



320 – 7th Street East, Buena Vista Park, Saskatoon

April 28, 2021

We're back!!

We were pleasantly surprised to receive approval today from the City of Saskatoon to open our gates to begin bowling. We are restricted to singles matches only for the time being, which means 2 bowlers per rink, 10 bowlers per green. To ensure that we don't exceed the maximum allowed, we will require you to register using Sign-Up Genius. The first day that you can sign up to bowl is this Friday, April 30th. Between now and our Opening Day, timeslots will be scheduled as follows: Fri., Sat. and Sun.: 11:00 and 2:00; Tues. and Thurs.: 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. On weekdays, the 11:00 timeslot will allow for only 10 bowlers so that our greens keepers can work on the green that isn't in play. The Executive has scheduled our official Opening Day on Mon. May 24th. After that date, more timeslots will be offered if it appears that there is a demand for more bowling opportunities.

Our Semi-Annual General Meeting will take place on ZOOM on Wed. May 12th at 7:00 p.m. This year's membership fee will be \$100 per person, plus \$10 for a locker rental. The Membership Application is found on the website as well. You can pay with cash, cheque or using *Interac* e-transfer. If you don't own your own bowls, we will assign you a set. So, if you have a favourite set that you'd like to use for the season, they're given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

You will need to complete the waivers and declaration forms, as you did last year, and they must be completed prior to bowling. They can be downloaded from our website under Resources, filled in and signed, and brought with you to the Club. All contact tracing (yes, you need to also fill in the City's Fit for Access Form), sanitizing and distancing protocols will be in place as they were last year. Please enter only through the north gate, and leave the Club using the south gate. Fortunately, the water has been turned on in the clubhouse, and we will have a single washroom available for your use, with only one person in the clubhouse at a time. We have a couple of changes this year: we can officially use rakes! The only other change, as required by Bowls Sask (and recommended by the Province), is that masks must be worn inside the fenced area, except when you're playing on your rink. Of course, you may continue to wear your mask when bowling if you wish to do so. Please make sure you're sporting a mask when you come through the gate.

As much as we hoped that we would be back to a "normal" season of bowling, we're not there. In spite of the vaccines, we still have too many people who choose to ignore the public health protocols, and Covid-19 has mutated with its variants, creating a greater threat to public health. Your Executive and Safety Volunteers will not compromise on the public health orders, and any bowler who chooses to not comply will be asked to leave the Club. The safety and well-being of our members is our greatest concern. Thanks to the diligence of our Safety Volunteers and your adherence to the protocols, we kept everyone safe last year, and we intend to ensure a safe, enjoyable return to play in 2021.

Let's get rolling, Nutana! We can do this!

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Anne Mathewson,
President