canadian representative teams were impressed with our athletes with some performances clearly putting our Team in the spotlight.



### 3. National Championships

**Canadian Championships in Regina on Aug. 22-29.** A very successful National Championships saw Team Alberta come home with:

- Gold – Men's Pairs (Pat Bird and Jon MacDonald)
- Gold – Women's Pairs (Cecilia Gillespie and Pat Vos)
- Silver – Women's Pairs (Claire Day and Amanda Berg)
- Lady Alexander Trophy – Team Alberta Women's aggregate points winners
- 4th Place – Women's Singles (Claire Day)







In addition to the above medals and trophy the Women's Fours team (Jan Robinson, Peggy Plathan, Bev Robinson and Patricia Walker) finished in 4th place after a very successful week.

It was a great performance from the team who showed other Provinces once again that it's the training and preparation in conjunction with game plans that has made Alberta a leading Province at Nationals over the last number of years.

#### **Canadian Mixed Pairs Championships in Qualicum Beach, BC on Sep. 11-15.**

The gold medal game was a tightly fought match between Team Alberta and BC-B. We saw Team Alberta come home with:

- Silver – Mixed Pairs (Keith Wylie and Shannon Roden)



**Canadian Senior Triples Championships in Calgary on Sep. 11-15.** Another very successful Championships for our home province, we saw Team Alberta come home with:

- Gold – Alberta-B Women's (Janette Mackie, Cathy Dallas and Chris Adams)
- Bronze – Alberta-A Women's (Margaret Bruce, Cathy Wieliczko and Sharon Brunelle)

#### **4. Coaching**

Derek Dillon has been appointed to coach Team Canada in the 2018 North American Challenge (a bowls challenge match between Canada and the USA) held October 11-13 at the Laguna Woods Lawn Bowling Club in Orange Country, California. Alberta players named to Team Canada for this event are Alexis Gallacher, Joanna Cooper and Greg Wilson.

Derek Dillon, Head Coach for Bowls Alberta is available to assist other coaches or players continue to develop their game. Please contact Derek through Bowls Alberta [office@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:office@bowlsalberta.com) for assistance where time allows.





## Newest Alberta Club Coaches

By Pat Vos

Four members of the Medicine Hat Lawn Bowling club took the Club Coach Course in early August to become Alberta's newest club coaches. Curt Moll, the club's secretary and treasurer for several years, will now also fill the role of teaching new members the fundamentals of our sport. Along with him are the club members Barb Moll, Joan Theriault and Wes Bresee.

The Medicine Hat LBC has shown steady growth over the last few years and hosts several corporate events and school groups each summer, so having four trained coaches will be very beneficial to their club. Along with learning how to teach the fundamental skills of bowls they received information on drills, several modified games and tournament ideas. The coaches quickly put into practice what they learned organizing and hosting a "Yardstick Tournament" in August for members of their club and the Lethbridge Lawn Bowling Club.



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## Canadian Blind Bowlers Championships

By Pat Vos

Ten Alberta members participated in the Canadian Blind Bowlers Championships the last few days of August. The tournament was held at the Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club in Edmonton and featured many volunteers from all three Edmonton clubs. Three days of competition in their different divisions culminated with the



presentations of medals followed by a Survivor game which mixed up the bowlers and helped end the event with lots of laughter. A delicious meal was served up at the ending banquet on Friday evening held at the host hotel, the Chateau Lacombe, before some social time together in the host suite, and all returning home on Saturday morning.

Our four visually impaired Alberta bowlers that competed were joined by 4 bowlers from BC, 2 from Ontario, 1 from Quebec and 1 from New Brunswick. Geoff Conner directed by Brian Walters (Royal LBC) and Brian McIvor directed by Yvonne McIvor (Calgary LBC) participated in the B1 category and received the Silver and Bronze medals for their play. Heather Hannett directed by Stuart Barton (Calgary LBC) competed in the B2-3 category and she achieved the Silver medal. And finally, Vivian Kwan directed by Marvin Kwan (Highlands LBC) competed in the B3 category and she won the Gold medal. Two other Alberta members, Kathryn MacGregor (Stanley Park LBC) and Jim Campbell (Commonwealth LBC) also directed visually impaired bowlers for the tournament, Kathryn a player from Quebec and Jim a bowler from New Brunswick.

The Blind Bowlers Association of Canada (BBAC) is grateful to the Commonwealth LBC for hosting the event and very thankful for the many volunteers that helped the tournament be successful. The food provided by Chef Dave was tremendous. BBAC also acknowledges the tremendous support and hospitality of the Chateau Lacombe Hotel. It was the best hotel they ever stayed at, as stated by many of the participants. And lastly, we acknowledge the support of Alberta Sport Connection and for the hosting grant given to help cover most of the expenses of the Canadian Blind Bowlers Championship. And to give the bowlers the last word, "Let's come back here next year!"



# Officials Committee

By Jenn MacDonald

## Umpiring in Alberta

A huge thank you to all the umpires who officiated at provincial and national events this year. Alberta umpires recently wrapped up a chilly week of officiating at the 2018 Canadian Senior Triples Championships at Calgary Lawn Bowling Club.



## New Level 1 Umpires

In August four new umpires completed the Level 1 Umpire course in Calgary – George Hamilton, Dwayne Hauck, Heather Mackie and Bev Robinson. These new umpires have already been busy with many of them assisting in officiating at the Alberta Indoor Singles Championships and the 2018 Canadian Senior Triples Championships in Calgary. Congratulations to our newest provincial umpires – we look forward to you officiating at events in 2019.

Want to become an umpire? Courses will be held in Edmonton and Calgary in spring 2019, please contact [umpires@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:umpires@bowlsalberta.com) for more information or to be placed on our email list to receive information about course dates in 2019.

## The Umpire's Corner

Do you have a question about a rule? Send your questions to [umpires@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:umpires@bowlsalberta.com).



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# Marketing Committee

By Bob Selzler

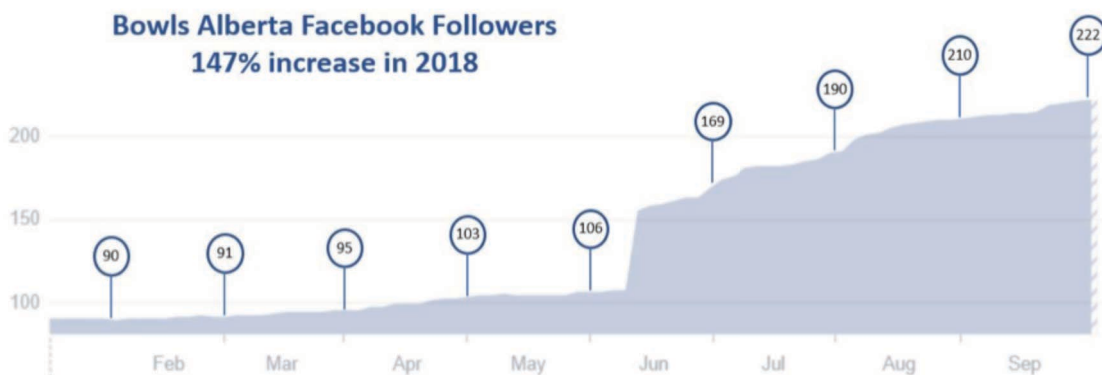
## Reflect on this Season and Start Planning for 2019

As our season winds down, it's a good time to reflect on your club's efforts to recruit and retain members, and to raise awareness for our wonderful sport. What worked and didn't work at your club this year? How did you promote your open houses? Did you access all the free sources to promote it, such as: event listings in city-wide newspapers and community newsletters/magazines; reaching out to the local print, TV and radio media to pitch a story; community center bulletin boards; online sports and community websites; bulletin boards at curling clubs before they wind down their season; local social media pages; flyers for members to hand out to their family, friends and neighbours; etc.? Did you try any low-cost paid promotion, such as: banners on the fence outside your club; roadside signs; ads in community newsletters; flyers distributed in your immediate neighbourhood; targeted Facebook local neighbourhood ads; etc.? I'm sure you all have great ideas. Get involved with your club when 2019 planning begins in the offseason, let your ideas be heard!

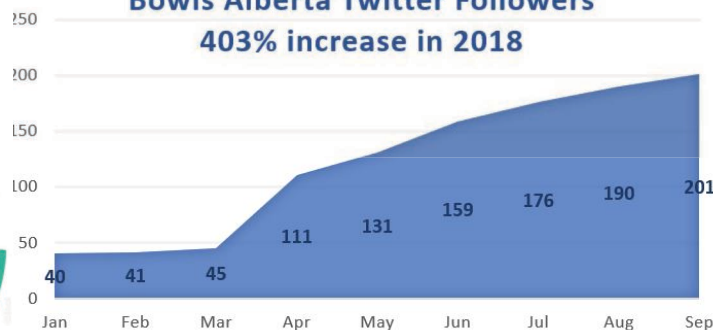
## Following Bowls Alberta on Social Media

An ever-increasing number of people across Alberta, Canada and the world are now following us! But, many of you still are not. Please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our [Website](#) to stay connected to the latest news, tips, stories, photos and videos on lawn bowls in Alberta, across Canada and around the world.

**Bowls Alberta Facebook Followers**  
147% increase in 2018



**Bowls Alberta Twitter Followers**  
403% increase in 2018



Like and share our posts on social media. People who follow you will see these posts automatically in their news feeds and may become more interested in lawn bowls when they see the fun you are having! Email [marketing@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:marketing@bowlsalberta.com) to share stories, events, photos (include captions), etc. with our community.

## Join the Marketing Committee

Do you have a flair for marketing, social media, writing, photography, shooting and editing videos, graphic design, or the ability to convince people to try something new? If you said yes to any one of these abilities, please consider joining the Marketing Committee for Bowls Alberta. For further information email Bob Selzler at [marketing@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:marketing@bowlsalberta.com).



# Happenings Across the Clubs



## Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club

By Bob Bragg

Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club wrapped up its season Sept. 13 with a cozy indoor pizza party as snow flurries blanketed the greens.

The closing is earlier this year to facilitate greens remediation but with a cold, wet week it felt like an appropriate time to say goodbye to bowling for the season. Calgary Lawn Bowling Club has graciously invited our members to bowl at its club for the rest of September.

At our closing event we honoured our Mark Simpson Bowler of the Year, Alena Bubenik. This award rewards points scored throughout the year. Second place went to Marie Gee and third to Sandy Ewing, a new member who joined in June.

We also recognized our Doubles League champions, Karen Dawson and Bob McCue. Second place went to Darlene Boehme and Scott Packer. Scott has been competing in a number of Bowls Alberta tournaments this year. Bob and Ursula Mergny placed third. Bob Mergny organized the doubles league again this year and does a great job of creating a forum for good natured, keen completion.

Our club was pleased to host the Southern Alberta Novice Pairs Competition Aug. 25- 26. Congratulations to Dave and Cheryl Storrow of Calgary Lawn for winning Gold, Justin Dusablon and Trevor Smith of Calgary Lawn for winning Silver, and our club's Karen Dawson and Bob McCue for winning Bronze. It was a great competitive match all round, enjoyed by participants and spectators.



*Bowler of the Year*

*Doubles League Champions*



*Southern Alberta Novice Pairs Competitors*



*Canada 55-Plus Games Medalists*

Three of our members participated in the Canada 55-Plus Games in Saint John, New Brunswick in August and emerged winners. Karl Gibbie and Doug Campbell won Gold in the 70-Plus Men's lawn bowling competition, Karl and Nancy Gibbie won Bronze in the 70-Plus Mixed lawn bowling competition and Doug (and his bowling partner) won Silver in the 55-Plus Mixed lawn bowling competition.

This year we combined our annual BBQ with an in-house jitney on Aug. 11. It was a fun-filled afternoon of close matches which ended with a hard-fought triple playoff between skips Ron Michkofsky and Bill White to come up with a final, first-place team.

Although our bowling season has now ended, our clubhouse remains open for social events, yoga and rentals throughout the year.

## Calgary Lawn Bowling Club

By Bob Selzler

It would be an understatement to say that the last 2 months have been very busy for Calgary LBC as we hosted: 2 provincial events, an invitational tournament, a club trophy jitney, a club novice championship, a Canadian championship, 8 corporate events and 7 drop-ins resulting in 280 new people trying our sport, in addition to our regular schedule of club leagues and jitneys. Whew!

On Jul. 27-29 under beautiful warm and sunny skies we filled both greens hosting 2 provincial events, the Alberta Men's and Women's Dignity Memorial Senior Triples and the Alberta Visually Disabled Bowlers competitions.

On Aug 4-5, Specialty Turf Care and the Calgary LBC hosted the August Invitational Tournament – 72 players, 24 triples teams, with players from all over Alberta, Saskatchewan and BC. What a fun 2-day tournament – 3 games per day, bowling while rocking out to music, enjoying an adult beverage (not on the green), great competitions, excellent food, and socializing before, during and after the games! Thank you to Barb and Ken for hosting this wonderful event, everyone had such a great time, plus prize money in all 3 divisions! Also, a big thank you to the Dillon family for their support in the kitchen as well as the great music, can't do without them.

On Aug. 29 was the Lorne Stout Junior Tournament. The participants sported some pretty snazzy shirts too! Congratulations to all who competed! A big shout out to Judy Smith, Kim O'Reilly, and Heather Mackie for running an awesome Junior Program this summer on most Sunday mornings.

On Sep. 1 we had the club Lorne Stout Memorial trophy jitney. Congratulations to Lorna and Leona Hatton and Leon Dallas for their victory.

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On Sep. 2 we hosted our Calgary LBC Novice Tournament and Pot Luck, congratulations to:

- GOLD: Laura Levesque, Trevor Smith and Cheryl Storrow
- SILVER: Brad Hadubiak, Philip Gervais and Scott Packer
- BRONZE: Kim O'Reilly, Judy Smith and Stephen Meloche

Congratulations to members of Calgary LBC at Alberta Championships:

- Alberta Women's and Men's Senior Triples at Calgary LBC on Jul. 27-29
  - GOLD: Kevin Power, Ju Cho
  - SILVER: Janette Mackie, Cathy Dallas
  - BRONZE: Dwayne Hauck
- Southern Alberta Open Triples at Stanley Park LBC on Aug. 17-19
  - FIRST: Dwayne Hauck, Justin Dusablon, Mike O'Reilly
  - SECOND: Pauline Wong, Cheryl Storrow, Shari Henry
- Southern Alberta Novice Pairs at Bow Valley LBC on Aug. 25-26
  - GOLD: Dave Storrow, Cheryl Storrow
  - SILVER: Justin Dusablon, Trevor Smith
- Alberta Women's and Men's Indoor Singles at Stanley Park LBC on Sep. 7-9
  - GOLD: Greg Wilson
  - SILVER: Mike O'Reilly
  - BRONZE: Pauline Wong, Pat Bird

Congratulations to members of Calgary LBC at Canadian Championships:

- Canadian Championship at Regina LBC on Aug. 22-29
  - Men's Pairs – GOLD: Pat Bird, Jon MacDonald
  - Lady Alexander Trophy (top performing women's team) awarded to Alberta-A Team, including our own: Peggy Plathan, Bev Robinson, Patricia Walker
- Canadian Senior Triples Championships at Calgary LBC on Sep. 10-15
  - Women's GOLD: Alberta B – Janette Mackie, Cathy Dallas



### Hosted the 2018 Canadian Senior Triples Championships on Sep. 10-15

It was a week the players will likely not forget for a long time, as they bowled in sunshine, thunder and lightning, hail, sleet, mist, and freezing cold weather during the week. There were trips made to the mall for extra layers, toques, mitts and hand warmers as well as trips to one of our club members house for toques as well as blankets for the flippers. The players enjoyed our greens as well as our hospitality throughout the week and several players passed on positive comments about their week. A special thank you needs to go out to the umpires who braved the cold along with the players, and not only had to be outside for the games but also for their pre-game checks of the greens. The umpires had a busy time with measuring shots, measuring jacks and also had to deal with delaying games due to electrical storms and deciding if and when to change the game due to the cold weather. THANK YOU UMPIRES!!!

Throughout the week, even with all the layers the players had to wear to stay warm, they were able to treat us to lots of great games with awesome shots. Congratulations to all 4 Alberta teams on a week of great games. Unfortunately, the Alberta men's teams did not make the playoffs, but they still did make Alberta proud with their play. To top the week off, we were able to have 2 Alberta women's teams in the medal games which convinced several spectators to brave the cold and sit outside to watch the last game. The Alberta-A team played a strong last game leading to a bronze medal and the Alberta-B team played a nail-biting game against BC-A to win the gold medal. Thanks to everyone who volunteered in any way before or during the event – it's thanks to all the volunteers that we had such a great week!



### Raising Awareness for the 2018 Canadian Senior Triples Championships at our Club

We produced many videos of the 2018 Canadian Senior Triples Championships including:

- Opening Ceremonies <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/1840929162629413/>
- Day #1 Highlights <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/1067509620090294/>
- Day #2 Highlights <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/1948310068562913/>
- Day #3 Highlights <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/506036939806136/>
- Day #4 Highlights <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/266403154010743/>
- The Finals <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/301874773944509/>
- Closing Ceremonies <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/2220083018064673/>
- Highlights of the Week <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/1945695472155584/>

We also worked with the local media to generate coverage for the championships:

- Global Calgary TV – Sep. 15 <https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryLawnBowlingClub/videos/250920708950726/>
- CBC Calgary TV – Sep. 14 <https://www.facebook.com/cbccalgary/videos/2037263646568558/?t=11>
- Global Calgary TV – Sep. 13 <https://globalnews.ca/news/4447589/calgary-snow-lawn-bowling-championships/>
- CTV Calgary TV – Sep. 5 <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1479823>
- Calgary Prime Times – Aug. 3 print edition:
  - Lawn Bowlers Proud To Show Off Club For Nationals <https://www.calgaryprimetimes.com/article/age-is-not-a-barrier-when-it-comes-to-lawn-bowling-20180716>
  - Our Writer Discovers The Lure Of The Bowls <https://www.calgaryprimetimes.com/article/our-writer-discovers-the-lure-of-the-bowls-20180716>





# Edmonton Indoor Lawn Bowling Club

By Claire Day

Hope you have had a great summer and are ready for the indoor season. Opening day is October 9 right after Thanksgiving Day at the Eastend location and the rest of the week we will have our regular times at Westend and Southside locations – we are hosting Open Houses at each location that week in October (see poster).

The Alberta Indoor champions have been determined and 5 of the medalists have been invited to participate in the 2018 Canadian Indoor Singles Championships being held at the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club in Vancouver.

You might not know, but the Edmonton Indoor LBC supports the players attending these Championships to the tune of \$6,000 each year. This year the attendees are Jan Robinson (GOLD), Claire Day (SILVER), Pauline Wong (BRONZE), Greg Wilson (GOLD) and Mike O'Reilly (SILVER).

## Donations Made to Bowls Alberta in 2018

- \$10,000 – Juniors Travel to National Championships in Winnipeg
- \$20,000 – National Championships Travel
- \$5,000 – International Travel - Team Canada
- \$6,000 – Indoor Championships Travel
- \$10,000 – to cover 2017 shortfall in budget for travel to Nationals

Our AGM is just around the corner on Monday October 15 at the Westend Soccer Centre at 12:30. We have two executive positions on the ballots this year both the President and the Secretary positions are up for election.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE GREENS IN OCTOBER!



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**10AM – 12PM**  
**OCT 10, 11, & 12**  
**EDMONTON INDOOR**  
**LAWN BOWLING CLUB**  
**(E.I.L.B.C)**

Wednesday Oct 10 West Location

Thursday Oct 11 East Location

Friday Oct 12 South Location

We look forward to seeing everyone. Bring a friend as well, to show them how much fun Indoor Bowling can be.

## REGULAR BOWLING STARTS THE WEEK OF OCT 9

Schedule Monday 10 -2:30 West

Tuesday & Thursday 10-12 East

Wednesday 10 -12 West

Friday 10 -12 South

Come and experience Indoor Lawn Bowling and have a coffee on us!

E.I.L.B.C. now has indoor lawn bowling at three locations, 5 days a week, (Monday to Friday)

### Locations:

West Location  
**17415 106A Ave**

East Location  
**12720 Victoria Trail**

South Location  
**6520 Roper Road**

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***"You might not know this, but in 2018 the Edmonton Indoor Lawn Bowling Club donated thousands of dollars to Bowls Alberta in support of athlete's travel to championships."***

# Highlands Lawn Bowling Club

By Eileen Passmore



Our club has had a tremendous year! With about 50 returning and 40 new members, we have enjoyed making new friends on the greens during regular bowling and entering into local, provincial and national competitions. Highlights in the past two months include competitions and greens improvement.

## Club Competitions

Highlands LBC Singles League was implemented in July and attracted 8 members. Cecilia Gillespie won the prize for first place, Ed Gallacher for second, and Grace Peterson for third. The singles league was a great success and will be included in the program for next year.

The President's Tournament was reinstated in 2018 and held on Sept. 1- 2. It was a great success! The tournament attracted 30 club members to play four, eight-end games of two-bowl triples. The winning team included Barb Spencer, Forbes Fields, and Ed Gallacher.

## Provincial Competitions

Highlands LBC members participated in a record number of provincial tournaments this year and placed well in many of them. Three teams from Highlands LBC went to Medicine Hat for the Memorial Triples and enjoyed the hospitality of the Medicine Hat LBC. The Highlands LBC team of Barb Spencer, Tony Spencer and Monika Pachan came in first place.

Mike Evans and Susan Kitzen won the Northern Novice Pairs Tournament, and Vivian Kwan won gold in the Provincial Visually Impaired Singles Tournament gold medal.

Two teams from Highlands LBC entered the Alberta Senior Triples Championships at Calgary LBC, and the team of Barb Spencer, Kathy Kerr and Taeko Tabari took home bronze medals.

In the Provincial Juniors U18 Tournament, Kiera Schaelow won the gold medal, while Alexis Gallacher won the silver medal.

While new to the Highlands LBC, Claire Day and Amanda Berg are not new to lawn bowling! They took home gold in the Provincial Pairs tournament and won silver at the Nationals. Cecilia Gillespie and Pat Vos won gold at the National Pairs Tournament.

Shannon Roden and Keith Wylie, members of both Highlands LBC and Commonwealth LBC, took home gold in the Provincial Mixed Pairs and won silver at the Nationals!

Highlands LBC junior member, Alexis Gallacher, will travel to California in October to join the national team in the North American Challenge, a bi-annual competition between Canada and the USA. This will be great experience for Alexis, and we wish her well!



*President's Tournament Champions*

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*Alberta Senior Triples Bronze Medalists*



*Charlie Jackson*



### Greens Improvement

This year, Ursula, our Greenskeeper, worked hard on levelling the greens and improving the watering system. We also replaced the benches around the green with twenty low-maintenance ones made from sturdy recycled plastic lumber.

Member Charlie Jackson undertook the task of replacing the rubber matting on the perimeter of the green, improving the appearance of the green and eliminating the tripping hazard.

Highlands LBC has a very active membership and no shortage of members who step up to volunteer, whether it be preparing a meal, assembling the twenty new benches, or helping out with rental groups.

The year will close with the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Sept. 27 and will include election of officers as several board positions will be open. We appreciated the leadership and service of President Barb Spencer, Secretary Liz Alleyne and Director Monika Pachan, and thank them for their commitment to our club! The club wind up event will be held at the Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club on Sept. 29.

## Medicine Hat Lawn Bowling Club

*By Curt Moll*

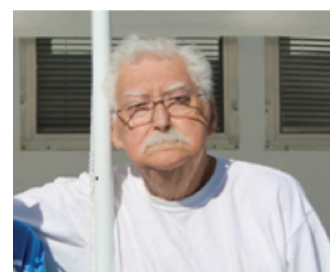
August was a very good month for our club. So many people have come out and discovered what a great game bowls is. Some have even come back!

The Memorial Tournament was the highlight of the season. We had so much fun hosting teams from Royal LBC, Highlands LBC, and Lethbridge LBC. The greens were in top shape as they were just re-opened a few days prior. The games were competitive, but fun, and there was a lot of laughing from everyone. We are already looking forward to possibly hosting the tournament again next season! Thank you to Howard for acting as the drawmaster for the tournament.



The re-opening of our greens was a close second to the Memorial Tournament. We held a grand re-opening ceremony on our Wednesday jitney with Dustin Zdan, superintendent of the Connaught Golf and Country Club, and our groundskeeper Jim Reid getting the honours of cutting the yellow caution ribbon. We had local television and newspaper coverage for the event. Dustin was instrumental in getting our greens back from their near-death experience. He invested a lot of time and labour into the green and expected very little back from us. Jim learned a great deal from the teachings of Dustin and is extremely proud of the result, as he should be.

We were saddened to lose David Dennis to cancer in August. David was a member for three years and was acclaimed as club president in December but had to step down in late January due to his cancer diagnosis. Despite his illness, Dave still made everyone around him laugh and inquired about them and their lives rather than dwell on his illness. In fact, Dave was largely responsible for organizing and preparing the food for the Memorial Tournament, just three weeks before his passing. We are going to miss Dave. In Dave's honour we are starting an annual modified crown bowls tournament, which will be the last tournament of the season. The David Dennis Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top crown bowls competitor annually.



We held a yardstick tournament and invited Lethbridge LBC to participate. The yardstick idea was suggested by Pat Vos when she was doing a coaching clinic down here. It was a great success. Lethbridge members took 5 of the available 7 yardsticks that were awarded as prizes. It will become an annual event, but we aren't sure if we'll invite Lethbridge again....

Our competitive leagues have finished for the season. Wes Bresee was the men's singles champion, while Joan Theriault was the ladies singles champion. The Pairs League saw Wes Bresee and Jeff Desjarlais take the round robin portion of the league and then narrowly took the 'A' championship in the playoff round. Bill Cuthill and Ann Boutkan took the 'B' championship.



*Pairs League 'A' Champions*



*Pairs League 'B' Champions*



*Coaching Clinic – 4 New Certified Club Coaches*

Pat Vos visited us from Edmonton to conduct an NCCP coaching clinic. Four of our members are now certified club coaches. She had a lot of great ideas and showed us some different games we could try (Jacko was our favourite).

Welcome to the club Don & Colleen Degenhardt; Dennis Delainey; Nelson & Sharon Hogg; and Kelvin & Mary Ann Jones.

By the end of November, the city will have our old building down and the new building set up. We've been busy going through almost 70 years of stuff and deciding what has to go. Although a lot of work, it has been very cool as to what we've found hiding in the clubhouse. Once the new building is ready to go there will have to be a lot of decisions to be made. It's an exciting time for our club!



# Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Club

By Gary De'Ath

It has been a good season at Rotary Park LBC, with smoky mid-summer air, and chilly end-of-season temperatures. Lots of new faces, and faithful volunteers that keep the club going.

Our membership totalled 201 players up 9% from last year, with many nightly drop-ins and visitors (family, friends, neighbours and dogs...lots of dogs). The Wednesday Night Fours continues to be our biggest league with 26 teams, making many passers-by stop and stare! But the Draw league grew the most (percentage-wise), with new members coming from the surrounding community.

Our board will be having a full change of executives coming in (hopefully), as we have been running this season with no secretary or vice-president. Thankfully our directors have taken on the responsibilities interim to facilitate normal operations (Kat C, Kris D., Andrew C.). Our rentals have been coordinated by Lacey W. that took our 'system' to a new level. The casino coordinator Rob M. is already seeking volunteers for the second quarter of 2019. We couldn't operate league nights without our volunteers (Lyle T., Terry A., Jenn R., Sheila S., Peter & Mary G., Kathie E.). And club operations would have ground to a halt without our treasurer Pat D. - that filled in for emergency replacement coordinator or whatever needed to be done!

Crescent Heights High School had three classes of grade 12 students come for an introduction to the game. We have also been renting the clubhouse and greens to Rotary Park LBC members and for small corporate events, along with our annual Amber Webb-Bowerman Sugar Bowl tournament and fundraiser ([Read Calgary Herald story here](#)).

Our community-minded Wednesday league coordinator (Jenn R.) has taken the initiative to start a seniors come-and-go tea at the club. She saw the need in the community that would allow seniors to come to the club during day or non-league play times and just have a close venue to meet, for free. We hope to become more involved in the Crescent Heights area to give people more things to do at the club than just bowling.

Some of our full members received medals in various tournaments (Peter G., Jenn & Jon M.), and our 'secondary' members joining teams with other clubs to compete (Pat B., Peter M., Pauline W.) and win hardware.

The executive has been working on getting grants to do some major upgrades to the greens and special equipment to help players get more out of their lawn bowling experience:

- Good quality clubhouse tables and chairs for rentals/events
- TV and computer with voice to text software to aid our deaf/hard of hearing members
- End of season patio chairs that replace our aged plastic ones
- Small bowls sets for small or arthritic hands
- Bowling assistance equipment for disabled players



*Dark clouds over Calgary – but the sun shines on us*



*New tables & chairs give the clubhouse a classy feeling*

Rotary's year-end tournament is September 29th and the theme is 'American Prom'. This is always a fun event with crazy costumes and great attendance, we just hope it doesn't snow! We are trying something new for our AGM this year; combining our AGM and banquet on October 20th which we hope will get our best attended general meeting to date!

We are looking forward to next year to grow the membership, put more novice members into tournaments and major upgrades to the club!

| Lane | Team 1               | Team 2                 |
|------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1    | THE LAWN RANGERS     | ROLL ANOTHER 1         |
| 2    | Bowlshericks         | Camilla Parker Bowls   |
| 3    |                      |                        |
| 4    | LAWN WOLVES          | GIN & LAWNIC.          |
| 5    | Bowling Stones       | Grab Life By the Bowls |
| 6    | T.B.D.               | Bridled Enthusiasm     |
| 7    | Guacabowlie          | Smoking Bowls          |
| 8    | Bowlistic Missiles   | Significant Brothers   |
| 9    | Bowlivia Newton Lawn | Bowl Volley Cakes      |
| 10   | Bowlivian Cartel     | Just Bowls Please      |
| 11   |                      |                        |

*Some of our clever team names*



*Can't afford a \$50 measuring tape? Improvise with beer tickets!*



*Rainbow over die-hard bowlers*



# Royal Lawn Bowling Club

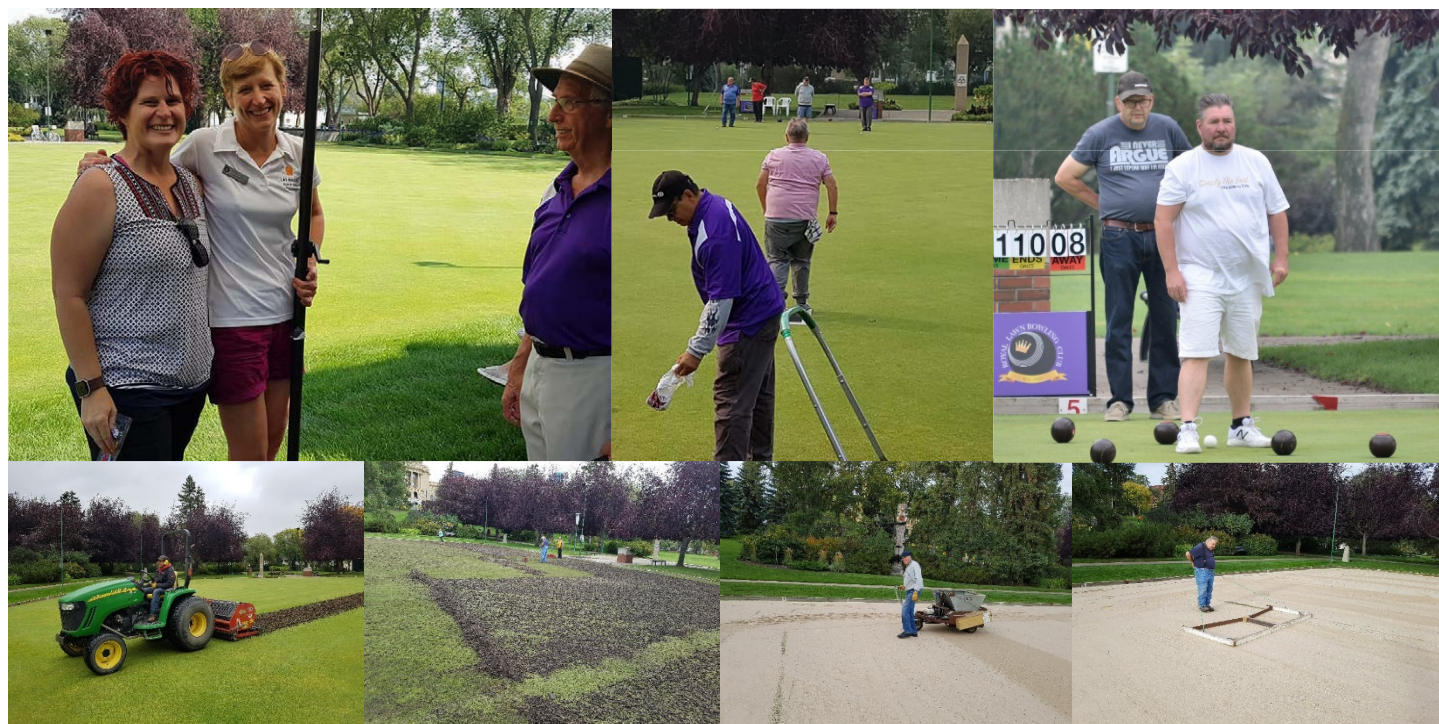
By Howard Davison

The Royal Lawn Bowling Club situated in the picturesque Legislature grounds in Edmonton once again enjoyed a season surrounded by unparalleled beauty and good friends. The bowling wasn't bad either!



Our fun tournaments were extremely well attended and were a great success – well that is according to people that attended anyway. This year we introduced a cash tournament for those who wished to introduce a little more competition into their lives. This also was a rousing success and hopefully a precursor of things to come.

As the rather unpleasant weather (for September anyway) appears to be forcing itself early on us this year we are taking the early opportunity to do some work on the green – aeration, top dressing and leveling – so that next year will be better than ever.



For all the Alberta lawn bowling family the Royal wishes you a safe and warm winter time and see you next year on the green.





# Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club

By Kathryn MacGregor

Each month during the season Stanley Park LBC members receive the Stanley Park Newsletter 'ON THE GREEN'. To see the most recent Editions, visit the Club's website and click on the Newsletters tab:  
<http://www.calgarybowls.com/membersarea/membersarea.html>.

The [August 2018 Special Edition](#) features a very special story written by Angela Lussier and her perspective recounting the Club's history from 2004 to the present. Angela shares her and Norman's story of how Stanley Park's current clubhouse came to be and the reconstruction of the same clubhouse after the flood of 2013.

The [September 2018 Edition](#) features Dave Simpson's personal story on when he moved to Alberta in 1998 and how he came to lawn bowl and his bowling thoughts.

The month of September is/has been a very active one for the members starting with the Labour Day Jitney on September 3rd. Four Corporate events are planned each week in the month and on Sept 7th to 9th the Bowls Alberta Indoor Singles Playdowns took place outdoors. A Club Quaddie was scheduled for Sept 16<sup>th</sup> but was cancelled due to the weather. The Closing Jitney and pizza lunch is on Sept 23rd. The end of the season Banquet will take place at the Blackfoot Inn on Saturday Sept 29th.

The Men's and Ladies League completed the season with a celebration Pizza Party. The Men's League Champions were Dave Simpson, Arnie Weatherdon and Pat Weippert. The Ladies League Champions were Linda Long, Janet Prince and Judy Cassidy.





Congratulations to Stanley Park's Singles Champion - Brent Warren and Ben Mok was the runner up.

Congratulations to our members George Hamilton, Dwayne Hauck and Bev Robinson who have successfully completed the level 1 umpire training course. They will be qualified to umpire at all club and Provincial events.

A big thank you to Drawmaster Herman Cooper, Greenskeeper Ken Olsvik, and all of the Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club volunteers who helped hosting the Southern Alberta Open Triples Championship at the club on August 17-19.

We received many compliments from the participants. Congratulations to the 12 members of our club who competed in the event. Special congratulations to Dwayne Hauck of Stanley Park LBC and his teammates Mike O'Reilly & Justin Dusablon who won first place, and to Pauline Wong, Cheryl Storrow and Shari Henry who finished second. All are members of Calgary Lawn Bowling Club.



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On behalf of the Bowls Alberta Board, Committees, and Lawn Bowling Clubs (LBC) I would like to thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please join me in thanking everyone who contributed articles to make this newsletter possible!

In case you missed it, you can download past issues here <https://bowlsalberta.com/for-members/newsletters/> and also sign up for the Bowls Canada Boulingrin newsletter. The newsletter will also be posted on our [website](#) and promoted on the Bowls Alberta [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

We hope you found the content useful, timely and now have a better connection to the Alberta lawn bowls community. If you have comments on the newsletter or suggestions for future issues, please send me an email.

– Bob Selzler, Editor

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