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# *The Right Bias* August 2019

Welcome to the August issue of *The Right Bias*. This issue features a few articles from member clubs highlighting something special at their club. It also recognizes the winners of our Provincial Playdowns that will be representing Alberta at Canadian Championships. Lastly it features a summary of the Youth's trip to the Canadian Championships.

A special thanks to those club members that prepared the reports to share with our membership. Our final newsletter of 2019 will feature the season end reports from all the clubs which will be presented and discussed at our AGM to be held on October 19 at the Living Stones Church in Red Deer.

The newsletters will be distributed to the clubs through the club secretaries but also posted on our [website](#) and promoted on the Bowls Alberta [Facebook](#) page.

## **Alberta Bowlers Heading to Nationals**

Provincials Playdowns (except the Indoor Singles which is Sept 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>) are over and the teams are preparing for their next tournament, whether it is the Canadian Championships in Burlington, the Canadian Singles in Kitchener, the Canadian Mixed Pairs in Saskatoon or the Canadian Seniors in Beaconsfield. Congratulations on winning Provincials and good bowls to all the players!

### **Team Alberta at Championships**

- Men's 4s A: Francis Standen, Jessi Wilkinson, Pat Bird, Lyall Adams
- Men's 4s B: Kevin Childs, Jon MacDonald, Ken Olsvik, Mike O'Reilly
- Men's Pairs: Greg Wilson, Derek Dillon
- Women's 4s A: Claire Day, Amanda Berg, Jenn MacDonald, Val Wilson
- Women's 4s B: Cecilia Gillespie, Pat Vos, Shannon Roden, Pauline Wong
- Women's Pairs: Peggy Plathan, Patricia Walker
- Men's Singles: Pat Bird, Jon MacDonald, Greg Wilson
- Women's Singles: Claire Day, Cathy Selzler, Leona Hatton
- Mixed Pairs: Keith Wylie, Jan Robinson
- Men's Seniors: Roger Allen, Paul Maskell, Jim Campbell
- Women's Seniors: Janette Mackie, Cathy Dallas, Chris Adams

## **Watch some games from Ontario!**

Bowls Canada is optimistic that they'll be able to stream games from the Canadian Championships to either Facebook Live or YouTube Live. Plans are to live stream 2 games per day for the Fours/Pairs, streaming the 1st and 3rd games for Aug 21 and 22, and then 2nd and 3rd for Aug 23 and 24. They of course will be streaming the finals as well. They are still working on the Singles streaming schedule, which will also likely be 2 games per day.

Stay tuned: Streaming details will be posted on social media and the BCB newsletter as soon as details have been finalized.

# Youth Championships

The 2019 Canadian Youth Lawn Bowling Championship wrapped up on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> after a week of exciting bowls on the greens at the Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowling Club on Vancouver Island. Youth athletes from B.C, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, P.E.I, and Nova Scotia spent the week showcasing their extraordinary skills. Five athletes, 2 girls and 3 boys, ranging in age from 14 to 19 represented Alberta in the Singles competition. All the bowlers also were paired up with bowlers from other provinces to compete in the Forster-Lang pairs where our athletes remained competitive throughout.



Ali, Andrew, Brad, Kiera, and Sean held Alberta's flag high as they navigated through the round robin competition with Ali finishing fourth overall in the u18 girls category. Coach Derek Dillon and the rest of Team Alberta's supporters kept the athletes on track throughout the week. A huge thank you to the organizers and volunteers at the Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowling Club for a fantastic week!

## Medicine Hat Club News

The Medicine Hat Lawn Bowling Club is off and running through another bowls season! We are quickly becoming a busy place and word is getting out it is the place to be for a staff party, a family outing, or a friend's get-together.

Of course our big news is the new clubhouse. We held an official grand opening in June. We had the deputy mayor and a city councilor cut the ribbon with club president, Joan Theriault.



We held a modified crown bowls tournament in honour of our late president, Dave Dennis. Those who participated loved the format. The club held its first quaddie in recent memory and it proved to be a popular event.

The Medicine Hat Memorial Tournament saw nine teams from Edmonton clubs attend along with five Medicine Hat teams. A Medicine Hat team became the first team from the Hat to win the tournament. We will also be hosting the Southern Novice Pairs Tournament and are generating some excitement with our new and newish bowlers.





# Pride Lawn Bowling League 16<sup>th</sup> Season

**The Calgary-based recreational league established in 2003 for the LGBTQ+ community, Pride Lawn Bowling, new to Calgary Lawn Bowling Club in 2019.**

“While The Pride Lawn Bowling league has become the decided choice for members of the LGBTQ+ community who are looking for a bit of leisure in their sport in a fun and light-hearted way, people of all skill levels and stripes are welcome to become part of our league,” announced David Wilson, League Coordinator, Pride Lawn Bowling.

The community, which has been playing as a league in Calgary since 2003, first started out being coordinated by Apollo Friends in Sport. However, in recent years, it has become the group’s stand-alone league and for 15 years ran at the Inglewood Lawn Bowling Club.

“In 2018, we worked on creating a new and exciting feel for our league,” said David. “However, in 2019, we have officially renamed and rebranded our 16<sup>th</sup> season as the Pride Lawn Bowling”.

During the league’s regular bowling season, activities, which precede the games, include dinner and drinks at 6 PM, and are scheduled every Tuesday. A Bowls Challenge at 6:30 PM that changes each week and the first game is at 7 PM, followed by a short break before the second game at 8 PM, with everything wrapping up by 9 PM at the Calgary Lawn Bowling Club.

“During our normal season each week a set of volunteer teams of league members provide the food, which has added a friendly competition with the cooking volunteers throughout the season. To them, I say, ‘Thank you,’ as you have all helped to make these games possible,” noted David.

Pride Lawn Bowling league now encourages drop-in participation for the members as new teams are formed every week and are paired off. Lawn bowling is easy to pick up as a sport and offers a great social time.

The Pride Lawn Bowling league, primarily attracts a demographic of participants between the ages 30 to 65-plus but accepts memberships from persons as young as 18-years.

“We invite those who are newbies to come and join us throughout the season. Those who are new can take advantage of a tutorial before the games. The only caveat is that we ask that new participants, be in place by 6:30 PM,” said David. He’s further assuring everyone the league is not in nature competitive, but instead a fun activity that provides the means for persons to get out in the summer and see old friends and meet new ones each week.

To learn more about Pride Lawn Bowling please visit [pridelawnbowling.com](http://pridelawnbowling.com) or email [members@pridelawnbowling.com](mailto:members@pridelawnbowling.com)



## A big thank you to Dignity Memorial for Sponsoring the Seniors Triples!



Dignity Memorial once again Sponsored the Provincial Senior Triples tournament. They had a representative attend the championship each day and along with supplying information about their services they supplied two baskets for a draw. These were won by Neil Douglas and Frances Pollen. They also presented the medals and trophies to the winners. We thank them for their support. For further information on our sponsor and their locations throughout the province please visit their website.

## Shots From Around the Province



Lethbridge Coaching session



Klondike Quaddie at Royal



Umpires at Mixed pairs



Northern Novice at Commonwealth



Southern Novice at Bow Valley



Juniors at Calgary Lawn

To see your picture featured here next time, see the information on a photo contest on the next page!



# Commonwealth's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Commonwealth Club celebrates their 40th anniversary this year. The highlight of their celebrations was a Canada Day tournament in which members from the Royal and the Highlands clubs joined them. They began the day with a pancake breakfast served up by the three clubs' presidents, enjoyed a lunch prepared by Chef Dave and of course rolled a couple of games. The weather wasn't the best, as seems to be the norm for this summer, but a great time was had!



## Photo Contest

Calling all photographers to submit your best action shots from this past season to the Bowls Alberta office ([office@bowlsalberta.com](mailto:office@bowlsalberta.com)). The photos may be used on advertising and a collage will be in the newsletter.

The deadline for photos is **Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

Winners will be chosen and the winners will receive BA 50-50 tickets as follows:

- Winner will receive 3 tickets
- Second place will receive 2 tickets
- Third place will receive 1 ticket.

## Bowls Alberta Toonie 50/50 Raffle

Bowls Alberta, with the first 50/50 raffle in 2018, set up the *Greens Development Pot*. The hope is to have sufficient funds in 2020 so that Clubs, which operate under a tight budget, can apply for some financial assistance for extra greens work or equipment.

### **A member of BA has stepped up to encourage sales!**

The member that sells the most tickets in 2019 will receive \$200 and the second highest ticket seller will receive \$100.

For tickets to sell please contact the Bowls AB office. This year let's sell off all 2000 tickets and help fund the '*Greens Dev Pot*'.

Draw: Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Living Stones Church, Red Deer, AB  
@ Annual General Membership Meeting

Maximum 2000 tickets @ \$2 each

## News from Highlands Lawn Bowling Club!

The 2019 lawn bowling season has been busy and fun for the Highlands Club, despite the damage done to the greens over winter. Our greenskeeper, Ursula, has been working hard to improve the condition of the greens, and her hard work is paying off as the grass is growing and the 'bald' spots are getting smaller.

The club's membership sits at 75 so far this year, and is made up of a combination of new and returning members. It is a congenial group of active volunteers and social bowlers, as well as members who enjoy competing in the Edmonton Interclub Pairs, and provincial tournaments.

The HLBC **Open House** was held on May 25 and 35 people turned out to learn about the sport and the club. The **National Bowls Day** activities of June 8 was also successful, with many family, friends and community members dropping by to try their hand at lawn bowling.

While the HLBC celebrated Canada Day with our friends at Commonwealth to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that club, we had some pre- **Canada Day Fun** on June 29 with a fun tournament, and great Canada-themed prizes.



The HLBC Juniors are having a great year. Three members, Alexis, Kiera, and Forbes competed in the Provincial Juniors held at Royal on June 15. It was a good tournament, and wonderful to see the determination of these junior members. Alexis and Kiera went on to play at the nationals in Victoria in early August.

The club held a Pro Am Fun Tournament on July 17. Teams were comprised of a junior and a 'pro'. Six teams from Commonwealth and Highlands competed. Although the tournament was cut short by very bad weather, spirits were not dampened!

Our club is thankful for a grant of \$500 from Bowls Alberta in support of our junior members!



Highlands Juniors- Alex, Ali, Avery, Kiera, and Forbes