



NTLBC News

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Spring has arrived and with that we will be holding our Spring AGM via ZOOM on June 10, 2021 - please mark your calendars and plan to attend as we recap our activities over the winter, our plans for the summer and some important information on the financial standing of our club and how we will be addressing the season. Your AGM package will be sent between May 17-20th.

ZOOM LINK FOR AGM—A ZOOM link will be sent that allows you to participate either by phone or on the internet. Nominations for Vice President are still open and we

AGM
JUNE 10,
2021
7:00 P.M.

are also seeking someone to coordinate a phone committee to keep members without email in the loop.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID ON CLUBS—I attended the AGM of the OLBA and found it almost comforting to know

our issues are the same issues of every other club. Issues on members' participation, financial deficits, COVID safety, City restrictions and most importantly how to cope with losses that pretty well every club experienced and now have to take measures to cut costs and increase revenues to remain feasibility operational.

Last year we had a loss of approximately \$2500. We had to maintain the greens, pay for our City lease and Bell Services. With our funds on hand we rode out the year planning to top up our reserve in 2021 when things got back to normal! In addition, in 2020 OLBA fees were waived — otherwise our losses would have topped \$3000! OLBA is not waiving fees this year and this is reflected in our 2021 projections.

We have run scenarios, listened to other clubs' approach to their shortfalls and there is consensus that lawn bowling, and our club, have a very significant value that we should not underestimate. Lawn bowling clubs offer many benefits and are well worth the support needed to stay operational and open for the season. To that end we propose charging a 2019 membership fee of \$140 for players and asking non playing members to contribute to the clubs well being with a voluntary payment at various levels. We want and need your feedback on this fee structure, some levels offering rebates, and to make it easy we have inserted a link to a one minute—three question survey to help with our planning. Please either click on or cut and paste the survey link and give us your feedback. We anticipate an increase in active bowlers—and hope you are one of them when we can open!

RETURN TO PLAY SURVEY LINK - PLEASE COMPLETE !!!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRPS6CR>

To Our Bowling Buddies by Nan Beelby



You Ask: What is happening this year, our summer bowling months are almost upon us and we want to know what's going on? The newsletters you have been receiving are our lifeline for news at New Toronto.

Our President and Committee Members are back at it again and doing a great job communicating the actions that all lawn bowling clubs have to take. They are hopeful that we can bowl this year and we started the Spring clean-up and set-up of the Green last month and only await to hear when we can Return to Play. The preparations and safeguards that our Club put into place in 2020 were outstanding and the same will be done in 2021.

I have missed bowling with my friends, yes, you will need to bring a few items with you from home such as, a "towel to stand on" and your "own bowls", or "get them at the club", and follow the protocols and safety procedures set out by Province, City and OLBA, but we have been doing that for the last 12 months, that it's now the right act to do, WE CAN ALL DO THIS TOGETHER AND LAWN BOWL.

Please fill in your application as soon as you can, our team of schedulers are the best and knowing our numbers helps them schedule more game dates and times for you and others to play. The weather man promises great days and nights in July and August. The Green is calling us, let's have a game together, regards, Nan and Don.

EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE—we have changed our email to: newtorontolawnbowling@outlook.com

The gmail account is no longer functioning and anything sent to that email address will not be accessible going forward. Please make a note and change your info regarding NTLBC email address.

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