

February 2025 Newsletter - Lots of updates to share

Our FIRST opportunity to engage new members is Saturday March 1st at the Clearview Health & Leisure Expo, Stayner area from 10am – 3pm. Can you spare an hour or two to help us on the table? Please let me know. This is a fun event and we expect to be side by side with short mat so lots of laughs and comradery.

Thank you on behalf of the executive for your support of the club around the increase in the membership fee. I am happy to report over 90% of our members will be back and everyone who responded supported the increase.

What can you look forward to this year? In addition to having an Open House we will have **Bring a Friend** week to allow anyone who is interested to come and try bowling and enjoy some goodies during our regular jitneys. A coupon has been created to give to friends, family, etc to encourage them to join us during the week or at our open house. And, monthly at one of our jitneys (June 18, July 10, August 19 and September 8th) we will have food and a theme e.g. Hawaiian, Mexican, etc. See below for a current list of club events.

Our Tournament Registration is live – just go to www.staynerlawnbowlingclub.ca and click on the Tournament tab – you can then choose a tournament and click on the Registration tab to see who has already registered to play in the tournament and register.

Our online 2025 lawn bowling membership registration is NOW LIVE. Dig out your user name and password then go to www.staynerlawnbowlingclub.ca and click on the Login tab then click on the RENEW MEMBERSHIP tab. Don't forget to review your profile and update for any changes. Before you leave go to MEMBER tab, PROFILE and on the Membership Info page update your email preferences to allow us and other members to email you and give us permission to share your email with OLBA.

Email Opt In: ☒ Opt In to receive email communications from your club
Share Email: ☒ Share email with members (on website and in website reports)

Need more instructions contact us and we can resend the instructions from last year. Can't find your user name or password, click on Login then click either the "Forgot your Username" or "Forgot your password" to have the system generate and send an email to the email address on file with instructions.

IMPORTANT OLBA changes affecting membership – as we shared last year OLBA has a new membership database (SAM) and along with this they have changed some rules that affect how they operate and how we have to operate:

- **OLBA Memberships expire May 1st and so your club membership is now due May 1st.**
- Competitive bowlers will have to use SAM to register for District and Provincial championships and registration for these championships will start soon after 1 May.
 - o Registration requires a valid OLBA membership for the current season. Your club membership needs to be paid up so we can code you as paid in SAM. OLBA is recommending competitive bowlers renew their club membership late April.
 - o All Bowlers who register in championship events will need a valid current email address in their SAM profiles. As noted above when you renew your membership online check that we have a valid email address for you and EMAIL preferences are coded opt in and share.

As noted above membership fees are due May 1st you can register and submit payment through electronic funds transfer (EFT) via your online banking system) to email: staynerlbc@gmail.com Alternatively you may pay with a cheque payable to Stayner Lawn Bowling Club Inc. or cash. The spring meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd if you want to pay by cheque or cash.

List of Club Events

In addition to our jitneys: Monday to Thursday

May

Fri May 2nd Spring Annual Meeting (location to be confirmed)
Mon May 19th Victoria Day bowling
Sat May 24 Yard Sale 8am (no furniture, clothes or Christmas items)
Bring a Friend Week – May 26th – May 29th - we hope to have potential new bowlers come out to try bowling (see coupon below)
Sat May 31 Open House 10am – 1pm rain date June 1st

FREE

STAYNER LAWN BOWLING CLUB

With this coupon you are welcome to come and give lawn bowling a try at the Stayner Lawn Bowling Club for “FREE”. No registration required, just wear flat soled shoes. As a bonus “BRING A FRIEND” or two.

Offer valid these dates: Mon May 26 & Wed May 28 (10am – noon)
Tues May 27 & Thurs May 29 (6:30 – 7:30pm)
Sat May 31(10am – 1pm)

Where: 205 Ontario Street, Stayner south of HWY 26
For more information: www.staynerlawnbowlingclub.ca



June

Wed Jun 4 Sponsors' Night – we are inviting our sponsors to come out & meet us
Sat Jun 7 Curlers' Challenge – 1 – 4pm, Fee \$20
Thu Jun 12 Vince Caputo Memorial Tournament Mixed Pairs \$20 – 9:30am start
Wed June 18 Jitney Theme event with lunch – Fee \$TBD
Fri Jun 20 (or Mon Jun 23) Town Hall Challenge and/or Clearview Staff Wellness event – opportunity to give back
Thu Jun 26 Hanna Motors Tournament Open Pairs \$20– 9:30am start

July

Thu Jul 3 Friendly – Stayner hosts Barrie – Fee \$5
Thu Jul 10 Jitney Theme event with pe-game food – 6pm - Fee \$TBD
Tue Jul 22 President's Members-only Tournament & Dessert – 6:45pm Fee \$TBD
Tue Jul 29 Gerry Cox Tournament Open Pairs \$20 – 9:30am start
Thu Jul 31 Friendly – Stayner hosts Collingwood – Fee \$5

August

Thu Aug 7 Reinhart Foods Tournament Open Pairs \$20 – 9:30am start
Mon Aug 11 Sharon Lewis Memorial Tournament & BBQ Members-only – Fee \$10
Thu Aug 14 Stayner Tournament Open Pairs \$20 – 9:30am start
Tues Aug 19 Jitney Theme Night with pre-game food – 6pm - Fee \$TBD

September

Mon Sept 8 Jitney Theme event with lunch – Fee \$TBD
Thu Sept 18 Last day bowling (tentative)
Fri, Sept 26 Green shut down (tentative)

October

Club shut down i.e. put everything away Oct 2nd or 9th
Fri, Oct 3rd Fall meeting & pot luck