
2016 NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE



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2016 North American Challenge to be played in Canada

The North American Challenge is a biannual challenge match between the high performance teams of Bowls USA and Bowls Canada. Each nation fields ten men and ten women divided into two five-member squads. The squads are named Folkins and Jarvis in honour of bowling legends Graham Jarvis (Canada) and Dick Folkins (USA).

The 2016 North American Challenge will be played at the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club (PIBC) in Vancouver, British Columbia. The three day competition will run from Thursday, September 29th to Saturday, October 1st.

The Pacific Indoor Bowls Club is located in Vancouver, British Columbia, in the heart of the Millennium Sport Facility. It is a world class indoor bowls facility which is home to more than 300 regular members.

While it is unusual to host the NAC at an indoor location, both nations are looking forward to the fast indoor pace to help them prepare for the 2016 World Bowls Championships which will occur later in the fall in Christchurch, New Zealand.

PIBC is the regular host of the annual Canadian Indoor Bowls Championship. Additionally, Team Canada has hosted their last two training camps at this venue as it is one of the only venues in Canada that can consistently simulate the faster pace of the greens found in the Southern Hemisphere.

The first NAC was played in 1995 in Sun City, Arizona and was played annually until 2008 when the biannual format alternating between each country was introduced.

Fast Facts

North American Challenge

September 29th - October 1st, 2016

The 2016 North American Challenge (NAC) will be held this year in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia. The host club will be Pacific Indoor Bowls Club (PIBC), located inside the world class Millennium Sport Facility.

Venue Information

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Championship Information

Championship Dates -September 29th -October 1st, 2016
Participants - 20 per team
Past Host - Sun City, Arizona, USA, 2014
Next Host -Unknown Location within the USA.

2014 Results

Women's Jarvis- – CAN 13 pts (-5), USA 10 pts. (+3)
Men's Jarvis- USA 14 pts. (+35) CAN 13 pts. (-6)
Women's Folkins- CAN 19pts. (+48), USA 6pts. (-46)
Men's Folkins- CAN 12 pts. (-11), USA 9pts. (-18)
Overall Jarvis- CAN 26 pts. (-11), USA 24 pts. (+38)
Overall Folkins- CAN 31 pts. (+31), USA 15 pts. (-64)
Overall- CAN 57 pts. (+26), USA 39 pts. (-26)

Format of Play

Each country will field two teams: Team Jarvis and Team Folkins each with five men and five women. Each team will compete in four different disciplines:

- Singles – one player against another, each using four bowls played alternatively. The winner is the first to score 21 points.
- Pairs – teams of two play against each other with each player using three bowls delivered alternately with the opposing team. The winner is the team with the highest score after 18 ends of play.
- Triples – teams of three play against each other with each player using two bowls delivered alternately with the opposing team. The winner is the team with the highest score after 18 ends of play.
- Fours – teams of four play against each other with each player using two bowls delivered alternately with the opposing team. The winner is the team with the highest score after 15 ends of play.

To begin, the Folkins US team will compete against the Folkins Canadian team in Triples and Pairs, with the Jarvis teams following suit. The next round sees the Folkins Team USA compete with the Jarvis team Canada, while the US team Jarvis is measured Folkins team Canada. The third round is the final round of the Pairs and Triples, in which the US team with the best record plays the same discipline Canadian team with the best record. The remaining same discipline teams play each other.

Once the Pairs and Triples conclude, the same pattern is repeated with the Singles and Fours disciplines.

At the end of the event scores are calculated and awards are presented based on this scoring.

Storylines

The North American Challenge is the largest event of its kind between Canada and the United States. This year's tournament takes place from September 29th to October 1st, 2016, the first two days are devoted to the pre-event training.

During the three-day tournament, more than twenty (20) athletes of the two countries will compete in matches of Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles.

The North American Challenge 2016 allows lawn bowling teams from Canada and the United States to stand out on the international stage.

Bowls Explained

Bowls is a strategic, challenging and fun sport that can be enjoyed by anyone. It is played on a large smooth grass surface called a "green". Lawn bowls are large, hard resin bowls with a bias to them, so that they travel along an elliptical path, rather than going straight. The object of the game is to roll your bowls closer to the target than your opponents. The target is a small white ball called a "jack". The jack is rolled the length of the green to start each end. Players from each team taking turns rolling their bowls down the green toward the jack until all the bowls have been played.

Although the game may seem as simple as rolling a bowl close to the jack, other factors must be taken into account to ensure an accurate bowl. For instance, in lawn bowling the bowls are deliberately eccentric (lopsided) so they do not roll in a straight line. Therefore, as a bowl slows down, the bowl increasingly curves towards its "flat side" (and ideally closer to the jack). Players must determine where they wish the bowl to rest and then roll the bowl according to that "line of aim". Players must also take into account the "feel" of the green and roll the bowl with sufficient "weight" (force). For example, if the green is heavy or the jack is far away, more weight is needed; whereas if the green is light or the jack is positioned closer, less weight is needed. Players may also deliver the bowl using either a forehand or backhand release depending on the position of other bowls in play. The jack can also be moved or knocked away by an opponent's bowl, but may also be moved closer to one's bowl anywhere on the rink by a delivered bowl.

Taking into account that the jack is moveable, the bowls are biased, and no two greens are the same, lawn bowling is a complex sport involving multiple offensive and defensive strategies.

Team Canada Athletes

Folkins - Women

Name	Hometown	Disciplines	Home Bowls Club
Shirley Fitzpatrick-Wong	Winnipeg, MB	Triples and Fours	Sargent Park LBC
Jordan Kos	Regina, SK	Pairs and Fours	Regina LBC
Jaymee Sidel	Victoria, BC	Triples and Fours	Oak Bay LBC
Baylee van Steijn	Gores Landing, ON	Triples and Fours	Cobourg LBC
Pricilla Westlake	Delta, BC	Singles and Pairs	Tsawwassen LBC & Pacific Indoor Bowls Club

Folkins - Men

Name	Hometown	Disciplines	Home Bowls Club
Pat Bird	Calgary, AB	Singles and Triples	Calgary & Rotary Park LBC
Darryl Fitzgerald	Kitchener, ON	Triples and Fours	Heritage Greens LBC
Owen Kirby	Kitchener, ON	Pairs and Fours	Heritage Greens LBC
Rob Law	Winnipeg, MB	Triples and Fours	Norwood LBC
Chris Stadnyk	Niagara Falls, ON	Pairs and Fours	Niagara Falls LBC

Jarvis -- Women

Name	Hometown	Disciplines	Home Bowls Club
Joanna Cooper	Calgary, AB	Singles and Triples	Rotary Park & Stanley Park LBC
Nicole LeBlanc	Uxbridge, ON	Triples and Fours	Stouffville LBC
Susan Roth	Woodstock, ON	Pairs and Fours	West Lorne LBC
Jenny Siu	Burnaby, BC	Triples and Fours	New Westminster, Richmond LBC & Pacific Indoor Bowls Club
Stirling Wood	Midland, ON	Pairs and Fours	Midland District LBC

Jarvis -- Men

Name	Hometown	Disciplines	Home Bowls Club
Lucas Caldwell	Peterborough, ON	Triples and Fours	Peterborough LBC
Adam McKerihen	Halifax, NS	Pairs and Fours	Wanderers LBC
Steve McKerihen	Toronto, ON	Pairs and Fours	Etobicoke & James Gardens LBC
Kody Olthof	Delhi, ON	Singles and Triples	Niagara Falls LBC
Steven Santana	North Vancouver, BC	Triples and Fours	West Vancouver LBC

Managers

Name	Hometown	Home Bowls Club
Jean Roney	Regina, SK	Regina Lawn Bowling Club
Don Caswell	Windsor, ON	Windsor Lawn Bowling Club

Team USA Athletes

Folkins - Women

Name	Hometown	Disciplines	Home Bowls Club
Margaret Rambo	Sierra Madre, CA	Triples and Fours	Long Beach LBC
Anna Witt	Brookfield, WI	Pairs and Fours	Milwaukee Lake Park LBA
Linda Roberts	Irvine, CA	Triples and Fours	Laguna Beach LBC
Alice Birkenshaw	Sun City, AZ	Pairs and Fours	Sun City LBC
Alexis Vanden Bos	Seattle, WA	Singles and Triples	Jefferson LBC

Folkins - Men

Name	Hometown	Disciplines	Home Bowls Club
Bill Brault	San Diego, CA	Singles and Pairs	San Diego LBC
James Flower	California	Triples and Fours	Santa Monica LBC
Charlie Herbert	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA	Pairs and Fours	Newport Harbor LBC
Brian Stewart	Newport Beach, CA	Triples and Fours	Newport Harbor LBC
Sean McMorris	San Gabriel, CA	Triples and Fours	Alhambra Bowls Club

Jarvis -- Women

Name	Hometown	Disciplines	Home Bowls Club
Anne Nunes	Placentia, CA	Triples and Fours	Newport Harbour LBC
Kimberly Heiser	Seal Beach, CA	Pairs and Singles	Laguna Beach, LBC
Janice Bell	Seattle, WA	Triples and Fours	Jefferson Park LBC
Michele Arculli	Basking Ridge, NJ	Pairs and Fours	Essex Country LBC
Candace DeFazio	Long Beach, CA	Triples and Fours	Long Beach LBC

Jarvis -- Men

Name	Hometown	Disciplines	Home Bowls Club
Tony Baer	California	Pairs and Fours	Hermosa Beach LBC
Phil Dunn	Santa Monica, CA	Singles and Triples	Santa Monica LBC
Kay Tong	Hong Kong, China	Triples and Fours	Alhambra LBC
Grant Shear	USA	Triples and Fours	
Matt Baucherio	Santa Ana, CA	Fours and Pairs	Newport Harbor LBC

Managers

Name	Hometown	Home Bowls Club
Francisco Souza	Sun City, AZ	Lakeview, Bell, Oakmont, Fairway LBC
Brenda Wright	San Diego, CA	Oaks North LBC
Jan Hargraves	Newport Harbour, CA	Newport Harbor LBC

About Bowls Canada Boulingrin

Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB) is the governing body responsible for lawn bowls in Canada

Mission- Bowls Canada is the national organization whose mission is to advance the sport of bowls in Canada.

Vision- Bowls without barriers.

Values- Bowls Canada believes in values that inspire confidence in our decisions and reflect a shared commitment and passion for growing the game of bowls. We are committed to activity for life, fostering a caring community, transparency, inspiration, open-mindedness, and nobility.

Organizational Structure

The general membership of Bowls Canada Boulingrin is comprised of the 10 provincial associations.

The Board of Directors is the ultimate decision making body within Bowls Canada Boulingrin. It is a skills based board where, in accordance with the By-Laws (2012) and the 2009 Canadian Not-For-Profit Act, every member of the Board is elected by the general membership of the Association at the annual general meeting. The size of the Board may vary from seven to 10 members, depending upon need. Currently the Board has eight members: a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors-at-Large.

The national office of Bowls Canada Boulingrin is based in Ottawa, ON and consists of three full-time and two part-time staff.

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Bowls USA

Bowls USA's mission is to promote, foster and govern the sport of Bowls in the United States, and to stay current or ahead of the international trends in the sport. Bowls USA's core values are as follows:

- Sportsmanship
- Camaraderie
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Innovation
- Adaptability
- Diversity
- All- Inclusive

The vision of Bowls USA is: a dynamic community, lawn bowling clubs increasingly numerous in all divisions, in which the number of members is rising, regardless of their origin or culture or level of competition. All stakeholders find their place, the bowling is perceived as a positive experience and the team of the United States is successful and respected internationally (www.bowlsusa.us).

Glossary of Bowls Terms

Aiming line - an imaginary line the player aims along to allow for the bias of the bowl.

Aiming point - a point on the aiming line where the bowler focuses during delivery of the bowl.

Bank - the area above the ditch, not part of the green.

Bias - refers to the shape of the bowl and its effect whereby the bowl will curve in its path to the side of the bowl's bias.

Boundary pegs - white, orange or yellow poles, situated on the bank, which indicates the boundary of each rink.

Centre line - line marked at each end of the rink indicating the middle of the rink. The mat is placed on the centre line. After being rolled, the jack is also straightened to rest on the centerline.

Delivery - the action of rolling the bowl or jack.

Ditch – the gutter around the outside edge of the green, usually filled with sand.

Draw shot – the standard shot where players aim to deliver their bowl as close as possible to the jack or designated position.

End – each ‘end’ begins with the placement of a mat and the rolling/placement of the jack. The end concludes once all players have delivered all of their bowls and the shots have been declared.

Grass – a reference is sometimes made to delivering the bowl wide enough, or with “enough grass” to allow for the bias of the bowl.

Green – the rectangular playing surface covered in grass or synthetic grass, between 31 and 40 metres long.

Head – the group of bowls, including the jack that has come to rest within the boundary of the rink.

Heavy – when a bowl is unintentionally delivered beyond the target, also refers to a slow green.

Jack – the small white or yellow unbiased ball, which is the target for the game.

Jack high – if a bowl is jack high it means it has reached a position whereby its nearest part is laterally aligned with the jack. Effectively it means the bowl and jack are level.

Mat – a non-slip area from where players must deliver their bowls, with some part of their foot on or over the mat upon release.

Narrow – when a player has insufficiently allowed for the bias, the bowl will curve too far in front of the jack and finish wide of the mark. This is referred to as being ‘too narrow’.

Plinth – the edge of the grass, which meets the ditch.

Rink – the playing area for each game indicated by boundary pegs. Usually a green is divided into 7 or 8 rinks.

Shot – shot can have several meanings. The shot or shots are the number of points scored in an end. It can also mean the type of delivery, e.g. a drawing shot, and during an end, the bowl that is currently nearest the jack.

Toucher – is a bowl that touches the jack and remains in play which is marked with spray/chalk to signify it as being a toucher.

Weight – the amount of force applied to the bowl when delivered.

Wide – when a player has allowed too much for the bias, the bowl will curve behind the jack and finish wide of the mark. This is referred to as being ‘too wide’.

Useful Links

Bowls Canada Boulingrin: <http://www.bowlscanada.com/>

North American Challenge Page: <http://www.bowlscanada.com/en/hp/nac.html>

Past Champions: <http://www.bowlsusa.us/>

Host Club: <http://www.pacificindoor.ca/>

World Bowls: <http://worldbowls.com/>

Lawn Bowls Association of British Columbia: <http://bowlsbc.com/>