



Rykneld Bowling Club



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Dear Members

Welcome to the 1st edition of our newsletter. We hope this finds you, your families and friends safe and well whilst you are in isolation.

Rykneld Committee in Action



The Committee met on Friday 1st May 2020 and for the first time we used Zoom (an internet conference facility). We all agreed it was a success and future meetings will be carried out this way until the isolation/social distancing sanctions are lifted.

So, what have we been talking about?

Subscriptions

The Committee decided that one set of subscriptions would be collected to cover the two years 2020 and 2021. Fees already paid by members will be carried forward to also cover next season and subscriptions not paid to date will be due prior to the start of next season. Should there be any form of bowling this season, however, members must have paid their fees before making use of the green in accordance with Rule 8(b) of the Club's Rules and Bye-Laws.

Cash Flow

Our cash flow situation is being monitored closely. To help support us Sports England have awarded us an Emergency Fund to help us through this current situation. This is to ensure that when we do start playing bowls again, we have a club to come back to.

Social Events

We have several social events already in the diary, Sounds Familiar, Presentation Evening and the Christmas Prize Draw. Because we don't know what the rules around social gatherings will be in the future these events remain in the diary and will be reviewed nearer the date.



Bonus Ball

The Bonus Ball is up and running. Anyone still owing money can send payment, by cheque to Barrie Ladds, made payable to Rykneld Bowling Club. If you can write Bonus Ball on the back of the cheque so Barrie can inform Dennis Young that payments have been received Dennis will inform all lucky winners in due course. Good Luck Everyone

Funding

The funding we apply for is to help maintain the facilities to ensure the future of our club. Last year we received an award from the Tom Carey Foundation for the doors on the clubhouse to be replaced. Work was due to start in April 20 but due to the Covid-19 situation this work is on hold. Malcolm Holden's persistence in seeking out new opportunities we can tap into is relentless, even when a request is turned down that doesn't stop him from reapplying, and with some success. Malcolm has said that without a doubt the business model we have been / are working on has helped put a more professional face to the club with the various organisations he is dealing with. Well done Malcolm

Green Maintenance

As you can see the maintenance of the green continues, thanks to Howard our gardener who is keeping it in excellent condition for our return. Well done to Richard Knowles for his persistence in repairing the watering pump.



Your Help Wanted

Do you know anyone within the club by the name of L M Driscoll? We have received payment for this year's subscription by this person but we don't know who they are. Do you? Is it a friend or family? Please contact Graham Buckley with any information you have

COVID-19

Whilst we are all aware of the impact the current pandemic is having on our everyday lives and although the club is closed at the moment the committee is looking at ways, we can protect our members once the green has reopened. We will of course have to follow government guidelines. These are a few suggestions; members have put forward:

- ❖ Providing latex gloves and hand sanitizers
- ❖ Access made available to the toilets via the back door. Enabling members to use the toilet and washing basin facilities
- ❖ The door from the toilet to the clubhouse to be locked – after the Clubhouse has had a deep clean.
- ❖ Players to bowl with a jack and mat each therefore eliminating cross contamination during a game
- ❖ Possible booking system – so the green is not overcrowded

And finally

The committee wants to thank members for your patience and we encourage you to get in touch if you have any concerns

