



Fredericton Lawn Bowling Club

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About thirty five members of the Fredericton Lawn Bowling Club gathered at the Fredericton Inn on December 11 for their annual **Christmas Dinner** and impromptu party,



New club president Gloria McLaughlin and other club members enjoy the annual Christmas dinner

and a grand time it was. A dinner of turkey or salmon, cherry cheesecake for dessert with tea or coffee, was followed by gift giving by Santa Claus her ... er himself. A crossword style quiz based on various aspects of Christmas was won by **Bonnie Pinnock**.



Nancy Cook and Dan McDonald attempt the word quiz

The evening came to an end with the singing of a number of Christmas songs and carols.

The club's social committee went all out on this one, and plans are now afoot for the coming season.

For years the backboards along the green have been deteriorating. After a number of discussions with the city's rec and parks staff, that ongoing problem has been rectified. The City of Fredericton deserves as much thanks and praise as we can muster for taking on this project, for organising and administering its completion and most importantly for covering the costs involved. Fact is this very important improvement to our facility did not require any funds from our coffers. You can't beat that level of commitment.



installation of new plinth

One fly in the ointment may be an issue for our spring opening. Because of the work done, and because of the early snow and ice this fall, the green did not get covered by straw and tarps. That might mean a longer time for the ground to thaw completely before we will be able to bowl. However that's in the future and much can transpire before then to rectify any problems.



When we return to the green next spring, we will be greeted by our new club president, **Gloria McLaughlin**. Gloria has been a mainstay at the FLBC as well as bowling associations around the province for many years. She has a lot of experience in the game from the board room to the bowling green, and promises a great season of bowling ahead. Gloria says we have been successful as part of Fredericton's recreational activities through "the camaraderie of our members and the very reasonable, low membership fees are the high points of our club."

By "sharing with our friends, attending events such as **Spring into Wellness**, and ensuring we are on the community events calendar" the FLBC can increase its role in the life of the city. As for the green itself, "we are reviewing possibilities for better signage," she says. Besides our involvement in **National Bowls Day** (June 8), and coaching day on June 15th, our club will host the **Provincial Triples** championships and the **Atlantic Triples** tournament.

But we will be together long before that. Plans are now in place for the **annual club breakfast** on February 21st, and a **pot luck/games night** is in the works for March 23rd. Details for these events will come in due course.

Still, there is a bit of winter to endure before we can deliver our bowls. To get us through the snow and ice and keep us all in a state of excited anticipation, here is a quiz concerning playing rules.

A pairs game was about to begin. **Skip B** announces a need to go to the restroom. While gone, **Lead A** rolls out the jack and play begins. Upon **Skip B**'s return, and seeing three bowls from each team have been played (**Lead B** is short on all three bowls; **Lead A**'s bowls were closer to the jack), **Skip B** states that play should not have begun and immediately picks up all of the bowls. Was **Skip B** correct?

Absolutely not. As soon as those bowls, which were at rest, have been moved, then the rules concerning the displacement of a bowl at rest, determines what the opposing skip is to do. What is it?
Replace all the bowls as best as possible and play continues. There is no option for a dead end.