



October 2023

Our New Green

We finally received approval for our lawn bowling green at the City's Commissioners meeting on Oct. 16 by a vote of 5-0. We can now officially begin construction! According to Richard Mandell, the architect, we will have bids from two lawn bowling green specialists for the green itself (including, plinths, etc.) but we have not received a full bid from anyone yet. We may have to look at hiring one of the two lawn bowling green specialists to build the green itself and couple that company with a contractor who can do the rest of the project.

Ted Beilman, our Treasurer, has offered and will be looking after the landscaping part of the project.

The City's Director of Recreation is receptive to, and will support, a ground breaking ceremony.

WWSB ABC 7 Suncoast View also has contacted us about coming out to do a live shot with the lawn bowling club for their lifestyle show when our new location is open for play. Unfortunately they are not interested in televising the ground breaking ceremony but suggested their news division might be.

Director Of Greens

Some not so good news is Jim Sparrow has resigned his position due to personal reasons. A big thanks to Jim for all the excellent work he has done since taking over the responsibility. Especially for all the hours of work he put towards making our last green at the bay front one of the best playing greens in the south east. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him on our new green.

Lawn Bowling Games

Regarding the opportunity to bowl at the Kings Point West Lawn Bowling Club. Fourteen members responded they would like to join the club and play in the daily draws; however Kings Point property management has since informed us they will only allow us to play as guests and be charged \$5.00 per time guest fees. Also advanced notice would be required and we would be welcome to play any morning or afternoon.

They are not prepared to make an exception to their by-law that limits membership to only Sun City residents or members of the community association. I have been in touch with their club president and he will let us know what kind of advanced notice is needed. I have offered to provide a list of our players if that will help.

Please let me know if you still want to play if it's pay as you go. More info about their daily draws can be found on their website

<https://sites.google.com/view/kingspointwestlawnbowlingclub>

Talking of tournaments and as previously mentioned the 2023 National Championships will be held in Sun City Center, Play begins on Wednesday, November 1st - see [Schedule of Events](#). To follow the results, [click here](#). Be sure to cheer on our own Rusty Hein representing the Southeast Division in Women Singles.

Go Rusty Go!!!

Social Events

Ilona continues to arrange a dinner out every month, usually on the second Wednesday at various establishments throughout the town. Be sure to check your email for details on the next get together.

Giving Challenge

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We really need volunteers to help with fundraising for our club.

April next year is the Giving Challenge when every donation to our club is matched by the Patterson Foundation. This is a major source of funding for your club and the next one is even more important as we may need extra funds for completing our green.

Please let a board member know if you're able help your club.

Other News

Unfortunately Gill and I will not be returning and spending the winters in Sarasota. Not an easy decision but health insurance issues for me combined with a lack of being able to find reasonable and available rental accommodation were the main contributing factors. We're certainly going to miss all of you and the lawn bowling community. But to quote the often said proverb "All good things must come to an end".

We will try fulfill our board responsibilities to the best of our abilities until the AGM in March.

If you have any suggestions, concerns or questions regarding your club or the new green, please contact me or any member of the Board.

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