



Rykneld Bowling Club



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Dear Members

Welcome to the 2nd edition of our newsletter. We hope this finds you and your family still safe and well

So, let's look at what's been happening at the club since our last newsletter:

The Maintenance Team



The maintenance continues with Howard looking after the green, to the appreciation of those members who have used the green. Richard, Dennis, Mark and Malcolm have also been busy.

On the left hand side of the green the wooden seating benches now sit on slabs which make them more stable and easier for the maintenance team to mow the grass on that side of the green.



Gerry O'Shaunaseey has also been busy with the paint brush, see Gerrys handywork.



George Barrow still has the 'pleasant' job of cleaning the toilets. This job is even more important now we have made the toilets available.

Derby City Council have asked us to complete a 30-page full risk assessment of the club to make sure we are following the all the government guidelines which includes our cleaning routine.

Social Events

The Committee have decided to cancel the Sounds Familiar evening which was set to take place in October. A decision on the Annual Dinner and the Christmas Buffet & Raffle will be reviewed in the next couple of months to see how the current situation pans out.

Bonus Ball



And the winners are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winner</u>
21 March	David Hayton
28 March	Barrie Ladds
4 April	Ian Hamer
11 April	Cliff Horton
18 April	Jim Jephson
25 April	Em Mansfield
2 May	Trish Pearson
9 May	Graham Buckley
16 May	Roy Millward
23 May	John Lewis
30 May	RBC
6 June	Madeleine Pass
13 June	Bill Fletcher
20 June	Gordon Lawrence
27 June	Mick Shaw
4 July	Gordon Lawrence
11 July	Helen Knowles-Pass

Don't worry winners if you have not received your winnings yet Dennis Young is keeping it safe until he sees you next.

Cash Flow

With the support of Derby City Council and Sports England funding has been awarded to us, this money is to help clubs stay viable for when we get back to 'normal', whatever that looks like in the future. It pays for the upkeep of the green and club, money we usually take in throughout the year organising various competitions and events.

Next time you are at the club keep an eye open for the plaques on two benches that were presented to the club by Norah and Keith Tomlinson back in 2012 with a promise that after their passing we place these dedications onto the benches.



Many thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who look after our green, gardens and club facilities ready for our return.

Funding

As mentioned in our last newsletter we are having some new doors fitted to the clubhouse on Monday 27 July 20, so the green will be closed for the day to enable the workmen to carry out this work in a safe environment.

We have been lucky to again to receive another award from the Tom Carey Foundation (which covers the Abbey Ward only).

So, what's on our shopping list:

- ✚ Replacement Pump for Sprinkler System
- ✚ Paving Slabs – this is for the walkway on the right-hand side of the green from the tools shed to the seating area. This walkway is uneven, and many members feel unsafe walking along this area
- ✚ Replacement Rotary/Broadcaster Spreader
- ✚ Larger Tools Shed – This is to replace the small shed in the corner

Once a year the club invites a local school to come and play bowls. This is in hope that we encourage young people to take up this sport and join our club. The trouble we have had in the past is that we do not have any bowls small enough for the children to play with. Malcolm has secured funding for 10 sets of junior bowls being delivered in the next few days and 5 further sets are on order.

All the above is part of our 5-year plan to ensure the future of our club. If you have any thoughts on the future direction of the club, please contact one of the committee members.

Covid 19

Whilst we have been going through this pandemic, we are guided by the BCGBA who have set the rules and regulations around this current situation. We have gone through several phases 1, 2, 2A.

Currently we can hold in-house competitions with a maximum of 30 member at the club at one time (that includes the tea makers, barman, organiser etc).

Toilets can now be made available to all members visiting the green. The key to the backdoor will be kept in the same place the clubhouse key was kept. The door to the clubhouse from the toilets will be locked at this present time.

We are also trying to gauge what interest there would be from our members if matches were to start up in the future?

If you have not already done so please email Susan on sus4n@outlook.com to register your interest in playing bowls in both in-house competitions and matches.

Please let us know your thoughts, comments.

Our prime responsibility to our members is to ensure your safety, and with that in mind we have put in place for following:

- The clubhouse would be not be open – if competitions were to go ahead all drinks would be served from a collection point at the clubhouse doors.
- Money – correct money would be much appreciated.
- Toilets will be open on a 1 in 1 out basis
- We recommend all players wash their hands before and after playing (min 20 secs)
- Antibacterial gels will be provided in and around the toilet area, bowls hut and clubhouse (when open).
- Antibacterial spray will be available for players to clean any and all bowls equipment used.
- Seating will be arranged around the green abiding by the 2-metre distancing rule.
- A full register of everyone entering the green will be recorded
- No shaking hands at the beginning of a game – simply wish your opponent a 'good game'.

And finally

The committee wants to thank members for your patience and please do get in touch if you have any concerns.

Stay safe – Rykneld Committee