



## **TENTERDEN BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER – March 2021**

Hello everyone. We hope you are well and keeping sane!

The committee had a meeting on Zoom last week. Unfortunately John Link and Jenny CP were unable to join us. We wish John a speedy recovery from his hip surgery.

### **New club house**

We can report that we are still searching for funds to rebuild the club house. In order to secure these we are planning a start day for the rebuild on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. We have requested permission from the council to use the pavilion during the season. We have received some funds from Ashford Borough Council and half the cost plus fees for the planning permission from Tenterden Town Council for which we are very grateful.

If anyone has ideas and energy to help us raise funds please let us know.

### **Sign on For Membership**

We will have a Covid secure sign up session on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March at the club. For this reason we propose that people who wishing to sign up should come at the following times according to their surnames.

1000-1030 A to G

1030-1100 H to L

1100-1130 M to Q

1130-1200 R to Z

Because we have not been able to have an AGM the fees will be as for last year. That is £65 per annum, new members will pay £40 to take into consideration cost of equipment. Terry Joint will be present to hand out competition forms. The school parking tickets will also be available for purchase.

### **Fixtures Update**

Season will kick off on **Sunday 18th April at 1400 with Mayor's Day competition.**

**The first Club Night will be on Thursday 22nd April.**

Alan Haselup has kindly agreed to run his very popular Skills Day again on Sunday May 23rd.

Matches against 29 other clubs, including Weald League, have been agreed. We are not sure at this time whether we will be able to fulfil all the programme.

## **Club Competitions Update**

Terry J will be organising a 'Warm Up Triples Day' on Saturday 24th April from 1000. This will hopefully get our skills honed prior to inter club matches starting on Wednesday 28th April against Cranbrook.

Details and sign up forms will be ready on our club sign on day.

It was agreed that the handicap competition will be decided according to how well players did last year. We felt that where possible there should be markers for singles competitions. There will be an in club league but this will not be compulsory.

The number of competitions, particularly in club leagues will depend on Covid restrictions.

## **Greens Report**

If you go down to inspect the green you will see that it is looking very good thanks to the hard work of Derrick and his son in law John. They have had to spend time (and money) servicing machinery and making sure that health and safety requirements are met with chemicals etc.

Phil's loyal team also continue to sweep/swish the green daily when weather permits and they meet on Thursday mornings to do any jobs that arise. Thank you to you all.

## **Uniform**

We have a stock of club shirts which we will sell at half price. It will be acceptable for new members to wear a white shirt and grey trousers for games and the correct footwear. Thursday club night is more relaxed but correct footwear remains essential.

## **Publicity**

Debbie Penn has agreed to continue to be our publicity officer with Geoff helping with a Facebook section. It will help if members also help to increase our membership.

Stay well everyone and let's hope we are able to have a full and enjoyable bowls season

Judith Pickford