

CLIPPINGS FROM THE GREEN

April 2017

We are looking forward to our first lawn bowling season! Our new green is thriving, thanks to expert nurturing by Nic Bell of the Muskoka Highlands Golf Course.



The first cut, April 13, 2017

Opening in July 2017

We expect to be open in July, with the Grand Opening/Recognition Event planned for **Saturday, July 8, 2017, 1-4pm**. Major sponsors will be recognized, and the green will be open for everyone to give lawn bowling a try.

Learn to Lawn Bowl Programs (makes a great gift!)

New to bowls? These excellent four classes are designed to introduce the game, and teach participants how to confidently roll the bowls in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Taught by certified instructors and experienced lawn bowlers.

Note: registrants may deduct the cost of the program from their Membership Fee!

Monday & Wednesday, July 10, 12, 17, 19, \$60

Age 55+ 10am-12pm

Age 18+ 7-9pm

Tuesday & Thursday, July 11, 13, 18, 20, \$40

Age 9-12, 10am-12pm

Age 13-17, 1-3pm

Sign up at the Sportsplex, or through Bracebridge's Leisure Guide: [click here](#)

For a gift certificate, visit the Muskoka Highlands pro shop.

Membership Fees

Age 18+	\$250	for 2017 only \$150
Age <18	\$150	for 2017 only \$75
Monthly	\$80	

Daily \$15
Bowls rental/day \$5

Sign up online at www.muskokabowls.ca, or at the Muskoka Highlands pro shop.

Note: participants of the Learn to Lawn Bowl program may deduct their program fee from their Membership fee!

Membership Benefits:

- * unlimited use of facility and equipment
- * free instruction and coaching
- * members-only events, tournaments, leagues
- * involvement in club management
- * personal bowls storage (subject to availability)

Gift Certificates

A gift certificate for a Learn to Lawn Bowl program, or a Membership in the Muskoka Lawn Bowling Club would be a unique gift welcomed by any age. Purchase your certificate at the Muskoka Highlands pro shop.

Rental of Lawn Bowling Facility

Consider bringing your own group to give lawn bowling a try! This would be great for a birthday party, social group, or a company event. \$10 per person includes use of equipment, group lesson, coaching, assistance with teams, games, prizes, and access to the clubhouse restaurant and bar. Weekly leagues may also be arranged. Contact Sally at 705-646-0086.

\$25,000 Grant

Great news! The Muskoka LBC has received a federal grant from New Horizons for Seniors. This \$25,000 grant is to purchase new club bowls, and equipment for those with limited strength and/or mobility impairments, train coaches, and offer the Learn to Lawn Bowl programs.



More expenses....

Starting any sport is expensive, and lawn bowling is no exception. We were blessed with grants for the original construction, and for some initial equipment and programs. We have plans for finishing the project, but we need your commitment to make this work. We would like to build a **fence and an equipment storage shed** before the season starts. Please contact Sally at 705-646-0086 if you can help with a donation and/or can volunteer your building skills for these important items.

Benches:

Peter Cassidy has been hard at work since the fall coordinating this project. Students from St. Dominic's CSS are making 16 beautiful wooden benches for us. The Highlands is assisting with transportation and storage. Simcoe Block has donated some of the materials, and the lumber delivery costs.

Muskoka Kia Inaugural Tournament, September 10th

We are so pleased to have Muskoka Kia as the sponsor for our first invitational tournament on September 10th. You must be a member of a lawn bowling club to enter. Thank you to Muskoka Kia, and to Todd Stevens, who will be our Drawmaster for this exciting event.

Hwy 118 billboard



MLBC Executive Meeting – Thursday, May 4, 10am in Muskoka Highlands clubhouse.

Thank you to our supporters:

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