

## Annual Report to Municipality of South Huron Council for the Year Ending Sept. 30, 2024

The 2024 lawn bowling season was very successful. We were able to secure a New Horizons Grant for Seniors for this season which allowed the club to spend approximately \$5000 on a direct mail campaign to advertise our open houses and help recruit new members. This was somewhat successful with 8 new members joining. For the first time in many years we had students from 3 different classes at Exeter Elementary School come and experience lawn bowling in June, and for the first time we had a Bring your Kids & Grandkids day which was also very successful. We had our first corporate event, Huron Tractor came with a number of their sales associates after a turfcare workshop, we had a group of co-workers come from Hensell Co-op, and we held an open house in conjunction with Newcomers week which was a success. All of these events raise our profile within the community and hopefully will bring us new members in the future.

The club held two invitational tournaments with approximately 62 participants from throughout the district, and three in club tournaments. The tournament program was supported by sponsorships from 9 local businesses. We will continue to build ties to the local business community.

On the financial side we had a breakeven year. The New Horizons Grant for Seniors Grant we received covered the cost of the new storage shed, replacement of the ditch boards, replacement of the ride-on tractor and the previously mentioned advertising. This is very positive for the longevity of the club. The executive also decided to put some work into improving the clubhouse to make it more welcoming, less dated, and repair several fixtures including a cracked toilet.

The lawn bowling club has applied for a New Horizons Grant for Seniors for the 2024-2025 season. If successful the grant will fund a new gardens roller and some new bowls for use in a youth program we plan on initiating next season.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Phyllis Dalgleish, Club President.

Statement of Operations		
For the 12 months ending Sept 30, 2024		
Revenues	Budget	Actual
	2023-24	2023-24
Memberships	\$3,095.00	\$2,840.00
Donations	\$1,100.00	\$2,265.00
Tournament Entries	\$1,000.00	\$960.00
Other Income	\$160.00	\$1,328.92
New Horizons Grant Revenue		\$24,528.00
Total Revenue	\$5,355.00	\$31,921.92
Expenses		
Affiliation Fees	\$1,220.00	\$1,222.00
Administrative Expenses	\$525.00	\$827.34
Social Committee	\$100.00	\$230.97
Greens Committee	\$1,750.00	\$2,055.32
Property Maintenance	\$400.00	\$1,055.95
Tournament Prize Payouts	\$900.00	\$1,245.00
Publicity Committee	\$200.00	\$205.80
Contingency	\$250.00	\$579.23
New Horizons Grant Expenses		\$24,528.00
	\$5,345.00	\$31,949.61
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$10.00	-\$27.69