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Learn to Lawn Bowl Program Offered at Re-Opened Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club

Sarasota, FL – The newly re-opened Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club (SLBC) is excited to offer a **Learn to Lawn Bowl** program starting on January 6th at their new facility at 951 Circus Boulevard in Sarasota, across from the Bobby Jones Golf Course.

Lawn bowling is a gentle, low impact sport that is easy to learn, but challenging to master. “The game appeals to all ages, but especially to retirees, who often enjoy the social aspect of the club just as much as the activity,” explained Sally Mills, Co-President of SLBC.

The Learn to Lawn Bowl program will include four lessons by trained and experienced coaches, all equipment, and a one-month membership, - all for \$80. After the program, participants may join the club as full members for a reduced fee.

Lessons will be offered on:

Monday and Wednesdays, 1-3pm, on January 6, 8, 13 & 15, or

Tuesday and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am on January 7, 9, 14 & 16

Online registration is available at:

<https://www.sarasotalawnbowlingclub.com/learn-to-lawn-bowl/>

There will be additional Learn to Lawn Bowl programs offered through Adult & Community Enrichment at the Suncoast Technical College in February.

<https://www.campusce.net/acesarasota/course/course.aspx?catId=172>

The Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club opened in 1927 on the Sarasota bayfront. The club was closed in 2022 to make way for Sarasota’s Bayfront Project. SLBC was reluctant to give up their beautiful greens and prime location, but when a generous anonymous donation was offered to the City of Sarasota to be used to relocate the club within a year to a municipal golf course, the club accepted.

All did not go as expected. The club finally received permission to begin construction in March of 2024, and had their “soft opening” on December 6, 2024. “Changes in the final building location, rising construction costs, hurricanes, and delays in permitting have resulted in a lawn bowling facility that is quite different from what the club anticipated, and had left behind at the Bayfront”, explained Mills. “Still, we are delighted to finally be able to re-open the lawn bowling club. We are focusing on re-growing the membership, stretching the available funds as far as possible, and providing a playing surface like we had at the Bayfront.”

“We are grateful for the support from the City of Sarasota, the Bobby Jones Golf Course, Richard Mandell Golf Architecture, and especially from our loyal lawn bowling members throughout the extended club closure”, stated Mills. “It has been, and continues to be, a great deal of work by our all-volunteer club to reach this point. Now, we are excited to welcome many new participants to this wonderful, low-impact sport.”



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The Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club is located across from the Bobby Jones Golf Course in Sarasota. The club is open year-round, and offers various member events, leagues, community events and tournaments throughout the peak season. For more information, or to rent the facility for your organization's event, visit:

<https://www.sarasotalawnbowlingclub.com/>

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