

# Summer 2018

## NEWSLETTER

### St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club

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#### Executive Officers

President	Milton Graves	902-469-9121
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Membership	Paula Costello	902-222-2698
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Social – Tournaments	Vivien Worden	902-404-6222
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Founded in the 1940's, **St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club** has a fine history. Club bowlers have represented Nova Scotia at Canadian Championships. We look proudly to the future based on the traditions of our past. We welcome new bowlers and urge present members to introduce a friend to this fascinating sport.

The 2018 fee for full membership - \$80; new members (beginning bowler, first year only) - \$50; dual membership -

\$50; youth membership (25 years of age and younger) - \$30. Of this, \$22 goes to Lawn Bowls Nova Scotia, who in turn, pay on a per capital basis to Bowls Canada Boulingrin, giving you membership in the provincial and national association and entitling you to compete in provincial tournaments.

Social membership, available for \$20, entitles you to join us for our holiday dinners, one is complimentary, and, of course, to come anytime to watch the games. Your support is appreciated and we look forward to seeing you.

**The club will open** on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> with bowling (weather and green conditions permitting) and tea party. Please bring finger food for the social part.

#### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to 2018 bowls at St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club. Enjoy the view of the Northwest Arm while playing the subtle game of bowls. Our bylaws state that our objective is the promotion of lawn bowls and the fostering of a spirit of good sportsmanship.

Consider offering your skills and enthusiasm to the club as a volunteer. Many hands make light work.

And finally, from Richard II, Act 3, Scene 4:

Queen. What sport shall we devise here in this garden, To drive away the heavy thought of care? Lady. Madam, we'll play at bowls.

Queen. 'Twill make me think the world is full of rubs, And that my fortune rubs against the bias.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

May 26<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

May 27<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

The **Open House** is an ideal time to introduce a friend to lawn bowls, our facility, and members. Members – please plan to be at the club during the Open House. Many hands are needed for setting up greens, greeting newcomers, instructing, socializing, playing demonstration games, and putting everything away at the end.

## **DETAILS OF PLAYING SCHEDULE (Subject to change)**

### **LADIES' PROGRAM:**

**Monday Evenings** depends on when we can get on the greens in June. Neily Open – ladies' teams are made up from those who sign in by 6:20 P.M. on the evening. Individual scores are tallied over the summer and prizes are awarded at the end of the season.

**Event Organizer:** Vivien Worden (902-404-6222)

### **MIXED BOWLING:**

**Wednesday Evening Neily Mixed Triples.** June to completion of the Round Robin (usually late July, early August). Arrive by 6:45 for play at 7 P.M. Beginning bowlers are welcome. 12 end games. Sign up at the beginning of the season. You play on the same three-person team throughout the season. Prizes are awarded from a special fund created by Mel Neily, Sr. Please sign up as a spare if you are unable to commit to playing all season.

There is a possibility of a second league beginning in August with an earlier start time (due to darkness) depending on the number of people signing up at the beginning of the season.

**Event Organizer:** Anita Knox (902-454-5493)

## **OPEN BOWLING:**

**Sunday Afternoons** June 17<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Every Sunday there is a 10-end game of casual mixed team bowling, usually followed by tea. Please arrive by 1:30 P.M. to sign up for 2 P.M. game start. Teams are selected by a simple draw. The \$1.00 charge when you sign in is distributed as prizes to the top three teams.

**Event Organizer:** TBA

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**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Afternoons** June 11<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. Teams are made up from those who arrive by 1:45 P.M. Individual scores are tallied over the season and prizes awarded at the end of the season.

**Event Organizer:** Mel Neily (902-455-5627)

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**Tuesday Mornings:** June 12<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign in by 9:30 A.M. for mixed team bowling. Ten end games. Teams made up by random draw. Bring a brown bag picnic lunch and stay on for a social time. Individual scores are tallied up over the summer and prizes awarded at the end of the season.

**Event Organizer:** Paul and Linda Frank (902-453-3617) (August); Other: TBA

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**Tuesday Evenings:** June 12<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>. Arrive by 6:45 for 7:00 P.M. start for mixed team bowling.

**Event Organizer:** Milton Graves (902-469-9121)

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**Saturday and Sunday Morning Open Bowling:** June 16<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Arrive by 9:30 for 10 A.M. start.

**Event Organizers:** Mayumi Endo and Michael Ritchie (902-405-2212)

## GUIDELINES FOR GAMES

On Sundays and Holiday Socials, there is a nominal charge for bowling (usually \$1.00) which provides for prize money. You should sign in for bowling **at least 30 minutes before game time on Sundays and holidays**. If you are running late, you can phone the clubhouse (902-421-7684) and advise the bowling organizer of your intention to be there.

The Greens Chair will advise the Event Organizer if the green is unplayable. If a rink is unusable, they will select an alternate rink if possible. Otherwise, all games are to be played on the rink and in the direction scheduled.

It is up to the Event Organizer whether a game will be postponed because of weather. In league play (Wednesday Triples events) when a game is cancelled, the Event Organizer will advise the skips, who are responsible for notifying their team members. The game will be rescheduled to the next available date at the end of the regular round robin.

## TOURNAMENT EVENTS

St. Mary's will be hosting the **Nova Scotia Fours** (2019) (playdowns) on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> as well as our own club tournament, the **Frank Hamilton Memorial Triples** on August 18<sup>th</sup>. *This tournament is named in memory of Frank Hamilton (1922 – 2009), a great club member, a superb bowler and a true gentleman.*

## NOVICE SINGLES TOURNAMENT

A Singles Tournament for both male and female novices (first, second and third year bowlers) will be held in September. Rules and sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded at the Club Banquet in October.

**Event Organizer:** Anita Knox (902-454-5493)

## ST. MARY'S HOLIDAY BOWLING AND SOCIALS

Canada Day	Sunday, July 1 <sup>st</sup>
Natal Day	Monday, August 6 <sup>th</sup>
Labour Day	Monday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fall Classic	Sunday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>

Sign in by 1:30 P.M. for Mixed Team Bowling at 2 P.M., followed by dinner. Traditionally we dress in red and white on Canada Day and in bright colours and florals (Hawaiian prints) on Natal Day. See sign-up sheet on the notice board for details of menu and price of dinner.

Prizes are awarded to the three top-scoring bowls teams.

**Event Organizers:** Linda and Paul Frank (902-453-3617)

## METRO LEAGUE

The four Metro lawn bowls clubs compete against each other once a week. Metro League will be held on **Thursday evenings** from June 7 to July 26 (6:30 for 7 PM start) play rotates around the clubs. St. Mary's will host on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Players to contribute 50 cents each to the pot each week which is presented at the end of the season to the winning club for donating to the charity of their choice. This is an excellent opportunity to experience more competitive play and playing at different venues; there is also a social aspect. Game format is 14 ends, mixed triples. Sign up (preferably as a team) at the start of the summer.

**Event Organizer:** Vivian Condran (DLBC) 902-434-9862

**SMLBC Organizers:** Carolyn Smedley (902-422-4309) and Ann McAleese (902-445-2261)

## LAWN SUMMER NIGHTS

Lawn Summer Nights is a national fundraising initiative for cystic fibrosis. Since 2014, St. Mary's has hosted the Halifax chapter on four Thursday evenings in July as a group of over 100 young professionals come together to bowl and raise funds and awareness for this worthy cause. We are looking for members to assist us with setting up, cleanup and helping the bowlers. Club

contacts for the event are Paul and Anita Knox (902-454-5493).

## COACHES

St. Mary's has Trained Club Coaches to assist new and experienced players with their game.

### Club Coaches:

Cyril Cavanagh	Paul Knox (Chief Coach)
Graham Doyle	Joan MacDonald
Mayumi Endo	Carolyn Smedley

**Instruction Clinics** for new bowlers will be arranged by Chief Coach, Paul Knox (902-454-5493). Dates will be announced. Pick-up bowling is available before regular club events start. These are good times to bring along perspective new bowlers to give bowling a try.

Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 10 to 11:30 A.M.

Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8 P.M.

Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 10 to 11:30 A.M.

Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8 P.M.

(Interested members of the Waegwoltic Club will be attending on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)

## OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

**SLMBC Semi Annual Meeting:** Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Clubhouse.

**SMLBC Banquet:** Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel, St. Margaret's Bay Rd., Halifax.

**SMLBC Annual General Meeting:** Sunday, November 4, 2 P.M., in the Party Room, 429 Parkland Drive.

## NOTICES

Please check the clubhouse bulletin board for competitive draws, sign-up sheets, etc., as well as the club website and Facebook account which is updated regularly with news and notices. You will be notified by e-mail with club messages.

## NAME TAGS

Name tags will be ordered for any members who are interested in purchasing one. Approximate cost: \$10. Watch the bulletin board and sign up by the deadline to order one.

## FUNDRAISING

Please continue to support the work of the Ways and Means Committee by bringing us your refundable containers. Your participation in Fifty-Fifty Draws, Spiders and other fundraising activities also benefits the Club.

**Event Organizers:** Debra Meade (902-440-2136) and Donald Meade (902-880-6638)

## VOLUNTEERS

How can you contribute to the club? Help is need in all areas. Help with organization and clubhouse upkeep is vital. Kitchen assistance and food donations are appreciated. *Someone* must set up greens, get out the equipment, and put it all away at the end. Arrive early before your game, stay to help put things away.

**De-dewing** (taking the dew off the green before the day gets warm) is important for the health of the green. Our club is responsible for carrying out this job on Tuesday's, Thursday's, weekends, and holidays. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. De-dewing is not a physically demanding job and takes about 30 minutes for one person. It needs to be done by 8 a.m. Training is available, speak to the Greens Chairperson. Please take your turn de-dewing and always show respect for the green. The following take an unnecessary toll on the greens – short cutting across the corners of the green, leaving protective aprons on the playing surface longer than is necessary, dropping bowls on the green, wearing the wrong shoes, scuffing your feet on the green, lobbing your bowls, careless use of bowls rakes, etc.

## **CLUB WINNERS 2017 SEASON**

### **Women's Events – Monday evening – Neily Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Rosemary Beck
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vivien Worden
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Eve Tupper

### **Men's Event – Mon., Wed., and Fri. Afternoon**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Cal Baker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Milton Graves
- 3. Mel Neily

### **Wednesday Night – Neily Mixed Triples**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Anita Knox, Joan MacDonald, Paul Frank
- Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place:  
Carolyn Smedley, Gayle Gray, Dennis Cuvelier  
Cyril Cavanagh, Eve Tupper, Mayumi Endo

### **Women's Novice Singles**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Meg Endo-Ritchie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mayumi Endo

### **Men's Novice Singles**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dennis Cuvelier
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Milton Graves



### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Welcome to the 2018 bowling season! My hope is that you will find this Newsletter informative and will refer to it throughout the season. Every effort has been made to ensure the contents of this Newsletter are accurate at the time of publication. Please check the Club bulletin board for updates. Good bowling!

Joan MacDonald  
Vice President

## **LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS (2015):**

A limited number of copies of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls are available for purchase. See Paul or Anita Knox.

## **ETIQUETTE IN THE GAME OF BOWLS:**

Etiquette is about making the game enjoyable for everyone and is a big part of all sports. Listed below are some of the most common items to keep in mind.

1. Dress correctly for all games including wearing the correct footwear on the green.
2. No competitor is allowed to practice on the rink on which they are to play that day.
3. Commend a good bowl whether delivered by your opponent's team or by your own team.
4. Admit a fluke with grace.
5. Do not thank an opponent for an unintended result of their bowl which results in your favour.
6. Stand still when a player is on the mat.
7. Do not talk or make a noise behind the mat when a player is about to deliver a bowl.
8. Remain behind the mat or behind the head (at least one metre) when it is not your turn to play. Always remember that as soon as your bowl has come to rest, possession of the rink passes to your opponent.
9. Keep to your own rink. Do not become a wanderer and distract other bowlers. Walk down the centre of your rink when you are changing ends.
10. On sunny days, be aware of your shadow. Do not let it mask the jack nor permit it to fall in front of the mat when a player is about to bowl.
11. Try to avoid obscuring boundary pegs and rink markers.
12. Avoid the desire to verbally encourage bowls to give your team desired results.
13. Never criticize your opponents, the green, rinks, or your own team members. If you cannot say something positive, don't say anything at all.
14. Pay attention to the game. Nothing can be more frustrating to your teammates than to have them feel that you are not giving your full

attention and best efforts to the game by your lack of concentration. Save your socializing until after the game.

15. Always appear to be enjoying the game.
16. Stand well back from the head when drive shots are about to be played and warn others on adjacent rinks.
17. Share the task of gathering the bowls upon completion of an end.
18. Greet your team members and opponents at the start of the game and congratulate or compliment them at the end of play. Shaking hands before a match and at its conclusion is part of the fine tradition of the game.
19. Always accept and respect an Official's decision(s).
20. Learn the **Laws of the Sport of Bowls** and abide by them.
21. **Be a gracious winner and a good loser.**

## **Do you have your ticket yet?**

**St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club  
Annual Banquet and Awards Night  
Best Western Plus,  
Chocolate Lake Hotel  
(20 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Halifax)  
Sunday, October 28  
6:30 for 7:00 PM  
\$40.00  
CASH only Bar (Beer and Wine)**

**(Tickets on sale starting July)**

**St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club**  
**2018 Calendar of Events**

**(Subject to Change – See Bulletin Board for Updates)**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Tues., May 8	Executive Meeting 7 pm (Parkland Dr.)
Mon., May 21	SMLBC Semi-Annual Meeting (at the Clubhouse) and Official Club Opening, 1 pm
Sat., May 26 and Sun., May 27	Open House, SMLBC, 10 am to 3 pm
Tues., May 29	Clinic for New Bowlers 10 to 11:30 am
Sat., Jun 2	National Bowls Day
Mon., Jun 4	Clinic for New Bowlers 6:30 to 8 pm
Tues., Jun 5	Clinic for New Bowlers 10 to 11:30 am (Waegwoltic attending)
Thurs. evenings, Jun 7 to Jul 26	Metro League (Location varies)
Mon., Jun 11	Clinic for New Bowlers 6:30 to 8 pm (Waegwoltic attending)
Week of Mon., Jun 11	Open and Organized Bowling Begins This Week
Sat., Jun 30	Last Day for Payment of 2018 SMLBC Dues
Sun., Jul 1 ( <i>rain date – Mon., Jul 2</i> )	Canada Day Social
Thurs. evenings, Jul 5, 12, 19, 26 <i>and Aug 2 (rain date)</i>	Cystic Fibrosis Lawn Summer Nights (Volunteers needed!)
Sat., Jul 28 to Sun., Jul 29	NS Fours (2019) hosted by St. Mary's LBC ( <i>alternate site Wanderer's LBC</i> )
<i>Sat., Aug 4 to Sun. Aug 5</i>	<i>NS Pairs (2019) hosted by Dartmouth LBC, Alternate Site: SMLBC</i>
Mon., Aug 6	Natal Day Social
Sun., Aug 12	Executive Meeting 11:30 am (at the Clubhouse)
Sat., Aug 18	Frank Hamilton Memorial Triples Tournament
Mon., Sep 3	Labour Day Social
	Novice Singles Tournament
Sun., Sep 23	SMLBC Fall Classic
Sun., Oct 28	SMLBC Annual Banquet – Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel (6:30 for 7 pm)
Sun., Oct.14	Executive Meeting 1:30 pm (Parkland Dr.)
Wed., Oct 31	Last Day of Bowling, Club Closing
Sun., Nov 4	SMLBC Annual General Meeting

# Saint Mary's Lawn Bowls Club

## Typical Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7:30 – 8:00 De-Dewing	8:00 – 12:00 Greens Maintenance	7:30 – 8:00 De-Dewing	8:00 – 12:00 Greens Maintenance	7:30 – 8:00 De-Dewing	8:00 – 12:00 Greens Maintenance	7:30 – 8:00 De-Dewing
9:30 – 12:00 Sunday Morning Open Bowling		9:30 – 12:00 Open Bowling and Social				9:30 – 12:00 Saturday Morning Open Bowling
1:30 – 4:00 Sunday Afternoon Open Bowling	1:45 – 4:00 Open Bowling		1:45 – 4:00 Open Bowling	4:00 – 10:00 Lawn Summer Nights (July)	1:45 – 4:00 Open Bowling	
	6:20 – 8:15 Ladies' Bowling (Neily Open)	6:45 – 8:30 Open Bowling	6:45 – 8:30 Neily Mixed Triples (League Play)	6:30 – 9:00 Metro League (rotates through four Metro Clubs)		

End times are approximate

Practice time available after de-dewing and when no scheduled event (until darkness)