



TENTERDEN BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER – July 2021

Hello everyone!

I trust everyone is keeping well. We have several members who have been asked to isolate due to being somewhere where a person has contacted Covid. That must be very frustrating when you have been double vaccinated

I sadly report that Sylvia Dalgano died on Monday 12th after a period in hospital. She has been a supporter of the club for many years. Together with Dorothy Philips she helped the Parkinson group every Monday and often provide teas for our games and tournaments. She donated the Dalgano cup which is awarded for the 2 woods plate which is given to the winner of the losers' competition. I know Dorothy will miss her friendship.

Club competitions and Club night

Everyone seems to enjoy Thursday evenings judging by the number who come out. The format is working very well.

Mesh Nets

Because we have many new members who are not aware of playing with mesh mats down, we have decided to put them out on Thursdays. These are used to protect the green when it is wet, especially if bowlers drop their wood and create dents or worse still divots on the green. It means that the mat has to stay in the same place for the whole game. If you find you are dropping the woods when bowling, please speak to Andrea or Judith who may help you to correct your technique.

Booking a rink

Derrick asks that you remember to book a rink by phoning him before you play even if you just want to go on the spur of the moment. This helps to ensure that the green is used evenly. Also it ensures that Derrick and John have the opportunity to work on the green.

The green

The green continues to play really well thanks to Derrick and John. The visitors from Biddenden said it was the best green they have bowled on this year.

Thank you again to the trusty team of helpers who sweep the green every day and who work to keep the green tidy on Thursday mornings. This is not an exclusive group and we would welcome more helpers, ladies as well, if you have time. There is plenty for people to do outside and in the club house, changing rooms and toilets.

Sweeping/swishing the green is done every morning to remove the dew from the grass to help prevent infection and is best done around 7.30am. Derrick and Phil would welcome anyone who feels they are able to help.

New clubhouse

Phil continues to progress us towards the building of our new clubhouse. We are experiencing a number of challenges which seem to keep pushing us back and will increase the cost. We will not be able to start the build this September now. This is a worry because delays will also cause the cost to rise.

Signing for games against other clubs

It is lovely that so many people have been signing up for games. Especially new players should not worry about feeling less confident or able, you improve and learn by playing with different people on different greens. Also it is helpful if you will signify your willingness to play even if the sheets appear full. In fact we will be playing 5 triples against Fairlight on the 17th. Not all clubs have enough players for this to happen every time we have enough players. If it is a home game any extra players can often be accommodated.

Weald League

Up until now Phil has tried to give everyone who has signed up a game. It was planned that from now we would be playing 3 triples but several clubs have pushed for it to stay as just 2 triples. Phil is keen for us therefore to enter 2 teams next year. In order for this to be possible we need to either stay in division two or progress to division one. We have therefore agreed that he try to choose a strong team which may involve the same people playing each week.

The Club Leagues and competitions

Terry reports that competitions are going well. Please try and respect the various closing dates.

Electric wheelchair and Defibrillator

We are contacting the mobility shop in Ashford who will send someone to look at the chair. There is a £70 callout charge, therefore we will use Thursday evening raffle to pay for it. Also we are at least £300 short of the cost of a defibrillator, therefore once the wheelchair is repaired we will use the raffle money to fill the deficit. If you can bring something for any of the raffles. We will also arrange training for its use for as many people as possible. Together with the upkeep of the equipment this will be an annual commitment. If you can bring something for any of the raffles, that would be great

Car parking

Just a reminder that we can only use the school car park after 5pm and at weekends during term time. Remember also to display your bowls club ticket. John Link was challenged last week.

A date for your diary

We will have our AGM on Thursday 28th October at 5.30pm. We are planning to follow this with a fish/sausage and chips supper. We will give more details nearer the time.

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