

PARA BOWLS  
at  
STANLEY PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB

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# 1. Para Bowls Program



Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club has introduced a Para Bowls Program for children\* and adults who are visually impaired or physically disabled and are eight (8) years of age and older. Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club is located at 350 - 42 Avenue SW in Stanley Park. The clubhouse and lawn bowling green are located a short distance (on level asphalt sidewalk) from the "on site" Stanley Park car parking lot. Certified Club Coaches and volunteers have received training on "Coaching athletes with a Disability" and Safe Sport". All the equipment is provided. All that's needed is a flat soled (heel less) pair of shoes and comfortable clothing.

Drop-ins are welcome to 'Try Bowls" on Tuesday evening starting at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Thursday afternoon starting at 1:30pm to 2:30 pm during the months of June, July and August.

The Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club Para Bowls Program Co-ordinators are **Glen Burnelle** and **Kathryn MacGregor**.

\*Parents or Guardian must accompany minors & remain during the session.



## 2. Just Roll With It



# JUST ROLL WITH IT

## Para Bowls Program

**"Try It" at Stanley Park,  
350 - 42 Avenue S.W., Calgary AB**

Tuesday : 7:00 pm to 8: 00 pm

Thursday : 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Open to all Children & Adults  
8 yrs old or older

**Everyone has ability!**

A sport for all, lawn bowls  
offers accessible and  
integrated activities.



For more information contact:

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### 3. Para Bowls Photos



Group of Wheelchair Bowlers at Practice Session





*SPLBC Lunch & Learn - NCCP Coach and Director Training*



*Wheelchair Bowler using the UBI Launcher*





Wheelchair Bowler Delivering a Bowl



B1 Visually Impaired Bowler Touching Rink Centre String



#### 4. Para Bowls at SPLBC - Facilities



Short Distance from Parking Lot on Level Pavement



Overhead Heated Outdoor Patio

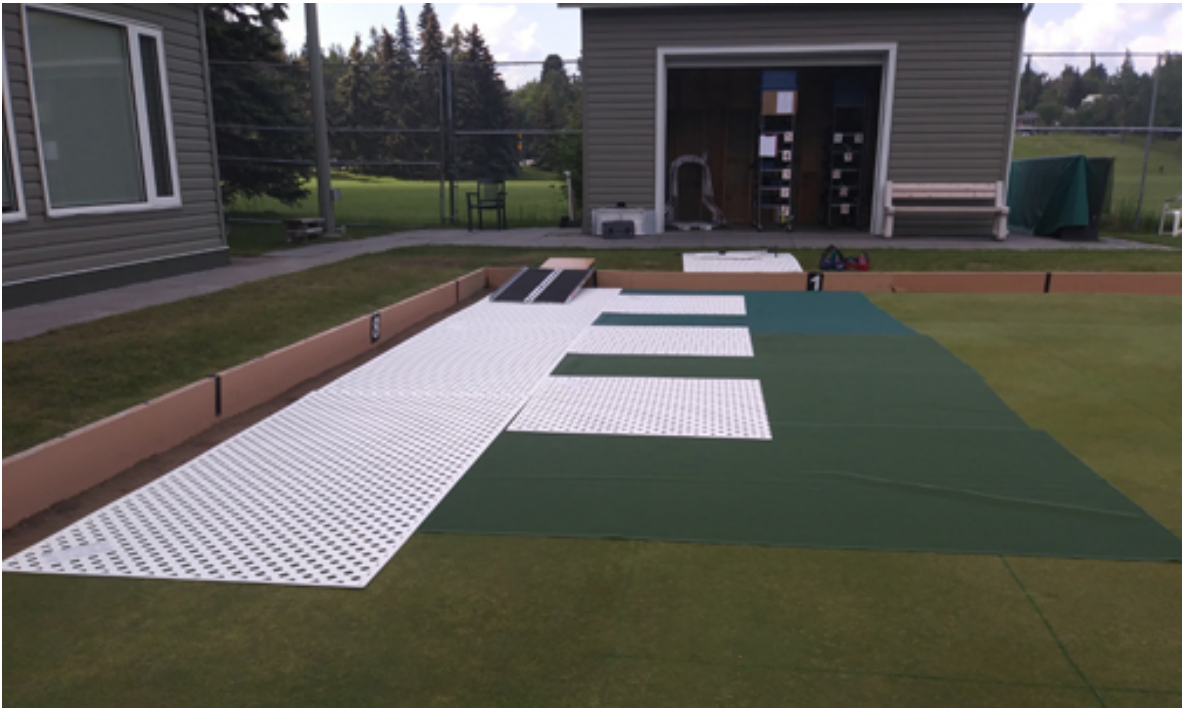




Accessible Washrooms



Locker Room



*Turf Protection*

## 5. Para Bowls Competitions

### *Alberta Para Bowls Championship - July 29-31*

The inaugural Alberta Para Championship was held at CLBC on July 29-31. Prime Organizers, SPLBC members Glen Brunelle and Kathryn Macgregor staged a great event, assisted by many volunteers from SPLBC and CLBC.

Congratulations to all of the participants.

#### **Visually Impaired Division:**

Gold Medal B2: Vivian Kwan

Gold Medal B3: Heather Hannet (SPLBC member)

Gold Medal B1: Geoff Conner

#### **Physically Impaired Division:**

Gold medal: Jack Smart (SPLBC member)

Silver Medal: Anne Hibberd (SPLBC member)

Bronze Medal: Bruno Yizek (SPLBC member)



## 6. ZACK'S STORY

I am Zach, A 15 year old visually impaired youth from Calgary. Recently this summer on the weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup> I participated in the Albertan junior bowls provincials in Edmonton. I had some truly amazing games that day and am thankful to Highlands Lawn Bowling Club for putting on the event and allowing me to participate. Despite my sight, my director (also known as my mother) and I participated fully in the event with the power of a few accommodations including a string across the green and measurement markers along the side to allow me to precisely know where my bowls landed. My director greatly assisted in knowing where to throw and the state of the game. The volunteer markers at the event did a great job of assisting me. They had to learn to mark for a visually impaired bowler with no notice and they all did a great job. I'd like to especially thank B<sup>2</sup>, commonly known as Bill, for his wonderful marking.

At times it was tough when my eyes tired out on the second day but we persevered. It was a great experience that allowed me to meet new people. Everyone at the event was very kind and willing to accommodate me. All of my opponents showed grace and understanding of my situation on the field and the club was an incredibly welcoming environment. Calgary Lawn, my home club, was what allowed me to participate in this event to my fullest. Their efforts to integrate me into their community. Their efforts are what granted me the opportunity to join in lawn bowling just like everyone else.







## 7. Website Links:

Bowls Canada Boulingrin "Just Roll With It" Para Bowls Program  
<https://bowlscanada.com/en/programs-resources/para-bowls/>

You Tube – Visually Impaired Coaching Tutorial  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq-TitEC-XM>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSNi\\_xz5yWw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSNi_xz5yWw)