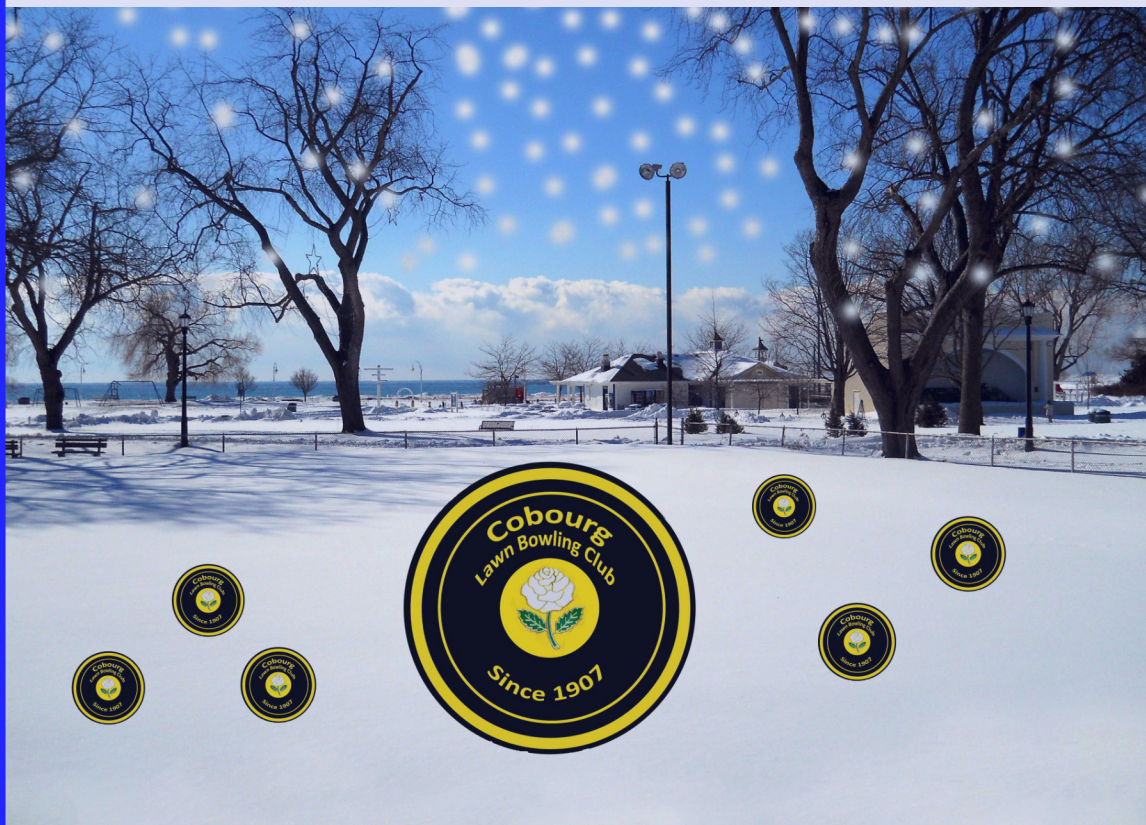


# COBOURG LAWN BOWLING CLUB



December 2021

## Editor's Notes



In this special Christmas edition there is quite a lot to update you on. The lawn bowling season may have finished in September but the new Executive Committee has been busy planning for next season and, importantly, making grant applications. But more of that later. Before getting into the news I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas from me and the rest of the Executive Committee.

### The Fall General Meeting

The minutes of that meeting were emailed to you but I just want to remind you who is on the Executive Committee this year:

President - Carol Dewey

Past President - Nancy Fargo

Vice President - Peter Stuart-Sheppard

Treasurer - Bob Bates

Recording Secretary - Nan Hendren

Correspondence Secretary - Sharyl Ann Milligan

Directors Terry Dyche

Mary Salter

Sarah van Steijn

Bill Arthur

We welcome the new faces, Peter, Bob, Terry and Mary. We also express a big thanks to the departing members, Donna Ball, Ken Bevan and Mike Place.

### Grants

Although Mike Place has stepped down from the Executive Committee he remains our "go to man" when it comes to grant applications. Mike monitors the situation to see what grants are available and to make the Executive Committee aware of opportunities and sets out the conditions for application. When the Executive Committee decides to proceed with a grant Mike co-ordinates the work and liaises with the organisation(s) making the grants to ensure we are working within their guidelines. It is invaluable work and involves many hours in completing the applications. I think I should ask Mike to write an article on the myriad problems he has encountered with online grant applications. You would almost think that the applications are designed to stop organisations applying. That's the background and we have three different grants to tell you about.

### Ontario Trillium Fund - Seniors Community Grant

We have received a grant of \$4750 under this scheme. The money will be used to purchase IT equipment that will enable us to produce a promotional video about the club

which will be posted online and used to help with recruitment. The equipment will also be used for coaching club members on a one to one basis and in club coaching clinics. We will be purchasing a laptop, monitor, projector and iPad plus some video editing software. There is also money to upgrade the club website and to buy some new club bowls.

Recruitment and retention of new members is our number one priority next season and this grant will be part of our strategy for doing that. That takes us on to the next grant.

### Ontario Trillium Fund - Resilient Communities Grant

This grant is specifically aimed at recovery from Covid and an application has been made for a grant of \$13,800. The rationale for this grant application is that we have lost 40% of our members (and all associated income) because of Covid and the only way we can recover from that is by attracting new members next year.

We are proposing a multi faceted publicity campaign to recruit new members. It will involve radio advertising on 89.7 Northumberland, Classic Rock and MyFM93.3 and Classical Music. Print advertising will be with Northumberland News and Watershed magazine. There will also be a direct mailshot through Canada Post to 15,000 households in the Cobourg and Port Hope areas. The grant application was submitted on December 4<sup>th</sup> and it will be April next year before we find out if we have been successful. If we are the campaign will run in May and June.

### New Horizons for Seniors Program

We have had success with this program in the past, most recently for the work on the clubhouse foundations. This time we are applying for a grant of \$25,000 to replace all the ditchboards and plinths. These have been in place for many years and the timber is rotting. This affects whether bowls run consistently when approaching the ditch and most importantly it is a safety hazard. There have already been instances of a member stepping on a crumbling plinth and falling as well as tripping on the ditchboards.



This is a federal grant aimed specifically at seniors and ensuring the safety of seniors is a major part of our application. The application was made on December 12 and we will hear the results around the end of March. If successful the work will likely be done in the Fall of 2022.

## Club House Foundations

The final part of this project was completed in September when a concrete barrier was installed on the north side of the club house to prevent water draining on to the new foundations. At the same time the paving slabs were relaid.



## Plans for 2022

The open and club tournament dates are on the website so you can start to plan your bowling schedule for 2022 (*Ed: I'm in two opens already*).

In addition to our normal tournament schedule we will be hosting District 14 playdowns for Mixed Pairs and Senior Triples. In August we will host the Ontario Mixed Pairs championships. You can find dates of all Ontario Championship events at [www.olba.ca](http://www.olba.ca)

## Short Mat Bowling



The short mat club hosted another successful Canadian Championships at the Cobourg Community Centre between 15 and 20 November. Many thanks to everyone

who volunteered and who came to support the bowlers. Particular thanks to Donna Longman and her helpers for all their work.



Cobourg's Martin Foxhall was the stand out bowler of the week taking gold in singles, pairs, triples and fours. Martin is pictured receiving his singles trophy from CSMBA Director, Bill Arthur.

There was also success for Bill Arthur, Mike Place and Louisa Arthur who won silver in the triples event.



There is a 15 minute video on YouTube about the event.

<https://youtu.be/QbeeybVrOEY>

## From the archives

How many people does it take to change a flood light bulb?. Only one when it's done like this.



In 2014 a couple of bulbs had failed and given the cost of getting a replacement it was decided to clean all the lights and replace all the bulbs. A major job which thankfully doesn't have to be done very often.

## Bowling Language

As with any language there are irregular verbs. In English we have 'I am', 'you are', '(s)he is'. Well bowls also has its collection of irregular verbs. Here are a few:

1.) I use tactics

You use gamesmanship

He cheats

2.) I can't read the greens

You're struggling

He stinks

3.) I use the bowls in play

You get wicks

He has horse-shoes up his a\*\*

4.) I put in a useful back bowl

You're heavy

He's lucky his bowl didn't go in the ditch



## **October Photo Quiz**

That one was too easy and too many people to mention got the right answers. The first was the Water Treatment Plant on Lakeshore and the second was Dairy Dream on King St East.

I do have a quiz question for you though.

Which country formed the very first bowling association and in which year?

## **Making lawn bowls**

If you have ever wondered how they are made here is a link to a short video on how it is done.

<https://www.bowlschat.com/videos/bowling-suppliers/taylor-bowls>

## **2022 World Indoor Bowls Championships**

These Championships take place in England between January 6<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Games are usually streamed live on YouTube. If you want to watch some world class bowling just search for “World Bowls Tour” in YouTube.

Will we see another shot like this one? “You’ve got six inches between the two bowls”

<https://youtu.be/e4ohG2I0NA8>

## **2022 Year Book**

Because of the uncertainties surrounding membership in 2022 we have decided not to publish a Year Book. We will publish a calendar which will be online and which can be printed. Printed copies will be available for those members who do not have a printer. Advertisements will appear on the website so we will achieve some economies by continuing to have advertisements but we will save money by not printing the Yearbook.

## **OLBA 2022 Annual**

The OLBA Annual will only be published on-line. It is anticipated that it will be available at [www.olba.ca](http://www.olba.ca) in the Spring and you will be able to view all District open tournaments there. The tournament schedule for our District (District 14) has been agreed and if anyone would like details in advance of publication on the OLBA website please contact Bill Arthur.

## **Club Flowers**

Dave and Judy Hickey have done a great job over the last few years by planting flowers every year and taking care of them during the season and we are very grateful to them for having done that. Dale McMillan has kindly volunteered to take over this job next season. Thanks for volunteering Dale.

## **Fundraising ( a note from Peter Sheppard-Stuart)**

On behalf of club members I would like to thank Bill Arthur for his efforts in organising the production and sale of his wonderful 2022 calendars. All proceeds from the sale of this collection of calendar images of our beautiful town and club are being donated to the club as a fundraiser. I should add that the overseas recipients I sent them to were delighted to get a chance to see the lovely depictions of Cobourg town and life.

*That's all folks for 2021*

*Happy Christmas and New Year*

