



March 30, 2026

President's Spring Message:

Spring greetings to all Brampton Lawn Bowling Club (BLBC) Members – and a warm welcome to our 2026 outdoor bowling season. We have some exciting news – and would invite you to share in-turn with your friends and family.

Your Board of Directors has done some excellent work since our AGM last November to put together a program that addresses feedback we received from the members survey and that we are confident will move us forward as an organization – making it an even more enjoyable season for our returning members and featuring activities that will help us to attract new recruits.

Our 2026 Outdoor Season

Our outdoor season format will expand somewhat from last year's – we'll still enjoy Monday and Wednesday evening jitney and fun nights, Thursday open-league night, Tuesday and Thursday morning 4-3-2-1's and games, as well as our Power Bowler sessions and our monthly weekend tournaments. In addition, to address the feedback we've received from our members, **we've**:

- expanded our 'Friday Night Jitneys' to twice a month
- expanded our Tuesday Night 'New Member Orientation' and 'Members Skills and Drills' sessions to run from May 19 to June 23
- added Tuesday Night Pairs and Singles Games from June 23 to October 6 as well as open practice greens so that members can work on their skills development at their own pace

While we are still awaiting the final installation of our new 'world bowls' rated greens, the City is targeting for us to begin our 2026 season on Tuesday May 19 if all goes well, though we could be delayed a couple of weeks if the weather does not cooperate with the installers. Regardless of our start date we will wrap up with our Tournament of Champs on October 3 & 4 – so we could have an additional 6 weeks of bowling this season.

Please visit our website www.bramptonlawnbowlings.ca for our complete calendar of events.

Extending Our Short Mats Season

As we will be ~ 2 weeks later starting our outdoor season, we have worked with the City of Brampton to extend Short Mats to Monday June 1. We've enjoyed a really good season on our new mats – with a solid turnout – and I encourage all of you that can come out on Monday afternoons from 12:45 to 3:30 pm to give Short Mats a try.

Attracting New Members

Our aim is to continue to build a Club that offers solid programs for our members and provides opportunities to welcome new members as we grow our base. This is where we need to ask for your help – **we need each of our members to reach out to people within your orbit** – and share with them what I consider the best kept secret in Brampton Sports – that the BLBC offers great



value, the best facility, friendliest competition and hospitality of any sport in our city – it's a gem which we need to communicate with others – it's truly *'the-more-the-merrier'*.

To help us build our Club, we are planning two **Open-houses, on Saturday May 23 and May 30 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm** – for you to bring your friends along and introduce them to the sport. They are also welcome to come out as your guest to give it a try on the greens – please ensure they sign the guest book in order to keep our insurance coverage in order.

Canadian Para Bowls Championships (August 5 to 9, 2026)

Based on the resounding success in 2024, Bowls Canada has once again asked if we can host the 2026 Canadian Para Bowls Championships. The fact that our club is fully accessible makes Brampton an ideal place to hold the games for the para-athletes. Similar to 2024, we will be looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen and with on-green marking so please let us know if you are interested in lending a hand.

Ontario Lawn Bowls Association (OLBA) News

Through our affiliation with the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association (OLBA) all members of our club are eligible to participate in OLBA tournaments and events. There are over 100 open tournaments listed on the OLBA website, along with the information on how to register. These are similar to our club's Alex Graham Tournament, a mixed triples event which this year will be held on Saturday July 11.

Other important OLBA news is that they will hold two on-line Coaching Clinics (April 11 & 18, or April 14 & 16) followed by a one-day on-green instruction at various clubs throughout the province, on how to coach others. Registration details are posted on their website www.olba.ca – if you are interested in attending, please send us a note info@bramptonlawnbowling.ca. To stay up to date, you can subscribe to the OLBA's monthly e-newsletter.

Spring Annual Meeting

Immediately, following the May 30th Open house we will have pizza lunch (12:45 to 1:15 pm) for our members after which we will hold our **Spring Annual Meeting** – where you can learn more about our season, opportunities where you can contribute, and for you to offer your ideas.

Really looking forward to seeing all of you back on the greens!

President, BLBC on behalf of your 2026 Brampton Lawn Bowling Club Board of Directors

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