



## THE SLBC INFORMER

Spring 2025

### INTRODUCING THE 2025 EXECUTIVE



**Pam Manias** - President

- Bowling since 2016
- Town liaison
- Communications
- House league
- Grounds
- Enjoys sewing, gardening and puzzles



**Mary Davidson** - Vice President

- Bowling since 2022
- Advertising and Promotion
- Enjoys weight training at the gym, camping, long walks, preparing the monthly in house lunches at the 55+ Club and yoga for relaxation



**Bob Penner** - Treasurer

- Bowling since 2013
- Finance
- Tournaments
- Ladder league
- Drawmaster
- Enjoys travelling, gardening, walking



**Pat McCarthy - Director**

- Bowling since 2013
- Tournaments and Events
- Enjoys reading, gardening and traveling

**Tricia Bahen-Secretary**

- Bowling since 2022
- Membership and Registration
- Enjoys yoga & pilates
- Enjoys spending time with her grandchildren

- **Mike Pyatt**.Director
- Bowling since 2023
- Enjoys boating, swimming, golf, walking and spending time at the cottage



- **Chantal Carter-Director**
- Bowling since 2011
- Kitchen Manager and Events
- Spending time with her grandchildren

## **May Events**

### **Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>-First Registration Evening**

### **Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>-Second Registration Evening**

Both evenings were well attended and so was our website on line registration.

Thank you to all who have chosen to join us for the 2025 lawn bowling season

As of today, we have 88 confirmed members and a few more yet to come.

### **May 2025-Drawmaster Clinic (to be scheduled by arrangement)**

Bob Penner will be hosting a session on learning to become a club draw master. The club really needs our club members to perform this important (must have) position at one or a few of our 5 open tournaments this summer. Who is a draw master? Someone who welcomes the teams, organizes which team will play which and on which green during the course of the games played during the tournament and distributes the cash prizes at the end. If this sounds like you please let Bob know you are interested so he can arrange a day convenient to all to instruct you. Bob does an excellent job in explaining how easy and fun the duty can be. Please send Bob an email at [Bobcpenner@gmail.com](mailto:Bobcpenner@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## **League Registration**

The first session of league play will begin the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for signing up for a league is Friday May the 9<sup>th</sup>. After the 9<sup>th</sup>, the league schedules for the first session will be issued and then no changes will be made to these schedules. The league co-ordinators Pam Manias(Monday), Tricia Bahen (Tuesday), Bob Penner(Wednesday) and Val Innes (Thursday) have worked hard on making up weighted teams and any slight changes are a lot of unnecessary work for the co-ordinator. There are only a few rovers listed this year for most of the league so please ensure you arrange for coverage of your absences well in advance so your team is not at a disadvantage. The rules for rovers are:

Skip can be replaced by another Skip or Vice

Vice can be replaced by another Vice or Lead

Lead can be replaced by another lead

Please try to follow the rules so the opposing team is not at a disadvantage. If you are unable to secure a rover then there are rules of play for the existing members. Please ask for directions if this occurs.

## **New Bowler Training Week/Practice Week**

Monday May 5, Tuesday May 6, Wednesday May 7 and Thursday May 8 evenings from 7pm to 9pm, we will be providing coaching and instruction for anyone wishing to try lawn bowling or receive some instruction. Club policy: your first 3 lessons are free with no commitment to join the club. Existing members are encouraged to come help new members (9) or come to practice on these evenings. Hopefully the weather co-operates

## **Monday May 12th**

On this Monday **NEW BOWLERS are asked to arrive at 6.30pm** for some instruction in the club house with Tricia Bahen. Following this in club instruction, new bowlers will be instructed outside on how to setup the greens for play and then join their assigned teams to do a few drills on the greens and then play a shortened game. **The game will not count in the league scoring.** Skips and vices are asked to assist any new bowlers on their teams with team play and game etiquette Other team members, while the new bowlers receive instruction, may play or practice.

## **AGM- Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (clubhouse)**

Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club belongs to us all. Please come and attend the spring meeting of the membership. You will receive an Agenda package for the meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> that we ask that you review prior to attending the meeting. This year we will be putting forward a motion for the approval of a member proxy vote for those unable to attend. We would like to avoid lack of a quorum at these meetings so as not to interfere with other events. Unfortunately lack of quorum has happened a few times over the years at meetings.

Please mark this meeting date on the calendar. Refreshments will be served.

## **Members BOWL & DINE events**

We will have our first Bowl & Dine event on Friday June 13th starting at 4pm. This bowl & dine will be a pairs tournament of 2-10 end games with pizza dinner after

the first game and dessert after the second. Cost of entry is \$5. There will be 3 more bowl and dines-Thursday July 3<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (host to be determined), Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> (potluck) with Chantal and finally Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> our annual Presidents BBQ and crazy games. Nominal charge for dinner (\$5-\$20 set by convenor) If you have an event in mind that you would like to host at the club please come and discuss with an Executive member. We love enthusiastic people. There is always a timeslot for fun!

## **Call for Volunteers**

We are always looking for volunteers to help around the club. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be circulating volunteer sheets for your completion. Some members of the club do a tremendous amount of work to ensure the bowling season goes well. Please sign up to do your part and lighten their load “many hands make light work!”

## **Club bowls**

The club is not charging for the use of club bowls this year as we have approximately 45 sets. Members who have their own bowls are encouraged to use them first and can use club bowls only once all new members under two years of membership have acquired their bowls. Thank you for your co-operation.



**Cheers Pam**