

**COSBURN PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB**

# **BOARD REPORT**

Fall Meeting 2025





## **A Message from the Board**

Dear Members,

As another successful season at Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club comes to a close, we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our members. This year was filled with great games, good friends, and a strong sense of community that continues to make our club a welcoming and inclusive place to enjoy the sport of bowls.

Cosburn Park continues to be the largest lawn bowling club in Ontario, with nine weekly jitneys and a full calendar of tournaments offering opportunities for both social and competitive play. The club is in a strong financial position, supported by generous donors and sponsors who help make our events and activities possible.

As a completely volunteer run club, our success depends on the many members who give their time so generously—organizing games and tournaments, coaching, catering, maintaining the greens, gardens, and clubhouse, and serving on the Board. A special thanks goes to the volunteers who work quietly behind the scenes; their dedication often goes unseen but never unnoticed.

Thank you for your enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming you back next season for more fun, friendship, and great bowling.

Good bowling!



## **2025 Board of Directors**

President	• Kevin Boyce
Vice President	• Patti Callahan
Treasurer	• Lori Brendel
Secretary	• Burke Christian
Membership	• Colleen Neely
Tournament Co-Chairs	• Christopher Miller & Brenda Marshall
Games Chair	• Riley Bronswyk
Social Chair	• Janice Allan
Communications Chair	• Amanda Lee
Sponsorship Chair	• Adrienne Arnold
Coaching Chair	• Jim Parsons
Premises Chair	• vacant
Special Events Chair	• vacant



# Membership

## 2025 Membership Counts

Total Memberships Sold 327

Lapsed Monthly Members 23

**Active Members as of October 2025** **304**

Membership Breakdown	Returning	New	Total
Full Members	152	49	201
Rainbowlers	55	29	84
	207	78	<b>285</b>
Associate Members	5	5	<b>10</b>
Social Members	5	3	<b>8</b>
Life Members	1		<b>1</b>
	218	86	<b>304</b>

## Membership Trends

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Regular Members	152	231	259	264	285
Associate Members	4	9	4	6	10
Social Members	3	4	7	8	8
Life Members			1	1	1
	<b>159</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>304</b>

New Member Retention  
from previous year

<b>60%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>42%</b>
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# Financial Overview

On the forecasted profit and loss statement, we are projecting a net operating profit of approximately \$9,000 for the year end.

## Membership Revenue

Our membership income increased by \$7,155 compared to 2024, as our membership has now grown to over 300 members.

## Bank Balance and Reserves

We currently have \$39,292 in our chequing account. We expect this will decrease to approximately \$32,000 by November 30th (our financial year end) once all outstanding expenses are paid.

This chequing account balance represents both our Capital Reserve and Operating Reserve.

## Capital Purchases

We started the year with a Capital Reserve of \$7,500 from which we made the following purchases:

- \$1,130 was spent on a new, larger fridge for the kitchen.
- \$1,317 was spent on two new sets of club bowls, which arrived in late October.

## Contingency Reserve:

In addition to the chequing account, the club has a \$25,000 term deposit as a Contingency (Emergency) Reserve.



This reserve was created to help ensure the club can continue operating in the event of:

- An unexpected drop in revenue
- An unusual or emergency expense
- An uninsured loss or costs from a catastrophic event

The Contingency Reserve is set at the greater of:

- Two times the club's fixed yearly operating costs (such as City permit, greens cutting, insurance, website, etc.), based on the past two years of financial statements
- The estimated uninsured cost of replacing the contents of the clubhouse and equipment sheds (insurance deductible and depreciated value) after a fire, natural disaster, or similar event
- Any amount approved by members at a Members Meeting





## Did you know.....

- Our Volunteer Convenors and Drawmasters organized 200 Jitneys from May through October.
- Our holiday Jitneys on Canada Day and Thanksgiving Day were at full capacity, with games on all 16 rinks and some rinks playing 4's to accommodate all members
- A total of 153 people booked a free lesson with our coaches through our website—excluding those who brought friends or dropped in without registering. Of these participants, 101 chose to become members and give our club a try for at least 30 days.
- Among the new members, 78 purchased a full-season membership, while we also welcomed 5 new associate members and 3 new social members.
- The club hosted 10 OLBA Tournaments, the OLBA Provincial Men's Pairs Championship and 4 in-club (member only) tournaments
- Our Social Volunteers provided a free lunch and snacks for members at five Statutory Holiday Celebrations and five in-club events, as well as a great selection of snacks and treats at all of our tournaments
- Cosburn Park defeated Leaside in a fun evening of trebles, to win the East York Challenge again this year
- Cosburn Park Members won three District 10 playdowns, and went on to capture Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the OLBA Provincial Championships as well as Gold at the BCB



Para Championships - way to go Cosburn! This is the 13th consecutive year that Cosburn Park members have won a OLBA provincial or BCB national gold medal!

- Our Tournaments attracted 248 teams from 24 clubs from as far east as Halifax, as far west as Woodstock and as far north as Midland and Peterborough.
- We hosted seven games nights over the season, which will continue on Thursday nights during the off-season

## **Sponsorship**

### **2025 Tournament Sponsors**

- Richard Bruton - Bruton Investment Group
- Meno Jose
- Meridian Credit Union
- Dr. Kathryn Shields - Dentistry in the Beach
- Sophie's Sports Bar & Grill
- Margaret Winter Sage Real Estate
- DelManor Wynford
- Ontario Lawn Bowls Association
- MVP Sports
- Friends of Freda Trattner
- Adrienne Arnold
- Jay Wilson





### **General Sponsors and Gifts**

- Stanbury's Pharmacy
- Harbord Bakery
- Sobeys Todmorden
- The House on Parliament
- Fox & Fiddle Danforth
- Budapest Restaurant
- Shoppers Drug Store Woodbine and O'Connor
- Wine Expert
- Flemington Park Golf Course
- Mocha Mocha Cafe
- Link Haus
- Amsterdam Brewery
- Home Hardware/Danforth and Woodbine
- Lux Nails
- T-Dog pet Boutique

A special thank you to Meno Jose for generously sponsoring our New Bowler and Intro to Tournaments Clinics, the Toronto Rainbowlers Pride Open House and Reign Bowl, and our in-club Novice 4321 Tournament. Meno's support helps make these events possible—thank you, Meno!

Lastly, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Arthur and Mary Williams, the in-laws of member Nigel Clayton and parents of our late member Margaret Clayton, for their generous donation. Their support funded the meal for our Volunteer Lunch & Bowl Event, provided a complimentary club t-shirt for every volunteer, and enabled the purchase of a new set of bowls for the club.



## Coaching

Our coaches are ambassadors for our club and the sport of bowls. They are dedicated volunteers who complete training through Bowls Canada and the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association (OLBA). In 2025, we were delighted to welcome six new members to our coaching team.

This year, Cosburn Park hosted two OLBA clinics:

- a Club Coach Training Clinic in May and,
- a Line, Weight, and Delivery Clinic in August.

On National Bowls Day in June, our club coaches led a clinic for new bowlers, and in July, we offered an Intro to Tournaments session for members. Additionally, we organized a Q&A session with member David Llewellyn, an accomplished national and international competitor, for those interested in competitive bowls.

A sincere thank you goes to all our coaches for the many hours they generously dedicated, providing free lessons to new, returning, and prospective members throughout the 2025 season.

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| • Jim Parsons, Coaching Chair | • Nancy Lord         |
| • Kevin Boyce                 | • Ceclia McConnell   |
| • Riley Bronswyk              | • Christopher Miller |
| • Jason Cristaldi             | • Colleen Neely      |
| • Lynn Frost                  | • Keith Park         |
| • Kyle Knoeck                 | • Kyle Perry         |
| • Amanda Lee                  | • Mike Seberras      |
|                               | • Jay Wilson         |
|                               | • Martin Zibauer     |



## Club Games & Competitions

Thanks to all of our Games Convenors who open and close the club for all of our jitneys, and our Drawmasters who set up all the draws for our club games and tournaments:

- Adrienne Arnold
- Karen Bell
- Tina Beckett
- Kevin Boyce
- Riley Bronswyk
- Laura Broger
- Patti Callahan
- Peter Dewar
- Bradley Hayward
- Amanda Lee
- James Mallany
- Brenda Marshall
- Christopher Miller
- Mike Mogan
- Kyle Knoeck
- Jerome Nguyen
- Karen Price
- Lynn Price
- Kyle Perry
- Ron Sellen
- Bob Rusk
- Andrew Tays
- Jay Wilson
- Martin Zibauer

We'd like to extend a special thank-you to Christopher Miller and Brenda Marshall, who joined the Board in January as our Tournament Co-Chairs. To support them in their new role, we held a Drawmaster Training Session in the spring, where long-time board member and tournament chair Mike Mogan guided 15 members through the process of organizing and scoring tournaments.

A well deserved thank-you to Mike and to the new generation of drawmasters who stepped up to help run our tournaments this season. Your efforts helped ensure everything ran smoothly and successfully.



## Clubhouse

During the 2025 season,

- We purchased and installed a new larger fridge in the kitchen to safely store all of the food required for our events. The old fridge was moved to the basement lounge to allow tournament bowlers a place to store their lunches, and provide additional cold storage for large in-club events
- The drink fridge was stocked with a varied selection of cold drinks - all of the proceeds help pay for the food and refreshments at club events
- We purchased a dehumidifier for the women's locker room - thanks to all the members who regularly emptied it over the season
- We submitted a grant application to the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) requesting funding to support several clubhouse and equipment upgrades, including:
  - 15 new sets of bowls with carriers and shelving
  - New groundsheets
  - New card tables and chairs
  - A new tent
  - A smart TV for the clubhouse

## Premises

- In the spring, the City replaced our aging lawn mower shed with a new structure on the existing concrete pad, providing the perfect opportunity for a long-overdue cleanup of decades' worth of accumulated "bits".



- Special thanks to our dedicated team of handy members—Chester Cengarle, Meno Jose, Joe Picko, Graham Prosser, Rob Burns, Derek McNulty, and Jim Parsons—who generously volunteered their tools and time to tackle minor repairs around the club.
- In the fall of 2024, we conducted an aggressive verticut on both greens to remove most of the built-up thatch. Cold, wet weather in May, coupled with some winter turf damage, slowed recovery on the east green. After numerous sod patches and extensive manual top dressing, the east green was largely restored by the end of July.
- Our bentgrass nursery was refreshed twice this year—once in June and again in September—with new sod to ensure an adequate supply of turf plugs for the upcoming season.
- Special thanks also go to Patti Callahan and Meno Jose for painting the verandah and railings and for refreshing and expanding the yellow safety edges on the stairs.
- Chester Cengarle modified some of the kitchen cabinets to accommodate the new, larger fridge.
- Finally, we extend our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who helped with verticutting the greens, top dressing the divots prior to the provincials and our tournaments, maintaining the gardens, and weeding the ditches.



## Toronto Rainbowlers

Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club is proud to serve as the home of Toronto Rainbowlers, a 2SLGBTQ+ lawn bowling society committed to fostering social and recreational opportunities for Toronto's 2SLGBTQ+ communities while promoting the sport of lawn bowling.

The 2025 season marked the Rainbowlers' 14th year at Cosburn Park. Their continued presence continues to play a significant role in strengthening the club's community and attracting new members. Many Rainbowlers participate regularly in club activities, and contribute as volunteers in a variety of capacities. With Rainbowlers membership increasing to 84 members, the Wednesday evening jitney remained one of the club's most well-attended weekly games.

In 2025, the Toronto Rainbowlers hosted three major events:

- Pride Open House (Pride Week) – Welcomed more than 90 participants, including members and guests.
- The Reign Bowl (July) – Featured 16 pairs teams competing in an in-club open pairs tournament for 2SLGBTQ+ members.
- Flip-Flop 2025 – North America's only 2SLGBTQ+ lawn bowling tournament, which attracted 32 teams.

Toronto Rainbowlers extend their sincere appreciation to their generous sponsors — Meno Jose, Meridian Credit Union, Ontario Lawn Bowls Association, Amsterdam Brewery, Adrienne Arnold, and Jay Wilson — for their support throughout the season.



**Special thanks to our**

## **Behind the Scenes Volunteers**

- Our Webmaster, Martin Zibauer who maintains the club's website along with our membership, tournament registration and coaching databases
- Our Concierge Team - Patti Callahan and Debbie Weatherbed who respond to all of the emails, voicemails and social media messages the club receives
- Marina Dranitsaris and Lynn Frost, who audited our financial records for 2024
- Our Nomination Committee - Michael Epps, Dolly Ramnarine and Richard Cripps who along with support of from Joanne Hamill, and Burke Christian, managed our club elections
- David Leeman and our garden volunteers who spend many hours maintaining the gardens
- Our House Committee led by Patti Callahan - thanks to all the members who helped keep the club house and washrooms clean and tidy
- Nancy Lord who prepared our NHSP grant proposal
- Mike Vince who helped get our locker assignments organized
- The many members who took the time to bake and donate a delicious assortment of sweet treats for all our events over the season





## About the Club

In 1929, a small group of residents living near Cosburn and Coxwell Avenues established what would become the Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club, under the sponsorship of the East York Township Council. In its early years, the club's men's and women's sections operated independently. By 1935, the women's membership had grown to 14, with a somewhat larger men's group. The original clubhouse—little more than an unheated shed—stood on the same site as the present building.

The shed was soon replaced. In 1937, members built a new clubhouse using materials generously donated or salvaged from the community. Fifteen years later, in 1952, the women's group raised \$1,250 (equivalent to roughly \$18,000 today) through a fall bazaar and a series of winter euchre games, funding the construction of the clubhouse verandah. In 1971, the Borough of East York undertook major renovations to transform the structure into the clubhouse we enjoy today. Following the 1998 municipal amalgamation, ownership of the property was transferred to the City of Toronto, which now issues the club an annual operating permit for use of the facility.

On June 1st, 2023 Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club (CPLBC) was incorporated as an Ontario not for profit corporation comprised of club Members who wish to establish and operate a lawn bowling club for the purposes of:

- Promoting interest and participation in the sport of lawn bowls;
- Arranging games, matches, tournaments and competitions, and establishing and granting prizes, awards and distinctions;
- Providing dining, meeting, changing and equipment rooms and other facilities for Members and their guests;
- Fostering goodwill and Member engagement; and
- Such other complementary purposes not inconsistent with these purposes.

Under the provisions of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (Ontario), as a not-for-profit corporation, CPLBC:

- Is dedicated to purposes other than pursuing a profit;
- Is a corporation without share capital, which means that the corporation does not issue ownership shares to its Members;
- May not distribute any profits to its Members, Directors or Officers; and
- Must use any profit exclusively for its not-for-profit purposes.



## 2025 Volunteers

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our amazing volunteers who have generously given their time and energy to support our club. Your dedication and hard work have made a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful for everything you do. If we have unintentionally overlooked anyone, please accept our sincere apologies—every contribution is valued and deeply appreciated.

Herb Alfaro  
Janice Allan  
John Allen  
Adrienne Arnold  
Alan Barber  
Peter Bartl  
Tina Beckett  
Karen Bell  
Lionel Belman  
Carol Bennett  
Glynis Bowman  
Kevin Boyce  
Lori Brendel  
Laura Broger  
Riley Bronswyk  
Rob Burns  
Ed Cahais  
Patti Callahan  
Gabby Candela  
Peggy Cannon  
Chester Cengarle  
Burke Christian  
Brian Cliche  
Mindy Coplevitch  
Cheri Corbett  
Jim Cordingley  
Ronan Corr  
Dianne Cowl  
Richard Cripps  
Jason Cristaldi  
Stephanie Critch  
Elizabeth Cuthbertson  
Theresa Daley  
Peter Dewar  
Judy Douglas  
Marina Dranitsaris  
Sharon Dunne  
Michael Epps  
Murray Fenner  
George Ferries  
Lynn Frost  
George Gorrie  
Joanne Hamill

Gary Harlow  
Vivian Harlow  
Heather Harte  
Laila Hassan  
Bradley Hayward  
Judy Hemming  
Bonnie Hibbs  
Frank Hibbs  
Irene Ivanyshyn  
Sandy Johnson  
Meno Jose  
Kyle Knoeck  
Tedd Konya  
Edward Laba  
Christine Ladouceur  
Dale Larkin  
Cathy Larking  
Ron Larking  
Ronnie Lau  
Amanda Lee  
David Leeman  
David Llewellyn  
Nancy Lord  
Janet Luke  
James Mallany  
Brenda Marshall  
Linda Martin  
Andrea McAnally  
Cecilia McConnell  
Derek McNulty  
Christopher Miller  
Jocelyn Mogan  
Mike Mogan  
Doug Moore  
Pam Morgan  
Colleen Neely  
Dan Neely  
Jerome Nguyen  
Neil Parekh  
Keith Park  
Jim Parsons  
Jim Pearce  
Kyle Perry

Joseph Picko  
Avery Pitcher  
Mary Margaret Powrie  
Karen Price  
Lynn Price  
Graham Prosser  
Harry Prosser  
Yolanda Prosser  
Dolly Ramnarine  
Anne Raposo  
Santiago Rey  
Ron Robichaud  
Bob Rusk  
David Sangster  
Michael Sebernas  
Ron Sellen  
Lisa Shields  
Willie Siu  
Rod Springgay  
Chris Staruch  
Jordan Stewart  
David Stock  
Mark Strickland  
Stephen Sullivan  
Emma Tagg  
Andrew Tays  
Mark Torres  
Tom Trattner  
Ken Uyesugi  
Michael Vince  
Debbie Weatherbed  
John Weatherbed  
Jay Wilson  
Judith Wilson  
Debbie Wilton  
Margaret Winter  
Arlene Woolley  
Diana Wright  
Martin Zibauer