



TENTERDEN BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - November 2 2020

Hello everyone, we hope you are all well.

In view of the fact that we have been unable to have an AGM we have decided to send reports that would have been given. I am aware that the treasurer's report has already been sent out but felt that it would be a good idea to keep all together,

Annual Reports 2020.

Captain's report

In spite of Covid-19 we have had a good year with new members joining us. I would like to thank Terry Joint for his hard work in organising games and a skills day run by our friend Alan Haselup. Phil Jeffrey has done sterling work organising the greens workers with the help of Derrek Addis and family. Thank you to the sweeping teams as they struggled with the worm casts. The green was surprisingly good considering the damage done earlier in the year and the amount of games played on it this year.

Also thank you To Geoff Witham for his work in trying to get us funding to replace the club house. And thank you Mary Hogarth for keeping our finances in check.

I would also like to thank our sponsors, Margaret Knight and Clare at 77 Wealth.

Deborah Penn has also helped keep the club profile in the public domain as she reports to the papers.

Judith Pickford Captain

Membership Secretary's Report

Although fewer members signed on this year as a result of Covid-19, we were able to welcome new members and are optimistic that next year, provided we are not restricted by the pandemic that our numbers shall increase to exceed the 2019 membership.

2019 playing membership = 48. Overall membership = 60.

2020 playing membership = 42. Overall membership = 56.

Phil Jeffrey - Membership Secretary.

Green and Clubhouse report

New Clubhouse.

During this year the club has held various meetings with representatives of Tenterden Town Council to discuss either extending the clubhouse or building an entirely new one; the latter option was agreed as the way forward. Geoff Witham has taken on the task of raising funds toward the cost of this and in September the Town Council offered to contribute £125,000 toward the cost. We are in continued negotiation with them to attempt to get that figure increased and Geoff continues to pursue additional funding elsewhere. At the moment there is an approximate £80,000 shortfall in funds necessary to complete these works.

Swishing/sweeping.

I would like to thank Derrick, Geoff, Eileen, Dave, Nell, Terry J, Terry P, Bill, Bryan and Charlie for their continuing help in keeping the green in a good condition. Anyone else who would like to assist shall be more than welcome.

Phil Jeffrey

Competition Secretary's Report

2020 was a far from typical year due to covid-19. No matches were played with other clubs and the season did not really begin until early June. Club competitions involving singles matches were started immediately and pairs and triples followed as covid-19 restrictions were reduced. As there was no external matches a number of other internal competitions were introduced - the main one being a club league.

In total the Club still managed to play over 260 individual matches, not counting ad-hoc roll ups. It seemed to be a very successful and enjoyable year with several members getting to know other members for the first time in the league matches.

We were able to have two great days of club finals with some high quality bowling and some of the newest members going away with several competition wins!

I thank everyone for their support throughout the season and the enthusiasm you all showed.

Treasurer's Report for Year to 30 September 2020.

The accounts have been audited and approved.

The income for the year totalled £30,559.33.

Membership, car parking and 100 club were reasonably well maintained considering restrictions put in place by the government.

We managed to accumulate the healthy bank balance due to the generosity of various donations and our sponsors. Also with the help of Geoff, our fund raiser, who applied for and received £10,000 from the government and £7,500 from KCC sport grant.

Ashford Borough Council and Tenterden Town Council have refunded us £2,574.00 towards the cost of our planning applications.

Prior to COVID the club managed to hold a curling afternoon, two quizzes, a first aid night, a coffee morning and a film evening, income from these events was in the region of £700.00.

Expenses are approximately £1,000.00 down on the previous year. Although all games apart from internal club competitions were cancelled there was a lot of work carried out on the green and maintenance of various items of equipment.

The closing balance for the year stands at £27,799.16.

b)Subscriptions and Fees for 2021 will remain at £65.00 plus car -parking ticket £10.00 per annum.

c)Doug Fuller has kindly confirmed that he is willing to carry out the audit for 2020/21.

d)The chairperson asked for approval of accounts, all accepted.

Mary Hogarth - Treasurer

News up date

Club House

Phil continues to be in conversation with Tenterden Town Council regarding funding for a new club house. This continues to be important as the present structure needs a lot of work to remain fit for purpose. Also the quotes Phil has managed to achieve will not be valid after January.

Non-League games captain.

Terry joint is now keeping our web site up to date and is also our fixtures secretary. For this reason he does not wish to be captain of non-League games. Please will someone step up to this role. If you are willing or want more information please contact Judith on 762200. In the past the club captain has fulfilled all the role of captain of all our games but this is a huge task and has therefore been split into three sections.

Greens work.

This continues throughout the winter in order to have a really good playing surface next year. If anyone has the energy and time there is always something to do on a Thursday morning. It is a good way for people to keep in touch too.

If any of you needs help in these strange time please contact Judith.

Keep well everyone

Love Judith, Terry and the committee