



### FEATURED STORY:

## Taking Care: Managing the Grounds at the Collingwood Lawn Bowling Club

Tom Bell, Collingwood Lawn Bowling Greenskeeper

When I was a young, I used to caddy at the local golf course. It was my first job and I found something magical about marching down the first fairway in the early morning light with the smell of freshly cut grass in the air and the comforting weight of a golf bag on my shoulder. I learned to appreciate the beauty of those manicured acres. There was a pleasing rhythm to caddying, being outside in the fresh air surrounded by a game I would come to love for a lifetime. Because of back issues, I've given up the game of golf. My introduction to lawn bowling and my role as greenskeeper at the club has been a great substitute to golf.

Managing the grounds requires cutting the green twice a week and rolling it once a week. This will produce a surface that is smooth and relatively fast. Treating the turf with fungicides, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer, along with managing water, are all necessary to maintain healthy turf. Weekly attention to the ditches, along with mowing, weeding and trimming, helps produce a finished product that the club can be proud of. It takes attention to detail and is an act of love. The grounds crew is made up of volunteers who should feel satisfied that through their efforts—okay, I might be biased—they have produced club grounds second to none. I hope the membership appreciates rolling the bowl smoothly without bouncing, skipping or wobbling.

Happy bowling :)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, October 4**

#### **In Celebration of Bruce Lowe**

In memory of Bruce Lowe, monetary donations will be directed to our local food bank. Bruce was a well-respected bowler who participated in many events and will be missed by the lawn bowling community.

**Tentative End-of-Season Club Closing: October 13, 2026**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"I am so pleased to have a good club due to everyone's participation. When the club needs people, they step forward. I look forward to a good season next year."

—Jane Moore, President  
of the Collingwood Lawn  
Bowling Club, 2026 Season

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:



**Name:** Bill Scott

**Age:** 96

**Bowling Since:** 1988, when he played out of Rexdale Lawn Bowling Club in Toronto.

**Most memorable bowling moment:** Having a winning last bowl in the finals of a 10-game season finale and rolling the wrong bias in front of a packed crowd.

Bill would be the first to admit that it's a humbling game.

RECENT EVENTS

Appreciation BBQ, September 2026

We celebrated our sponsors and partnership with Town Council with good food and fun under the lights on the bowling green.

To the right: Club President Jane Moore with Collingwood Mayor Yvonne Hamlin.



MATCH RESULTS



Jane Wallace & Tom Bell, winners of Open Pairs Round Robin.

Finals of the Open Pairs Round Robin  
September 2026

Club Champs: Jane Wallace & Tom Bell



Trophy presentation with Peggy Dixon and Cal Lillico. Tom Bell served as Commissioner of Singles, alongside Kirk Nielsen, who kindly donated the soapstone carvings for the trophies.

Finals of the Single Club Tournament  
September 2026

Men’s Champ: Cal Lillico

Cal edged out Chris Underwood in a closely fought final.

Ladies’ Champ: Peggy Dixon

Peggy was the victor over Jane Moore under a magnificent early-autumn sky. Onlookers were impressed by the standard of play; some of them even performed a wave.

CLUB NOTICES & REMINDERS

Annual General Meeting  
September 2026

Board Members

- Jane Moore, President
- Tom Peacock, Vice President (incoming)
- David Holman, Publicity (incoming)
- Cathy Hartley, Treasurer
- Peggy Dixon & Carroll Williams, Social
- Jane Wallace, Membership
- Karen Hall, Secretary
- Geoff Taylor, Tournaments (incoming)
- Tom Bell, Greenskeeping

RECENT HAPPENINGS



“Everything I am as a bowler, I owe to Bill Scott for his mentoring and coaching.”

—Cal Lillico, Men’s Champ for the Single Club Tournament