



THE SLBC INFORMER

September 2025



President's message

Seems we have galloped through the month of August and the last month of the season is upon us. In August, we had well attended and a successful bowl & dine, an open tournament and in club tournament. Thank you to all volunteer helpers and those that attended.

Our new blinds are in and the club photograph framed and ready to be presented to the Town hopefully this month in recognition of their dedication to our club.

Our current executives look forward to working with some new executive members on the Executive Committee in 2026 and beyond.

Bob Penner, Mary Davidson and Pat McCarthy have decided to step down next season from the Executive.

Change will mean fresh ideas to the continued growth and excitement to Stouffville Lawn bowling in 2026

Their contributions over their terms will continue to make Stouffville Lawn bowling a great club to belong to.

Please extend your thanks and well wishes to these respected past executives.

Tricia Bahen, Mike Pyatt, Chantal Carter and myself look forward to welcoming new volunteers from our club to fill executive roles and make 2026 and future years a fun, challenging and inspiring club.

September is always my favorite month at the club. The cooler weather is certainly more comfortable for bowling and of course my favorite event is the President's BBQ fun night. Remember always room for a few more members.

We have sold 60 tickets as of last week for our yearend banquet. There is still plenty of room for a few more participants. The banquet is our last event this season for you to socialize with your lawn bowling friends till spring 2026. Hope you can make it and enjoy a new venue and buffet style dining this year.

Our August events in Review

Tuesday August 12th at 6pm Chantal's Pot Luck Bowl & Dine

At 5pm the greens were flooded to the top of the backboards and the some of the carpet in the clubhouse and floor in the men's w/c soaking wet. Not a good start to the event but we forged ahead and by the time 24 people arrived the green was starting to drain and the floor dealt with.

During dinner we played a lawn bowling word scramble and crossword with the table team of Jane Hachey, Marg Curtis, and Tracey Allison being the only table that got the answer to #11.

The food included sandwiches, pinwheel wraps, meatballs, veggie casserole, meat casserole, sushi and Jeanne's potato salad to name just a few of the dishes I can remember.

By 7 o'clock the green was fairly dry and everyone went out on the green to play 4-3-2-1 with the top 4 highest score people getting \$10 timmie cards: Barb Lee (27) Jeanne Christie (27), Joe Manias, (26) Gorge Smart , and Sandy Iwasiw won the spider throw.

Note: Gary Gornik actually came first but took himself out the prizes.

Another great event hosted by Chantal Carter. Same time next year! Thanks all who joined the fun.

Friday August 15th-United Soils Open Tournament

This tournament was sponsored by United Soils and we had 12 teams. For the first time in my 4 years of tournaments there were 6 visiting and 6 Stouffville teams. It was wonderful to see so many Stouffville members competing in an open tournament.

Winners were: Beeton _ Sue Zylsik and Bill Scott

2 Richmond Hill _ AL Purcell and Nikki Chamois

3 Agincourt _ Lan Tran and Ricky Lau

4 Coburg_ Bill McCullom and Betty Lou Richards

5 Stouffville _ Bob Penner and Lynn frost

Last game high Stouffville _ Sandra Iwasiw and Bill farthing

Tim's_ Anita Li and Louis Sin



Beeton-Sue Zylsik and Bill Scott



Thursday August 21st-Ron Schell/Murray Redshaw In Club Tournament

What fabulous weather we were blessed with for this in club tournament day. Great day for our BBQ. We had 30 people for BBQ and 24 bowlers so 12 teams of 2. We ate hamburgers and sausages and salads. (Thank you Barb for the pasta salad). Food was wonderfully prepared on the BBQ by our chef Joe Manias. Bonnie enjoyed her time at the club also. We started the day off with a spider throw and Bill McKnight won himself a bottle of red wine. It was lovely to see some of our new members out on the greens.

Winners were :

1st: Gary Gornik and Marilyn Simpson

2nd Anita Li and Norma Evans

3rd Wayne Mercer and Sandy Booth

4th Darrell Gibbons and Anne Mumford

5th Yu Mei Lee and Barb Lee









OUR SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Friday September 5th -Fowl Tournament

The Fowl Tournament is open tournament and we are expecting 9 teams from other clubs to come to play against 5 Stouffville teams. Tournament is sponsored by Amica Swan Lake and O'Neill Funeral Home. Starts at 9.30 a.m. and we will be playing 2-12 end games of open pairs with our traditional fowl lunch between games. Amica will be providing us with a cake for dessert. We changed from turkey to chicken last year and participants enjoyed the change in menu. There is still space for a couple more teams to join. Cost is \$35 which includes the lunch. Prize money for this tournament is quite substantial with two sponsors.

Friday September 12th -President's BBQ and Crazy Games

The evening starts at 4.30pm with BBQ dinner being served about 6pm. We will be playing a series of crazy games (organized by Chantal) which are always fun. Club member Lynn Raithby is sponsoring the tournament prizes and will be in

attendance. Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence will provide dessert and Joe and Pam Manias will host the event. Cost \$5 toward dinner. Come on out and join the fun. This certainly is a club involved event and the more the merrier!

Tuesday September 16th-Fall meeting of the membership 7pm

As in my opening remarks, I would like to invite those interested in filling a position on the Executive team in 2026 to approach Tricia, Mike, Chantal or myself in the next two weeks to discuss where your talents can benefit our club. The Executive, who are instrumental in running the club, will be chosen and approved at the fall meeting of the membership along with the 2026 calendar. If you are enthusiastic and bursting with new ideas we would love to hear from you.

For your convenience if you are unable to attend the meeting and so we can reach a quorum, I will be sending a proxy form with the notice of meeting.

However, please try and attend in person as we always appreciate your input for next seasons events.

Friday-September 19th-Stouffville Medical Centre Party

The doctors and staff of the Stouffville Medical Centre and Joint Venture will be coming to the club at 5pm for a few hours to try lawn bowling and to have a short game among themselves. I have posted a volunteer needed list in the clubhouse for a few people to assist them with the mechanics of the game. My apologies that their visit interferes with dinner time for some. If you can spare a few hours please add your name to the list. Thanks!

Wednesday October 1st-Yearend Banquet and Awards

Our annual banquet and award night will be held at Royal Stouffville Golf Course starting at 5pm. Located on Hwy 48 north of Bloomington. Cash bar, buffet style dining, plenty of fun games and good conversation. Cost of tickets \$40 members, 50 guests. Pat M., Tricia, Mary D. and myself are selling tickets. Hope you can join us.

BOWLERS PROFILE



Linda Stapleton and Barb Lee

This dynamic duo volunteered to run the kitchen during our United Soils Tournament and did a great job. Both ladies are completing their second year at the club and have definitely started to get in the groove. Barb was our female Rookie of the Year 2024 and Linda received recognition for her assistance on a first session Monday night winning team.

They both, along with their partners, have come to many of our events this year and joined in the fun. They both appear to love the game. Barb, with a tournament and bowl and dine win under her belt, is all set next season to compete in open tournaments if she wishes. Linda has enjoyed playing vice this season and found playing pairs during our events was fun so maybe she will consider pairs next year to broaden her skills.

It is lovely to have such enthusiastic, friendly, helpful and happy people at the club. Thanks so much for your contributions!

Etiquette/Rules Tips for the month:

1. Arrival and Punctuality: Arrive at the bowling green on time for your game. Being punctual shows respect for your fellow players and allows for a smooth start to the game.
2. Handling Bowls: Handle your own bowls with care and avoid knocking them together. Also, don't touch or move opponents' bowls without permission.
3. Safety: Always prioritize safety. Avoid walking on the green while bowls are in play, and be cautious of your surroundings to prevent accidents.
4. Post-Game Interaction: After the game, it's customary to shake hands with opponents and teammates and to thank them for the match. This reinforces the spirit of good sportsmanship.

A little Bit of Humour



Good bowling! Cheers Pam