



2019 Season in Review *by Bob Selzler*

Although our 96th lawn bowling season was only 4.5 months long before the cold and snow set in, we sure did pack a lot into our season! Some of our significant club accomplishments include:

- Growing our membership to 133, thanks to the addition of the Pride Lawn Bowling League who joined our club after 15 seasons at Inglewood. Welcome Pride Lawn Bowlers, such a fun group to join our club!



- Managing a very successful Casino on the weekend of June 14th.
- Receiving a New Horizon Grant which was used to build new lockers, purchase new sets of bowls, and we also ordered a new outdoor sunshade system. An application has been submitted for another grant in 2020.
- Establishing favorable pricing with Aero Bowls in Australia and organizing a large group purchase of 38 sets of bowls for club bowlers across Alberta!
- Greatly increasing our sponsorships this year thanks to the generous support of:
 - 4 Annual Sponsors: Amica Aspen Woods, Mayfair Diagnostics, Servus Credit Union, and Sandstone.
 - 4 Event Sponsors: Copeman Healthcare, Denca, ScotiaMcLeod. and Sobeys.
- Increasing our corporate rentals this year and hosted 14 large groups, 3 small groups and 3 local charities. Approximately 750 total bowlers participated in these bookings!
- Creating a full schedule of club leagues, jitneys, social bowling and scheduled practice times this season, including: Calgary City Pairs League, Social Bowls night, Jitneys, Pride Lawn Bowling League, 2-4-2 League, Cut-Throat League, Ultimate Bowls (Drop-In), and our Sunday morning Junior Program. We also hosted a City-Wide Tea & Jitney, 3 club trophy jitneys (Canada Day Trophy, Lorne Stout Trophy, and Pain Trophy), plus 3 club championships (Doubles, Singles and Novice).



- Hosting 7 provincial events this year:
 - Alberta-BC Test Match (May 31-June 2) featuring some of the top young players competing in Singles, Mixed Pairs, Men/Women Pairs & Triples, and Men/Women Fours.



- In June we were proud to have hosted 2 ASRAB (Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind) events for the visually impaired.
- Bowls Alberta Women's and Men's Singles Championships on July 19-21.
- Bowls Alberta Mixed Pairs Championship on July 26-28.
- On August 12, Canadian National Head Coach Terry Scott, conducted a short training session for some members of the Alberta Development Squad and the National Team. He then followed that up with a meeting with Alberta Club Coaches for updates on coaching.
- Bowls Alberta Junior Fun Day on August 24.
- Providing lessons to 5 clients from the Developmental Disabled Resource Centre during August and September.
- Welcoming many visitors to our club, including memorable guests from Nanaimo, Hong Kong, Brisbane, Australia and New York City.

On August 3-4, Specialty Turf Care and the Calgary LBC hosted their annual August Invitational Tournament –24 triples teams, with players from all over Alberta. This is always such a fun 2-day tournament, bowling while rocking out to music, enjoying adult beverages (not on the green), great competitions, excellent food, and socializing before, during and after the games! Thank you to Barb Alexander and Ken Olsvik for hosting this wonderful event and to the Dillon family for their support in the kitchen as well as the great music, we couldn't do it without them.



On September 1 we started a very successful new 1-day tournament, the 1st annual Mary & Henk Open Mixed Pairs (Women Skip) tournament. 24 teams for clubs across Calgary and Medicine Hat registered in 2 different pools (Tournament Players or Social Players) and played 3 x 12-end games. All entry fees went towards prize money and there were also door prize draws for many non- prize winners. Thanks to our Gold and Bronze event sponsors, this also turned into a great fund raiser tournament for the club.

Congratulations to all Calgary LBC members who competed and those who medalled in provincial, national and international competitions this season!

Calgary LBC members who medalled at **Alberta Championships** (*and competing at Canadian Championships):

- Alberta Women's & Men's Fours @ Stanley Park LBC on Jun. 21-23
 - GOLD: Francis Standen*, Jenn MacDonald*
 - SILVER: Kevin Childs*, Jon MacDonald*, Ken Olsvik*, Mike O'Reilly*, Pauline Wong*
 - BRONZE: Peter Mok, Peggy Plathan, Cathy Selzler, Patricia Walker
- Alberta Women's & Men's Pairs @ Commonwealth LBC on Jul. 5-7
 - GOLD: Greg Wilson*, Derek Dillon*, Peggy Plathan*, Patricia Walker*
 - SILVER: Justin Dusablon, Cathy Selzler
- Alberta Women's & Men's Singles @ Calgary LBC on Jul. 19-21
 - GOLD: Pat Bird*
 - SILVER: Cathy Selzler*, Jon MacDonald*
 - BRONZE: Leon Hatton*, Greg Wilson*
- Alberta Mixed Pairs at Calgary LBC on July 26-28
 - BRONZE: Kathryn MacGregor
- Alberta Women's & Men's Sr. Triples @ Commonwealth LBC on Aug. 6-8
 - GOLD: Janette Mackie*, Cathy Dallas*
 - SILVER: Bev Robinson, Dave Simpson, Leon Dallas, George Hamilton
- Southern Alberta Novice Pairs @ Bow Valley LBC on Aug. 10-11
 - GOLD: Keith Bacon, Shari Henry
 - SILVER: Bob Selzler
 - BRONZE: Stephen Meloche, Evelyn MacLeod
- Southern Alberta Open Triples @ Stanley Park LBC on Aug. 16-18
 - GOLD: Peter Mok, John Sim, Brent Warren
 - SILVER: Peggy Plathan, Cathy Selzler, Bob Selzler
 - BRONZE: Dave Simpson, Dan Pyper
- Alberta Women's & Men's Indoor Singles @ Commonwealth on Sep. 13-15
 - GOLD: Jenn MacDonald*, Pat Bird*



Calgary LBC members who medalled at the **Canadian Championships**:

- Canadian Championships @ Burlington LBC & Kitchener LBC on Aug. 20-30
 - Women's Fours – GOLD: Jenn MacDonald
 - Men's Fours – BRONZE: Francis Standen, Pat Bird
 - Women's Pairs – GOLD: Peggy Plathan, Patricia Walker
 - Men's Pairs – SILVER: Greg Wilson, Derek Dillon
 - Men's Singles – SILVER: Greg Wilson

Calgary LBC members who participated at the **Canadian Youth Championship** in Juan de Fuca LBC on Aug. 6-10:

- Coach: Derek Dillon
- Team Manager: Judy Smith

Calgary LBC members who competed **Internationally**:

- 2019 Australian Open on the Gold Coast in Australia on Jun. 1-14
 - Joanna Cooper competed in Women's Singles, and advanced to the playoffs in Women's Fours and was a quarterfinalist in Women's Pairs.
 - Pat Bird, Greg Wilson competed together in Men's Pairs and also in Men's Singles.

- 2019 Asia Pacific Championships on the Gold Coast in Australia on Jun. 18-28
 - Team Canada included CLBC members Greg Wilson, Joanna Cooper, Pat Bird and coach Derek Dillon.
 - Men's Fours – BRONZE: Greg Wilson, Pat Bird
- 2019 Multi-Nations Invitational on the Gold Coast in Australia on Nov. 18-24
 - Congratulations to CLBC members Greg Wilson, Joanna Cooper and coach Derek Dillon for being selected to the Canadian team.



Most of all, thank you to All of our Super Volunteers, they are the true heroes of our club.

Without the support of our volunteers, our club would not survive. Over the season they could be found: working casinos, setting up and instructing at corporate events, coaching our drop-ins and Junior program, setting up equipment and scoreboards for jitneys and provincial events, as drawmasters, keeping our website updated, taking photos and posting on Facebook, streaming live events, as markers for club and provincial championships, bringing in their baked goods, cooking and working in the kitchen, staffing the bar, grilling at the BBQ, restocking the bar or refilling propane, securing sponsors, negotiating with and managing trades and vendors, working with the city, designing our new club shirts, managing board committees, the list goes on and on! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

