

March 2018

Dear Member,

## **Welcome the 2018 bowling season is just around the corner!**

Thank you for electing me as your Captain for this forthcoming season. Gerry Summers you elected as you're vice Captain and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the new season. Not too long to go and we plan to open on Saturday **28 April 2018 with the opening lunch at 1pm at the Sun Inn**. Please put the date in your diaries and we will be sending you details shortly. The flag will be raised at 4pm and there will be an opening doubles celebration match played at 4.30pm to mark the event. The green will then be open to all to have a game. The Murray Johnson match that is usually played between the winner of the last years Cup, and Shield competitions will not be played this season as Pete Rees won both matches last year.

### **Taking care of the Green**

Our green is looking very healthy but the corners are very soft and in order to give the corners a good chance of surviving the season there are three things each of us can do.

Please

- Take care not to play when it is raining or the ground is wet following rain.
- It would greatly help if people did not walk directly onto the corners following their delivery but used the sides or centre of the green to walk from one end to another. Please let's help each other with this.
- Remember to deliver your woods close to the ground and perfect that smooth delivery. Aim for a bounce free delivery.

### **Green Etiquette**

- A gentle reminder to be considerate to your fellow players. Please do not monopolise the green if other members are waiting to play. Finish your game but then ensure you offer those that are waiting an opportunity to play.
- Remember to consider players that are playing on the opposite green to you.
- Remember to wear flat-soled shoes.

### **New Season Events**

Gerry will be helping me run the events this year. Prior to opening I will be e mailing you the new season's list of events and they will be displayed on the club notice board and on the website. This year we will be dropping the "**Doubles Competition**" as some members feel that there are too many competitions running throughout the season, a view shared by the committee.

### **Competition Draws**

The draw for the Cup and Shield competitions will take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** at 630pm. In order to enter these competitions your fees will need to have been paid to the Treasurer by the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. To enter please add your name to the relevant list on the club notice board or let me know you would like your name included.

### **Manser**

We are introducing a £5 fee to enter the Manser this year. The fee will be shared between the winner and runner up and it is hoped this will encourage members to enter and play as many games as possible throughout the season.

### **International Day**

We will be considering a theme for International day and would welcome any ideas. Please let me know if you have any suggestions/ideas.

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### **Pairs Cup**

The Pairs cup will provide an opportunity for a plus player to partner a minus player in the competition. Those more experienced players who wish to enter the competition why not suggest to a newer less experienced player that they join you in the competition.

### **Cup and Shield Competitions**

In order to maximise usage for everyone during the season it is expected that when people are playing their competition matches, singles play can take place on the opposite green. No doubles play please. Priority should be given to those playing their competition matches. The exception to this will be when the finals and semi finals of the Cup and Shield are being played.

Those of you who enter the Cup and Shield competitions please ensure you are available to play your first round matches by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and each subsequent round by the dates requested. There is a tight timescale to get all competitions completed by the end of the season so I ask your co-operation with this. I am planning on scheduling all rounds apart from finals to have been played by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Handicaps**

Handicaps will be allocated by the handicap committee and will be displayed on the club notice board and website before the season opens. Handicaps are allocated in the spirit of giving members the best opportunity of competing in their matches Please let me know if you have any queries with your handicap.

### **Club Nights and Coaching**

We will be running club evenings and coaching opportunities every Wednesday from 5.30pm. This is an opportunity for our newer member to come down and have a few lessons and a game. It is also a good opportunity to meet each other and play some bowls. I am hoping that some of the more experienced members will be on hand to help with tuition. It is also an opportunity for people who are not members to try out the game with a view to joining. I will be at the club most Wednesdays from 5.30pm if people want to catch me for anything and Gerry will be around when he can.

### **Lockers**

Please could people let me know if they require a locker.

### **Housekeeping**

For the benefit and smooth running of the club just a few reminders

- Please sign-in all your guests irrespective of whether they are playing or non-playing. The playing guests are subject to a fee of £5 which will be payable by the relevant member at the end of the season.
- Please ensure you clear all your glasses and plates when you leave the club premises.
- If you are a smoker please do not drop cigarette ends on the ground, use the ashtrays and please clean the ashtray when you leave the club.

Happy bowling everyone and look forward to seeing you all on the green. Lets hope the weather is kind to us and we have a good summer.

Best Wishes,

**Annie Watts**  
Club Captain

**Gerry Summers**  
Vice Captain