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Part One: Context to Research

1. Aims of Project

The Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club has been an important part of the community since it began in 1901. Through research of the Club's records and archives, the Club is seeking to enhance the image of gender equal aspects of the lawn bowling sport within the community. The goal of this project is to draw connections between lawn bowling and its relations to the social, cultural, environmental, and economic health of the community.

The research for this project is driven based on the questions: (1) How do we identify the outstanding individuals in the lawn bowling community, either as a builder, coach, or athlete? And (2) How would we recognize their accomplishments as individuals or team players?

In order to answer these questions, a method of group biography called prosopography was used to identify those individuals and their outstanding contributions, as well as create the criteria for such recognition. Based on the research conducted, a report will be created which includes the information needed to submit nominations to the Peterborough Sports Hall of Fame.

Through nominations to the Hall of Fame, the goal of highlighting gender equal aspects of the lawn bowling sport will be accessible to the broader media and the community.

2. Methods

a. Selection Method

Throughout the archival analysis process, patterns and themes emerged. Women were noted if their name appeared more than once along with their accomplishments, and positions within the Club, which were taken into consideration for selection. Once a list of almost fifty names was created, it became evident that certain women had contributed significantly to the Club and the sport as a whole. The top fifteen women all held various positions within the Club's

administration for multiple years. Elements of notable criteria were further enhanced if the individual also had success in the sport. These women demonstrated their ability to be active members of the Club through responsibilities in their position and their success in lawn bowling.

The Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club operates through the work of volunteers which make up the Club's various Committees and Boards. These volunteers are a crucial aspect of the organization, and the dedication of these individuals speaks not only to their passion for the sport, but also their commitment to the Club through willingness to give their time without compensation. Accordingly, this speaks to the characteristics of not only the outstanding women, but of the Club's volunteers as a whole.

The fifteen women who have been selected to represent the Lawn Bowling Club in nominations to the Peterborough Sports Hall of Fame have demonstrated characteristics which makes them not only outstanding, but also remarkable. These traits are commitment, passion, collaboration, resiliency, determination, reliability, and organization.

When narrowing down the original list of over 50 women involved with the Club, these traits were taken into consideration because of their interdisciplinary applications. Not only are these traits essential to effective leadership, but also good sportsmanship. These women are reflective of role model-type figures valued by members of the Club, the Board, and the community.

When members are elected to the various committees, they are given an outline of their obligations and responsibilities based on their position. The criteria for the position aided in formulating the criteria for selection for the top fifteen as it speaks to the demands of the position, and therefore also the application of the notable traits. This application is furthered through the women that held multiple positions in different years; when she was able to move

from a smaller role to a larger or more demanding one, it shows that she was not only able to succeed in her position but proved her ability to do more and therefore be elected to a higher position.

Given that individuals are elected to their roles, it can be assumed that these women were selected intentionally and with consideration of their skills and characteristics as leaders and champions for lawn bowling. The conclusions which can be drawn prove the worthiness of these women for nomination into the Peterborough Sports Hall of Fame, as it reflects their character and the importance of their role within the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club's history.

b. Organization Methods

Prosopography

When specific biographical evidence is not available, prosopography is used as a method of drawing conclusions about groups of people based on collective traits. This method proved useful and effective when regarding the women of the Lawn Bowling Club, given that all information was gleaned through archival records that indirectly provided evidence of their contributions to the Club and lawn bowling as a sport.

The prosopography method prompted the organization of the women into their respective groups which was best organized according to their years of involvement. Not only did that make for a more concise organization of information, but it also allowed for conclusions to be drawn with respect to the social climate of the period.

Groups By Era

To highlight women according to their accomplishments, with consideration of the social climate in which they were involved with the Club, broad summaries of the contributions were

gathered then organized by year. The time ranges used for organization of information were based on the years in which the top fifteen women were active in the Club. Along with the group method being useful for application of the prosopographical methods, it also aided in formulating broader conclusions about the Club.

The grouping method created an issue when it came to highlighting members prior to the 1950s due to lack of information. Primary sources require deeper investigation, and contextual conclusions. The information available from the 1950s onward proved informative because it gave the names of members as well as positions held, trophies, and accomplishments, among other helpful details to analyze. Women were prevalent in the Club since it started in 1901 and in 1928 as they became able to bowl and purchase shares. They were only permitted to bowl during the day because the men used the greens in the evenings. It was not until the late 1940s that women were allowed to join the Club's administrative branch. Records do not identify any substantial female involvement until the 1950s, and as a result, the first group identified below begins in that era. It is reasonable to assume that there could have been notable, influential, and outstanding women involved in the Club from 1901-1940, and they would deserve the same recognition as the women within this project.

The second and third groups highlight eras where the information on female involvement is rich and plentiful. The women from these groups have much more coverage and therefore their groupings are larger than that of the first. The prosopography method for these groups was especially effective for that reason.

Part Two: The Women and Their Eras

1. Group One: 1950-1953

The first group of women were active predominately between the years 1950 and 1953. Although the timeframe of this group is small, they still constitute a powerful force. Women were only allowed to take on administrative roles in the Club towards the end of the 1940's. These women were some of the pioneers of female leadership in the Club, as women's roles within the Club were still quite young. They are:

- Leo Ackford
- May Wilson
- Norm Killingbeck
- Mary Northop

These women exemplify the traits of resilience and determination very strongly due to the social and cultural norms of the period. Their willingness to be a part of the Club's women's department despite the inequalities that women faced in this era speaks to their strength and determination.

Leo Ackford

- Most active between 1950-1952
- President of the Ladies Section for the 1951 season
 - Which was listed as a part of the Officers at the time
- Notable for being a high-scoring player who participated in all tournaments open to females within her time in the Club
- Potentially the first President of the Ladies Section. This inference is made because there was no evidence found of anyone who held the position before her.

May Wilson

- Most active between 1951-1953
- Chairman of the Ladies Games Committee for the 1951 season

- Presented awards for the Ladies at the 1951 Annual Meeting
- Spoke in 1953 Meeting Minutes when she gave her opinion on the topic of membership fees
- Notable participation in tournaments and games, appearing multiple times in the bowling recaps within the Peterborough Examiner

Norm Killingbeck

- Most active between 1950-1953
- President of the Ladies Section for the 1952 season
 - Preceded Ackford in the position
- Placed first at the Sterling Tournament in 1950
 - She along with J. Arnold and W. Hepburn
 - Predominantly played in doubles or triples
- Apart of the 1953 Ladies Tournament Committee
 - Organized the Ladies Lincoln Tournament

May Northrop

- Most active between 1951-1953
- Very active member of the Club, appearing in top scorers throughout her years at the Club
- Predominantly played doubles

These women display remarkable qualities through their persistence and contribution to visibility of women in the Lawn Bowling Club. Based on the time of activity for this group, it is important to take into account the social norms of the era. Women were not afforded the same social and economic advantages as men, and they had very stringent gender expectations upon them. The ways in which women presented themselves within society was an important factor in how they viewed themselves and their positions as members of the community. The lack of autonomy that was ever present in their lives had a role in shaping their identities. Seeing these

women in positions of authority within the Lawn Bowling Club speaks to the inclusivity of the Club and of lawn bowling as a sport. Women had been able to participate in the Club since it began in 1901, and when the Club reorganized in the 1930's, women were able to be shareholders which draws a notable contrast to the social norms of the era. It can be concluded, through these women's roles, that the culture within the Lawn Bowling Club was that of inclusivity. For these women who were present within the administrative roles of the Club, the chance to grow within their sport would have been an incredible opportunity. Further, these women would have been an inspiration for other women of the community who did not have access to a space in which they could feel a sense of belonging. The visibility of these women in these positions is an important factor leading to their recognition as outstanding players and supporters. Not only did they advance the ways in which women could be more deeply involved within their community, but they proved that women could hold administrative positions to the same degree as a man. Although this group did not obtain the higher positions within the Club that were held by men, and recognizing that the men's Boards and Committees were larger, in the context of the time, these women were doing something out of the ordinary. The Club's willingness to have women involved speaks to and is notable to the openness of the Club and the sport as a whole. Lawn bowling was effectively a space in which women felt they were welcomed, accepted, and appreciated, and it is evident through this first group's experiences, which are reflected in their positions within the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club. These women set a precedence of female leadership within the Club and created the path which the following two groups continued, and advanced further.

2. Group Two: 1977-1989

The second group of women participated in the Club between the years of 1977 to 1989. The large range of years is reflective of the wide range of active roles undertaken by this group of women. In contrast to the first group, these women had significantly more opportunities for leadership within the Club. This group consists of:

- Marie Cullen
- Elise Curtis
- Olga Harrison
- Ruth McMullin
- Ethel Cochrane
- Peggy Hawthorn

This group of women are remarkable in the range of positions they held. They are the epitome of commitment and reliability and played significant roles within the functioning of the Club.

Marie Cullen

- Most active in the years 1977, 1989-1991, and 1994-1996
- President of the Ladies Executive for 1977 season
- First Vice Officer in 1989 and 1996
- Provincial Representative in 1989
- Chair of Officers in 1990 and 1991
- Vice President in 1994
- Secretary from 1994-1996

Elsie Curtis

- Most active in 1987 and 1995
- Director in 1987
- Recipient of the Big Shot Club Membership Certificate in 1995

- Award for outstanding achievement, given by the Ontario Lawn Bowls Committee after scoring nine ender shots at a Triples Competition
- Allowed entry into the exclusive Top Circle of Lawn Bowlers

Olga Harrison

- Most active between 1987-1996
- Vice President of Directors from 1987-1989
- President of Directors in the years 1990, 1992, and from 1994-1996

Ruth McMullin

- Most active between 1978-1981
- Vice President of Officers from 1978-1981
 - In 1978, the Club combined the Officers Department from two separate divisions, split between men and women, to one which allowed for male and female participation

Ethel Cochrane

- Most active between 1978-1985
- Vice President of Directors from 1978-1979
 - The Club also combined the Directors to a mixed gendered committee in 1978, the same as with the Officers
- Provincial Representative from 1978-1984
 - Seven consecutive years in this role
- Second Vice President of Officers in 1984 and 1985

Peggy Hawthorn

- Most active between 1974-1977
- President of the Ladies Executive for 1974 season
- Treasurer from 1975- 1977

This group of women makes up the largest group of names, as compared to the other two groups. The growth opportunities for women, and the increase in the number of women in these roles mark this as a significant time for the visibility of women in the context of the Lawn Bowling Club's history. The year 1978 is especially important because it saw the merger of the Directors as well as Officers positions from two separate bodies based on gender, to one that is mixed. From a prosopographical perspective, this blend of gender is assumed to speak to the needs of the Club, and their methods of organization. Presumably, the Club may have recognized that there was no need for these positions to be separated based on gender, which could have been based on factors such as space, time, number of members, or other administrative elements. Whatever the true rationale for the amalgamation of the Committees, the female presence within them, makes this time significant. This is especially evident through Ruth McMullin and Ethel Cochrane; whose positions within these newly merged Committees allude to the potential struggles that they would have had to face because of the amalgamation of the two previously autonomous groups. Coordinating effective collaboration would likely have been important to ensure a cohesive transition while still performing the tasks delegated to them.

The women of this era were the backbone of the Officers, Directors, and Executive Committees. Marie Cullen and Ethel Cochrane notably held positions in all three leadership committees. These higher-level positions speak to the organizational skills of these women. The role of the Officers was to oversee the financial stability and to ensure proper financial surplus of the Lawn Bowling Club. While holding these positions, Marie Cullen, Ruth McMullin, and Ethel Cochrane would have been tasked with overseeing the entire operation of the Lawn Bowling Club, and all the aspects of it which dealt with finances and profit. That role would have required knowledge of finances, decision making based on profit for the organization, and collaboration

with those in Treasurer positions. These women would not only have had to be strategic in their mindsets but would have also had to have made difficult decisions that impact operations to ensure financial stability. The Directors essentially played the roles of overseers to the various sub-Committees as well as the organizers of the Board. The women we see within these positions of leadership are Marie Cullen, Elsie Curtis, Ethel Cochrane, and Olga Harrison, each having held either the title of President or Vice President. As President, the individual provides leadership and direction to the Board through creation of their agenda, as well as presiding over their meetings. More so, they are essentially the face of the Club as the role requires them to be the sole spokesperson for the Club with partners, associations, governments, and media. In order to succeed in this position, individuals need to not only have a strong understanding of the organization but must also feel confident within their leadership role. Positions such as President of Directors requires effective communication and articulation among all levels of the Lawn Bowling Club, while maintaining a friendly demeanor. It can be concluded that these women were some of the strongest leaders within the Club at the given time based on their promotion to such prestigious positions. The Vice President of Directors position chairs the Ways and Means subcommittee as well as the House and Rules subcommittee along with overseeing fundraising, advertisements, sponsorships, and greens usage. Although not as task heavy as that of the President, the Vice is compelled to take over in the absence of the President. This position is important within the Club because it precedes the subcommittees which deal with fundraising and potential rule infractions. Not only does this position require creativity and resilience, but it also requires someone who can problem solve effectively. The Vice President must be an individual who cares about the Club and the sport because of the nature of their tasks. Fundraising and rules are fundamental to the continuation and validity of the Club as they both

deal with the actual functioning of the sport. Resiliency is key for this position because it is tasked with two of the most difficult aspects of leadership which are generation of funding and regulation of proper procedure. Olga Harrison is most outstanding in this sense as she held both Vice and President roles in this department for multiple years. Clearly, she excelled in the requirements of these positions enough to hold them for multiple years, and to advance within them. For the women who held positions within the Executive Committee, the roles and responsibilities changed in 1978 when the Ladies' and Men's Executive Committees were fused into one unified body. The women on the committees at this time were Marie Cullen, Peggy Hawthorn, and Ethel Cochrane. These women were tasked with ensuring that games were organized, executed properly, and overall enjoyable for the members of the Club. Organization is a big aspect of this section as the roles these women filled supported a smooth functioning of the sport. This was especially true for Ethel Cochrane when she held the position of Provincial Representative which encompasses the requirements mentioned, however even more so as she was the representative of the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association within the Club. Her role was especially important for competitions as she was effectively the main organizer for the events. She represents the link between the Peterborough Club to that of all the other lawn bowlers in Ontario. This role within the Executive Committee is that of collaboration between the Club and the province, on top of being the body which upholds those standards within the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club. Her role is important because in order to do well, one must be equipped with more knowledge than any other individual is expected to have and enforce that knowledge in an effective way.

As a group, these women exemplify what it means to be an immersive member of the Club through sport. Their roles speak to the specific attributes of their character and create the

image of strong and powerful women. When comparing to the first group, our second group speaks to a large increase of female involvement over a span of almost 25 years. Not only do these women show how much of a force they are in the world of sport, but also demonstrate the determination they had to advance into these roles. Again, comparing them to the first group, there was more opportunity given to women in this second group allowing them to become more deeply involved in the organization, and these women stepped up and seized the opportunity. The commitment to their place within leadership is outstanding and all but one, held multiple positions within multiple levels. It shows how deeply involved they were in the Lawn Bowling Club. This group can be characterized by resiliency, as individuals in this group were able to uphold their positionality even when the gendered approach of the organization was removed. These women stepped up to their roles without fear of feeling less-than and proved that they had the qualifications to succeed and achieve. It is important to regard this group in such a way because the era in which they represent is one of social change. These women were making milestones in the era that was uplifting them to do so, and in consideration of the time, these women were trailblazers, proving that women are just as capable as men in higher levels of leadership.

3. Group Three: 1992-2004

This third group of women represent the years 1992-2004. As the timeline for female involvement progresses, so do the roles available to women within the Club. The women in this

group were some of the most successful both on and off the bowling greens. As the Club grew, so did its need for impactful leadership, and these women certainly spearheaded the work that needed to be done. They are:

- Pauline Siddall
- Mearle Richardson
- June Marwood
- Anna Panton
- Doris Nickson

The individuals in this group demonstrate passion, collaboration, and reliability. It is apparent through the scope of positions which these women held, as well as their performance excellence, the strength of this group. When analyzing their accomplishments, the appreciation that these women had for not only the sport, but also the Club is visible.

Pauline Siddall

- Most active in the years 1994, 1995, and from 2001-2004
- Executive Chair from 1994-1995
- Ran the Women's Tournaments and was the Tournament Contact in 2001
- Executive Secretary in 2002

Mearle Richardson

- Most active in the years 1992-1995 and 2001-2002
- First Vice President of Officers in 1992
- Along with her husband Ed, ran the demonstrators for new bowlers in 1995
- Created the Coaching Certification Program in 2002
 - An extension of the demonstration program

June Marwood

- Most active in the years 2001-2004
- Ran the Friday nights league with her husband Ron from 2001-2003

- Second Vice Chairperson in 2002
- Provincial Representative in 2004
- Publicity Director in 2004

Anna Panton

- Most active from 2001-2012
- Won a significant number of tournaments and games, including Provincial Bronze for Ladies Singles in 2006
- Ran Ladies Tournaments and was the Tournament Contact in 2012

Doris Nickson

- Most active from 1999-2004
- Record Keeper in 2002
- Ran Ladies Games and Ladies Singles in 2002
- Executive Chair from 1999-2001

As the 90s were wrapping up, these women were ramping up. This last selection of women makes up the most recent era of all the groups. For these ladies, the path had been carved by the work of the two previous eras, and the women of this group worked to further that progression of female excellence. This group represents women who understood their importance to the Club, and the potential within themselves. This era is characterized by drive and passion for the sport, and the contributions of these women to the Club based on their achievements and the nature of their positions prove that. These women predominantly led in the Executive Committee sector, but their image takes shape more so through their involvement in the sport. Based on this period, it seems as though lawn bowling for women took on another form based not only for these women, but for the Club as a whole. The other eras emphasized women finding their place within the sport and leadership roles of the Club, but this one highlights the levels of excellence that women can achieve once given the space to do so.

Through the work of the previous groups, the women of group three were empowered to push further and harder within the sport and to showcase the importance of female visibility in lawn bowling. The positions held by these women in the Executive Committee (Pauline Siddall, June Marwood, Anna Panton, and Doris Nickson) included Chairperson, Tournament Chair, and Provincial Representative. Based on these types of roles, we can see that these women were more concerned with having a hand in the ways in which the sport was organized. Similarly, that was reflective of Mearle Richardson's and June Marwood's roles within the Directors positions as they held First Vice, Second Vice, and Publicity positions. These women of group three may have felt the most empowered of all the groups, and therefore this group is the most willing to take on the roles which they felt they could have an impact in. Specifically, Mearle Richardson, along with her husband Ed, spearheaded initiatives in the Club that sought to educate and advance other players within the Club. Starting with their demonstrations for new bowlers, they were the ones who took on the role of supportive leaders, taking the time to teach those new to the sport. This then evolved into Mearle and Ed's role in the development of a coaching certification program which did as the name suggests, certified bowlers as coaches. This level of leadership, as shown through Mearle and Ed helps shape an understanding of the ways in which members felt empowered to deepen their involvement in the Club. They underwent extra training from Lawn Bowls Canada in order to be able to offer more to those of the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club. Not only was Mearle involved through her role as First Vice President of Officers, but she is notably remarked alongside her husband as designated instructors within the Club. References to Mearle creates the image of someone who loves their sport enough to go the extra mile and take on the role of a teacher and leader for newcomers, so they too can have an appreciation of lawn bowling. Pauline Siddall, Anna Panton, and Doris Nickson give us a similar

understanding, as they had a hand in organizing the games and tournaments specifically for the women's league. This position is necessary for the coordination of game times, scheduling of the greens, and organization of members. These women, based on the information collected, had a deep connection to the sport, and through that, led them to their roles within the Club. Based on the positions they held, it seems as though they became involved within the administrative side of the Club because it brought them closer to the organization of the game; lawn bowling as a sport sparked the passion, and through more involvement, they were able to have a deeper appreciation for the game. To oversee the schedule, the planning for tournaments, and being able to have a say in the ways in which the Club operates, these women found themselves as leaders on and off the bowling greens. June Marwood also fits this description, but was more involved in the administrative side, acting in the position of Provincial Representative. Like Mearle, June worked with her husband, Ron, and together ran the Friday night games at the Club. She has a shorter period of activity within the administrative side of the Club, but she was very busy within that period. Her leadership style is reflective of one that values organization that is driven through commitment, and she took steps to become a Provincial Representative while holding a position within the Directors. Through this, her desire to be a part of a bigger story is evident; her roles were important to the actual functioning of the Club, which in turn, made the sport better for the community.

This group of women can be perceived as those who see something which is already great and seek to make it better. Through their commitment to the Club, they were creating space for members to connect more deeply with the sport. The records kept from this era were the largest and most complete. When looking through notes, pictures, and other important records, there is an overwhelming sense of joy from this period. It is clear that these years of the Lawn

Bowling Club were that of enjoyment for the members as well as the community. The number of women that were notably involved in the Club during this time speaks to the level of inclusivity as well as access. Women were celebrated and honored often, and for good reason, as the bowlers of this era excelled on the greens. Through that feeling of inclusion and importance, these women were able to become a part of the bowling community at large, enhancing the profile of lawn bowling in Peterborough and beyond.

Part Three: Conclusions

1. Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club Through Prosopography

The legacy of the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club is one of robust history. The Club has been an important aspect of the community since 1901 and has long been a way for people to come together and participate in an accessible and entertaining sport. Without the Club, the outstanding women who have been included here would not have had the chance to become involved in something greater than themselves. Community building and the chance to get involved are crucial for individuals because through organizations that seek to do so, like the Lawn Bowling Club, people are given the space to find themselves and nurture their talents.

These women were grouped by era for the reasons given at the beginning of this report, but also because naturally, those who are involved in sports, clubs, teams, and spaces, will have to work together to achieve their goals. These women did just that. Narrowing the list to fifteen women creates specific images of highlighted eras, however, the Lawn Bowling Club has created an overall image of inclusivity. Women have been involved since the very beginning, and arguably, lawn bowling has been one of the more inclusive sports when looking at female involvement throughout history. Women became involved through their husbands, which gave them insight into what the sport is, what it looks like, and how it is played. Women's names appear on shareholder cards as far back as 1928 which is telling because women really did not typically have financial involvement beyond their home lives, husbands, and families at the time. Lawn Bowling has served as a safe space for women to be involved in the community in a meaningful way, for generations.

When women are given the opportunity, they can excel. Domination on the bowling greens led to domination in positions of authority for female lawn bowlers. The teamwork and cooperation of these ladies speak volumes to their character. Especially since the beginning of female involvement in the Club, these women have had to work alongside their male counterparts and proved time and time again that they are just as capable of being a force within the lawn bowling community. Sports are often viewed as a way of teaching meaningful life skills such as teamwork, collaboration, and perseverance. For the women of the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club, they proved that teamwork, collaboration, and perseverance are the key ingredients to the sustainability of an empowered sports-based community. Each woman who has sent a bowl down the greens of the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club has had a hand in making the organization what it is today, and helped shape the community in which it belongs.

Female visibility in sports is crucial for a wide range of social and cultural reasons. These fifteen women, who participated in the Club between the years of 1950-2004 are inspirational for not only women but also those who seek to understand what is needed to be a good leader, and what that looks like. They were given the space, time, and chance to be involved in a historically significant aspect of their community. That would not have been possible if the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club did not create the space, and time needed for women to explore these roles. Instead, the Club became a space for these women to grow, learn, and step into roles which may have not been afforded to them otherwise.

The legacy of the Lawn Bowling Club is profound in the sense that it is a cornerstone of Peterborough's history, however, it is also remarkable because of the impact it has had and continues to have on the community. It is essential that this be a notable aspect of their legacy because while other clubs and sports organizations may focus on the physical achievements of

their players, the Lawn Bowling Club has long been one that focused on accessibility for all. Through the fact that women have played such an important role within the Club, they stand out and stand up for what lawn bowling means. As written in the 2000 Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club Executive Committee Preamble, the core values of the Club are to, "... conduct our affairs within the organization with dignity, loyalty, and good sportsmanship, which is unsurpassed in any other sport, therefore let us add our contribution, and enable us to follow an even better legacy that our founding fathers left to us, and to keep the fine tradition that we all hold dear to us." It can be concretely concluded that the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club has done just that, and their values are reflected in their contributions to uplifting and empowering women which have benefitted their legacy and proved their devotion to the community.

2. Next Steps: Recognition

Using the research from this project, the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club is equipped with the details needed to complete Nomination Forms for the Peterborough Sports Hall of Fame, for the women who have been highlighted.

The women as individuals have been highlighted with their respective years of membership within the Club, as well as their roles, which satisfies the first part of the Nomination Form. The second part of the Form, which requests information pertaining to athletic achievements, can also be found within this report, as well as through artifacts at the Lawn Bowling Club such as trophies. For the last section of the Form, which deals with descriptions of the person, the conclusions from the prosopography will prove useful for describing the individual and their role within the sport. Using a broad approach will be beneficial for the nomination because it speaks to the impact of the individual's legacy on the Club. Referring to the eras listed, the Lawn Bowling Club can to argue that the context of the

individual's achievements within their period of activity is significant. As for the inclusion of scrapbooks and memorabilia, those can be located within the Trent Valley Archives from the Fonds which correlate to the groups. For newspaper clippings, some can be found within the Trent Valley Archives, as well as Archive.org with specific name searches.

Recommendations of Sources from Trent Valley Archives are:

- F 743 Series C: Social, Events, and Publicity Reports 1980-2010 Volume 5
- Series D: Shareholders and Membership 1929-2004, Volume 10, Volume 13, and Volume 14 (for group 3)
- F 930 Anna Panton: Volume 1 and Volume 2
- F 931 Lawn Bowlers

3. Organized Chart of Positions Within PLBC Administration

Officers: Financial Decisions for Profit

- Chairperson
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President

Board of Directors (7)

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 3 Board Members

Executive Committee

- Chairperson
- First Vice Chairperson
- Second Vice Chairperson

- Secretary
- Membership Chairperson
- Games Chairperson
- Tournament Chairperson
- Social Chairperson
- Provincial Representatives

Directors

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- League Director
- Tournament Director
- Greens and Property Director
- Membership Director
- Social Director
- Finance Director/ Treasurer
- Publicity Director

Committees

- Bowling
- Membership
- Greens and Property
- Finance
- Ways and Means
- Social
- House and Rules

4. Peterborough Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form



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CRITERIA FOR ELECTION TO THE PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

ELECTION is restricted to Athletes and Builders of sport having direct connection to the County or City of Peterborough, either by being born in the City or County or been a resident during their career. Nominations must come from the community. The Board of Directors of the Hall do not select candidates for nomination.

NUMBER ELECTED ANNUALLY is determined by the Board of Directors. Only individuals are considered.

ATHLETES, to be considered, must have reached the age of 35 and must have been outstanding in their athletic field of endeavour, or have been proficient in a number of sports, over an extended period of time (at least 5 years), in competition against peer athletes. This involves competing at levels from local to national/international, as well as those who enter pro sports. Athletes must be retired from active participation in the sport(s) for which they are nominated for a period of not less than three (3) years or if still active, have attained the age of fifty (50).

BUILDERS include officials (referees, umpires, etc.) sponsors, executives, trainers, coaches media and administrators – whose work for sport over an extended period of time has been outstanding. Work over a sustained period of time must have been of a consistently high level, with respect to services provided or results achieved – whether in organization of leagues or facilities, coaching teams or individuals, keeping a league active or providing services of a consistently high level. Builders shall be eligible at any time.

Documentary evidence must be provided to support the nomination. Nomination Forms can be obtained from the Peterborough & District Sports Hall of Fame Office, 151 Lansdowne Street

West (Peterborough Memorial Centre) (705)743-6897 or through the website at:
www.pdshof.com.

Nomination applications will be sent to the Selection Committee for consideration in the year following receipt of application. Submissions with insufficient information will not be sent to the Selection Committee. A request for more information will be sent to the nominator.

Further information regarding criteria for election to the Peterborough & District Sports Hall of Fame can be obtained from the Hall of Fame Office.

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Date Received _____

Nominee: _____
 Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____ Postal
 Code: _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ Email address:
 _____ Birth Place:
 _____ Date of Birth: _____

Day Month Year Place/Date of Death:

Years Lived in Peterborough: _____

If nominee is deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of next of kin.

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination For: Athlete () Builder ()
 Sport(s): _____

SPORT TEAM ROLE/CAPACITY DATE

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates.)

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates.)

*Indicate if awards/honours are City, Provincial, National or International

Associations/Organizations/Clubs with whom nominee is/was associated with (local, provincial, national, international etc.)

If possible, please provide a summary/description of any other additional information that would describe the nominee's outstanding contribution to sport.

Newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photos or sport memorabilia will assist in supporting the application.

SUBMISSIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN

A DELAY IN CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. Additional Information/Comments:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE, AND I ENDORSE THIS APPLICATION FOR INDUCTION INTO THE PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

NOMINATOR:

ADDRESS:

() _____ PHONE #:
EMAIL: _____ DATE:
