



# NTLBC News

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As fast as we write our newsletter, things change and our news updates require updates to the extent we've had a delay in getting our messages out to you but can hold off no longer! Firstly we want to say "welcome back" as we begin to rollout our season with some good news and some matters needing your input for solutions.

We have been meeting throughout these last months, in some cases with other clubs' Executive to exchange ideas and share mutual concerns. We talked about our seasons schedule with possibly opening a bit earlier and staying open a bit later—but that will now depend on the new City Parks guidelines. We've talked about our operating costs and how last year we ran a deficit and how to address shortfalls this year. We've looked at our insurance coverage and have decisions to make based on our findings and we've heard from members eager to know our plans as they look forward to participating outdoors this year. From our hard work last year we have excellent resources and guidelines in place that served us well—and became the model for a couple other clubs. We can hit the ground running with Sign Up Genius and protocols quickly put in place and for some of that we will need you. **MOST IMPORTANTLY WE NEED TO KNOW OUR NUMBERS** for the numbers game—our operating costs and financial projections for the coming year and into next year to ascertain where we will stand. We will be sending out a short survey specifically asking you some questions on your involvement either as a playing member or a contributing member and providing details on our fee schedule and options for involvement so we can plan accordingly.

**APPROVED**—We are pleased to announce that we received word our second application for a New Horizon Seniors Grant was approved for custom seating areas with sun protection, a new roller for greens maintenance and an outdoor hand sanitization station.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**—Our Annual General Meeting will take place via ZOOM where members can login or phone in to participate in the meeting. The agenda will include a financial review and election of the Board. The position of Vice President remains unfulfilled and we will address the need for participation of members to balance volunteer hours and encourage committee involvement. Your AGM package will be sent out soon and we look forward to "seeing" you there!

Linda Morrish, President

## MARCHING FORWARD INTO SUMMER

It has been a rare year when the sounds of summer have not been heard on the greens at the New Toronto Lawn Bowling Club. Last year amid much confusion and concern 24 members braved the protocols and restrictions for COVID-19 to grace the greens multiple times a week. On each play date, 10 members were allowed on the greens, and we often had 10 members. The booking system worked very well. The '*pioneering*' 24 were rewarded with good weather, wonderful fellowship, and the opportunity to laugh. And we only got rained out twice. *We are a hardy bunch you know!*

As I write this short note we still do not know what the summer of 2021 will look like, but I am very hopeful. We have a wonderful team of *experienced* members who are ready to open the greens with whatever protocols are necessary. We only await the decisions of the Province, the City of Toronto, and the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association as to how we will open.

Please think about joining us on the greens in 2021. We have missed you.

Elaine De Bonis

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**OLBA SIGN UP**—The OLBA is our source for information regarding COVID guidelines as well as our District's activity. Their AGM is May 1st - candidates are on their website and we **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** you register for the latest news at

[www.olba.ca](http://www.olba.ca)