

BOWLING STARTS JULY 7* - Welcome Back Members!

*target date

July 1, 2020

Dear Members,

Happy Canada Day, and thank you for your patience; finally we can get back to bowling. Our target date for member bowling is Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Bowls BC has favourably reviewed our **Club Guidelines** for re-opening and on June 30th we forwarded a copy to the District of West Vancouver for their comments. We are assuming that the District will reply quickly and favourably by the end of the week and so we are proceeding with setting up the facilities for opening on Tuesday, July 7th.

On behalf of the Board, welcome back everyone.

How will it be different?

Bowling will look a lot different than normal. We can only allow a maximum of 4 people per rink (2 at each end), on alternate rinks. Social distancing is of course to be maintained. There are requirements and changes set out in our club guidelines.

The guidelines are mandatory for every provincial club, and they set out the member and facility requirements necessary for each Club to provide a safe return to Phase 1 sporting activities after closures ordered due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The guidelines are limiting and several, but intended to get better with time, without jeopardizing the health of our members.

We have posted the guidelines on the club website and we want everyone to please review them carefully. <http://www.westvanlbc.ca/covid-documents-for-members/> It will help you to understand the new procedures and game practices.

We know that these changes will be restrictive and maybe chafing. For instance:

- Visits to the club will be scheduled for 1.5 hour bowling sessions, using a telephone phone-in process.

- The club will be open three days a week, from 10:30 am till 8:00 pm, for scheduled member bowling,
- Members will have obligations for maintaining safe health and hygiene practices at the Club, including completion of medical screens and sign-in, bringing of personal hand sanitizer and personal water bottles and compliance with all our guidelines for promoting safe use of our facility and equipment.

We ask you to be patient with these requirements and our implementation of them. We want the opening to last, and we want everyone to take enjoyment from it. We want it to work for everyone.

Please read the quick guide, below, with thanks to Jim Duholke for preparing it. Get hold of the guidelines on the club website and read them. If you have questions or concerns, please ask a Board member or send an email. We look forward to seeing you soon!

The short guide: How do I get started?

You need to reserve a rink. You cannot just show up hoping to bowl. We will be open for bowling Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 10:30 am to 8:00 pm. You can reserve for each week by calling Pat Chapman [\(604\) 922-0411](tel:6049220411) between 10 and 12 every Monday or Tuesday morning . You can book one 1 ½ hour slot per day.

We encourage members to plan their bookings ahead, in groups of four if possible. Booking a group is more efficient than booking as a single. It means more members can be on the limited greens, and it is easier for Pat C. Please arrive at the club 15 minutes before the time you are scheduled to bowl.

The short guide: Paperwork

On your first visit - before you step onto the green you will need to complete:

- a health questionnaire,
- a waiver of risk
- an acknowledgement that you have read and will comply with the WVLBC guidelines

A member will be there to assist you to understand and complete the forms. The completed forms are kept on file by the Club.

If you have any questions just ask a Board member or Monitor.

After you complete the forms you can retrieve your bowls from the locker room and exit the clubhouse by the patio doors. The idea is for members to take their bowls home at the end of each day and not store them at the club, to limit interaction in the clubhouse. However, if this is not possible for you please talk to the member on duty.

For subsequent visits:

- you will just need to fill in and sign the daily health check sign-in

The blank forms are on the Club website for review.

What is the membership fee for 2020?

Since bowling under the current conditions will not be bowling as usual, we thought all members should have a chance to come and try it out. So, from July 7th to July 19th, come and give it a try. If you want to sign and up to play for the year, there will be a membership fee of \$100 to play after July 19th. This fee will take you through to spring 2021. For those members who have already paid the \$225 fee, they will not have to pay any fee for the 2021-2022 bowling year. \$100 cheques should be put in the outside mailbox. No envelope or membership form required. Just to remind you, our minimum monthly operating costs are about \$2,000 and Covid-19 one-time expenses will add about \$1,000.

Thank you everyone. See you on the greens soon!

Gordon Maynard, President, WVLBC on behalf of the Board.

P.S. I will confirm Sunday night if we are ready to start the booking phone in process at 10:00 Monday morning.