

HOW IS THE GAME PLAYED?

The object of lawn bowls is to roll your bowls closer to a target than those of your opponent.

The game takes place on a 40m square of closely cut grass called a "green." A green is divided into 8 "rinks." Each rink can accommodate a game with one to four players per side.

First, a small white ball called a "jack" is delivered along the surface of the rink. Then each player rolls bowls, which weigh about 1.5kg, from one end of the rink towards the jack.

The bowls are biased (eccentrically balanced) so do not roll in a straight line, but curl towards the jack.

The winner scores one point for each bowl that is nearer to the jack than any opponents' bowls.

For the next end, play starts from the other end of the rink. A typical game consists of 14 ends and takes about two hours.

The game requires far more strategy and tactics than might appear at first sight.

Want to learn more?
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or give us a call at
250-592-1823

or, better still, any Friday evening May through September around 6:00 p.m., go to the north-west corner of Carnarvon Park, push open the gate in the archway of the tall hedge and ask if you can try lawn bowling. Like so many before you, you will one day say, "I wish I had started earlier..."



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LAWN BOWLING IS “THE GAME FOR LIFE” FOR EVERYONE



Is this you?

Newly retired or soon-to-retire, once active in sports, like to travel, enjoy competitive games.

Sharpen your skills in friendly contests:

- Daily draw most days of the week where usually 20-30 players of all levels of skill are assigned randomly to teams of three for a game lasting up to two hours.
- Men’s league every Tuesday morning; women’s league every Friday morning.
- Sixteen spring and summer intra-club tournaments.
- Forty inter-club tournaments a year in south Vancouver Island.
- “Snowbirds” are often members in lawn bowling clubs elsewhere as well.

The Club offers coaching such that you will very soon feel comfortable playing in competitions.



Is this you?

Recently arrived in the Victoria area, interested in social activities to get to know people in the vicinity.

The club offers playing memberships (\$210/yr.) and social memberships (\$55/yr.) There are no “initiation” fees.

- Drop-in bowling sessions, open to the public, every Friday at 6:00 pm
- Free coaching to teach the basics.
- Daylong or weekend Club celebrations on important holidays.
- Social Membership only includes a winter social program of bridge, scrabble, cribbage, darts, table tennis, indoor bowling, etc.
- Several inexpensive club dinners each year.

You have the opportunity to meet a couple of hundred people from all walks of life that you otherwise would not meet. We have even had romances develop – at all ages!



Is this you?

Young couple, or family with teenagers, looking for activities they can do together.

Men and women, boys and girls can all compete on an equal basis. The game does not depend on physical strength and is remarkably accommodating for anyone with reduced physical capabilities. The age range of players is huge.

- People start as young as age 10.
- In our club we have active players from the age of 17 all the way to 92.
- World champion lawn bowlers are usually in their 20s and 30s.
- On the other hand, several of our members never rolled a bowl until they were in their 80s.

That is why lawn bowls is called “The Game for Life”. You often hear players say, “I wish I had started earlier.”