To All Members.

We had hoped by this time to have communicated to you that we had a firm date for the start of this bowling season. Unfortunately, that is not the case at this time.

As most of you probably know, our new facility is almost complete and is looking pretty good.

The fencing and concrete sidewalks and stairs are 95% complete, the landscaping and irrigation is nearing completion, but the greens are still the unknown.

The e-Layer which is the rubberized cushion layer under the artificial turf has been completed for a couple of weeks and has been surveyed and touched up, and now is within the tolerances allowable as per the specifications.

The artificial turf is on the site and here lies the problem. With the COVID restrictions there is a problem for the manufacturer of the turf to send his crew here from Scotland to install the turf. The first step was to have only a supervisor travel from Scotland and hire a crew locally. This seemed to be in hand until the UK pulled the supervisor's COVID insurance. Currently an alternate plan is being worked out but until we know what that is, we can't predict a start date.

We're close to finalizing negotiations with the City of North Vancouver (CNV) to establish temporary facilities at our new location for us to operate from for the next couple of seasons. Although these are not final, I'm sure we will have it worked out in time to start bowling when the turf is in place.

The CNV has recently approved funding to supply our greens with lighting. These have been ordered and we understand will be installed by August. This will allow us to bowl longer into the evenings as the sun starts to set earlier.

I know this isn't what you would like to hear but we are working as best we can with the City and their contractors and consultants to get us on the greens as soon as possible. We are still hoping to be on the greens in early June.

I have asked Bonnie to add the information below regarding Membership Registration and Fees. Also please be aware, due to COVID restrictions bowlers can only belong to **one** Club at the present time.

NVLBC President, Bruce Murray

At this point in time, we have decided to start the registration process. The adult Full Membership fee has been reduced to \$150 this year and the Junior Membership stays at \$40. Fees for Associate/Social Membership will not be collected.

This year we have established both an online Membership Registration Form and the ability to pay membership fees through online banking e-Transfer. We hope most of you take advantage of this although hard copy registration forms and cheques or cash will still be accepted.

The Membership Registration Form, which is on the NVLBC.com website on the Registration page, (if you don't see the new registration form please refresh your the webpage) can be completed online, or can be printed and filled out and mailed or brought to the club. The club's Treasurer Drop Box (for hardcopy Membership Registration Forms and cheques) will only be available when there are scheduled bowling times, therefore only bring printed forms to the club during these times. Cheques are payable to:

North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club PO Box 37016 Lonsdale PO North Vancouver, BC. V7M 4M4

If you decide to pay your fees through online banking e-Transfer, they are to be emailed to memregnvlbc@gmail.com. If you are prompted to enter a security question (most financial institutions will not require it), please do so and email the answer to secretarynvlbc@gmail.com and/or treasurernvlbc@gmail.com. If you have any problems, please feel free to contact Andrew Fitzgerald at 604-764-5504, Michael Ditlove at 604-929-2388 and/or Bonnie Smith at 604 988-4574.

There will be limited office facilities available this season therefore limited blank forms will be available at the club. Our preference is the use of the online forms whenever possible. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

NVLBC Secretary, Bonnie Smith