



# Newsletter 2015

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Welcome to the beginning of another exciting year at NLBC!!

It's been a long and cold winter and, if you are like me, you're anxious to hit the greens and enjoy all the warm weather that Saskatoon has to offer. We have a great year planned, full of league play, scratch fun, special events, and Provincial and National competition.



First of all, I want to extend a warm thanks to all the volunteers who make our Club successful. Without your dedication to promoting the sport of lawn bowls, we would not enjoy the success we've had to date. Secondly, I want to thank last year's executive for steering the club through some challenging times, and third, to thank all those who let their names stand for this coming season. Your service is much appreciated.



Speaking of volunteers, Nutana is hosting the National Juniors and U25 competitions August 3 to 10 this year. This is a great opportunity to showcase lawn bowling to a younger crowd. I hope I can count on you to help make this a great event. Planning is well underway under the able direction of co-chairs Craig Downey and Rachel Larson.



### *New Members Wanted*

The best way to attract new members to lawn bowling is by your personal word of mouth and Invitation. Talk about what you do and ask them if they would like to come try it. All the advertising in the world cannot compare to members bringing out a potential new member. If each of us got one new person to join we would double our membership in one year!!

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We applied for two Grants this year but, unfortunately, neither was successful. However, the Saskatoon Coop Gift Card fundraiser will continue again this year and we will need to sell many cards to help raise money for improvements to the club and the equipment. We make \$10.00 for every \$100.00 sold so please consider buying lots of them this year. They are good for gas, groceries, prescriptions and even booze, and are available in amounts as low as \$25.00 and as high as \$250.00. They also make great gifts for those hard-to-buy-for friends and relatives.



As fours, triples, and pairs are the most popular events, the new season will see these leagues running on Tuesdays and Thursdays with all mixed teams being made up by the draw master. Mondays will feature the Singles league, with Wednesdays seeing the return of the very popular Mixed Triples Recreational League. Other than Wednesdays, please consider all evenings and Wednesday morning available for your "Scratch" enjoyment. We are also introducing a Skills Development Academy on Monday nights to assist bowlers wishing to become a more adept and strategic athlete.



In addition to the Junior/U25 National Championship, Nutana is also hosting Mens/Womens Triples and Mixed Pairs Provincial Play downs. I hope you will all come out and support the competitors, and watch some great bowling.



As you witnessed last year, our new shed is up and ready to become the new machine room. Decisions will have to be made on how best to utilize the old machine room for storage of bowls, rakes, scoreboards, BBQ, tables, and all the other miscellaneous "stuff" that we have on hand. I think the result will be a more appealing club house and a more organized system of storage.



Our Semi-Annual General Meeting will be held May 6th at 7PM, at the club house. We welcome your participation and input. On May 9th, we will hold our annual Clean-Up day from 10 AM until noon, followed by a BBQ for our volunteers. Please set aside some time to come out and help and get everything ship-shape for the start of the season.

## ***Important Dates @ NLBC***

Wed. May 6th – Semi-AGM 7 PM @ NLBC

Sat. May 9th – Clean-Up Day starting @ 10 AM

May 12, 14, 19 & 21 – Learn to Bowl Lessons – 6:45 PM

**May 18 – Open House/ Opening Day 1 –4 PM.**

Bring out some friends for some  
casual bowls and a BBQ!

June 3 – Mixed Triples Rec. League begins

June 6– Skills Development Clinic

June 26 – 28 – Mens/Womens Triples Provincial Play downs

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Canada Day & 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

July 24 – 26 – Mixed Pairs Provincial Play downs

August 3 – 10 – Junior/U25 National Championships

September 5 – 6 – Marion Pillar Tournament

As you can see, we have a busy and fun packed schedule and, with the help of our many volunteers, I'm sure we will carry it off with great success.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the greens and good bowling,

Carolyn Jones

NLBC President



## Bowls Sask. Development Clinic

Interested in taking your skills to the next level? NLBC is hosting a Bowls Sask. Development clinic on Sat. June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9–5. The clinic will be led by our own Alex Scott, and costs are covered by Bowls Sask. Check out the posters at the clubhouse for more information.

### Your 2015 Executive:

President – Carolyn Jones

Vice President – Anne Mathewson

Past President – Freda Toffolo

Treasurer – Erin Higgins

Secretary – Fran Scott

Directors (3) –

Craig Downey (1 year)

Alex Scott (2 years)

Barry Hodge (2 years)

“This is how we roll!!”

