



Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club

Annual General Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025

1. Call to Order at 10:30. It was declared that Notice of the meeting was properly posted and a quorum is present, well over the 29 minimum of 40% of the members,
2. Minutes:
 - a. The Board approved the March 20, 2024 AGM Minutes at the March 25, 2024 Board meeting.
 - b. We are requesting Authorization for the Board to approve the minutes of the AGM at the next meeting. Motion: **Be It Resolved That the Board be authorized to approve the minutes of the AGM at their next meeting.** **Mover: Jan Collings Second: Brian Butler Vote: Carried**
3. Officer Reports:
 - a. **President** **Phyllis Dalglish**

As I come to the end of my second term in office, I feel Ok with where the club is at. The best part of the job is working with the excellent Board members we have in place. It doesn't take much leadership when people are experienced, comfortable with their tasks, and just do what needs done without much direction. I want to express my gratitude for all that each one of you do to make this club successful.

I believe we had a good year. The facility is in great shape thanks to the work of the park staff, the walk behind mower we helped purchase last year, and some strong encouragement from Dave for them to try and increase our green speed. Our finances are in an even better place than last year, due to the success of our fundraising chicken dinner and the contributions that the club members make to it. We invested in the new benches for the green, which I think look fabulous. We maintained our membership numbers compared to last year, and have had more people than ever coming out to try the sport. The Wednesday nights under the lights have been a particular draw for people trying it out. Many of them are guests to the park and come because of the novelty, but you never know if they will come back or join a club somewhere else. It gives us great PR for no cost, and helps us rebrand as fun.

Looking ahead, we are in the early planning stages for trying to bring a USLBA SED tournament to Maple Leaf. We are continuing to save some money toward capital investments in the green. Two possibilities would be adding some picnic tables to the deck space we use all the time, and switching the lighting to LED lights for better visibility when playing at night.
 - b. **Secretary** **Ron Logel**


Last fall, when I arrived in early November, it became clear that our members, like all Park snowbirds, would be arriving later into the Park than in previous years. This included our Board members. Despite few members here, we held our Registration & Potluck Party at the CanAm with 31 members. For November 2025, we will be holding this party 2 weeks later to accommodate this new trend of later Park arrivals. The Party in the Park event has also been moved to later in November for this reason. Hopefully we will be able to participate in the Party in the Park in 2025 for PR and fundraising opportunities.

My main activity this past year, outside the regular Secretary duties, was to lead our Chicken Dinner Sales Campaign. We again had another successful SOLD OUT event with all 200 tickets sold for the third year in a row. The Board would like to thank all members who bought tickets, sold tickets, donated food dishes and volunteered at the Dinner. We netted close to \$4,000 after expenses and taxes! To my knowledge, that is one of the best fundraisers in the Park, right up there with the Tennis Strawberry Festival! We are already planning for the Chicken Dinner 2026 event and are considering an added entertainment event similar to DJ Bingo. We will be doing a

test run today during our AGM lunch for this entertainment and we are calling it Bowling Bingo. Safe travels to all and see you next fall.

c. Treasurer Jim Judge

i. Presentation of the Reviewed Financial Statement

<div>  <div> Financial Statement March 1st, 2024 – February 28th, 2025 </div> </div>			
Opening Balances as at March 1, 2024			
Bank Balance Feb 29/24	\$10,569.62		
Cash on hand	\$40.88		
Inventory (Supplies & Towels)	\$535.00		
Outstanding Check as of Feb. 29/24	-\$1,000.00		
Total	\$10,145.50		
<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership, Storage & Visitors	\$3,740.00	Administration	\$ 284.09
Tournaments	452.00	Property Maintenance	204.53
Bowling Supplies Income	661.00	Donations	1150.00
Special Events & Social	1675.00	Special & Social Events	1013.98
Fundraising Event	5510.75	State Taxes	118.36
Total Income	\$12,038.75	Trophies	151.94
		Bowling Supplies	1226.00
		Fundraising Event	1472.9
Net Income (Loss)	\$3,756.76	Benches	2660.19
		Total Expenses	\$ 8,281.99
Closing Balances as at February 28, 2025			
Bank Balance Feb 28/25	\$ 12,754.43	Note:	
Cash on hand	612.83	Outstanding Check Cleared	\$ 1,000.00
Inventory (Supplies & Towels)	1255.00	Balance owing on loans	\$ -
Total	\$ 14,622.26		

Be It Resolved That the reviewed financial statement be accepted as presented.

Mover: Jim Judge

Seconder: Dennis Rawlins

Vote: Carried

2025 – 2026 Proposed Budget			
<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership, Storage Fees & Rental	\$4,000.00	Administration	\$ 500.00
Tournaments	400.00	Training	100.00
Bowling Supplies	600.00	Property Maintenance	400.00
Special Events & Social	1700.00	Trophies	300.00
Fundraising	6000.00	Bowling Supplies	600.00
Total Income	\$12,700.00	Donations	1150.00
		Social	1000.00
		Special Event (Super Seniors)	250.00
		Special Event (SED Tournament)	250.00
		Fundraising Expense	2000.00
		Capital Expenses	3000.00
Projected Net Income	\$3,050.00	State Taxes	100.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 9,650.00

ii. Presentation and approval of the budget for 2025-2026

Be It Resolved That the proposed budget be accepted as presented.

Mover: Jim Judge

Seconders: Cheryl McBain

Vote: Carried

iii. Approval of Financial Reviewer for year 2023-24

Be It Resolved That Janet Power be appointed Financial Reviewer for 2025-26.

Mover: Jim Judge

Seconders: Brenda Triebner

Vote: Carried

- Janet raised the question to the members if they felt that, with her now being Vice President, would there be a conflict of interest in her being the Financial Reviewer.

Be It Resolved That There is no conflict of interest for Janet Power to be Financial Reviewer for 2025-26.

Mover: Jim Judge

Seconders: Ernestine Montanaro

Vote: Carried

- Mike Comba asked why we don't have a Capital Fund as a separate line item to segregate funds for capital funds that we will not be getting from the Park; if we want to get new lights, etc., a Capital Fund would provide us with a plan for Capital Expenses.
- Jim stated that we could separate funds onto a different line but does not want the expense of a second Bank account; we have always maintained a healthy Bank Account for such expenses.
- Phyllis stated that we will bring it to our next BOD meeting to discuss.

Be It Resolved That the Officer Reports be accepted as presented.

Mover: Jim Judge

Seconders: Dennis Rawlins

Vote: Carried

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Drawmasters

Janet Power

The jitneys, bowls and beverages, and 4-3-2-1 drawmasters have had a busy season with good to excellent turnout each time.

Wednesday bowls and beverages has been a great addition to our lineup.

Thank you to Ron Logel, Phil Payne, Guy Montanaro, Phyllis Dalglish, Heather Comba, Bill Scott and Jan Collings (and their very occasional replacements) for their dedicated service as Drawmasters

b. Greens Committee

Dave Burrows

It has been a pleasure working with David Boyce as we work to improve our Lawn

Bowling Greens little by little each year. It has also been a great learning curve for myself in terms of working with Heather Comba in selecting Rink Allocations for each Month during the Lawn Bowling Season.

The one new item for 2026 is the addition of a SED Tournament offered to all SED Clubs at Maple Leaf L.B.C. January 31st, 2026. We will need to decide what format this tournament will take, how many games, and how many ends per game. We also will have to decide our sponsorship amount, and what the entry fee will be per team. Hopefully we will finalize these details before the 2025 – 2026 season begins.

I will appreciate any ideas you have regarding this event.

c. Interclub Committee

Alice MacLean

Feb.2/25. ML at Sun N Fun ML had 5 Wins, Sun N Fun at ML Feb.23/25 ML had 7 wins We didn't do so well with Sun N Fun this season.

ML at Kings Gate Feb27/25. 7 rinks. 5wins

March13/25 KG At ML ML won 5 games. KG won 3 No Fee, no prizes, no food with KG. Sarasota may be ready for next year.

Thanks to Heather and Phyllis for standing as umpires,

Susan for special food as needed as well as her trusty helpers.

Jerry and Heather and their helpers for the outdoor setups

Special thanks to Ron for his Urgent blasts which worked for more players.

d. Instruction Committee

Heather Comba

We had Expo in November and 4 Tastes of Bowls and Expo this season which were well attended. Many attendees were renters or visitors and we hope they join clubs in their home towns and perhaps come back to Maple Leaf next season. We also had Bowls and Beverages on Wednesday evenings which welcomed many new bowlers. We had 8 new bowlers join our club this season.

-Thanks to our coaches Dave Burrows, Jan Collings, Phyllis Dalglish, Phil Payne and Bill Scott for the hours they spent with new bowlers.

Be a Better Bowler (BBB) coaching for experienced bowlers.

Thanks to Phyllis Dalglish for running the weight session for advanced bowlers. Other sessions were cancelled as our bowlers just wanted to enjoy the game. However there were several one on one sessions given which were well received.

Good to see we had 2 existing players continue to play by using the bowling arm. 1 more player is now using the ubi launcher and a new bowler found the ubi launcher worked for him.

This is a true Sport for Life.

Thanks to Guy Montanaro and Phyllis Dagleish for marketing our sport. And give yourself a pat for bragging about our club and bringing folks around to give bowls a try. Marketing will bring them through the door, coaching and good members bring them back for more.

e. Membership Committee

Lynn Searby

2025 Membership 72 bowlers, 8 social members and 9 new members

2024 Membership 72 bowlers, 11 social members and 5 new members.

2023 Membership 83 bowlers, 9 social members and 13 new members

f. Property Committee

Al Misener

Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club members are really great people. The call was sent out at the start of the season for volunteers to reassemble the sun shades and set out the benches and ready the greens for 2024/25 seasons and the call was answered by our members and Lloyd. They worked hard and well together and the call was answered. Thanks to all that helped. There was another call for help to put up Christmas lights on the Charlotte Centre and equipment building and again the call was answered by our members. The club bought 8 new benches for around the greens. The new benches had to be assembled and the call went out and again the call was answered by our members.

Maple Leaf lawn Bowling club is very fortunate to be able to count on its members in time of need. We have a club of very special people that do so much for their club.

Just to let you know I am putting out a call for help to get our sun shades taken down and stored for the summer. We also have to move benches to a secure location and get ready for closeup. The date for the work party is Friday April 4 at 10:00 am. In closing I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who helped to make Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club one of the best clubs in the park! When we all work together we can do wonders.

g. Publicity

Guy Montanaro

This season has been extremely busy overall for the Lawn Bowling Club. Keeping our community informed of all the Lawn Bowling events/activities has kept me on my toes.

Publicity continued to run on a weekly basis updating the community on all the happenings in Lawn Bowling including any tournaments and results with pictures.

I started a weekly "LAWN BOWLING!!! WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK". I publicize this via our Facebook(Community Corner) and via The Leaf when appropriate. Some of the activities that are run on a weekly basis are:

- Jitneys(regular games) run Monday-Friday at 9:15
- Bowls & Beverages(under the lights) on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- New Bowlers & Open Practice(usually 2 days a week)
- 4-3-2-1 every Sunday at 1:30 pm

There are other events that are not run on a weekly basis. For example:

- The ACCENTS is published once a month where I inform the community about what has happened in the past month and what will be happening the following month
- A TASTE OF LAWN BOWLING(1:30-2:30 pm) is run once a month
- BBB(Be A Better Bowler) is run once a month
- Fixed League: usually runs January-March depending on weather and number of players
- New Year's Bowl
- Instruction is done whenever anyone is interested in learning how to Lawn Bowl

Tournaments need to be publicized regularly to keep people informed as to dates and times, as well as, encourage people to sign up. I publicized 14 tournaments this past year.

We can't forget our fundraiser: the Chicken Dinner which has been a great success for the past three years. Publicizing this event has to be sent out continuously to keep reminding people. The publicity and word of mouth has been why it's been so successful.

Well, as you can see, the Lawn Bowling Club is an extremely active club. And it's our members who keep it going. It's a pleasure for me to be a part of the Board and I plan on continuing to keep our community updated on all our events/activities.

h. Rating Committee

Phyllis Dagleish

This year I took on the rating committee for the first time. I had a number of different records to work with and compiled the information into an Excel spreadsheet so we could track changes more easily. The committee met on 3 different occasions to look at ratings, once early season, once mid season and once following club championships. The committee guidelines specify that the committee try to keep the numbers balanced at each position, with 30% of the membership skips, 35% vices and 35% leads. We achieved that balance at each meeting but it meant that there was little movement between levels. Over the season about 9 people changed their position.

i. Social Committee

Susan Butler

With most of the tournaments switched to two 10 end games, there were more members on to tournaments this year. I want to thank all the helpers at these tournaments, Cheryl, Jan, Brian, Shirley, Ron and many others.

j. Tournament Committee

Cheryl McBain

First off, I would like to thank the amazing tournament committee -Jan Sawyer, Phil Payne and Heather Comba. Jan kept all our scores and records in perfect order. Phil and Heather and their many helpers who were instrumental in setting up our greens for all tournaments

Thank you to Susan Butler and her happy helpers for preparing the wonderful varieties of food for each tournament - no easy task. Shout out to Brian Butler for refurbishing a donated BBQ from Ruth Edwards. Jim Judge, John Casey and Mike Searby for the 50/50. Ron Logel and Brian Butler for bar operations. Guy Montanaro for all the publicity and communications. Special mention to our umpires Heather and Phyllis who were available each tournament. And a big shout out to those that just pitched in to assist with many other tasks of the day!

The Committee hosted a total of 8 tournaments this year! That was 2 more tournaments than last year because the weather gods were with us this year. Each tournament was very successful and created fun and memorable days!

One of our goals last season was to increase the number of participants. So we decided to tweak the format a little - We went from three 10 end games to two 10 end games with lunch following the second game. One exception was the club championship which remained at three games but with 8 ends.

Our numbers did increase. We had 218 participants this year compared with 136 last year - that's 82 additional participants - must note that we had two less tournaments than last year due to rain. Had they gone ahead that would have been an additional 40 in 2024 making a difference of 42 additional participants in 2025.

Our Committee looks forward to presenting a full slate of tournaments next season using the current format. We are always open to suggestions and will continue to adapt to change.

Finally thank you to ALL the members who played in the tournaments!

See you all next season and safe travels!

Be It Resolved That Standing Committee Reports be accepted as presented.

Mover: Guy Montanaro

Second: Bev Nelson

Vote: Carried

5. Special Committee Reports

a. South East Division Report, Heather Comba

For 2 decades Maple Leaf has had 8-12 SED members. This year we had none.

Next year we have offered to host an SED event which might be a game changer.

Sarasota has a new location and they are busy rebuilding their club. Hopefully they will be able to host SED events as well.

6. Election of Officers

- a. As mentioned in my report, this is the end of my second term as President. Article IV Section 4 of our Bylaws state, “no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as President, without agreement of the Board” To date the nominating committee has been unable to find someone willing to let their name stand as President. I will open the floor to nominations for the position of President for 2025 – 2027. (Call 3 times, if no nominations are received) Seeing as no nominations for the position of President were received, the Board has agreed to allow Phyllis Dalglish to serve a further one year term. This will mean that we will have elections at our next AGM, and we will elect this Board for one year only. Phyllis stated that she will not allow her name to stand again. The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for the 2025-2026 term.

- i. President: Phyllis Dalglish
- ii. Vice President: Janet Power
- iii. Treasurer: Jim Judge
- iv. Secretary: Ron Logel

- The Standing Committee Chairpersons for 2025-2026 will be:

- o Drawmasters Committee Open
- o Greens Dave Burrows
- o Property Committee Al Misener
- o Tournament Committee Cheryl McBain
- o Membership Committee Lynn Searby
- o Social Committee Susan Butler
- o Publicity Guy Montanaro
- o Instruction Committee Heather Comba
- o Interclub Committee Alice MacLean
- o Rating Committee Phyllis Dalglish

7. Presentation of Amendments to the Club By-Laws

Be It Resolved That the Amendments to the Bylaws be accepted as presented (will vote on each individually)

**Amendment #1 ARTICLE III – Members PROPOSAL Change to –
ARTICLE III Members**

Section 1. Regular Members

- a. All members must be a resident of Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club and must abide by The Code of Conduct attached to these Bylaws.
- b. Any change in the dues or any assessment must be adopted by a majority at a meeting of the membership, either the annual meeting or a special meeting.
- c. Members must pay dues for each season (November through October 31st). **The current rate for a regular member is \$50 for the year.**

- d. Members who bowled the previous season will continue at the same ratings in subsequent seasons until changed by the Rating Committee. A new resident who is an experienced bowler must accept the rating assigned by the Rating Committee when becoming a member.
- e. A regular member has all the rights and privileges of membership including playing in tournaments, voting and holding executive positions.

Section 2 – Limited Membership

- a. Residents of Maple Leaf who wish to be a member of the club for a portion of the season can pay a monthly rate to be a Limited member. The current monthly rate is set at \$20 per month. A monthly membership includes play in all events and tournaments but does not include the right to vote or hold office.
- b. A resident, ~~or resident guest of Maple Leaf who is an experienced bowler may participate in the weekly jitneys upon a space available basis and upon the payment of the established visitor/guest fee.~~ who wishes to bowl for a short period of time can pay \$5 per day or \$10 per week. The daily or weekly memberships do not include tournament play or the right to vote or hold office.
- c. A visitor who is not a resident guest (ie. resides or rents outside Maple Leaf) and who is an experienced bowler may at the request of a member participate in the weekly jitneys upon a space available basis and upon payment of the established visitor/ guest fee, for a maximum of 2 times per year. The fee shall be set by the Board from time to time.
- d. ~~Inexperienced bowlers (beginners) who are residents and wish to bowl must first receive training from the Chief Instructor's Committee.~~ New bowlers who receive instruction They may then bowl in jitneys for two weeks without becoming a member. After that time, they must choose a membership option in order to continue playing. ~~become a member to continue to bowl or pay the "per game fee". The per game fee shall be set by The Board from time to time.~~ New Members taking the instruction are eligible to use Club bowls for one (1) year season without charge.
- h. ~~A resident non-member shall pay a per game fee set by The Board from time to time.~~

Section 3. Social Members

- a. A social member must be a resident of Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club
- b. Social members may participate in all social events of the Club.
- c. They may not make motions or vote in meetings.
- d. Dues for Social Members shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Be It Resolved That the Amendment #1 be accepted as presented:

Moved: Martin Gray

Seconded: Al Misener

Vote: Carried

Amendment #2 ARTICLE IX Finance PROPOSAL Change to – ARTICLE IX - Finance

Section 4. Auditor- Financial Reviewer

Be It Resolved That the Amendment #2 be accepted as presented:

Moved: Dick McKibben

Seconded: Phil Payne

Vote: Carried

8. Presentation of Individual Trophies

Rookies of the Year	Susan Harris and Grant Harris
Early Bird Tournament	Jan Collings, Guy Montanaro, Beverlie Nelson
President's Trophy Tournament	Dennis Rawlins and Susan Butler
Men's Singles Tournament	Mike Searby, Runner- Up Brian Butler
Women's Singles Tournament	Cheryl McBain, Runner Up – Lynn Searby
Charlotte Trophy Tournament	Cheryl McBain, Susan Butler, Dave Parker
Combo Fours Tournament	Heather Comba, Guy Montanaro, Al Misener, Susan Harris

Aussie Pairs Tournament	Dave Burrows and Sophie Burrows
Leads & Vices Tournament	Martin Gray and Tom Howatt
Maple Leaf Trophy Tournament	Cheryl McBain, Al Misener, Brenda Treibner
Club Championship Tournament	Jan Collings, Bob Livingstone, Graham Harris
Leads Only Singles Tournament	Al Misener, Runner Up, Deb Parker

- A group photo was taken of all winners with their trophies

9. New Business – Input from the membership

- Ernestine stated that, with Susan and Brian hosting all the tournaments, she and Guy will be offering their services to host an event and are encouraging others to volunteer.
- Ernestine also suggested that we place an information box about our club on the fence by the 14th tee box to promote our club to golfers.
- A specific sign promoting Wednesday night bowling could also be very helpful.
- Dave Burrows commented that he really like the promotion sign on the 14th tee box as he has seen elsewhere a sign “you are on the wrong side of the fence!”.
- Martin asked if we refer to other Club’s event schedules before we book our events.
- Phyllis indicated that it is nearly impossible not to book something without competing with other club’s events.
- Graham Harris thanked everyone for welcoming him and Susan to the Club.
- Brian Butler thanked everyone who helped him and Susan with the tournaments and wants to encourage other couples to take on 1 event next year to share the load.
- Phyllis stated that she having on going issues with our Club shirt supplier as they cannot match our existing colours. There is a bargain price of \$20 for the Womens Large shirt here today.
- Fun Day is scheduled for March 24.
- Jitney and Bowls & Beverages will continue to the end of the month; April jitneys will be dependent on Drawmaster availability
- We will do our test run of Bowling Bingo after lunch.

10. Adjourn

Moved: Maureen Nelson

Seconded: Janet Power

Vote: Carried