



Fredericton Lawn Bowling Club

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With the participation of the Fredericton Lawn Bowling Club in the **National Bowls Day**, on Saturday, June 8, coupled with our own season opening celebration, the 2019 lawn bowling season began. Members of the FLBC invited the local community to the green in Wilmot Park to learn about lawn bowling with the hopes many would be intrigued enough to want more. We were not disappointed.



The weather was wonderful and a fine addition to the day.



It was a opportunity to introduce the sport to potential new members and a sizeable group took advantage of the offer. The day continued with the formal opening of the club's bowling season and a chance for members, old and new, to enjoy the first social games of the year. A BBQ sponsored by the FLBC social committee finished the afternoon. Upwards of fifty-five people turned out for the event overall with forty plus bowlers arranged for six matches.

Chef-for-a-day Dieter Kromm is ably assisted by Walter Steeves as they prepare gourmet burgers and dogs at the club's opening day BBQ.

Once the opening festivities had been enjoyed bowling began in earnest. The usual club leagues got underway albeit a week or two later than usual due to the state of the green but once begun, thoughts of a slow start melted away replaced by wrong biases and short jacks.



*Play from the first
Tuesday Evening Pairs event*

The FLBC held its own **Fredericton Invitational** on Wednesday, June 19. It was a beautiful day with bright sunshine and warm temperatures. The progress of the green meant that play was on an acceptable level and all involved were happy with the results.



Walter Steeves played host as he presented the honours to tournament winners.



left to right

First Place Team: Doug McNeese,
Ward Campbell, Jean Banham, Walter
Steeves



left to right

Second Place Team: Debbie Boudreau,
Marilyn Taylor, Pat Beggs, Walter Steeves



left to right

Third Place Team: Virginia Cranke,
Kevin Phillips, Colleen McHatten, Walter
Steeves

Susan Fortune of the club's social committee was very pleased with the response by club members to the overall request for refreshments for the day. "A big thank you to everyone who provided food or refreshments," she said. "Many positive comments were received from participants about our hospitality and your generous donations were a large part of it."

The first club tournament of the year, the **Lois Graham Memorial for Triples**, was won this year by the team of **Walter Steeves (skip)**, **William Cranke (mate)** and **Stella Keays (lead)**. Play took place on Saturday afternoon and evening of June 22 and Sunday afternoon of June 23, and involved five teams. Walter's threesome defeated the team of **Pat Beggs (skip)**, **Michele Olscamp (mate)** and **Yves Martin (lead)** to win the tournament.



*Winning team of Walter Steeves,
Stella Keays and William Cranke*

Of course bowling happens in more places than Fredericton. The provincial **Interclub** series is well underway, and on the weekend of June 15 and 16, the annual **Sherwood Open** was held in Charlottetown, PEI, at which many FLBC members were represented.

In fact one Fredericton bowler did very well. **Lawrence Keegan** bowled on a team with Dave and Linda Tripp (Manchester) and they won the tournament going undefeated. The Fredericton team of **Walter Steeves**, **Jane Howell** and **Elaine Crawford** was not so lucky. They won one game and lost two others by a single point. Yet, in spite of their unfortunate record, they represented our club to the utmost.



The club's summer student worker this year is **Mike Leonard**. Mike lives in Devon on Fredericton's north side, and attends UNB. Sports and athletics is an important part of Mike's life. Following high school he travelled to Lethbridge, AB to study at the Prairie Baseball Academy. However a serious injury brought that particular journey to an end and he left Alberta, but not baseball. Mike currently plays third base for the Fredericton Junior Royals.