



Fredericton Lawn Bowling Club

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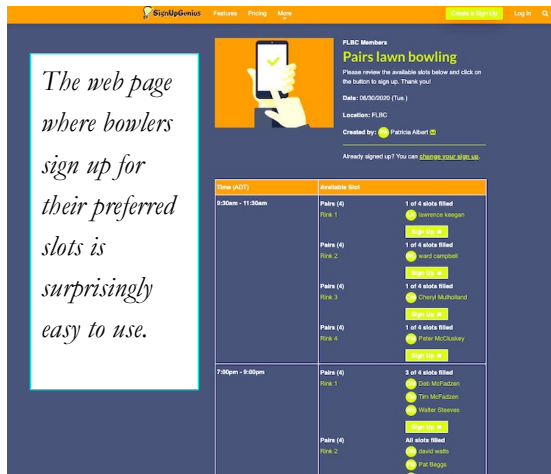
WHAT MORE CAN BE SAID about the way **COVID-19** affected our society for the four months of spring 2020? Like all parts of our community, the bowlers of the **Fredericton Lawn Bowling Club** experienced the most unique set of life circumstances in their lives. The question of what would lawn bowling look like in the summer was only one among many.

We live in **New Brunswick**. That fact alone cannot be overstated as one of the reasons we have emerged in a state of flexibility and freedom sufficient enough that we can bowl again. But much gratitude must go to the president and directors of our club. **Gloria McLaughlin**, our president, in consultation with the executive, spent many hours developing a safety protocol which was submitted to the City for approval. In turn, the City recognized our protocol as one of the most comprehensive they received and we were given the approval to begin play. On Tuesday, June 24, bowlers played the first games of 2020 on the FLBC green.



Bowlers played on rinks which were laid out at least ten to fifteen feet apart, and always kept six feet between themselves.

No one will be surprised to hear there are changes in place that affect our club's activities this year. Simply put, we choose our day and time on a weekly basis and that's it.



Each week we receive an invitation by email which we complete online. That gives us the ability to select the day we want to bowl and the time - morning or evening. There are other restrictions which are common to all activities we have come to know intimately, like distancing, hand sanitizing, sanitizing of all equipment etc. but they have mostly become second nature to us by know



and nothing which will keep us from enjoy ourselves on the green.

The current conditions in place have been circulated to members via email and are prominently posted at the club for all to read and learn. None of these requirements have had any adverse effects on the actual bowling. The club's administration should receive our thanks for maintaining the quality of play in the face of the conditions the virus has put on us.



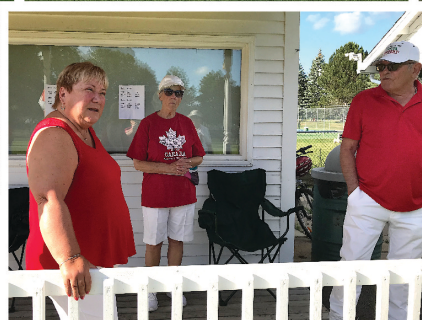
Fredericton club bowlers made their debut for the summer of 2020 on the last week of June. The weather was a little on the warm side but the green was in great shape and the camaraderie between members was evidence that our club was in tip top shape and back in fine form.

We enjoyed the added benefit of receiving our club membership on a free basis this year due to the coronavirus restrictions. That was not the case in every club and we are very grateful for this unexpected development.

Dad LeRoy McGinn goes to school on daughter Jane's delivery during their game on Thursday evening, June 25.

Our annual **Canada Day** festivities happened in the evening instead of the usual midday time slot, but they were nonetheless celebratory. We numbered twenty participants and we bowled in four triples games followed by a spider contest and a half dozen door-prize draws. The games were played on a social evening basis; everyone who played **McHatten** delivered the was a winner. **Colleen** and the door prizes went to closest bowl to win the spider, Pat Beggs, Lillian Hughes, Tim McFadzen, Collen McHatten, Fraser McHatten, and Cheryl Mulholland. We concluded the evening by singing our national anthem.

Canada Day 2020





While it is not the objective to achieve a lush green lawn for great bowling, it can't be overstated that ours has great eye appeal this summer. The bad spots from last year have been patched and although they are not playable, are visibly developing with promise. Besides the green, the grounds are also in great shape. Pat Beggs is in charge of the grounds committee and he has been doing it all including the flower garden at the entrance to the club.



Lawrence and Peter set up a bench on its cement blocks



Pat works in the flower garden



Joan Ward and David Watts discuss world events



It is necessary to sign in and out with name and time



Pat Beggs and Helen Leroux (both in blue) conduct a coaching class for new members



It is important to wash and sanitize club bowls after every use



FLBC President Gloria McLaughlin makes sure everyone understands the regulations in place

The summer has just begun. There is much great lawn bowling to come. Those already in the swing of things anxiously await the return of those members who have yet to come out.

Don't hold back; the grass is calling you.

We want to offer special thanks to Cheryl Mulholland for her assistance with photography in this issue. – *ed.*