

SPLBC Life Membership

Life Membership is the highest award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained, and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Club, leaving a noteworthy legacy.

Members who have contributed significantly shall be eligible for Life Membership based on a combination the following criteria:

1. Been a bowling member of the Club for at least 20 years.
2. Served on the Board of Directors or the previous Executive Committee.
3. Served on other committees that provided guidance to senior leadership.
4. Served in another leadership role in the club.
5. Volunteered for either bowling or social events.
6. Represented the club in competitive bowling.
7. Demonstrated general attitude and overall demeanour that was consistently reflected in:
 - a dedication to the values of the Club,
 - commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship,
 - good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Club.

Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

Nominations for Life Membership must be made and seconded, in writing, by existing Members in good standing and should be forwarded to the President of the Club by 30th September each year. Nominations must be made in confidence. No one can nominate oneself or a member of Board of Directors at time of nomination.

Applications should demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service. The Board of Directors will assess all nominations for Life Membership and make decisions. Achieving minimum service levels does not automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership.

The Board of Directors will consider the the nomination, the nominator, and the second order as to the suitability of the nominee.

Any application which is not successful in obtaining the Board's approval shall be treated by the Board of Directors in the strictest confidence.

Unsuccessful nominations may be resubmitted to the Board for their consideration again after a period of two years.

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Benefits of Life Membership

In addition to the status of membership of a select group within the Club, Life Membership will be recognised by:

- Recognition of the Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Financial exemption from annual membership fees (All other bowling and social fees will not be waived.)
- Listing in the Club website

Retraction

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects adversely on the image or activities of the Club.

This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Board of Directors. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

Retraction of this award must be conveyed to the Club membership.

*Approved by SPLBC Board of Directors
March 2, 2020*