

Summer 2019

# NEWSLETTER

## St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club

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### Executive Officers

President	Milton Graves	902-469-9121
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### Chairs of Standing Committees

Membership	Mayumi Endo and Megumi Endo-Ritchie	902-405-2212 902-403-0090
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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 2019 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, \$25 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 clubhouse will open** on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with bowling (weather and green conditions permitting) and light refreshments. Please bring a contribution of finger food.

### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to 2019 bowls at St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club.

Enjoy Fellowship and Good Cheer.

Enjoy the view.

Whether you play socially or competitively or both, enjoy the ancient game of bowls.

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

And finally, from *Taming of the Shrew*, Act 4, Scene 5:

PETRUCHIO: Well, forward, forward, thus the bowl should run, And not unluckily against the bias.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

May 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

May 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – 11 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.



*Some of the participants at our 2018 Open House*

**National Bowls Day** is Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a few fun lawn bowling games. Arrive at 10:30 for an 11 A.M. start (finish by 3 P.M.). Some refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.

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

### **MIXED BOWLING:**

**Monday Evening Singles.** We will be offering Monday Evening Singles on a trial basis. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Arrive by 6:45 for play at 7 PM. You will take turns playing the game and marking a game (in Singles, a marker is required for each rink in play). Instruction in marking will be provided. Begin date to be determined.



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

**Wednesday Evening Neily Mixed Triples.** June to completion of the Double 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 fund created by Mel Neily, Sr. Please sign up as a spare if you are unable to commit to playing all season.

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

### **OPEN BOWLING:**

**Sunday Afternoons** June 9<sup>th</sup> to September 29<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 and draw format may vary. The \$1.00 charge when you sign in is distributed as prizes.

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

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**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Afternoons** June 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 30<sup>st</sup>. Teams are made up from those who arrive by 1:30 P.M. for a 2 P.M. start. 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 4<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign in by 9:45 for 10:00 A.M. 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 Organizers:** Linda Frank (902-453-3617) and Rosemary Beck (902-445-3977)

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**Tuesday Evenings:** June 18<sup>th</sup> to August 27<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 15<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup>. Arrive by 9:30 for 10 A.M. start. Please check the calendar on Facebook and the club website for updates. Event organizers may not be available every weekend.

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

## **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 **NS Junior Singles** (2019) on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the **Memorial Mixed Triples** on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and the **NS Singles** (2020) on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>; as well as our own club tournament, the **Frank Hamilton Memorial Triples** on August 17<sup>th</sup> (rain date, 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.*

## **SINGLES TOURNAMENT**

A Singles Tournament for both male and female members will be held in September. Rules and sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded.

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

## **ST. MARY'S HOLIDAY BOWLING AND SOCIALS**

Canada Day	Monday, July 1 <sup>st</sup>
Natal Day	Monday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>
Labour Day	Monday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Fall Classic	Sunday, September 22 <sup>nd</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 Organizer:** Anita Regan (902-469-9121)

## INTER-CLUB BOWLING

Want an opportunity to meet bowlers from other clubs and experience playing on different greens (grass and artificial turf)? Why not try **Classy Chics** or **Old Boys Bowls**?

**Classy Chics** begins on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Dartmouth Lawn Bowls Club (12:30 for 1 PM start). They welcome any female bowler, from any club, and any skill level for fun followed by a social moment. Clubs take turns hosting.

**Old Boys Bowls** is an inter-club men's bowls group playing at different clubs around Halifax and Truro. Arrive at 12:30 for a 1 PM start with teams organized from bowlers attending on that day.

Please check the bulletin board in the clubhouse for dates and locations.

## OFFICIALS

St. Mary's membership includes a Provincial Umpire and several Certified Markers.

### Provincial Umpire:

Paul Knox

### Certified Markers:

Cyril Cavanagh	Anita Knox
Paul Knox	Joan MacDonald
Kathy Myketyn	Carolyn Smedley



*An official makes a measurement to determine the game winner!*

## COACHING

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

### Trained Club Coaches:

Cyril Cavanagh	Paul Knox (Chief Coach)
Mayumi Endo	Joan MacDonald
Kathy Myketyn	Carolyn Smedley

### Competition Coaches in Training:

Mayumi Endo	Joan MacDonald
Kathy Myketyn	

**Free Learn to Bowl Clinics** for new bowlers have been arranged by Paul Knox (902-454-5493) and Mayumi Endo (902-405-2212).

Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 to 11:30 A.M.

Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8 P.M.

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

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8 P.M.

Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 to 11:30 A.M.

Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 to 11:30 A.M.



**A Ubi Launcher™ Clinic** will be held on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 2:30 P.M. The Ubi Launcher™ is a lightweight, height adjustable delivery aid device. If you suffer from a bad back, bad hips or

bad knees, then the Ubi Launcher™ may be just the delivery aid you've been looking for!

## **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).

## **OTHER DATES TO NOTE:**

**SLMBC Semi Annual Meeting:** Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the clubhouse beginning at 1 P.M. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and to take the opportunity to pay annual dues at this time.

**SMLBC Annual General Meeting:** Sunday, November 3, 2 P.M., Location TBD.

## **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:** Vivien Worden (902-404-6222)

## **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 2018 SEASON**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Rosemary Beck  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vivien Worden

### **Tuesday Morning – Open Bowling**

1<sup>st</sup> Milton Graves  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cyril Cavanagh

### **Open Bowling – Mon., Wed., and Fri. Afternoons**

1<sup>st</sup> Milton Graves  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mel Neily  
3<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn McGee

### Wednesday Night – Neily Mixed Triples

1<sup>st</sup> Donald Meade, Linda Frank and Ann McAleese  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rosemary Beck, Paul Frank and Jackie MacLeod

### Wednesday Night – Late Season Mixed Triples

1<sup>st</sup> Anita Knox, Vivien Worden and Eve Tupper  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rosemary Beck, Debra Meade and Ann McAleese

### Women’s Novice Singles

1<sup>st</sup> Megumi Endo-Ritchie  
2<sup>nd</sup> Clare McCarney

### Men’s Novice Singles

1<sup>st</sup> Milton Graves  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Ritchie

### Other 2018 Winners/Participants

St. Mary’s fielded two teams in the **Bluenose Tournament** held at Wanderers: Cyril Cavanagh, Mike Ritchie and Donald Meade (second place); and Debra Meade, Paul Costello and Mayumi Endo.

Teams participated in both the **Women’s and Men’s Fours Provincial Championships**. Teams consisted of Megumi Endo-Ritchie, Debra Meade, Clare McCarney, and Mayumi Endo on the women’s side and Cyril Cavanagh, Milton Graves, Donald Meade and Mike Ritchie on the men’s side. Both teams practiced hard and played well. We were competitive.

Our own **Frank Hamilton Memorial Triples Tournament** saw us field three teams: Megumi Endo-Ritchie, Mayumi Endo, and Mike Ritchie (3<sup>rd</sup> place); Donald Meade, Debra Meade and Clare McCarney; and Milton Graves, Joan MacDonald and Rosemary Beck.

We entered a team in the **Jack Robar Memorial Men’s Triples Tournament** held at Wanderers (Donald Meade, Milton Graves and Mike Ritchie).

Two teams entered the **Late Owl Mixed Fours** held in Bedford: Donald Meade, Milton Graves, Debra Meade and Clare McCarney (out of the money by a tie breaker); and Cyril Cavanagh, Mike Ritchie, Megumi Endo-Ritchie, and Mayumi Endo (in the money by chance).

### Lawn Bowls Nova Scotia Awards

#### 2018 Volunteer Award

Clubs were asked to consider nominating one of their members who they felt went above and beyond what was expected and deserved special recognition by LBNS for their efforts. St. Mary’s nominee and award recipient was **Vivien Worden**. Vivien organized Monday Night Bowling, chaired Social Tournaments which looks after the kitchen and provides food for provincial playdowns held at our club and the Frank Hamilton Tournament. For a number of years, she has made a quilt which is raffled off as a fundraiser for the club. Congratulations Vivien! And thank you to all of our volunteers.

#### 2018 Certificate of Recognition

A Certificate of Recognition was presented by LBNS to St. Mary’s Lawn Bowls Club for our accomplishment in hosting the Lawn Summer Nights fundraiser event in support of Cystic Fibrosis for five years. In this time, the club has supported Lawn Summer Nights’ efforts in raising over \$210,000 for cystic fibrosis research and has introduced lawn bowls to over one hundred young professionals on an annual basis. Congratulations!

## **BASICS OF HOW TO PLAY THE SPORT OF BOWLS**

1. A normal club game consists of 10 to 12 ends and lasts less than two hours.
2. It's a lot like curling on grass, but usually it is MUCH WARMER (and many would say more challenging).
3. Bowls are heavier on one side than on the other, so they "curl" or "bend" towards that side, called the "bias".
4. The amount of "curl" depends largely on the speed of the green and can range from as little as a foot (on a very soft green), to as much as 20 feet (on a hard, fast green).
5. Games can be played with one to four players per team.
  - a. In singles and pairs, each player usually plays four bowls.
  - b. In triples, each player usually plays three bowls.
  - c. In fours, each player plays two bowls.
6. The first bowler of an end can choose the position of the mat on the centerline of the green.
7. The first player (lead) rolls a three-inch white ball (called a "jack") towards the opposite end of the green to become the target.
8. Provided the jack is delivered far enough (21 metres) and remains in play, it is centered on the green and the same player then rolls a bowl from the mat, trying to stop it as near as possible to the jack.
9. Players take turns, by position, delivering their bowls until all bowls have been played.
10. A bowl is permitted to strike and move the jack, or to knock it out of play in which case the jack is centered two metres from the front ditch and play continues.
11. A bowl is permitted to strike and move other bowls, or to knock them out of play.
12. A bowl (during its original course) that strikes the jack becomes a "toucher".
13. A jack or a "toucher" that goes into the end ditch is LIVE provided it stays inbounds.

14. The team whose bowl is nearest the jack counts one point for each bowl they have nearer to the jack than their opponents' best bowl.
15. The team that last scored must deliver the jack in the next end.

Adapted from Bowls Saskatchewan

### *In Memoriam*

Frances Beed (Life Member)  
Don Connolly

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Welcome to the 2019 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 that 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 and be ready to deliver your bowl when it is your turn. 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.**





**St. Mary's Lawn Bowls Club**  
**2019 Calendar of Events**

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Mon., May 20	SMLBC Semi-Annual Meeting (at the Clubhouse) and Official Club Opening, 1 pm
Sat., May 25 and Sun., May 26	Open House, SMLBC, 11 am to 3 pm
Week of Mon., Jun 3	Most Open and Organized Bowling begins this week
Tues., Jun 4, 11, 18 and 25	Learn to Bowl Clinic, 10 to 11:30 am
Wed., Jun 5 and 12	Learn to Bowl Clinic, 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Sat., Jun 8	National Bowls Day 10:30 am to 3 pm
Sat., Jun 22 and Sun. Jun 23	NS Junior Singles (2019) hosted by St. Mary's LBC
Sat., Jun 30	Last Day for Payment of 2019 Dues (Returning Members)
Mon., Jul 1	Canada Day Social
Thurs. evenings, Jul 4, 11, 18, 25 <i>and Aug 1 (rain date)</i>	Cystic Fibrosis Lawn Summer Nights (Volunteers needed!)
Mon., Aug 5	Natal Day Social
Tues., Aug 13	Executive Meeting (at the Clubhouse) 7 PM
Sat., Aug 17 ( <i>rain date Sun., Aug 18</i> )	Frank Hamilton Memorial Triples Tournament
Sat., Aug 24 and Sun., Aug 25	Memorial Mixed Triples
Mon., Sep 2	Labour Day Social
TBD	SMLBC Singles Tournament
Sat. Sep 14 and Sun. Sep 15	NS Singles (2020) hosted by St. Mary's LBC
Sun., Sep 22	SMLBC Fall Classic
TBD	End of Season Event
Thurs, Oct 10	Executive Meeting (Location TBD), 7 PM
Thurs., Oct 31	Last Day of Bowling, Club Closing
Sun., Nov 3	SMLBC Annual General Meeting, Location TBD

# 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		9:45 – 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	
	6:45 – 8:30 Singles	6:45 – 8:30 Open Bowling	6:45 – 8:30 Neily Mixed Triples (League Play)			

End times are approximate

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



*A game in play on the St. Mary's green.*