

Upon which invitation I spread the plans before him and said 'A bowling green', Then as I remember, the game of lawn bowling was explained to him in some detail, including the fact it could be played up to fairly senior type citizens, who were really not able to take advantage of either the bicycle track or the soccer fields. I guess we made our point. There followed several meetings with the design, engineering and other staff who were involved. We were appointed to the Advisory Committee and attended meetings, making our contribution. These were followed by several public meetings, at which point we met Jim Shaver and Ray Carol, both experienced bowlers.

I also alerted Arnold and Bernice Green, neither of whom had bowled but had shown strong interest, and Jim Turpin who I had met at heart rehab classes. The Greens then attended some meetings. We were by this time well acquainted with Jim Orr, Senior Supervisor of Parks & Rec, as well as Ken Kendall, head of Building & Maintenance of Parks & Rec, who was personally in charge of construction, and a good man to know. Nicki and I spent many hours watching, asking questions while trying to stay out of the way.

While the plans we presented indicated that a standard, official green must be 120'x120', we discovered that in order to save money they were contemplating building an 85'x85' green. We argued passionately, supported by books of rules, and compromised at 110'x110'

square. No tax money was used in construction, the department successfully wrote for and received grants. Although I had originally suggested an artificial surface, the plan was to make a grass surface. When the costs of maintenance were calculated, they agreed that the artificial should be considered.

Using either of the two samples that the city received would have cost \$80,000 installed. Nicki got on the internet and talked with the President of a Colorado manufacturing company who submitted a sample, which was approved, and which could be laid by Ken Kendall and crew. Cost about \$18,000. With the green nearing completion, the time came along when we began thinking of a Bowling Club. Realizing that while Nicki and I had brought our bowls from South Africa, Jim Shearer and Ray Carol each had a set. We would need jacks and mats in order to play the game, and some extra sets of bowls for new bowlers to learn the game. We could not think of any other source of money, so we opened the Benatan Lawn Bowling account with \$500 of our own money. We ordered jacks from Canada, and again asked Frank Ransome for help this time in finding used bowls. Frank again came through and shipped some old sets from California at a reasonable price and these are still in regular use.