Rykneld Bowling Club

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Welcome Back to Bowling

We hope this newsletter finds you all well. At the beginning of last year, we were unsure if we would have a bowling season or not. Thankfully after we all stayed at home and the vaccinations coming in, the various leagues, in which we participate decided that, with the cooperation of the clubs to keep their members and visitors safe, they would reopen.

Change of the Guard

During the season Graham Buckley decided to step down as the Club's Secretary and this role has now been taken on by Dennis Young. Thanks to Graham for all your hard work and guiding the club through the pandemic and making sure we adhered to the ever-changing rules and regulations that were in place. Graham remains a member of the Committee and I am sure we all wish Dennis good luck in his new role.

Welcome to Rykneld Bowling Club

During last season we had several new members to the club, returning bowlers, from other clubs and some new to Crown Green Bowling. Please help me welcoming them all to the club. See below some of our new members

Picture are the some of the Rykneld's first team, most of the team joined us in 2021, see below their success last year, welcome and well done

Congratulations

Tracey Wilson outright winner of the South Derbyshire Ladies Averages. Congratulations Tracey well deserved

Congratulations for our First Team on becoming South Derbyshire Monday Night League and Floodlight Division 2 champions

Congratulations also for coming runners up in their leagues
Rykneld B - Belper Saturday League - Division 5.
Rykneld 2 – Derby Vets League – Division 2
Rykneld 2 – South Derbyshire Monday Night League – Division 5

Coaching Sessions

Saturday morning is our allotted time for coaching. We have had several new members, who have never played Crown Green Bowling before who have taken advantage of the training session. With funding we had received over the past few years, we have purchased a number of different sized bowls, so the new starters are able use these and to see which ones best suit them.
On the last Saturday of the season, we ran a competition between the 'L' Plates and the Rykneld Rovers, this gave the new members a chance to play a competitive game, (including marking and measuring). A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Ray Selley and Malcolm Holden for holding these coaching sessions. We are also in the process of certifying some of our members to become fully pledged trainers.

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The Grass will be Greener

For many years the Team of 'Lawn Rangers' have been tirelessly maintaining the playing surface of the green - and their efforts have been significantly enhanced by acquisition of a brand new, top of the range (all singing / all dancing) lawn mower, a Razor Ultra D140T, earlier in the season.

There have been varying suggestions over the years from members as to what is needed to further improve the playing surface. In order to arrive once and for all at a **definitive answer**, the Team commissioned an in-depth report from the UK's top Sports Surface Consultant & Ground staff Mentor, Alan Lewis.

Alan visited the Club on Tuesday 17 August 2021 - and has since produced an eighteen-page report which includes laboratory result from green samples taken on the day.

His conclusion is: -

a) the Ground Maintenance Team are to be congratulated on what they have achieved.

b) a firm of specialist sports ground contractors should be appointed to carry out the work specified in the report, which requires the use of specialist equipment, and consists of **Green Renovation** (3-4 days) and a **Winter Maintenance** programme.

The work involved has been approved by the Committee - and the highly recommended company of Sports ground Maintenance & Machinery Limited has been appointed.

The work involved is: -

Green Renovation - which consists of 'garden sand injection', verti-draining, 'direct drilling' of grass seed (in 6 directions) and application of an Autumn Fertilizer.

Winter Maintenance - which consists of two separate visits - to verti-drain, apply fertilizers and chemical sprays.

The work commenced as soon as the green closed for the season on Friday 8 October 2021 - whilst the ground was still relatively warm and grass seed could germinate. The mowing of the green took place after 3 weeks.

The 'Lawn Rangers' are looking forward to the surface being better than ever when season re-opens in 2022.

Photos below shows the work in progress.

This was day one, the work continues……..

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News, news, news……Derby Vets / South Derbyshire Floodlight League

At recent meetings for the above league the following proposals were discussed:

Derby Vets: Our Captains want the Vets teams going back to 12 players per match, instead of 10 players. This proposal was not upheld and all teams will consist of 10 players as per 2021 league
South Derbyshire Floodlight: Proposal put forward that away team should get a roll up before the match, this proposal was agreed and passed.

Duw Genowgh (goodbye in Cornish)

We say a fond farewell to 4 bowling friends and the end of the season, all are starting a new chapter in their lives and moving to Cornwall (but not together).

Ian writes:

After 18 months of planning, I finally arrived on 17 December with my wife, Karen and Hamish, our dog in beautiful Fowey. After getting our new home My Dad, Roy and my Mum, Jean joined us on 22nd December. We managed to enjoy Christmas and a visit from my son and daughter and respective partners.

The weather has been very kind to us which made a move at this time of year much easier than we might have expected.

Dad asked me to let you know that he has settled well and is being well looked after. I can certainly say that Dad has been as excited as a child and is taking every opportunity to explore his locale. He is also sleeping like a teenager! I think it must be a combination of good food and sea air.

We love our new home and whilst we are very excited for our new life in Cornwall, we will greatly miss our bowling and even more the good folk that make up Rykneld Bowling Club.

Anne and Dennis Read only took up bowls in the past couple of years and last year decided to play in the leagues. Both were a great asset to the club and have made a great number of friends.
As a farewell gesture from them both Dennis hand made a new bowls holder for the club, this was sponsored by Gerry O'Shaunessy.
Anne let us know they are all settled in their new home and send their best wishes to everyone.

On behalf of all your friends at Rykneld we want to send you all our thanks for supporting our club over the years and we wish you all the very best for the future. Be assured that if you find yourself back in Derby at anytime the kettle is always on or more importantly the bar is always open.

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Sad Farewells

We sadly lost Dave Kerry in September 2021. Dave joined the club in 2017 with his brother Stuart Kerry and enjoyed the Saturday morning coaching sessions with Ray Selley. Before taking ill Dave had started to play in the Tuesday Night league.
He will be sadly missed.

This year we also lost our oldest member of the club, Ken Skominas. Ken played for a number of years in the different leagues and in the past few years joined us to celebrate the clubs Centenary celebrations

Funding

Our fundraiser, Malcolm Holden, works tirelessly to source any funding we can tap into, these include the Tom Carey Fund, Sports England, Derby City Council etc. Below is some of what the funding has been spent on and some of the club's wish list (which we are slowly starting to work through)

What we have already purchased:

- Dennis Mower Razor Ultra
- New Front Doors
- New sets of Bowls
- New walkway on right hand side
- New tools shed
- Fencing – at the entrance (to hide the unsightly water tank, bins and behind the clubhouse

Wish List

- Low maintenance guttering around the green
- New slabs under x2 seating areas on right hand side – (to be completed early 2022)
- Shelter on right hand side of green
- Draught excluder curtain (walkway outside of clubhouse
- Low energy LED Floodlights

BIG thank you

Our club relies on the generosity of our members who volunteer their time to help our run and keep our club well maintained.

The Lawn Rangers – work every week, come rain or shine, carryout all maintenance to the club and green.
Richard Knowles, Dennis Young, Mark Wilson, Howard Collumber and Malcolm Holden

Superb Flower Display – hanging baskets, tubs around the entrance, clubhouse and visitor's pavilion
Enid and Graham Buckley

Painting
George Hunt & Barrie Holland

Helen's famous Marmalade
Helen Legg

General Garden Duties
Rowen Naylor & Jim Leake

Cleaning of the Toilets
George Barrow

Committee:
Richard Knowles, Dennis Young, Barrie Ladds, Malcolm Holden, Helen Legg, Mark Wilson, George Barrows, Julie & Paul Eason, Graham Buckley and Susan West

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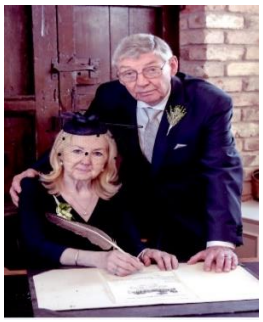
Wedding Bells



Our Congratulation to Graham & Enid Buckley who recently got married

Mr & Mrs Buckley tied the knot at the Old Smithy at Gretna Green on the 1st December 2021.

Wishing you both all the happiness in the world

CPR Training

In November we held a CPR refresher course. Once again this was demonstrated by Tori Baker and this was followed by our members and visitors from Chellaston Bowling Club practicing on the dummies.
Thanks to Richard Knowles for organising this very useful evening

Keeping Up To Date

You can now follow us on Facebook. Just search for Rykneld Bowling Club and watch this space for all events, activities and competitions. See Twiggy from BBC Radio Derby visiting our club

Or our webpage - www.rykneldbowlingclub.co.uk

2022 Subscriptions

All 2022 subscriptions should be paid either by Cheque or Bank Transfer

Cheque: Made payable to Rykneld Bowling Club
Members name on the back of the cheque

Bank Transfer: Rykneld Bowling Club Ltd
National Westminster Bank
Account No 89979036
Sort Code 60-15-17

Reference should be Members Name

Bonus Ball

Anyone wishing to take part in the Bonus Ball for 2022 please can you let Dennis Young know, payment in cash or by Bank Transfer (if by transfer please state on the reference your name and bonus ball)

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Calendar of Events 2022

Month	Date	Events	Time	Venue
2022				
January	Wed 12	Social Afternoon	1.30 pm	Rykneld
February	Wed 9	Social Afternoon	1.30 pm	Rykneld
February	Sat 26	Race Night (Ticketed Event)	7.30 pm	Rykneld
March	Thur 10	AGM	7.30 pm	Mickleover Golf Club
March	Thur 17	Players Meeting	7.30 pm	Rykneld
March	Sun 27	Green Opens	10.00 am	Rykneld
April	Sun 03	RBC Mixed Doubles Comp**	1.30 pm	Rykneld
April	Sun 10			
April	Sun 17			
April	Sun 24	St Georges Dinner	1.30 pm	Rykneld
May	Sun 01	RBC Triples Comp**	1.30 pm	Rykneld
May	Sun 08	RBC Men's Doubles Comp	1.30 pm	Rykneld
May	Sun 15			
May	Sun 22	RBC Mixed Triples Comp	1.30 pm	Rykneld
May	Sun 29			
June	Sun 05	Jubilee Fun Day	1.30 pm	Rykneld
June	Sun 12			
June	Sun 19			
June	Sun 26	Midsummer Open Doubles	9.30 am	Rykneld
July	Sun 03			
July	Sun 10	RBC Doubles Open Comp **	10.00 am	Rykneld
July	Sun 17			
July	Sun 24	RBC Open Invitation **	10.00 am	Rykneld
July	Sun 31			
August	Sun 07	RBC Gold Letter Men's Doubles	10.30 am	Rykneld
August	Sun 14			
August	Thur 18	Prime Timers	1.30 pm	Rykneld
August	Sun 21	RBC Gold Letter Mixed Doubles	12.00 noon	Rykneld
August	Sun 28			
September	Sun 04			
September	Sun 11	RBC Gold Letter Finals Day	11.00 am	Rykneld
September	Sun 18			
September	Sun 25	Green Closes		Rykneld
October	Wed 05	Social Afternoon	1.30 pm	Rykneld
November	Wed 02	Social Afternoon	1.30 pm	Rykneld
November	TBA	Annual Dinner/ Presentation Evening	7.00 for 7.30	Mickleover Golf Club
December	Wed 07	Christmas Draw & Buffet	7.00 pm	Rykneld

**** indicates these competitions are open to Associated & Full Members**

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