



## Dear Members

Welcome to the 3rd edition of our newsletter. We hope this still finds you and your family safe and well.

## Bowling

With Covid-19 restrictions in place and all bowling cancelled at the beginning of the season we were pleased to see that gradually some of the restrictions were relaxed and Rykneld held some in-club Doubles and Triples competitions. The turnout was excellent. Members bumped elbow whilst wishing fellow players a 'good game'. Bowls, Jack and Mats were cleaned with anti-bacterial cleaner inbetween each game. Thanks to those members that made this a successful, all too short, bowling season. Congratulations to all the winners. On behalf of everyone that played our sincere thanks goes to Dennis Young for organising these events.

One of the clubs most popular competitions is the Prime-Timers which took place in August thanks to Richard Knowles. To qualify for this competition you have to be +79 years young. On a nice sunny afternoon the veterans gathered showing us all how crown green bowls is truly played. The only thing missing was the afternoon tea that Ann Lewis and Sheila Knowles provide. Pictured below are finalists Bernard Johnson and Graham Buckley. Last years runner up, Graham Buckley, triumphed in 2020.



## Sad News

On the 30th July 2020 we sadly lost long-standing bowls member Eddie Springer. Eddie was one of the top scorers at the club in the Derby Vets Leagues and was always a formidable competitor in the Gold Letter competitions. As restrictions on numbers of people attending funerals Richard Knowles and Mark Wilson represented the club.



## Fundraising

As reported in previous newsletter the new clubhouse doors have finally been fitted, if you haven't been to the club recently here's what they look like.



Old Doors



New Doors

In the 2020 Tom Carey award we have been able to purchase:

- New Tools Shed
- Paving slabs (to be laid on the right-hand side of the green).
- Water pump for sprinkler system
- Rotary Spreader

The club also purchased a rotary tray attachment for the spreader

The Committee was approached, at the beginning of the year, by member Reg Baggaley with some proposals for the committee to consider. One being a new PA sound system. Players over the other side of the green could not clearly hear any announcements. So, the club has invested in a new system can you spot the difference

The old system has done us well for a great many years, but it is well past it's sell-by date!!



The new system works on rechargeable batteries and can be placed anywhere round the green

Thanks to the Derby Association Community Partners we will be replacing the lighting in the clubhouse veranda and the visitors pavilion with new LED lighting as well as obtaining 5 sets of junior bowls and a cordless strimmer

## Bonus Ball



## 2020 Winners



Date	Winners
21 March	David Hayton
28 March	Barrie Ladds
4 April	Ian Hamer
11 April	Cliff Horton
18 April	Jim Jepson
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	Madeline Pass
13 June	Bill Fletcher
20 June	Gordon Lawrence
27 June	Mick Shaw
4 July	Gordon Lawrence
11 July	Helen Knowles-Pass
18 July	Dennis Young
28 July	Em Mansfield
1 August	Helen Knowles-Pass
8 August	David Hayton
15 August	Richard Knowles
22 August	Mick Shaw
29 August	Pat Bousfield
5 September	Bernard Johnson
12 September	Geoff Bousfield
19 September	Abril/Carmen
26 September	RBC
3 October	Ray Selley
10 October	Ray Selley

## Social Events



At the time of the publication of this newsletter we are currently in our second lockdown, Therefore, the Committee have decided at this time to cancel the Annual Dinner, Christmas Raffle and social afternoon events until further notice. **IF** anything changes, we will keep you informed

## Big Thank You to Sheila



At the end of 2020 season Sheila Knowles announced that she would be stepping down from running the catering team. Over the years Sheila has organised the food for our St. George's Day dinner, all day competition events, social events and countless buffets. We surprised Sheila at our last competition with flowers, wine and our many thanks.

## The Maintenance Team

The maintenance of the club continues.

With the new clubhouse doors in place this made the paint around the windows look tatty, so they've had a lick of paint. The small garden wall, just inside the gate, has been built up and looks much tidier, good job Malcolm



The old tools shed has now been taken down so the maintenance team can prepare the ground for the new shed which will be built in November.

## Presentation



Peter Cooper finally got a chance to present the new jacks he donated to the club in memory of his late wife Mary. These jacks were used in our competitions this year

## Committee

We welcome Paul Eason who has been co-opted onto the committee. Good Luck Paul

## Happier News

Finally, some good news to report. Baby Archie Kirkland arrived in Oct 2020 to proud parents Liam and Nikita, not forgetting proud Grandad Martin. Let's hope he has inherited the Kirkland's bowling arm.



## Your Club Needs YOU

Ever thought of becoming a bowls trainer? The Committee are looking at getting a small number of our members to becoming trainers, are you interested? If so, contact Susan West via email [sus4n@outlook.com](mailto:sus4n@outlook.com) for further information

**We hope you've enjoyed this newsletter and our next newsletter will be in the new year, so on behalf of the Rykneld Committee can we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hopefully you will be able to spend this time with your families and friends**

**Stay Well and Stay Safe**