



Tenterden Bowls Club.



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April 2024 Newsletter

The Green is looking fabulous thanks to Derrick Addis and Peter Baldock with their merry band of hardworking volunteers. It's never too late to offer a helping hand on the green and the surrounding garden areas – just turn up any **Thursday morning around 9.00am** and you'll find yourself very useful. Tea and biscuits on the day are free for volunteers.

Mayor's Day : Firstly we want to thank all those of you who turned up for the working party to spruce up the ground and clubhouse in preparation for this important day.

We had a really good turn out with 22 players and lots of supporters who braved the cold to watch and support.

A big thank you to Mary and Roy who made a wonderful cheese and wine spread. The donations of cakes was also a welcome addition to the party with cups of tea to wash it all down!

Socials: The games and quizzes during the winter months proved very successful and raised much needed funds so thanks to those who supported this initiative. Remember to make a note about our special Quiz Night organized by Graham this **Saturday 20th April at 7pm** . You can bring your own nibbles and favourite tippie but there will also be some beers and wine available for a 'donation' of £2.50 per glass.

Membership Recruitment – Almost all of our members came to renew their membership last Thursday. We were also very pleased to see some new members joining but still need more new recruits. We are advertising in Tenterden and surrounding villages next week with posters being distributed in the coming weeks. We also have a banner along the Recreation railings soon highlighting our **Open Day on Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday)**. Graham is firing up a BBQ for us to enjoy so please try to come along that day and why not invite family, friends and neighbours down to the green to have a go ?– they might just catch the 'bowls bug' and sign up with us for this season.

As always, we will need some volunteers to give up a couple of hours on the day to help with greeting the visitors, helping with food and drinks, setting up and closing down the green. We have drawn up a rota and this will be sent later this week. It will also be displayed in the clubhouse so please add your name or call Vicki Hall (07801 909802) if you need any more information.

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 for those who are technophobic. We had a very jittery start to the season last year so please put your name up for selection to get this season off to a good start.

Roll Ups: The committee has decided to scrap the green fees for full playing members this season, however, visitors will still need to pay £2.00 for a roll up. 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).

Coaching: Andrea and Vicki will be offering some coaching sessions the week after next when hopefully it will be a bit warmer! Details will be emailed in the next week or so – depending on the weather. These sessions will be open to both new bowlers and anyone else who wants to brush up their skills before the season gets going. Please let Vicki know if you want to come along so that they can set the rinks up for play in advance.

Some dates for your diary:

Thursday 18th April: First Club Night roll up. 5pm for 5.30 start (Spider game)

Wednesday 24th April: 1st match of the season away to Cranbrook 2.30pm

Monday 6th May: Open Day 12.00 noon – 4pm

Here's a reminder of Bowls England's encouraging words for you to use as encouragement for new bowlers.....

Bowls is a sport that takes seconds to learn – but a lifetime to master...

We believe everybody should realize the joy and benefit of playing sport, and there are so many reasons why bowls is ideally placed to unlock these fantastic advantages. Here are our top 5 reasons to give bowls a try:

1. **Playing bowls is very doable.** Whatever your physique, bowls is a sport for everybody and it will help improve your fitness levels and mental wellbeing.

2. **Bowls is not expensive.** To get going you don't need lots of new kit and clubs put on taster sessions for free. Even when you get the bug, a set of bowls and joining a club can cost as little as £90.
3. **After football, bowls has the second highest number of clubs in the country.** With so many places to play, it'll take no time at all to get to a bowls club close to your home.
4. **Compared to most sports, age and gender differences have less of an effect on a game of bowls,** so it's a perfect sport to spend time and enjoy a bit of friendly competition with your friends and family.
5. **Bowls clubs are sociable places** full of people looking to have fun, so bowls is a great way to relax, make new friends and feel part of your local community.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and successful season,

Vicki & Sue