

June 20, 2020



Dear Bowlers:

WE'RE BACK!! The Province of Saskatchewan and City of Saskatoon have granted us permission to re-open Nutana Lawn Bowling Club, once we have in place all of the required protocols to be compliant. Your Executive's top priority is to ensure that we are providing a safe and secure environment for all of our bowlers, especially the most vulnerable. There is nothing that is as important. Attached to this e-mail and on our website you'll find our club's Return to Play Guidelines along with a number of forms that will have to be signed in order to return to the greens. I invite you to review the documents, and if you have questions, please log on to our Semi-Annual General Meeting this Thursday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. so that you can find out what the season will look like and what is required to safely get back to playing this game that we love. You'll also find out how to sign up for a timeslot to bowl. You must have paid your annual fees in order for your schedule request to be accepted. In my May 12th newsletter I outlined options for remitting payment. Thank you to the more than 30 bowlers who have already done so, whether they were able to bowl this season—or not. Under provincial guidelines, we are permitted to have 30 persons in the facility at a time, but with the physical distancing protocols, the available spaces will be limited to 20 in Phase One (we can only use every other rink), which will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis.

Our Return to Play is a graduated process. We want to make sure that our protocols are working and that the volunteers who are overseeing play are not overwhelmed with the tasks they need to address during each scheduled shift. We are hopeful that in just a few short weeks, with your co-operation and enough safety volunteers, we will be able to move on to Phase 2, which permits league play and offers more dates and times for play. Please do not try to circumvent the protocols, as our insurance underwriter demands that we are diligent and in compliance with the provincial and City guidelines.

Our first day of scheduled bowling will be Saturday, June 27th. Our Let's Get Rolling! Day will offer all three scheduled timeframes that you can sign up for. Potentially, 60 people could join us on that first day of bowls for this season. Once again, you must have paid your annual fees in order to register. The log-ins for the Semi-Annual General Meeting on ZOOM on June 25th will be sent out early this week, and we're hoping to have a great turnout for that event. We may be off to a late start—but we're back and ready to roll!

Welcome back! Let's Get Rolling!

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