



More than just a sport...
it's a way of life

www.fflb.fr

3rd of May 2018

"Created in 2016, the FFLB's ambition is to establish Lawn Bowls in France, with help from our "Bowls Social Club" labelled partners, in as little as 3 years!

*Now, let's not forget that lawn bowls is **more than just a sport, it's a way of life.***

From the 2nd of June 2018, discover the first lawn bowls field in France, with the Bowls Social Club label at Domaine des Ranchisses in the heart of Ardèche.

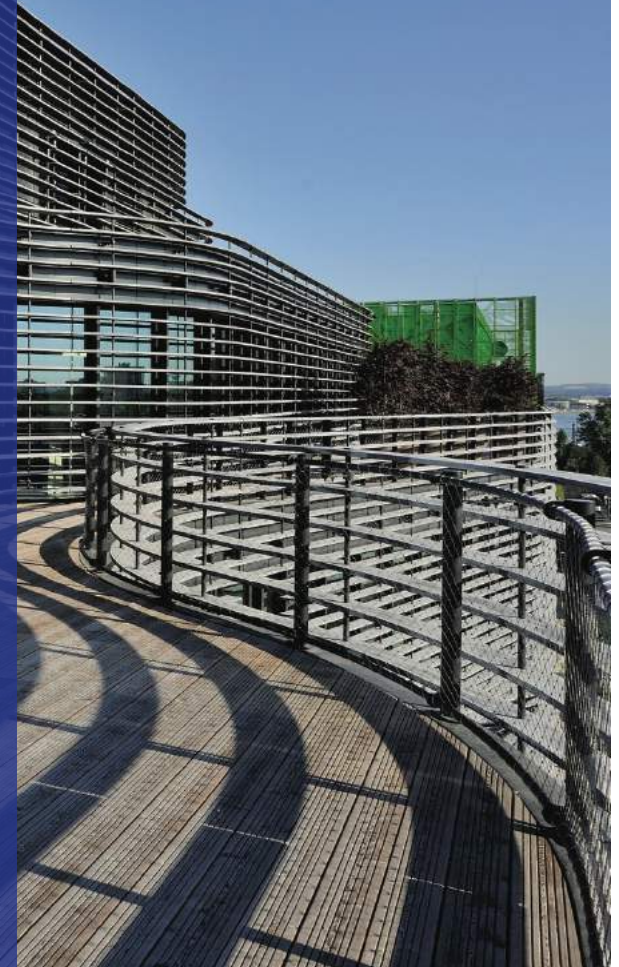
We look forward to welcoming you to the future Bowls Social Clubs..."

Patrick Duvarry
President of the FFLB



FFLB headquarters

52 quai Rambaud 69002 Lyon,
built by the great architect Rudy Ricciotti,
creator of the MUSEM in Marseille.



Inauguration
the 2th of June 2018



Bowls Social Club

2018 - 2020

Le Domaine les Ranchisses

est le premier

BOWLS SOCIAL CLUB

labellisé par la

Fédération Française de Lawn Bowls

Le 2 juin 2018 à Largentière.



Fédération
Française de
Lawn Bowls

Our goal

Developing the Bowls Social Club label in France through partnerships such as luxury hotels, golf courses, tennis courts and other establishments to offer them a complementary, mixed, elegant sports activity in a social club setting conducive to rewarding get-togethers.

What exactly is lawn bowls?

A little history

Lawn bowls, also called boulingrin, is a game that originated in England. It is commonly practiced throughout the Commonwealth but remains virtually unknown in other countries. It is a bowling game that is similar to lawn curling, or any other ball sport such as boule lyonnaise or raffa volo. Lawn bowls distinguishes itself by the shape of its balls and by the type of its turf or green carpet, which is almost 40 metres long.

Although it is estimated that this game goes back to ancient times, it is from the XIIth century that it started becoming popular in England. While establishing its colonies, England helped make the sport popular in Australia, Canada and the United States.

As lawn bowls is played by men and women alike, the games are often played in the mixed format. It is an elegant sport, and one where teamwork is of utmost importance.

The World Bowls Federation, based in Edinburgh, comprises more than 50 countries. Lawn Bowls is one of the most played bowling sports in the world with more than 7,500 clubs. Australia is one of the countries where lawn bowls is extremely popular. Hong Kong, meanwhile, founded its Federation in 1961.

After boule lyonnaise, raffa volo and pétanque, it is now lawn bowls that is the latest rage in China, the only country to have its capital of bowl sports.

Rules of the game

The basic goal is to place more balls than the opponent near the jack.

The game is divided into ends that are completed when all players have rolled, in turn, all their balls. The points are then counted, and each ball placed closer than those of the opponent counts as a point. For the next end, the game is reversed, and the mat is moved. Players must always keep one foot on, or, on top of the mat when rolling their balls. If their ball falls into the ditch, it is declared as dead. Finally, lawn bowls can be played by anyone.

Equipment

FIELD

The bowling green, a flat turf or carpet (outdoor and indoor), must measure at least 36.6 m². It is surrounded by a sand ditch and is divided into 6 tracks that allow 6 games to be played at the same time. A mat is placed on the track to mark the place where the players roll their balls. It is moved at the end of each end.

BALLS

The balls used for lawn bowls are of different sizes and must weigh up to 1.59 kg. They are slightly shaved at both poles. One side is heavier than the other, which gives them a bias.

JACK

The jack is a little white ball that serves as the target. The objective of the game is to have a maximum of balls closer to the jack than those of your opponent.

DRESS CODE

Traditionally, lawn bowls players are dressed in white (pants, shirt and cap). Today, these dress codes are not always followed, even though it remains appropriate to wear a neat and chic outfit.

The Federation

Our ambition:

To be recognised within 3 years for making lawn bowls a **true way of life** in France, combining English elegance with the French touch.

Our values:



Transparency

The FFLB is committed to full transparency vis-à-vis the financial aspects and the achievement of its objectives.



Way of life

We want to foster the elegance of the game and the Social Club spirit of lawn bowls.



Respect

We are committed to understanding and respecting each other, different cultures and sporting practices in view of a sustainable process of cohesion.



Voluntary service

Our motto: "To serve others rather than to serve oneself". Each member of the FFLB is a volunteer and is committed to contributing effectively to the achievement of our goals.



Mixed events

We encourage mixed team tournaments, with equal participation by women and men.



Competitive spirit

The FFLB wants to drive collective success, performance and self-improvement.

The Federation

Our mission:

Like any federation, our main goal is to promote our sport and its values.

Now, we are well aware that to establish lawn bowls in France in just 3 years is a daunting task.

It is this challenge that drives us.

Going beyond the actual sport, we want to make it a way of life.

Our role:

- To ensure strict compliance with our national and international regulations.
- To make the French team a showcase of our sport, its values and the *social club* spirit.
- To supervise and organise national and international competitions.
- To have the means for your ambitions: to be able to offer our partners and members visibility on our networks and on our communication media, as well as during the FFLB events.
- To ensure relations with other international bowling federations.

The Board



Patrick Duvarry

Founding President and active member

- Multi-entrepreneur and self-learner
- Sponsoring partner of sports and music

[More information](#) 



Bernard Champey

Founding Vice President

- Boule Lyonnaise world champion at 17
- Introduced boule lyonnaise, raffa volo and pétanque in China since 1982

ffsb.fr



Anne-Lise Duvarry

Founder and active member

International relations



Claude Picollet

Technical director

Self-taught entrepreneur



Élodie Duvarry

Treasurer and active member

Director of **Rooftop 52**, event space in Lyon Confluence



Patrick Lafayette

Founding member

- Independent journalist
- Sport history specialist
- Working for 27 years with L'Équipe,
- Xorks with Eurosport



Géraldine Ortis

Active member

- International relations
- Lived in Australia for 5 years
- Restaurant owner at the **Cool Café** in Antraigues, in the heart of Ardèche

Contact us:
www.fflb.fr - contact@fflb.fr

The French team 2017-2018

Damien Sonney

3-time participant at the French boule lyonnaise championships.

Audrey Vyt

French boule lyonnaise champion in precision shooting (under 18). French runner-up for doubles in F2. Several times French champion at elite women's sports clubs and several times winner of the European Cup of sports clubs. European record-holder in relay shooting.

Cindy Royet

2-time French boule lyonnaise champion
5-time French boule lyonnaise runner-up.

Marc Pivard

14-time participant at the French boule lyonnaise championships.

The French lawn bowls team was born after the FFLB was created in 2016.

We immediately participated in a big international competition: the **European Championships of lawn bowls in Jersey** (United Kingdom), held from 23 to 30 September 2017.

We thank the French team, comprising boule lyonnaise performers, who gave it their best shot in this first international competition.

We also thank Le Coq Sportif for their partnership in providing the outfits of the French team. Our 2 French boule lyonnaise champions made quite a mark, and finished at number 12 of 16 in the women's doubles.

Congratulations to the 4 competitors for this first participation and a thank you to Andy Thomson, the eminent world champion who helped the team prepare at the Wealden Bowls Club in London in August 2017.

We intend to participate in a major international competition every year. The goal of the French team is to progress each year to be part of the top 3 teams over the next 5 years. For this, we are training on the first bowling green installed in France, and hopefully soon in Lyon.

KUDOS TO THE FRENCH TEAM!

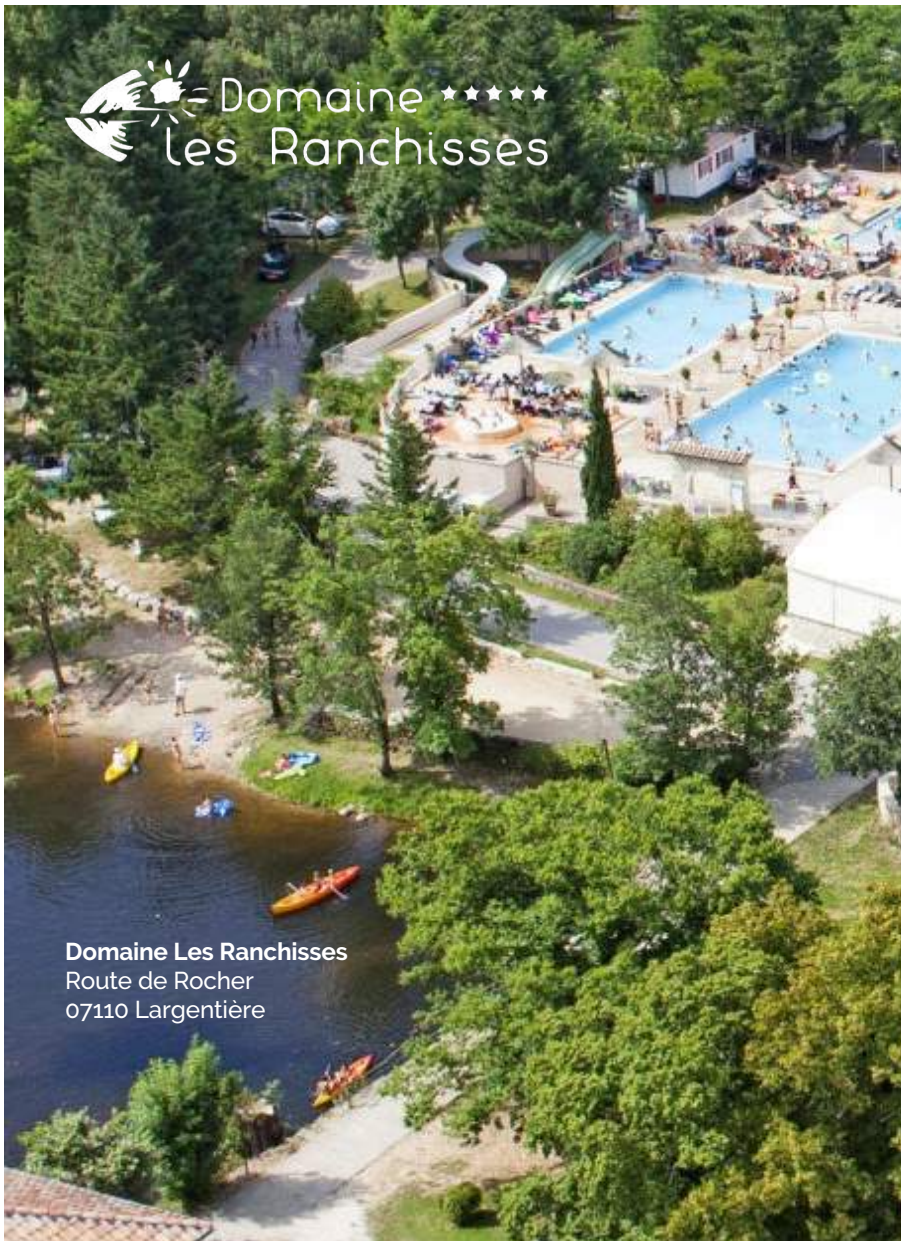
International event

France was present in China in the Asiatic lawn bowls Center (city of Huojia, Henan). It was an occasion for the vice-president of the FFLB, Bernard Champey (former boule lyonnaise world champion), and the technical director Claude Picollet to participate.

When China wakes up...

We were amazed to discover an entire bowling green complex and to see China and Hong Kong compete and unite for playing lawn bowls. China, the great bowls sports hub, is already the world champion (women) in 2 disciplines, i.e. boule lyonnaise and raffa volo. 50% of the participants in lawn bowls in China and Hong Kong are female.





Bowls Social Club

2nd of June 2018,
the FFLB inaugurates the first
Bowls Social Club in France
at the Domaine Les Ranchisses,
in Ardèche.

Created in 1981, the Domaine Les Ranchisses is managed by Véronique and Philippe Chevalier, and offers outdoor or traditional hotel accommodation, event reception for groups, rental cottages throughout the year, and also has a wellness and fitness centre.

Learn more about the Domaine:
www.lesranchisses.fr

Learn more about their Lawn Bowls offer:
www.lesranchisses.fr/lawn-bowls

Our partners

Official partners



AeroBowls is the world's leading manufacturer of lawn bowls. The Australian brand is a market leader in Australia and New Zealand and is quickly becoming a force in the UK and Europe.

To know more, visit
<https://aerobowls.co.uk/bowls>



The world's leading supplier of bowls surfaces, Dales supplies artificial indoor and outdoor bowls surfaces that are used for all major competitions at international and club level.

To know more, visit
<http://www.dalessports.co.uk>

Press partners



Bowls International is the world's leading magazine for bowling games. It sets a benchmark in the news of lawn bowls competitions.

To know more, visit
<https://bowlsinternational.keypublishing.com/>



Inside Bowls is the first free international newspaper dedicated exclusively to lawn bowls. It offers the latest on lawn bowls events from all over the world.

To know more, visit
<http://www.insidebowls.com/>

The global network of Lawn Bowls



Tel: +44 1292 294623
ceo@bowlsscotland.com
www.bowlsscotland.com



Tel: (61) 3 9480 7100
ndalrymple@bowlsaustralia.com.au
www.bowlsaustralia.com.au



051-505-4863
poligras@naver.com
www.bowlskorea.com



+852 2504 8249/2504 8250
hklba@hklba.org
www.hklba.org



Tel: +44 1926 334 609
tony@bowlsengland.com
www.bowlsengland.com



Tel: +1 613 244 0021
amees@bowlscanada.com
www.bowlscanada.com



+44 28 9079 6601
gwenmccormick@btinternet.com



+44 131 317 9764
info@worldbowls.com
www.worldbowls.com

To know more about all the international federations,
[visit the World Bowls website](http://www.worldbowls.com)



See you soon on the
French bowling greens



www.fflb.fr
contact@fflb.fr