

RBC NEWS

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Our Vision: "To become the first-choice club for new and experienced Crown Green bowlers in Derbyshire."

Welcome to the first edition of RBC NEWS 2023 and wishing all our members a happy, healthy and successful New Year – on and off the green.

Green Update

During the off season, the work doesn't stop and the Lawn Rangers have been hard at work preparing the green ready for the new season as well as completing other jobs in and around the clubhouse.

Thank you to *Richard* for this update:

As soon as the green closed in the Autumn, plans were executed, machines were prepared and orders placed for grass seed and top dressing.

The green was scarified, cleared of debris and spiked before new grass seed was sprinkled and brushed into the green to ensure even distribution across the green. Once the grass seed was embedded, the green was top dressed with over 2 tons of sand and loam! The green was watered before a contractor came and carried out a deeper method of spiking called Verti Draining.



Notes on watering the Green

At the end of the 2021 season, the majority of you will be aware we had the green re-worked by an outside contractor at considerable expense. Consequently, in 2022, we commenced the season with effectively a new bowling surface. Simultaneously we experienced the sixth driest summer on record since 1836 and the driest since 1995. You will appreciate we have to give the new green every chance for it to survive and prosper, hence the higher use of water than normal.

Conversely in a wet season, we have no control over the volume of water going on to the green and this can also affect the bowling. However, during a "normal" season we endeavour to use water as and when necessary.

Thank you to the Lawn Rangers - Richard, Dennis, Stuart, Mark, Rowan, Howard and Malcolm



If you would like to help the Lawn Rangers they meet on Tuesday mornings where they would welcome anyone to join them.

AGM

On Thursday 9th February our AGM was held at Mickleover Golf club. It was good to see everybody again.

The treasurer's report was quite bleak but realistic, and therefore the majority of members agreed that more funds needed to be raised for the club. In light of this, the subs were increased by **£10** and raised to **£65**. Please see Barrie Ladds asap to pay / chat to a member of the committee about paying in instalments.

A big thank you to Susan West and Dennis Young who are stepping down as President and Secretary respectively but will remain on the committee. Also thanks to George who is retiring from the committee. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication to the club during your term.

As they leave, we welcome Paul Eason and Julie Eason in their roles as President and Secretary as well as welcoming Craig Pearson and Dave Coxon onto the committee. There is one vacancy on the committee if anyone wishes to join, please speak to a member of the committee.

Looking ahead to the new season

The evenings are finally getting a little longer, the days a bit brighter and spring is a step closer which means the bowl season is just around the corner!

Ahead of the leagues restarting, a player's meeting and chance to sign up for teams is on **Wednesday 8th March in the clubhouse at 7:00pm**. If you are unable to make the meeting, please let the captain know of the team/day you would prefer to play for.

Mens		Mixed	
Vets 1	Dennis Young	Monday evening (prem)	Ed Furniss
Vets 2		Monday evening	Philippa Eason
Vets 3	Gerry O'Shaughnessy	Tuesday evening 1	Richard Knowles
Friday night (prem)	Craig Pearson	Tuesday evening 2	Philippa Eason
Friday night	Paul Eason	Wednesday Over 55's 1	Dennis Young
		Wednesday Over 55's 2	Helen Legg
		Saturday 1	Paul Taylor
		Saturday 2	Barrie Legg
Ladies			
Senior Ladies (Tues pm)	Helen Legg	Ladies (Weds eve)	Susan West

The green re-opens on **Sunday 26th March at 10:30** which will be followed by 'bowls bash' – a day of social bowling and getting back into the swing of things!

Bingo Night

Thank you to everyone who came down to the clubhouse on a cold, frosty Friday evening for Bingo, just before Christmas, a fun night was had by all playing a number of different bingo games and raising £122.70 for the club!

Diary of events

All held at the Clubhouse, unless otherwise stated. Prices listed are per person

Times listed are start times (unless otherwise stated) – please arrive early to avoid missing anything.

FEBRUARY

11th – Horse Racing night 7pm for 7:30 start

22nd – Big ‘spring clean’ of clubhouse – Please get in touch with Helen if you can help.

MARCH

1st - Afternoon social 1:30 start - £2 entry

8th – 7pm- Player’s meeting – sign up for teams this season

26th – 10:30 - Green Opening and Bowls Bash – Bring family and friends along to the opening of the green and an afternoon of social bowling with Bowls Bash.

APRIL

2nd – Sunday Drive 10:30 start - £1 entry

10th – 15th – Open competition – every night from 7pm. Final on Friday. Bar and food available. Please come along and watch.

FRIDAY EVENINGS - Bar open from 7:30 – 10pm (until 24th March)

Keep a look out for future events on notice boards, emails and facebook!

Contact us

Any suggestions or thoughts, please pop them into the suggestion box where the sub-committee will discuss them at the next meeting and pass them on to the main committee.

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