

Cargill Lawn Bowling Club
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Dear Mark,

The Cargill Lawn Bowling Club hopes this letter prior to our Zoom meeting, will help you understand our lawn bowling; its membership as well as our positives and challenges in our efforts to survive each year, especially this year. We wish to lay all our cards on the table because we have a love and desire to lawn bowl and to keep our club going. We are hoping with your help and guidance, to continue our league in 2022 and beyond.

The Cargill Lawn Bowling Club is a low-key club in that we do not take the game too seriously, but we like to get out to have some exercise, fun and socialize. We are a small club. Last year we had 24 members. Currently we have 19 committed members and 2 subs who will fill in as needed. However, we have not gone full out to get new members this year due too many unknowns: COVID, lease renewal, and our financial circumstances.

We encourage all ages to join. Our members age range is 20s to 80+. We encompass a broad catchment of surrounding communities including Cargill, Chepstow, Walkerton and Hanover and provide a place to be active during the summer. Lawn bowling is a great game to mingle safely with friends of all ages and to meet new people.

In the past the Cargill Lawn Bowling Club have worked jointly with the CDCF committee and through them we were able to do fundraising dinners for Pickin By The Pond. We worked cooperatively in assisting each other. Another example of this cooperation is that we would provide volunteers to do breakfasts and man the ticket door for their events. Now that Pickin By The Pond and other fundraisers by the CDCF are terminated, we have lost these fundraising opportunities.

The Cargill Lawn Bowling greens are here for us to utilize and enjoy because of past and current visions. As a club, we will maintain the greens to the best of our ability. We wish to continue to provide a fun place to play for everyone.

To date our challenges are financial and greens keeping. Our list of challenges is as follow:

- we are renewing a new lease with possible extra expenditures;
- we have lost our fundraising ability;

- we did not bowl in 2020 and may not bowl this year in 2021 so again will not have dues coming in due to COVID;
- we do not qualify for grants to date;
- we have lost a series of greenskeepers due to deaths or moving away leaving a void and are require to hire Doug Dwilt this year until new greens keepers can be found and trained,
- our greens are in serious need of care, and sprinkler also need repair
- there is a lead hydro line that needs repair;
- insurance and other general expenses. (See Upcoming Costs sheet.)

Questions we have for you.

1. What would you estimate the cost of water, hydro and sewage? The water is on a well, Sewage is not applicable. Our electricity is extremely minimal as we only use lights in the shed and then lights on the greens at the end of the season. Our meeting room for members is under the picnic tables pavilion.
2. Do we have to change the lead line that was stretched when neighbor's tree branch fell on it, or will Brockton? If we are responsible and we don't bowl this year, can it be delayed until we have more funds? Note: We paid to remove the branch and have it taken away.
3. Will there be any surprise costs i.e., leasing, property taxes etc.?
4. Do we need all insurance if we are not bowling? Can we make do with building and contents insurance?
5. Would Brockton open and drain the water lines?

In conclusion, Mark, we are hoping that in being totally transparent with you, you can provide some assistance to us to remain a viable club now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Michelle Napper (president)

, Margaret Elliott-Niesen (treasurer),

Linda Folmer (secretary),

Margaret Mason (past secretary and dinner fundraiser chair)