

2026 Newsletter

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Celebrating our 115th year



Rolling for the Cure — club members at the 2026 fundraiser for breast cancer research.

Special thanks from all members to our sponsors for their generous contributions to the Almonte Lawn Bowling Club in 2026.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR 2026 SPONSORS

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SEASON OVERVIEW

A season of growth, competition, community and friendship

The 2026 season has been a busy and exciting one at ALBC. From tournament play and community programs to youth activities, free public clinics and fundraising, our club has continued to grow while welcoming new players and strengthening our connections throughout the community.

The season officially opened May 25, 2026, with both our lawn bowling green and bocce ball courts in great shape and ready for another season of activity.



On the green



The bocce ball courts

SEASON IN REVIEW

Membership grew for both sports

64

MEMBERS
2025 season

87

MEMBERS
2026 season

+36%

GROWTH
year over year

Membership rose in both lawn bowling and bocce ball, from 64 members in 2025 to 87 in 2026. That growth reflects the welcoming atmosphere created by our members, volunteers and community partners — and the events our sponsors make possible.

COMMUNITY

Community spirit in action

Our club is proud to be more than a place to play. Throughout the season ALBC opened its doors to seniors, youth, schools and community groups, creating opportunities for people of all ages to learn, take part and connect.

LOCAL SCHOOL — 3RD ANNUAL FUN DAY

Naismith School · June 17

Students came onto the green and courts to learn and play both lawn bowling and bocce ball.

MINDS IN MOTION

June 25

Participants enjoyed a lawn bowling experience and the chance to discover a new activity.

MUNICIPAL YOUTH SPORT CAMP — 2ND ANNUAL

Six sessions · July and August

Sessions introduced local youth to the fundamentals of lawn bowling and bocce ball.

FREE PUBLIC CLINICS

May 23–24

Our annual Learn to Lawn Bowl and Bocce Ball clinics introduced new people to the club.

FUNDRAISER

Rolling for the Cure — Canadian Cancer Society

A highlight of the season was our fundraising event for the Canadian Cancer Society, sponsored by **Aero Bowling**. A special lawn bowl is travelling across Canada to lawn bowling clubs as part of the initiative.

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70

MEMBERS TOOK PART

1

BOWL CROSSING CANADA



A 360° view of ALBC members rolling their bowls toward the centre — the friendship and community spirit that makes our club special. Photo credit - James Bell, Almonte

Building stronger community connections

The Almonte Lawn Bowling Club and the Naismith Men's Shed are proud to be working together on plans to create a stronger, more cohesive partnership that will benefit the residents of Mississippi Mills and surrounding communities. We both share a common vision of bringing people together through friendship, volunteerism, recreation, practical skills and meaningful community involvement.

By combining our experience, resources and dedicated volunteers, we are exploring new opportunities to expand programs, support community initiatives and create welcoming spaces where people can connect, participate and contribute. This exciting collaboration represents more than two organizations working together—it reflects a commitment to building a healthier, more connected and inclusive community for people of all ages. We look forward to sharing more details with our members, sponsors and the community as this partnership continues to develop throughout the coming year.

Together, we can accomplish more for our community.

A shared commitment to connection, collaboration and community spirit is helping shape an exciting future for Mississippi Mills and surrounding communities.

ON THE GREEN

2026 events and tournaments

Thirteen tournaments and clinics ran across the season, alongside our community programs. Where a sponsor supported a tournament event, they are named alongside it.

EVENT	DATE	SPONSOR
NORTH LANARK SENIORS GAMES		
Bocce Ball	May 9	
Lawn Bowling	May 11	
INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS		
Governor General's Playdowns	July 24–25	The HUB
Governor General's Finals	September 5	The HUB
DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS — EASTERN ONTARIO		
2x4x8	June 16	
Centennial Cup	July 21	Jarrett Landscaping · Climate Keepers Heating and Cooling
Doreen Morgan	August 11	Levi Home Hardware
Memorial Cup	September 15	Aspira Hazeldean Gardens Retirement Living
CLUB TOURNAMENTS		
Mid Summer Night's Dream	July 11	
Super Sixes	August 23	
Thompson McNeely	September 12	
Moonlight Madness	September 26	
FREE PUBLIC CLINICS		
Learn to Lawn Bowl and Bocce Ball	May 23–24	Club-sponsored

More Than 3,500 Visits to the Almonte Lawn Bowling Club in 2026!

A Year of Sport, Community and Fun

2026 has been an incredible year at the **Almonte Lawn Bowling Club**, and our 115th Anniversary year has truly demonstrated the important role our club plays in the community.

More than 3,500 visits were experienced at the Club in 2026—enjoying lawn bowling, bocce ball, watching games, attending events, or simply experiencing what our Club has to offer.

Our visitors and participants have included:

- 🏆 **ALBC members** participating in regular lawn bowling and bocce activities and tournaments
- 🏠 **Local schools** introducing students to lawn bowling and bocce
- ☀️ **Municipal summer sports camps** giving local youth an opportunity to try something new
- 🤝 **Local community organizations** using the Club and participating in activities
- 👨‍👩‍👧 **Local residents and families** enjoying our facilities and community events
- 🎯 Participants in our **free “Learn to Play” lawn bowling and bocce clinics**, providing people of all ages with an opportunity to discover these sports in a welcoming and fun environment
- 🙌 **Guests and spectators** who came out to watch tournaments, games and special events throughout the season

Building Community Through Sport

The numbers tell an exciting story—but more importantly, **3,500+ visits represent thousands of opportunities to bring people together.**

Our goal is to make the Almonte Lawn Bowling Club a place where **people of all ages can participate, learn, compete, socialize and have fun.** The response from our community in 2026 has been tremendous.

As we celebrate **115 years of lawn bowling in Almonte**, we are extremely proud that our Club continues to welcome new participants, introduce young people to our sports and provide a place where residents, organizations and visitors can come together.

A very special thank you to our members, volunteers, community partners and sponsors who have helped make this incredible year possible.

ONE COMMUNITY • TWO GREAT SPORTS • 115 YEARS OF TRADITION



Join Us September 5th!

96th Governor General's Inter-Provincial Lawn Bowling Tournament

We hope you will join us at the **Almonte Lawn Bowling Club on September 5th** for this very special event as we proudly host the **96th Governor General's Inter-Provincial Lawn Bowling Tournament** as part of our 115th Anniversary celebrations.

Come out and experience the excitement of this prestigious tournament and enjoy a wonderful day of tradition, sport and community spirit.

9:45 AM — Piping in of the Players

The **Almonte Legend Brand Pipe Major** will proudly pipe the players onto the green to officially begin the day's celebrations.

Following the piping in, we will have the **welcome speeches and opening ceremonies**, with the tournament getting underway shortly afterwards.

Come out, bring your family and friends, and help us celebrate this very special occasion!

We look forward to seeing you on September 5th!

**Come watch the action. Experience the tradition. Celebrate 115 years of
the Almonte Lawn Bowling Club!**

We look forward to continuing to grow together in 2027.

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