



Tenterden Bowls Club

News Letter July 2022



Hello everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying the season so far. We are VERY busy keeping our clubhouse and green spick and span to give the best welcome to our competitors as well as keeping things smart and tidy for all our members to enjoy. Much work goes on behind the scenes by our regular band of helpers but we really need some new volunteers to help out. Even if you are only able to join the team for a few hours per week for one of the following tasks, that would be most appreciated:

Helping with teas during home matches

Housekeeping in the Clubhouse (e.g. cleaning floor, wiping down cupboards, cleaning the sink)

Cleaning and replenishing toiletries in Mens/Ladies Loos

Joining Green Maintenance Team (swishing green, tidying surrounding gardens, watering the plants)

Fundraising (we need some fresh ideas and contacts)

Much of this work goes on every Thursday morning and also before a home match so please make yourself available when possible. Also, if you have a particular skill that you think may be of use then please let us know. **Please contact either Vicki Hall or Sue Addis in the first instance and they will put you in contact with the relevant Task Leader.**

Within the next month the list of **Club Officers** will be advertised on the Clubhouse noticeboard so please consider volunteering for one of the posts for 2023 season. To let you know what these posts would entail, Job specifications are available from Sue or Vicki

External Matches – Judith is still having to phone around to find enough players for our friendlies and league matches. She has had to cancel 1 match and hopes not to have to do that again. So please, please put your names down for selection for as many matches as possible once they are advertised on the noticeboard next to the disabled toilet. Remember to continue adding your name even if it appears that we have enough players.

Internal Competitions – The competitions are under way. Derrick is back from his holidays so please remember to call him when booking your rinks – even if it is at the last minute!

A warm welcome to our new members, especially those who are brand new to bowling. They have taken advantage of free coaching sessions. Thanks also to our more experienced members who have welcomed them to our club and offered support and guidance on Thursday evenings. Consequently, they are now ready to play in our fixtures with other clubs. We wish them well in their matches. We are still in need of more Ladies to join our club so if you know of any who might be interested learning a new skill please encourage them to get in touch with Vicki who is available for coaching the basic skills.

Hedging behind the Clubhouse has been planted – no mean feat as 89 small trees needed a home. Derrick has also made good use of some wood left over from the refurbishment and made a very attractive raised planter. Mary's planting has brought it to life. Thanks to both of them.

Parking – It's pretty tricky to park for our games whilst the road works are in operation. There is a diversion set up so that we can park in the school (at appropriate times). We need to drive down Small Hythe Road, past Tesco's on the left and take the next left into the housing estate. The route is literally 'all round the houses' but there are clear diversion signs to bring you out at the Leisure Centre. Failing that, we need to use the GP or Waitrose car park – remember there is no charge after 6pm.

Dates for Your diaries.

Sunday 18th September – Lunch at London Beach. We have booked a carvery Sunday Lunch to help raise much needed funds for the club so that we can complete the refurbishment fully. The cost is £30 per person which the club will subsidise to £25. London Beach will give us the money back so if 30 people attend we will 'earn' £900 minus the £150 the club subsidises members. So the more who attend the more funds we raise. This is a lovely opportunity for us to all meet with family and friends (who do not have to be members of the club). We are all benefitting from the renovations of the clubhouse so please make this a special date in your diaries!

Thursday Night is Club night (5.00 pm – 7.30 pm) This is a good chance to practice your bowling and take turns to play Lead, 2nd and Skip. We continue to get such a good turnout - in fact we almost ran out of rinks last Thursday!! So please try to **arrive by 5.15pm** to ensure a place in the teams and to get the games off to a timely start at 5.30pm.

See you on the green.

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