



MINUTES

BOWLS BC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NORTH VANCOUVER LAWN BOWLING CLUB (249 East 24th Street, North Vancouver)

MARCH 21, 2026

The President, Harry Carruthers, called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Call to Order

35 member clubs present and Bowls BC Board of Management Members. Quorum was achieved.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Bowls BC acknowledges that this Annual General Meeting is held on the traditional territories of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Moment of Silence

The President called for a moment of silence to remember those bowlers who have passed since our last AGM.

Agenda

The President called for any corrections or additions to the agenda. None from the floor.

Moved by Kamloops Riverside and seconded by Chilliwack that the agenda be passed as amended. **PASSED**

Members of the current Board of Management:

Harry Carruthers, President
Don Dancey, Vice President
Lynn DeLabarre, Treasurer
Vicki Parton, Secretary
Lynn Chwartacki, Director of Administration
Garth Day, Director of Operations
Davie Mathie, Director of Sport Development (regrets)
Debra Whitman, District Director, BSI
Bonnie Smith, District Director, V&DBA
Ron McColl, District Director, ILBA
Martin Fereday, Director, VIN&PR (regrets)

Bowls BC would like to thank the following people for their volunteering this year:

George Cubiss, BC Head Umpire
Graham Smith, Sumac Administration
Kim Sawyer, Custodian

Take away packages for all clubs include:

Score cards, membership cards, coaching posters, Bowls BC pamphlets, Alcohol endorsement and 2025 Budget.

Membership cards: majority of clubs issue cards to members. Bowls BC will request the number required prior to ordering next year.

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Chilliwack, seconded Juan de Fuca that the minutes of March 15, 2025 be accepted. **PASSED**

Executive Director

Introduce Kathie Boyd, contract started Jan 21, 2025. Email: ed@bowlsbc.com

Kathie comes with experience in sports organizations, finance and administration. We will welcome her support and look forward to working with her.

SUMAC Membership Management

Bowls BC reports to viaSport 2 x per year on current activities: membership information and numbers, policies, etc. We use Sumac to report the number of members in clubs by age category to both viaSport and Bowls Canada. Every club must use Sumac to ensure our membership numbers are accurate: the grant money depends on it (\$43K annually). Names, gender and birthdate are included in the information collected. The information submitted to viaSport does not include your name.

Bowls BC requires every club to have at least 2 people who know how to use Sumac.

The Sumac system must be updated by August 31st.

Graham Smith. EMAIL: sumac@bowlsbc.com

Instruction manual is in development.

Operations Manual

Now that we have an Executive Director, we will be developing, reviewing and updating several administrative documents as well as the website. We will be developing a Motions Manual to record all Board policy and operations motions and an Operations Manual to detail how each Director implement their operations duties. Policies and Procedures Manual will also be updated and posted on our website.

CLUB CONTACT INFO

Last AGM we provided a club contract information sheet for updating our website. Months later, we received responses from less than half the clubs. (total clubs, 48). It is an issue keeping the club contact info accurate – as so many club positions change yearly. We have decided not to publish individual club board position on our website. Rather, we will post a link to each club on our website.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Please refer to the Year End reports (attached) as distributed in the AGM Notice of Meeting Package. Moved by North Delta and Seconded by Burnaby North. **PASSED.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sent out with the AGM Notice.

BUDGET PRESENTATION/FEES

Detailed 2025-2026 budget presented. (October 2025 to Sept 30 2026)

Under Revenue, there an account titled 'expense paid from funds on hand'. This amount will be expensed from our existing funds and reduced the amount of the Fee Revenue (which clubs are responsible for).

Motion to accept the budget moved by Vic West, seconded by Canadian Pacific. **PASSED**

MEMBERSHIP DUES by JULY 31, 2026

Financial Review

Financial statement for the period 2024/2025 was completed by: and is attached to these minutes.

Motion to accept the Reviewed financial statement for 2024/2025 moved by Burnaby North and seconded by Chilliwack. **PASSED**

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Special resolution #1: REMOVE ARTICLE 11

Whereas: Committees are not a requirement of the Societies Act, and,

Whereas: With our limited human resources, effecting and maintaining these standing committees has proven impossible, and,

Whereas: The Board of Management intends to address committees in the Policies and Procedures currently under review.

Be it resolved that the By-laws of the Society be amended to remove Article 11, and,

Be it resolved that the subsequent Articles in the By-Laws be renumbered accordingly

Current Bylaw:

ARTICLE 11: COMMITTEES

11.1 There shall be Standing Committees which shall operate under one (1) of the three (3) Directors, as follows as designated by the Board of Management:

- Governance- Director of Administration
- Member Services- Director of Administration
- Risk Management – Director of Administration
- Player Development- Director of Sports Development and Education
- Coaching Development -Director of Sports Development and Education
- Officiating Development- Director of Sports Development and Education
- Junior Development- Director of Sports Development and Education
- Games-Director of Operations

11.2 Each of the three (3) Board of Directors is responsible for one or more Standing Committees, either as Chair of the Standing Committee or as the Director through whom the Chair of the Standing Committee reports to the Board of Management. The appointment of standing committees will operate concurrently with the assigned Director's term of office.

11.3 The membership of each Standing Committee shall be presented to the Board of Management by the responsible Director as soon as possible following the Annual General Meeting.

Coaching Committee members shall be accredited as per NCCP guidelines. Officiating Committee members shall be qualified Umpires.

11.4 Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as circumstance may require. Nothing in this Article should be construed to limit or interfere with existing powers of District associations.

Rationale: Committees are not a requirement of the Societies Act. With our limited human resources, effecting and maintaining these standing committees has proven impossible. The BoM intends to address committees in the Policies and Procedures currently under review.

Special resolution #2: UPDATE ARTICLE 22.1

Whereas: Article 22.1 of the By-Laws states that the Fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of April and end on the last day of the succeeding March, and,

Whereas: The actual Fiscal year of the Society begins on the first day of October and ends on the last day of the succeeding September.

Be it resolved that Article 22.1 of the By-Laws of the Society be amended to reflect that BBC's Fiscal year begins on October 1st of each year and ends on succeeding September 30th.

Motion to remove Article 11 from Bylaws and renumber

Motion to accept resolution 1: moved by North Delta, Seconder N Van. **PASSED**

Motion to change fiscal year Article 20.1 October 1st to end Sept 30th each year.

Motion to accept change to fiscal year end: moved by Langley, seconded Kamloops. **PASSED**

Quick Break for lunch

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ELECTIONS:

2 appointees by BC Board of Management in 2025 must be approved by the members at this meeting:

Don Dancey, Vice President and Garth Day, Director of Operations

All in favour. **PASSED**

Open Positions for 2026 year:

Vice President – Don Dancey

Secretary- Vicki Parton

Administrator – Lynn Chwartacki

Director of Sport Development: Davie Mathie

Call out 3 times for nominations from the Floor: none. Closed.

All in favour. None opposed. **PASSED**

Harry thanked the board for volunteering their time to Bowls BC.

NEW BUSINESS

INSURANCE:

Insurance renews May 31st each year. Expecting up to 5% increase if the policy stays the same.

Bowls BC liability covers members while participating in the game of bowls as sanctioned by Bowls BC: non bowling activities are not covered.

Cameron Cheung, Sport BC Insurance has agreed to host an online video conference meeting on April 21, 2026 at 11:00 am . All clubs will be invited and are welcome to ask questions.

Cameron Cheung has agreed to provide an abridged version of Bowls BC Insurance Policy – which will be distributed.

NCCP:

Club Coaching - Doing the test is free until March 31.

Motion to adjourn.

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 13:30.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicki Parton, Secretary

2026 AGM - President's Report:

Firstly, I would like to thank the present members of the Board of Management (BOM) for volunteering and dedicating their time and energy to the game of Bowls and for the work they have undertaken this year to maintain the administration and programs that Bowls BC offered in 2024-2025

Bowls BC – 2024-2025 Board of Directors

POSITION	INCUMBENT
President	Harry Carruthers
Past President	Vacant
Vice-President	Vacant + Ryan Pollard (7 months)
Treasurer	Lynn DeLaBarre
Secretary	Vicki Parton
Director of Administration	Lynn Chwartacki
Director of Operations	Vacant
Director of Sport Development and Education	David Mathie
Vancouver & District, District Director	Bonnie Smith
Bowls South Island, District Director	Debra Whitman
Interior LBA, District Director	Ron McColl
VIN&PR, District Director	Martin Fereday

I would also like to thank those members who have served the BOM in various capacities including George Cubiss, Head Umpire; Graham Smith, SUMAC project; Tim Mason, Website; David Mathie, Bowls BC Head Coach and Kim Sawyer, Inventory and Supplies.

Again, this year we were able to conduct our business with a reduced BOM, with vacancies; Juniors Coordinator and the Director for the Visually Impaired. We have been unsuccessful in filling these positions and the programs under these portfolios have suffered.

The Strategic Plan was scheduled to be reviewed in 2023, however, that review has been postponed until an Executive Director has been hired.

The Policies and Procedures Manual continues to be under review and we have commenced a Motions Manual to keep better track of passed (and failed) motions at BOM (Bowls BC Board of Management), AGM and SAGM meetings. Due to other extensive workload, the review of the Policies and Procedures Manual and the Motions Manual has been postponed until an Executive Director has been hired.

Communication between Bowls BC, the clubs of the four provincial district associations and the member clubs still remains to be a struggle is conducted by our District Directors. It is imperative, for effective communication, that the District Directors are given current contact information for club personnel/executive. Lack of current contact information is one of the leading obstacles and relies on the on-going commitment of all concerned to keep the directory up to date. The other obstacle to complete communication with club members is the pre-determination by club boards as to whether or not information coming from Bowls BC would be of interest to their members. Some information is not being forwarded to club members on our behalf. As a result, in the difficulty of maintaining accurate and current club executive information, we might be changing the Bowls BC website club contact information to links to the clubs. Clubs will then be responsible for keeping their club contact information current.

In 2025, Bowls BC participated in all the 2025 Bowls Canada National Championships. Bowls Canada has notified the provincial PSOs that they will be reviewing the National Championship formats in late 2025 with extensive input from the PSOs. It is anticipated that the revised formats will be implemented for three years, going forward.

Status of ED position

We will readvertise for the paid position of Bowls BC Executive Director. The job description and call for applicants will be sent to all clubs. It is anticipated that we will be hiring an Executive Director in late 2025 or early 2026.

Respectfully submitted
Harry Carruthers
President

2026 AGM - Director of Administration Report

We now have an elected treasurer so I can focus on the projects of updating the Policy and Procedures Manual as well as the Strategic Plan.

I would like to complete these projects within the next year.

A huge thank you to all for your kindness and support over this difficult personal year.

Respectfully submitted
Lynn Chwartacki
Director of Admin

2026 AGM – Treasurer’s Report

Several improvements have been made in the financial process for Bowls BC in the past year. It has taken a bit longer than anticipated to accomplish the goals mentioned in last year’s report, but we are getting there. The following is a status update on last year’s goals for financial management improvements:

1. e-transfers for the payment of annual member fees and insurance were implemented in early June 2025. Some clubs took advantage of this and it has worked very well. All clubs are encouraged to make their payments by e-transfer going forward.
2. e-transfers for payment of expenses took a bit longer but were finally implemented in August 2025. The use of e-transfers has significantly reduced the cost and logistics associated with the payment of a bill or expense re-imburement. It has also significantly reduced the time it takes for the payee to receive payment. One of the issues payees complained about in the past was the time it took to get paid. Provided all supporting documentation and approval is received at the same time as the request is submitted, payment by e-transfer is very quick. Some payees were surprised last year when they received payment within a day or two of the submission of their request.
3. Regarding documentation and approval for the issuance of payments which was started last year, I continue to require full documentation and approval of invoices and payment requests. Without proper documentation and approval, a payment request will not be made. *Please ensure that your request has been approved by the appropriate person, that it includes all supporting documentation and that it is sent directly to the treasurer (treasurer@bowlsbc.com).*

Also, all payment requests need to be submitted on a timely basis to assist in proper financial reporting. Submit as soon as possible.

4. As advised last year, we are required to have a formal audit or review of our financial statements by an independent accounting firm pursuant to Article 22 of our by-laws and to receive funding from ViaSport. The appointment of Tompkins Wozny CPA was approved at the 2025 AGM. I have co-ordinated the provision of the information that they required, which was voluminous as it was their first year with us. The Financial Statements for 2025 will be discussed at the AGM.
5. Investment of surplus funds was not accomplished by year-end. This will be done during the current fiscal year. We need to set aside a provision of approximately \$80,000 in the event that ViaSport funding becomes unavailable. We have also used funds on hand at September 30, 2024 as follows:
 - Financing the cost to send bowlers to the 2025 National Competition;
 - Payment of the premium to add liquor liability to the current insurance policy in November 2024 to the date of its expiry in 2025;
 - Payment of fees associated with the formal review of the 2025 Financial Statements – estimate reflected in the fiscal 2026 budget;
 - Payment of the cost of the Executive Director – estimate reflected in the fiscal 2026 budget.

By using funds on hand, we have been able to avoid significant increases to the annual fees required from the clubs for fiscal 2026 and 2027. However, be aware that surplus funds will eventually expire and fee increases will be necessary sometime in the future.

Lynn Chwartack has agreed to continue to administer the operation of the PayPal account which is used for various registration payments. Therefore, any issues related to course and tournament registration fees should be sent directly to administrator@bowlshbc.com.

The budget for fiscal 2026 will be discussed at the AGM in addition to the 2025 Financial Statements mentioned above.

Respectively submitted
Lynn DeLaBarre
Treasurer

2026 AGM - Director of Operations' Report

In 2025 Bowls BC ran a full slate of Provincial Championships as listed below.

Player Development training course(s) (Juniors' camp and BC/Alberta matches) were not offered in 2025. The Pro-Am (Champ of Champs) was also not offered.

In 2025 Bowls BC ran a full slate of Provincial Championships. I would like to thank all the clubs that volunteered to host Provincial Championships in 2025. They are listed below.

Provincial Event	District	Location (Host Club)
Indoor Singles	V&D	Pacific Indoor BC
Youth / U25	V&D	Mann Park LBC
Singles	V&D	New Westminster LBC
Pairs / Men Pairs / Women	V&D	New Westminster LBC North Vancouver LNC
Triples	V&D	Stanley Park LBC
Fours	BSI	Juan de Fuca LBC
Mixed Pairs	V&D	Granville Park LBC
Senior Triples	BSI	Gordon Head LBC

The below table details the number of bowlers who participated in the 2023, 2024 and 2025 provincial Championships. It is good to see that participation is growing each year.

COMPETITION	# Bowlers registered		
	2023	2024	2025
Women's Indoor Singles	14	15	16
Men's Indoor Singles	30	25	26
TOTAL INDOOR ENTRANTS	44	40	42
Women's Singles	20	18	24
Men's Singles	34	31	40
Women's Pairs	26	42	40
Men's Pairs	52	46	48
Women's Triples	0	42	42
Men's Triples	0	36	60
Women's Fours	32	40	48
Men's Fours	42	40	64
Mixed Pairs	56	60	56
Senior Women's Triples	24	30	36
Senior Men's Triples	24	30	48
Juniors/Youth - Girls	4	0	2
Juniors/Youth - Boys	6	0	5
TOTAL OUTDOOR ENTRANTS	320	415	513

The below table details the Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners in the 2025 Provincial Championships. Congratulations to the medalists and all the bowlers who participated.

2025 EVENT		Gold	Silver	Bronze
Indoor Singles - Men		Jim Duholke	Earl Luk	Alan Wass
Indoor Singles - Women		Fanny Yeung	Vivien Chan	Zoe Chan
Outdoor Singles - Men		Kin On Lau	Mehdi Bahrami	Stephen Yung
Outdoor Singles - Women		Linda Ng	Dianne Brynjolfson	Zoe Chan
Pairs - Men	Player 1	Cary Manns	Paul Lee	James MacGowan
	Player 2	Ryan Pollard	James Chen	Aaron Almeida
Pairs - Women	Player 1	Mary Wright	Lisa Cheung	Barbara Hsieh
	Player 2	Fanny Yeung	Judy Hansen	Donna Spaidal
Triples - Men	Player 1	Kin On Lau	Rick Applegath	Philippe Lalonde
	Player 2	Gonzo Wong	Doug Van Os	Brent Knudslie
	Player 3	Patrick Sum	Ed Chu	Mehdi Bahrami
Triples - Women	Player 1	Vivien Chan	Bonnie Smith	Rainbow Lung
	Player 2	Sarina Mak	Stina Sorensen	Alex Lam
	Player 3	Gigi Chan	Pat McKenzie	Lisa Cheung
Fours - Men	Player 1	Shaen McRae	Paul Lee	Jay Huang
	Player 2	Nick May	Stephen Yung	Barry Ming
	Player 3	Erik Ewen	Kelvin Lai	Mike Lee
	Player 4	Dan Bitterlich	George Man	Jeremy Zhao
Fours - Women	Player 1	Annie Mathie	Lynda Robbins	Gayle Waddell
	Player 2	Sherrey McGowan	Patricia Levey	Sarina Mak
	Player 3	Jill Foster	Vivien Chan	Zoe Chan
	Player 4	Wendy Leamen	Fanny Yeung	Gigi Chan
Mixed Pairs	Player 1	Stephen Yung	James MacGowan	Norman Keung
	Player 2	Lisa Cheung	Josephine Lee	Ivy Qian
Senior Triples - Men	Player 1	Barry Ming	David Gardner	Barry Brown
	Player 2	Mitch O'Brien	Dennis Verge	Dan Gribbling
	Player 3	Bob Newfield	Al Thomson	Clarence Bolt
Senior Triples - Women	Player 1	Cherlynn McArthur	Vivien Bleeks	Dorothy Verge
	Player 2	Claudia Lang	Vicki Hankins	Karen Heagle
	Player 3	Wendy Leamen	Maria Widewood	Jill Foster
U-18 - Boys		Mridul Sawhney		
U-18 Girls		Gwyneth Chan		
U-25 - Men		Clayton Hui	Nathaniel Hui	
U-25 Women		Luci Ewen		

As detailed in the 2024 AGM report, Bowls BC boycotted the 2024 National Championships. In 2025, Bowls BC sent a full complement of ten Men bowlers, ten Women bowlers and four Youth/U25 bowlers to the National Championships after being assured that Bowls Canada will seek input into any future changes.

It is understood that Bowls Canada will, in all likelihood, change the format for the 2026 National Championships. We have been assured that the Provincial Sports Organizations (PSOs) will have a say in any new format to be adopted. It is not expected that any decision on a new format will be approved by Bowls Canada until January or February of 2026.

We have been successful in having clubs come forward and offer to host Provincial Championships in 2026, as listed below. We are not convening either the Pro-Am event or the Para-Bowls event in 2026.

Championship	Date	Location
Indoor Singles – Women	March 27-29	Pacific Indoor Bowls Club
Indoor singles – Men	April 10-12	Pacific Indoor Bowls Club
Senior Triples	June 26-28	Nanaimo LBC & Qualicum Beach LBC
Pairs	July 3-5	Juan de Fuca LBC
Singles	July 10-12	Stanley Park LBC
Youth	July 24-26	Mann Park LBC
Mixed Pairs	August 14-16	West Point Gray LBC
Triples	September 11-13	West Vancouver LBC

Respectfully Submitted
Harry Carruthers
 President

Vancouver and District Bowls District Association’s Report 2025

The Vancouver and District Association (V&D) which includes 22 clubs, reported in the Financial Report 2024 – 2025 we went from 2627 members in 2024, to 2597 members in 2025. The V&D board continues to prepare and distribute to all V&D clubs an extensive Handbook each year. The clubs always anticipate receiving the Handbook which provides comprehensive scheduling information on V&D and Interclub events.

The V&D district, as always, had a very busy season by hosting 5 out of 7 Provincial Championships.

The V&D offered a variety of 21 events, which included 7 women’s, 8 men’s and 6 mixed events.

There is always an abundance of Interclub events, which included 13 women’s, 10 men’s and 28 mixed events.

The club members were often asking if they could pay for events by credit card or e-transfer. In 2024 we introduced new online registration and payment procedures. No more paper forms and cheques were accepted. All V&D events payments registrations were completed by using an online application and all payments were done by e-transfers. The hosting club convenors were able to get the registration information online and no longer had to handle cash and cheques. We continued using this system and have had clubs ask for advice on how they can set up the same system at their club for membership registration.

In the past few years Tsawwassen and North Vancouver Lawn Bowling clubs have gone through moves and experienced similar circumstances.

- NVLBC's artificial carpet was installed first, and the members only missed a couple of months of bowling. The clubhouse was completed the summer of 2023, and the members have enjoyed the new facility, and love bowling year around.
- Tsawwassen Lawn Bowling Club's new complex was completed in 2023, and they began bowling on the new artificial turf green in June 2023. Their members were able to bowl throughout the entire process but with limited facilities for a couple of years. All worked out and both clubs now love their new greens and facilities.

The Richmond Lawn Bowling Club members have not been able to bowl at their club for the past two years because their new clubhouse was under construction. Good news: the clubhouse is now complete, and the members can use the facility again.

We are very fortunate to have George Cubiss as one of our V&D Committee Directors. Along with his duties as Provincial Head Umpire, he held throughout the district clubs a variety of clinics.

- 2 Measuring Clinics
- 2 Markers Clinics
- 1 Seconds Clinic

In addition, George also held one L1 Umpire Training and two Measuring test.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Smith
V&D District Director

Bowls South Island District Association's Report 2025

The eleven clubs have come together at the BSI Council level mid-January and again in February to discuss marketing the game and individual clubs, address concerns around insurance, and to discuss tournament schedules and how they impact applying for certain Gaming Event Grants.

There have been several questions and various solutions to applying for and receiving Criminal Records Checks. Vic West club does it differently than Juan de Fuca. But both clubs have found success in their individual styles.

The Council has found great advice from a new member steeped in marketing, branding, and business development. This information and enthusiasm combined with knowledge from a 3 year member from another club having a career in media, and being encouraged by a third club's senior member with decades of experience in the sport, is leading us to a combined marketing campaign ready for this year's 2026 schedule of open houses.

It should be noted that BSI clubs and council appreciate the Bowls B.C. decision to award \$1,000 yearly grant and are finding it invaluable for their marketing campaigns.

Open Houses continue to be the main source of attracting new members and most clubs will be hosting those in April beginning in the first week, while others are waiting until May.

Upgrades continue at most clubs with new sidewalks (CP), new roofs (Cowichan), new decking (CP), upgraded landscaping (CP), improved irrigation system (Vic West), and new shade covers (Oak Bay).

Social events drawing 'social members' and 'bowling members' continued over the winter at most clubs. And many clubs continued lawn bowling outside over the winter (Victoria, Gordon Head) or kept busy with short mat indoors (Central Saanich, LakeHill, Sidney, Oak Bay).

Oak Bay had difficulties when their website was hacked and wiped out in November, but have it back up and running now. Sidney has applied for a Participation Grant, and Gordon Head will be making application to it as well. Juan de Fuca has been applying for Gaming Grants, Vic West has received a New Horizons Grant while CP is still awaiting word, and Burnside is awaiting grant news for replacing plinths and future renovations.

Internationally, Canada was represented this past year at the Atlantic Seniors Games in Cyprus by 4 female members from the LakeHill and Victoria clubs, and by 2 men and 2 women from the LakeHill Club.

Bowls South Island continues to be a strong participant in the sport of lawn bowling and hopes to grow the number of participants. BSI members continue to have an active role in both social bowling and competitive bowls at the five levels of the game: club, regional, provincial, national, and international.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Whitman
BSI District Director

VIN&PR District Association Report

The 6 Vancouver Island North & Powell River Clubs had 582 registered bowlers in 2025.

The total is down from 602 in 2024 with 3 clubs having an increased membership and 3 clubs showing decreases. In terms of membership this places VIN&PR as the 3rd of the 4 Districts in Bowls BC but notably bigger than any Provincial Association in Canada except for Ontario, BC and Alberta.

The District continues to organize District Championship tournaments in Singles and Mixed Pairs for Novices, Intermediates and Open each September. It also provides a schedule coordination role for weekly open tournaments throughout the District.

In Club news, Nanaimo has applied to host the National Para Bowls Championships in 2026. Qualicum Beach is seeing continued growth in the use of its 3 rink indoor green by its regular members and members of other clubs, 40 from clubs within the District and by about 10 bowlers from Bowls South Island who travel for a double header every Tuesday and a couple of 2 day weekend tournaments.

Parksville has been given notice that the City will be taking back approximately half of its leased area to construct a new parking lot to provide more free public parking for the downtown. This area has been used by the club for casual parking for its members and visitors for the past 30 years. No negative impact is expected and the club will be relieved of its maintenance responsibilities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martin Fereday
VIN&PR District Director

Interior Lawn Bowling Association Report 2026

The Interior Lawn Bowling Association is made up of seven lawn bowling clubs: Kamloops Riverside LBC, Kelowna LBC, McArthur Park LBC (Kamloops), Osoyoos LBC, Penticton LBC, Salmon Arm LBC and Vernon LBC. The Association meets in the spring and fall of each year to discuss items of mutual concern and to set the dates for tournaments and Open Houses. In the Interior an Open House is a social event where members from the interior clubs are invited to come to the host club and play a four end game in the morning, share a meal, play a four end game in the afternoon and then return home. These events are always popular and are planned during the month of May for 2026.

Clubs host an open house every second year.

Tournaments: The Interior Clubs host several open tournaments including: Two-in-One Pairs/Singles (mixed) in Kamloops, Osoyoos International Desert Mixed Triples, Vernon Canada Day Mixed Triples, Penticton Bonney Cup Mixed Pairs, Ann & Helene Memorial- Kelowna 5's, and the Ernie Cup-Cutthroat survivor at McArthur Park, Kamloops. The Interior Clubs also host four other ILBA tournaments including: ILBA Gender Neutral Novice Singles, ILBA Gender Neutral Pairs in Vernon, ILBA Men's and Ladies Pairs, and ILBA Mixed Australian Pairs.

Some Highlights:

Salmon Arm Lawn Bowls Club had a new Executive elected in 2025 for the years 2026/27. Evelyn Cook was elected as the new incoming president along with a slate of new directors.

A summary of events:

- a) Our Open House in July attracted a full complement of bowlers from other clubs in the ILBA.
- b) The RCMP Vets and their wives rented the club for a fun day with a BBQ. Many had never lawn bowled and they had so much fun that they will be booking the club facilities again in 2026. All 8 rinks were in use and 60+ people enjoyed the day.
- c) Club functions for Bowlers & Social Club members held for: Christmas, Nov 11th, crib tournies and a recruitment try out day were held.
- d) Club facility rentals have been a boost to our financial viability.

McArthur Park LBC (Kamloops)

2025 was a very successful year for McArthur Park in Kamloops, with strong participation in both morning and evening bowling. Morning sessions expanded three days a week, and evening bowling remains our most popular 4 days a week. Our club tournaments were well attended, with a focus on pairing experienced players with newer bowlers and adapting play for hot weather and helping to integrate novices into competitive play. Members also enjoyed Interclub Leagues, the Friendship Tournament and the new Beat the Heat Triples with Riverside LBC. While fewer members travel to outside tournaments, participation with our friends across the river remains strong. We hope to see more of our new bowlers represent our club in out-of-town tournaments in the future.

A continuing challenge is the limited number of competitive women bowlers at our club. This spring, Mary Wright led an excellent coaching course that was well received by all. We also saw significant Board turnover last fall and were pleased to welcome a new President and Greens Keeper.

Kamloops Riverside LBC

- Growth and Membership: Membership increased to 92 members (86 full members and 6 social members).
- We purchased some new and used equipment from the now closed Merritt Lawn Bowling Club. This added to our inhouse bowl inventory and equipment.

In January 2025 our club fully integrated with Sumac. This has resulted in enhanced administrative abilities which include collection of member data, collection of annual fees including lockers, bowls rentals, and ease of communicating with our members.

We completed updates to the KRLBC website which has drawn community interest and kept an updated reference for our members to keep abreast of events at the club level. Great strides were accomplished this year in planning for a new storage shed. Plans have been completed and City of Kamloops approval confirmed. We now wait for the outcome of a grant application from the New Horizons for Seniors program. Hosted a successful 2 in 1 tournament.

Vernon LBC:

The Vernon Lawn Bowling Club has had a very good 2025. Their Try It Days were very successful with 90 persons attending, the number of rentals is increasing, they successfully obtained several grants their numbers are up, they have a new website and they are very pleased with their greens. The recent work the City of Vernon has done on the nearby creek has lowered the water table and firmed up the greens.

Penticton LBC

Penticton is a very successful club and is known for having the fastest and best greens in the interior. Next year is Penticton's 100th anniversary and the club is busy planning for that celebration

Osoyoos LBC

Osoyoos LBC is host to the Desert Open International Triples Tournament being held June 19, 20, and 21. They wish to invite teams from all over BC to join them in this event. They are also interested in replacing their greens and are wanting to hear about companies that could accomplish this type of work.

Kelowna LBC

Kelowna LBC Continues to successfully host the Ann & Helene Memorial Kelowna 5's. This unique mixed tournament features a series of games that includes singles, pairs, and triples. Kelowna also hosts the two meetings of the Interior Lawn Bowling Association.

Kelowna has a very successful "Bowl Me Over" program. This program runs for eight weeks on Thursdays and attracts the young business crowd. Individual teams from businesses sign up to play in this program. They share food, drink, and great friendly competition. The program is completely full.

Kelowna also plays host to a program called Elevation Outdoors. A five week program run by an outside agency that provides disadvantaged individuals the opportunity to play by adapting the play to the needs of the individuals.

OFFICIATING REPORT 2025

Below are the districts and the number of Umpires within the district showing what Level they are

Bowls BC Officials - 2025					
DISTRICT	Level 1	Level 2	Male	Female	Total
Bowls South Island	10	7	9	7	17
Interior Bowls	9	4	8	5	13
North Island & Powell River	6	10	12	5	17
Vancouver & District	9	9	12	6	18
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officiating.

Below are the number of Clinics hosted throughout the province, the courses, participants, and gender.

2025 OFFICIATING CLINICS						
#	Date	Venue	Clinic	#	M	W
1	15th April	Dunbar	Measuring Clinic	28	8	20
2	30th April	Sydney	Markers Clinic	29	10	19
3	3rd May	Victoria	Markers Clinic	18	8	10
4	8 th May	Ladner	Seconds Clinic	18	6	12
5	9th May	Maple Ridge	Markers Clinic	18	7	11
6	12th May	New Westminster	Level 1 Umpire Training	4	2	2
7	21st May	Penticton	Level 1 Umpire Training	4	2	2
8	21st May	Penticton	Rules Clinic	15	4	11
9	23rd May	Maple Ridge	Rules Clinic	39	19	20
10	25th May	Stanley Park	Measuring Clinic	9	4	5
11	29th May	North Vancouver	Rules Clinic	39	19	29
12	10th June	Penticton	Measuring Test	1	1	0
13	9th June	Maple Ridge	Measuring Test	1	0	1
14	12th June	Gordon Head	Rules Clinic	38	16	22
15	23rd June	Ladner	Marker Clinic	15	6	9
16	12th July	Penticton	L1 Measuring Tests	3	1	2
17	15th Aug	Penticton	L1 Measuring Tests	1	1	0
18	20th Sept	Juan De Fuca	L1 Measuring Tests	1	1	0
19	6th October	Maple Ridge	L1 & 2 Measuring Tests	2	0	1
			Total Attendees	283	115	176

In 2025 - we had three Umpires who resigned. Jim Ward and Mort Nelson from Bowls South Island and John Aveline, Kerrisdale LBC. were all presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for their services to our sport. Ken Sherlock from West Point Grey, Vancouver and District also resigned.

Umpire Level 1 Training was held at New Westminster LBC, Nanaimo LBC, Juan de Fuca LBC and Penticton LBC where a total of eleven participated. In total Seven were successful in completing the course. These umpires were issued Umpires shirts and Name Tags provided by Bowls BC and umpire pins from Bowls Canada Boulingrin.

Below are the umpires who were successful in passing the Level 1 Umpire Training for their Clubs and Districts:

Geoff Poulton – Juan De Fuca LBC – Bowls South Island

Alan Perkins – Nanaimo LBC – North Island & Powell River

Tony Whelan – Penticton LBC – Interior LBA

Ann Reed – Vernon LBC – Interior LBC

Marney Blaine – Vernon LBC – Interior LBC

Gary Ruffle – Osoyoos LBC – Interior LBC

Robin O'Toole – West Vancouver LBC – Vancouver & District

Three umpires were upgraded to Level 2 after successfully passing the World Bowls measuring test.

The province's aim is to have at least one umpire in each club. At the present time the number of umpires has dropped, and it would be beneficial for clubs to encourage members to take the Level 1 Umpire Training Courses which I will be facilitating on the following times and dates in 2026.

New Westminster LBC – Monday 11th May - 6.00pm

Nanaimo LBC – Wednesday 13th May – 1.30pm

Juan De Fuca – Thursday 14th May – 9.30am

Penticton LBC – Wednesday – 20th May – 1.30pm

All Districts and Provincials scheduled events were covered by the appointed umpires.

In August, I was appointed by Bowls Canada Boulingrin to officiate at the National Championships in Edmonton which I accepted. In September I was again appointed by Bowls Canada to officiate at the Atlantic Challenge International event in Windsor, Ontario where Canada competed against, Scotland, Ireland and the USA.

Finally, I would like to thank the board for their extremely hard and sometimes frustrating work, to make sure clubs and bowlers benefit from their many unseen hours of dedication to our wonderful sport. In October 2025 the Canadian Indoor Championships was held at the PIBC which was covered by our Provincial Umpires.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Head Umpire Bowls BC

Coaching Report

Coaching clinics were held in each District in 2025 as indicated on the below table.

2025 Coaches Clinics (taken from BBC Registrations page)			
Coach Type	Location	Males	Females
Club Coach	Oak Bay LBC	12	7
Club Coach	Kamloops Riverside LBC	5	6
Club Coach	Vancouver LBC	3	8
Club Coach	North Vancouver LBC	4	3
Club Coach	Qualicum Beach LBC	1	6
TOTALS		25	30

For the Club Coach the instructor did the complete course.

David Mathie ran a 'Train to Compete' course for 11 Juniors at Sidney LBC

Davie Mathie ran two 'Laws of the Sport' courses at Sidney LBC and Gordon Head LBC for 90 bowlers.

The below **2026 Coaches Clinics** are finalized and posted on the website. Should more Clinics be required they may be added at a later date.

Date(s)	Course	Location	Facilitator
April 11-12	Club Course	White Rock LBC	Mary Wright
April 18-19	Club Course	North Vancouver LBC	Mary Wright
April 19	Club Course	Qualicum Beach LBC	Lynn Chwartacki
April 21	Club Course	Juan de Fuca LBC	Davie Mathie
April 30	Competition Course	Gordon Head LBC	Davie Mathie
May 9-10	Club Course	Kamloops Riverside LBC	Mary Wright

Respectfully Submitted

Harry Carruthers

President