

# Lawn Bowling Green

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Location: 127 Main St. South, Seaforth, Ontario  
Year built: 1929

NEATLY DRESSED IN WHITES or suited up, the men and women of the Seaforth Lawn Bowling Club have played the greens here since the late 1890s. The founder and first president of the club was James McMichael. He bought property on Victoria Street and donated it to the club in April of 1904. This site was used as a lawn bowling green until the club moved to its present location on Main Street in 1928.



The Main Street property north of the railway tracks was once railway land. The landscaping was done first. The majestic elm tree near the clubhouse was saved from the axe when John Beattie cleared land in 1890 and survived a lightning strike in May 1930. The clubhouse was built in 1929. It is a single-storey frame structure with a high cottage-style roof and large front windows.

The Lawn Bowling Club had a green on Victoria Street, now a parking lot behind the Bethel Bible Church. The photograph at left looks northeast toward Victoria Street. The photograph below looks toward Crombie Street and the mill.

The first Ladies' Lawn Bowling Club was organized May 7, 1907 with 30 members paying a \$2 fee. However, by 1912 the club had disbanded. Interest was revived along with plans for new greens and 35 members formed a club again in 1929. The ladies club is still active today.

