

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER - STAYNER LAWN BOWLING CLUB

We hope you are looking forward to the start of bowling and the warmer weather as much as we are. We were at the club this week - most of the snow is off the green and it does not look like there is not a lot of winter kill.

I have some event dates for you to put into your calendars:

Fri, April 24th **Spring Club Opening/Clean Up**: 1 – 5pm – we will be pulling out benches, installing hoses, rink numbers, sweeping out the club house, etc. to get ready for the new season. Please let us know if you can give a hand?

Mon, April 27th **Clearview Short Mat Showdown**: 10am - 4pm. Come & watch, last year Bill Scott & Kris Dubois won but we had club members in the running.

Fri, May 1st **Spring Members Meeting & Pot Luck**: 5 – 8pm at our favourite Huron Meadows. Are you coming, let us know?

Mon, May 18th Victoria Day. **First Day of Bowling**

Mon, May 18–Thu May 21st - **Yard sale donations** – no furniture, clothes, Christmas items

Fri, May 22nd **Yard Sale set up**

Sat, May 23rd **Yard Sale**: 8am – 4pm

Mon, May 25th – 28th **Bring A Friend to our jitneys**

Sat, May 30th **Open House**: 10am – noon (rain date May 31st)

A complete list of event dates is coming including theme days/nights, we are just waiting for the Friendly dates with Barrie LBC and Collingwood LBC.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR OUR COMPETITIVE MEMBERS:

If you want info on the competitions & championship events:

<https://olba.ca/competitions/championship-events/>

Note: registration for the District/Provincial Tournaments opens April 1st but you must be a paid-up member at your home club and your club must have updated you in SAM to register. Want to know what events are running across the province or district, OLBA meetings, training courses, etc.

<https://olba.sportsassociation.website/report/events>

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SLBC TOURNAMENTS

AND do not forget, we have four invitational tournaments registration is open please sign up. If you need help to register let Ross know:

June 11th **Caputo** Mixed/Ladies Pairs

June 25th **Hanna** – Open Pairs

July 23rd **Cox** – Open Pairs

Aug 13th **Reinhart Foods** – Open Pairs (I wonder what will be in their goodie bags this year)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Ready to renew your club membership? Here is what you need:

a copy of the OLBA waiver form (yes, we have to have a physical copy for our files, OLBA rules). Can't print, we will have copies at the Spring meeting and the club.

To register online go to www.staynerlawnbowlingclub.ca

– click on the “Login” tab (far right option of banner). Please do not use New Member Registration that creates a duplicate member record.

Can't remember your user name? click the “Forgot your user name” tab, input your email address to pull up your user name.

Can't remember your password? use the “Forgot your password” tab to reset.

Not an online person? – we will have Registration forms for you at the spring meeting.

Returning Membership fee (for bowlers is \$225 which includes your \$40 OLBA membership) can be paid at the Spring meeting or by electronic funds e-transfer (EFT) via online banking to **staynerlbc@gmail.com** which will confirm the monies are coming to the club or pay when you come to the green the first time. A new membership fee is \$175 including the \$40 OLBA membership. The social membership is still \$25 including the \$10 OLBA membership fee.

CLEARVIEW TWP UPDATES:

Our grant request was successful; the focus was for tools to improve the green. Last fall Gord, Dave B and Kevin started a project to level the green. The results are already visible as there are fewer areas this spring where the maple tree seeds collected when the snow melted. The grant supports replacing the verticutter blades so this year the green can be

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verticut more often to improve the speed of the green. Want to attend the grant presentation on Wednesday, April 15th from 2 – 4pm at the Clearview town hall? Let me know by Monday, April 6th. The presentation was fun last year, they had coffee/tea and goodies and we had our picture taken with the council.

The tree is still up but we have been assured it is coming down the weather has simply not co-operated. And, thanks to a project to change the chairs at the arena Clearview has donated 20 chairs to the club. I am relieved to get rid of the old card table chairs that damaged the floor.

OLBA NEWS

OLBA's new website is up and running. If you have ever wondered what they do besides co-ordinate our liability insurance coverage check out their website: <https://olba.ca> And if you are interested you can register to receive their newsletters and attend the OLBA Annual General online meeting on Saturday, April 25th.

Of course the minute I push send I will remember something else but in the meantime I hope everyone is keeping well and look forward to seeing you on the green!

Cheryl