



“InTheDitch” July 2025

Important upcoming dates:

Saturday August 30 : BBQ Dinner after bowling

Monday September 1 is Labour Day and the Community Centre is closed.
No bowling.

Wednesday September 3 : Monday and Wednesday bowling switch back to afternoons at 1:30 for the remainder of the season.

Saturday October 4 : Annual General Meeting

Most members of our Club's Executive have served for four or more years. We need volunteers willing to join the Executive and help keep our club running. Please consider how you can help and speak to either Jean Baldauf or Paul McHoull.

Friday Pairs League

A reminder that Round 2 of the Pairs League has been postponed to a Sept. 5th start time. A sign up sheet for the Pairs league is available in the locker room next to the Mori Room. Please consider participating, otherwise we will lose a long-standing prestigious Club event. Any questions should be directed to the convener : dick.stoddart@gmail.com.

Frontier League

July 3rd: The Frontier ladies bowled in Beamsville today. It was sunny and quite hot. We played a 12-end game and decided to only play 10-ends for the second game.

Heather Q, Donna T and Fedora lost both games.

Rose, Jenny and Jean had two wins and placed 3rd.

Elly, Pat and Donna J had a loss and a win. The win earning them last game high.

A good day for Niagara on the Lake.

July 10th : We bowled in Niagara on the Lake today, July 10th. It was very hot, and we cut back to 2-10 end games. Didn't help much though!

Heather Q, Fedora and Pat C had two wins and were awarded first place!
Congratulations!

Rose, Jenny and Jean had a loss and a win while Elly, Pat R and Donna J. had two losses.

On July 17th Frontier play was cancelled because of rain and heat.

July 24th The Frontier ladies bowled at Glenridge. It was a pretty hot day.

Rose, Jenny and Jean scored a loss and a win, getting last game high with that win.

Heather Q, Donna T and Laura had two losses as did Pat , Donna J and Dina.

July 31st. the Frontier ladies bowled in Port Dalhousie today. The weather was so much better than it has been! It was at least 10 degrees cooler and overcast. Beautiful! We played 2-12 end games, and it was great.

Rose, Jenny and Jean had two wins and placed 2nd while Heather Q, Donna T and Fedora had two wins and placed 3rd . Congratulations ladies!

Elly, Pat R and Donna J had two losses.

Thanks to Elly Warren for this report.

Men's League

SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF August 6th 2025

TEAM NAME	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	POINTS	WL%	FOR	AGAINST	+/-
TEAM A GOOD	13	5	2	28	700	243	172	71
TEAM H MILLS	13	6	1	27	675	235	190	45
TEAM M HELOWKA	12	7	1	25	625	244	182	62
TEAM K TURNBULL	12	7	1	25	625	231	199	32
TEAM X POTTER	11	7	2	24	600	246	185	61
TEAM J BIANCHIN	9	10	1	19	475	207	224	-17
TEAM L MCKECHNIE	8	9	3	19	475	192	252	-60
TEAM E MULDER	7	12	1	15	375	182	228	-46
TEAM P LAPERE	6	12	2	14	350	194	236	-1142
TEAM N PARISI	6	14	0	12	300	191	242	-51
TEAM B WILLIAMS	5	13	2	12	300	177	248	-71

AT THE 20 GAME MARK ALL TEAMS HAVE NOW PLAYED EQUAL NUMBER OF GAMES.

BEAMSVILLE LADIES WERE GREAT HOSTESS SERVING UP TASTY DOGS.

DORMANT TEAM A SLID INTO 1ST PLACE AS FORMER LEAGUE LEADERS TOOK IT ON THE CHIN TODAY.

TWO GAME WINNERS WERE TEAM X POTTER AND TEAM L MCKECHNIE. OTHER THAN TEAM A ONLY TEAM L MOVED UP PAST TEAM E MULDER AS THE HOST TEAM E SHARED THE DULDRUMS MOMENT WITH TEAM H MILLS.

TEAM M HELOWKA AND TEAM K TURNBULL ARE A GAME BEHIND TEAM H MILLS WHILE TEAM X POTTER ONLY BEHIND THESE TWO TEAMS BY A SINGLE POINT.

TEAMS J BIANCHIN ARE TIED IN POINTS WTH TEAM L MCKECHNIE AT 19 PTS EACH.

TEAM P LAPERE HAMMERED THE FORMER LEAD LEADERS WITH A 7 ON THE 1ST END AND TEAM H NEVER GOT CLOSER.

TEAM N PARISI AND TEAM B WILLIAMS KEPT ABREAST WITH THEIR WINS STAYED TIED NOW WITH 12 PTS.

Visitors



Robert Bowman and Shirley Devaughn (from Georgia) and Betty Butler and Ben Butler (from Texas) have visited Niagara-on-the-Lake before and remember seeing the Lawn Bowling Club when it was on Regent Street.

This year they wanted to visit and also find out what it is like to lawn bowl. They contacted me via the website and visited on Saturday August 2. After a short lesson they were able to bowl six ends. We then joined the other bowlers for Tea in the Mori Room. Sadly there are no lawn bowling clubs in either Georgia or Texas so they may have to return here if they want to play again.

We may have other visitors, this time from the UK. Graham Ford and his wife Julie are bowlers at Royal Leamington Spa and will be in NOTL for about 10 days starting September 9. They were here earlier in the spring but, as you may remember, April was both cool and very damp and we didn't get many opportunities to bowl.

Paul McHoull

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July 8th - Dan Connolly with 52 pts



July 15 - Jenny Ley with 43 pts



July 22 - Marie-Michelle Lalande



July 29- Dick Stoddart with 52 pts

Despite the heat this July, our Tuesday night 4321 lawn bowling games saw a great turnout each week. Bowlers braved the warm weather for some friendly competition and fun on the green. Thanks to everyone who came out and made it a success!

See you on the green, play starts at 6:20 (TIME CHANGE).

Rosa Connolly 905-708-7123

BBQ Dinner Saturday July 26

It was a hot and somewhat humid Saturday afternoon but there was a bit of a breeze and occasional cloud cover. Ten people went out and bowled but it was just too hot for a second game.



Thank you to Rose Connolly, Dan Connolly, Jenny Ley and Pat Rees for providing fine fare for dinner : barbequed chicken kebabs and mixed vegetables with pita, hummus and sauces with cake and ice cream for dessert.

Thank you also to those who brought an appetizer or salad and helped with the clean up. It was a great dinner!

2011 to present

The NOTL Community Centre

March 2010

The building at the top of the picture is the Fire Station (opened in 2001). Anderson Lane comes in from Hwy 55 and turns at the Library (opened 2000) towards Simcoe St.

Work has started on the foundation of the Community Centre Building and the base of the new Lawn Bowling Green.



July 2010

The first story of the new building is taking shape.



July 2010

Preparing the base of the Green. That is the Mori Room on the left of the building.



August 2010

The concrete walls are in and the crushed stone base is being levelled.

The storage shed is partly finished.



October 2010

A black mat made from a mix of rubber and stone covers the base and now it is time to roll out and smooth the green underpad. Then the carpet will go on top.



October 2010

The carpet has been rolled out and a father-son team from the UK is stitching the sections together. They would return in 2011 to stretch the carpet and trim the excess.



October 2010

All done except for the lighting and completing the sign on the far side of the Green. The Memorial Gate has been moved from its former location on Regent Street.



November 2010

Past and present members of the Executive try out the new Green. From left to right we have Past President Gerry Rive, Secretary Treasurer Pat Girgenti, Past President John Grieve, and Past President Derek Shervill. Club President Ivan Eaton is on the far right side of this photo.

