



Tenterden BOWLS Club.



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July 2024 Newsletter

We are past the half way mark of the season but still many games, friendly and league for you to participate in so please add your name either on the noticeboard or via the website. Don't be put off if there seems to be enough players for matches – the captains of the league and friendlies would like a better choice from who to select so that everyone gets plenty of play time.

The Green is looking fabulous and running really well thanks to Derrick Addis and Peter Baldock with their merry band of hardworking volunteers. We're all fed up with the rain but at least it saves on water bills!! (always a silver lining somewhere!) The team would appreciate any help so if you can offer a helping hand on the green and the surrounding garden areas – just turn up any **Thursday or Friday morning around 9.00am** they will find a job to suit your abilities. Tea and biscuits on the day are free for volunteers.

Thank yous: Many things go on behind the scenes so this month's shout out goes to:

Sue Ferguson (Our Mayor) for supporting the club so generously with raising our profile by making our new posters and advertising on MyTenterden.

Jean Curteis who attends our Committee meetings as the Town Council representative, giving us some insights into what we can and can't do as a club and with help in gaining permits for advertising and parking.

Chris Hall for refurbishing the noticeboard and often making cakes for our events.

Match sign up sheets: The schedules and sign up sheets for all games (friendly, Weald and Mermaid leagues) are now displayed on the website and hard copies of the games for the next fortnight are displayed on the noticeboard by the disabled toilets and inside the clubhouse for Weald matches. We have had a much more successful season so far so please continue to be available as much as possible. We can always arrange a lift for away games – some grounds are tricky to find - so don't be shy in asking for a lift.

Practice Skills sessions: So as to continue improving our match play we will be offering time on the green **every Monday afternoon at 2.30pm** starting next Monday 22nd July with Delivery technique.

- ❖ **Delivery technique** – help with smoothing out your delivery and line direction (this will help protect our green from bouncing balls!!)
- ❖ **Jack delivery** – technique and length as directed by skips
- ❖ **Reading the head**
- ❖ **Measuring & Agreeing on shot points**
- ❖ **Adapting to different lengths each end (incl. shorter mats)**
- ❖ **Roles of Lead, 2nd and Skip**

It's never too late to improve your bowling – even the very best in sport have coaching and practice every day so come along and see how you can improve.

The green is open from 1pm – 6pm for practice when there isn't a match being played (match days are usually Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday) so please check your fixtures book. Should you wish to play earlier in the day please check with Derrick Addis, our greens keeper, to book a rink (07973 562787).

Our club night (Thursday evening 5pm for 5.30 start) is another way to practice and enjoy getting together and are especially enjoyable when we have the benefit of some sunshine!

School parking: This is the last week of the school summer term, therefore we are able to park in the school grounds all day, every day from Monday 22nd July until 26th August inclusive. A reminder that if you wish to park in the school you will need a permit. We pay the school for this privilege so if you don't already hold a permit (£12) please see Bryan Sears or Vicki Hall. Thank you.

Home games: As you know we always have a raffle for our home games. So that we don't reduce our funds by buying prizes we rely on members to contribute any appropriate prizes that are lingering in your cupboards at home or buying some e.g. alcohol, biscuits, smellies etc . If everyone brings just 1 or 2 things then that should see us through to the end of the season. Thank you.

Easyfunding: I have sent an email today to encourage everyone to sign up to this website. It is of no cost to members but for everything you buy on line, from a huge variety of retailers, our club receives a percentage of the price. This might only amount to a few pennies but it all adds up quickly for our funds. Please give it a go.

Best wishes to everyone for the remainder of season,

Vicki & Sue