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Photo submitted

The Preston Lawn Bowling Club on Queen Street (now Queenston Road) was bustling with activity in the 1930s. The executive of the newly restored club hope the crowds will return.

Back to the future . . .

JANET KELLY
CAMBRIDGE REPORTER

CAMBRIDGE - Long-time Preston residents will give their heads a shake when they pass the old lawn bowling club Queenston

Boulevard.

After sitting dormant for years, the Preston Lawn Bowling Club has been reborn, looking just as it did more than 60 years ago.

"I grew up around here," said Mark Clare, vice-president of the club. "We'd ride by on our bicycles and stop and watch. It was a very social time."

Rather than watch the club deteriorate or become a parking lot, he decided to look into the status of the property. Others in the area had the same idea.

The group discovered that the club was held under a 99-year lease with the Town of Preston for a fee of \$1.

All the property needed - or so they thought - was a little muscle.

Instead, they were in for a grueling year of weed pulling ("champion-sized weeds," site manager Ian Scott pointed out), seeding, lawn maintenance, cleaning and renovations, with more work still ahead of them.

"We don't expect the club will be completely restored this year," said Mrs. Clare, secretary. "We never realized how big a project it would be."

They did however, receive a lot of support and would like to thank the City of Cambridge and many other friends of the club.

Most with full-time jobs, the neighbours have spent most of their free time at the club - although none have had time to bowl.

But alas the hard work has paid off and the neighbours have breathed new life into the run-down facility.

Coincidentally, the revived club and an archive is ready just in time for Preston's 100th birthday.

"We didn't plan for the centennial. That's how it worked out," Mr. Clare said.

Fittingly, the club has changed little from its early days.

"Our plan is to keep it the way it was . . . a nice neighbourhood place to come," Mr. Clare said.

The Preston Lawn Bowling Club has a long and proud history as one of the fine old facilities in Ontario.

"It's the prettiest," said Mr. Clare. "He's biased," Mr. Scott, replied. "It's the best preserved club."

As an original member, current president Bill Blake can tell it like it is.

The club originated from a lawn bowling green, located on tennis courts on the Savage Shoe grounds on Queen Street (now Queenston Road). In the 1936, the club located at its current location and signed the lease with the town.

"The club lasted longer than the town of Preston," Mr. Blake said.



Janet Kelly/Cambridge Reporter

Members of the executive put down their gardening tools and paint brushes and had a little fun recently. Bill Blake, president, takes his best shot, while novices Ann and Mark Clare admire his expertise.



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