



NTLBC 2025 Lawn Bowling Season March 2025 news

Dear Members,

**It's official - Spring is here and we are moving forward with new season plans.
Here are some important dates for our 2025 start.**

Spring Kick Off Meeting

Tuesday April 29, 2025 – 6:30 pm – Toronto Legion Branch 643 at 110 Jutland Road

New Members Coaching

May 6, 8, 10 – Session # 1 and May 13 & 15 – Session # 2

Times: Weekdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm and Weekends 10 am-noon.

Opening Day

May 17, 2025 - 10:00 am

Club Coach Program

In conjunction with the OLBA, Bowls Canada is running several Spring coaching programs and in February we sent out a call to members to sign up and take the program to enhance our Coaching team. We had a tremendous response - five members signed up! We would like to thank them for taking the time to participate in the upcoming seminars and training. And with this number of registrants, we were also able to arrange for the Part 2 session to take place at our club. This session will be open to others taking the course and located in the west end of the city for convenience.

Date and time: **PART 2 - SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025 – 9 AM – 4 PM, AT NTLBC**

We look forward to having our Coaching Team engaged and utilizing their training to train our new members, novices and offer refreshers for all members. In the early part of the season, we will be organizing various bowling games and activities in learning programs like we ran last year including Novice and Phoenix games.... stay tuned!!!

Executive Meetings and Committee Planning

With our new Vice-President Cathy Law and our new Secretary Tracy Hatten we have been meeting regularly to review and set up Committee operations, start the planning and execution of our requirements and prepare for our opening day. This includes:

Membership Update: Our fees for 2025 will see a small increase to \$180 for a full membership. For first year members this includes the use of bowls and for those who are second year and above, the cost for use of the bowls remains the same at \$20 for the season. Revised forms will be on our website and available at the Kick-Off Meeting in April where you can hand in a paper format and cheques. A Waiver Form is required each year and also new documentation for safety awareness as recommended by the OLBA will be included.

Kick Off Meeting: Our Kick Off meeting is being held at the Canadian Legion Branch 643 at 110 Jutland Road on Tuesday April 29th at 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar for wine, beer and simple mixed drinks. The kitchen is not operating at this location on the night of the meeting, so we will be providing snacks to go along with the purchased refreshments.

All are welcome and we encourage you to attend and renew acquaintances with members, get an update on our committee work, and complete your Membership and Waiver forms (paper copies will be on hand) and payment. Our meeting agenda will include a review and status of Committees for the club's facilitation for the season opening, things that are new and getting feedback from attendees for 2025 activities and plans. We look forward to having members **SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS** on programs and suggestions. This is a great opportunity to participate and get involved in sharing and making new ideas like pizza nights, more competitions and club exchanges a reality and being involved in the running of our club.

Website Update: We will be updating our website with the 2025 calendar and club information and plan to launch a new look in June. Our website is your go-to for resources and information on our club, a calendar of events including Golden Girls and Sunshine Boys and bowling schedules, training material, videos and links to Bowls Canada and OLBA (Ontario Lawn Bowls Association) for various resources.

Greens Committee: Steve and team are already planning their needs for this season with aeration, fertilization, maintenance and cutting being reviewed and prepared for. There will be a **call for help** in the weeks before coaching and opening day to prepare the greens. It's a fun way to start the season, meet up with fellow bowlers and begin our preparations.

We are Springing into Action for 2025! Let's make this year even more successful, enjoyable and challenging than ever before. Thank you for being a part of our community and we look forward to seeing you at our Spring Kick Off.

Regards,

The Executive Board NTLBC