

NEWSLETTER

April 2024



Hello Everyone

As our current Winter Season draws to a close, we thought it would be a good time to write our latest Newsletter.

Competitions

The competitions are now finished and there has been some fantastic bowling. Thank you to everyone that took the time to come along and support the finalists. Just a reminder that the Presentation Evening is on Friday 26 April at 7pm in the bar at Richard Herrod. There will be a raffle, number card and free buffet and a chance for anyone that has won something, be it a league or a competition to come along and collect their trophy and winnings. Your support would really be greatly appreciated.



What's Going on During the Summer

We realise that lots of you are looking forward to your outdoor bowling and we hope that the weather is kind to you all. Nevertheless, we still need some of those who are not braving our summer to join us Indoors. We were hoping to have three leagues running during the summer months but the Aussie Pairs League which was scheduled for Thursday 6.30 pm currently has only three teams and ideally, we would like five teams. We have three people who are looking to go into a team. Can you help please ?? If you can you can contact John Allen, Pam Moore or speak to any committee member. The Monday and Wednesday morning leagues are going ahead as planned starting week commencing 13 May and rink fees are £5.

Please note that we will be using the re-spots during league games when the jack leaves the confines of the green at the side of the rink.

Dave Hill and Eddie and Julie Jones are also running Umbrellas during the summer and would love to see you at their sessions. There are notices on the tables on the left as you walk down the ramp.

Adam Fuller, our Men's Vice Captain will be co-ordinating and managing one or two teams in the Fantastic Fives Summer League competition which is run by the EIBA and we hope to field some strong teams. The format for this is as follows

- games are of 12 ends of singles, eight ends of Fours followed by 10 ends of three wood pairs and 10 ends of two wood triples.
- Two points for a win and one for a draw in each discipline.

There are also other EIBA Summer National Competitions which are available, entry is direct through their website.

It goes without saying that the club remains open all summer for casual bowling if you fancy a roll up.

Bowls Hall

We have had several comments of late from both members and visitors that the tidiness of the area surrounding the green leaves a lot to be desired. We therefore would like to ask all players, both members and casual bowlers to use the changing rooms provided for bowls bags, shoes, etc. There are also coat racks at either side of the green. Please do not leave coats on the back of seats which are provided for those wishing to sit and watch the bowling.



All drinks should be left on the tables at the bar end of the green and not taken to the scoreboard end. Drinking bottles should not be left on the floor as these are a trip hazard.

WE NEED YOU ALL TO HELP TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON ANYONE WHO PAYS US A VISIT PLEASE.

Sponsorship

We were wondering if any of our members have got family or friends who own businesses and may consider advertising on our new club website. If so, please contact Jim Hartshorn or Jenny Higgins who would be pleased to help.

Fundraising

Dave Hill, our Fundraising Officer, would welcome any suggestions for this important role. He would also probably value your assistance should any of your suggestions come to fruition. We need to keep funds coming in as these will obviously be important to our future seasons.

Winter 2024 -25 Season

We realise that the current season hasn't quite come to an end yet, but it is now that the next season starts to be planned for. Priority Sheets for the next season's leagues have been out for some considerable time now and we hope that you are doing your best to put forward the same teams for another year. **We really do need to know as soon as possible your intentions for the coming year for both financial and planning purposes.** We do understand that some of you may be looking forward to your outdoor season but if, for whatever reason, you are not intending to submit your team next year then please inform us **as soon as possible**. If you are intending to put teams in, please help wherever possible by putting them in as soon as you can.

If any member decides that they would like to play in a specific league or day, then please contact John Allen or any Bowls Committee Official and they will do their very best to find a team for the day on which you wish to play.

As mentioned at the Open Forum, which followed the Bowls AGM, we may be in danger of losing the Tuesday 6.30pm league, however, it would currently appear that the Wednesday 6.30pm may now go ahead. If you are relatively new to the club and would like any help with putting a team into any league, please see a member of the committee who will gladly assist you.

Safeguarding

Julie and Eddie Jones have decided to step down from their role as Safeguarding Officers at the end of the summer due to personal reasons. Both committees are indebted to them for all their hard work and commitment to the role over the last twelve months. Thank you, Julie, and Eddie you have been a breath of fresh air, for the club.

Our Successes

We feel that this last winter season has been a very positive one for all involved with four of our ladies getting to Area Finals in National Pairs competitions and two went on to represent Gedling at the National Championships held at Nottingham IBC. Adam Fuller represented England in the Under 25's International Team held in Glasgow. What a super achievement Adam we are all very proud of you.

Sixteen Ladies from Gedling went on to the Area Final of the Yetton Plate. The first time Gedling had ever been that far.

At least twelve of our Gedling ladies have represented their county this year helping Nottinghamshire to get to the Atherley semi-final.

Next Season

During next season there will be friendly games that you can make yourselves available for. Don't think you are not good enough; give it a go and you may be surprised by how much you enjoy it. There are other games to be considered as well so always look for Availability Sheets on the relevant notice board. All of this is for your enjoyment and revenue for our club which keeps us solvent and able to move onwards.

AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM last month. At the end of the meeting there was an Open Forum when Jenny Higgins updated members on the current position regarding the new lease and rent. A summary of her report can be found in the 'Members Only' area on the website (<https://www.gedlingibc.co.uk/>).

Thanks a Million

This is almost an impossible task as everyone who comes through the door to play bowls deserves an enormous **Thank You**.

Jan our Accounts and Admin Secretary who keeps our figures and admin in immaculate order. Thanks Jan you are a star.

Heather, our cleaner, who most of you will not see as she starts before most of us get up for a cuppa.

Dave Hill for the time and effort he puts into the running of the O50's and the encouragement from him to enlist a lot of new members. This also includes anyone who assists Dave in the running of this. The two sessions which Dave runs are full every week which is a great source of revenue. Thank you.

Jenny Carr who every Saturday brings lots of bowlers in for a two-hour session. Jenny and Len run this totally on their own and bring in much appreciated revenue to the club. Thank you.

Queen Anne bowling group who use our facilities every Wednesday morning throughout the winter. Thank you.

June Newham and Jane Parnham, anyone who has attended the bowls drives and friendlies over the season will have tasted the lovely buffets provided by these ladies. If you haven't played in these matches then come along to the Presentation Evening as June and Jane are catering for this event on 26 April.

The **U3A and Late Birds** who make regular bookings. We do appreciate you. Thank you.

All casual bowlers, be they members or non-members you have done us proud and helped keep us going.

Members and all league and competition bowlers you have been our backbone and helped us to turn the club around. Thank you for your support and I hope it will continue into the 2024-25 season.

Lastly, but by no means least, all the members of your **Bowls and Management Committees** who this year have brought us back to be an economically viable and proud club. Thank You all for the hard work and hours you have and continue to put in.

Best wishes

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