



Gordon Head Lawn Bowling Club

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I last reported to you on May 5th, at that time early planning for reopening was underway for all Bowls BC Clubs.

Here is where we stand on reopening our club for bowling activities. There has been much activity by your Executive to reopen the club in accordance with all the guidelines from the agencies who need to approve the reopening. New procedures to allow us to be in compliance with the Provincial Health Officer, Bowls BC, ViaSport and Saanich have been developed to obtain the final approval to OPEN. Play will be in a modified manner emphasizing skills development and training which meets the requirements of social distancing and safety practices recommended by the Province, Bowls BC and Saanich.

We are targeting a June return, but that may change subject to how long it takes for approvals from Bowls BC, and Saanich. As you can imagine this year presents a challenge for our club. While there may be limited opportunities to bowl this year, we continue to maintain the greens in the event we get the go ahead to open. Needless to say none of this is done for free and the club continues to spend more than a \$1,000 a month maintaining the facility. In this regard your club executive has set the 2020 fees at \$100 for the year (\$40 for juniors) Social members will not be permitted to use the facility until October. We are targeting a June return, but that may change subject to how long it takes for approvals from Bowls BC, and Saanich.

More information will be coming over the next few days outlining the procedures and protocols we will need to follow as we open our lawn bowling season.

It is our hope you consider renewing your membership to the club to support keeping it healthy through these challenging times, whether we open late, or not at all this summer.

Our club is like a family, the members are friends. We all will get through this pandemic. We need to maintain our building and green so we are ready to open as soon as possible, please consider joining even if you may not be able to bowl much this year.

Cheques can be put through the mail slot at the club or mailed to the club **Gordon Head Lawn Bowling Club** 4105 Lambrick Way Victoria BC V8N 5R3 attached is the membership form.

Thank you for the support you are giving to the club.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Morin".

Brian Morin
GHLBC President



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Note from Bowls Canada:

While a lawn bowling green can survive a temporary lack of care of up to a few weeks, a longer-term lack of maintenance beyond 3-4 weeks will result in damage that becomes much more costly to repair. If greens keepers are unable to perform a minimum standard of care, playable greens will be lost to weeds, disease, thatch and fungus which will result in the entire playing surface requiring replacement. The average cost to repair a grass green that has lost its playability is \$18,000 (not including labour). Repairing a green that is damaged at this level means it cannot be played on for at least another year resulting in a community club losing a year of use.