

# BURNHAM BOWLS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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Having just returned from a lovely holiday on Portugal, where unfortunately two of the games we played were abandoned due to rain (after we had got wet through), I feel I am ready for the outdoor season when hopefully the weather will be kind to us. Our first match is away at Slough on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We will keep an eye on the weather and allow play on the green a couple of days before if possible. Something will be organised for the 21<sup>st</sup> April – a club fun afternoon.

### **Green cutting**

In order to save money, the green is being cut on three days a week by Robert Green Len Hall and Jeff Simpson. It is very important that we get at least three more volunteers, to help with the cutting. Please consider making yourself available, talk to either Robert Len or Jeff as to what it entails. **The Green and the Club depend on you.**

### **Winter Activities**

It would be remiss of me not to say thank you to all who have participated in the activities which have been organised during the winter. Crib on Monday Nights, short mat on Tuesday Afternoons, Whist on Wednesday afternoons followed by darts on Wednesday Nights. The small charge levied on the use of the bar has put money into the coffers of the club, which is essential as you all know. We gave Burns Night a miss this year but maybe in 2019 it will be back; but nevertheless several ad hoc get-togethers have also been enjoyable. I must not forget to say a big thank you to John for bingo.

### **Club House Alterations.**

Plans are afoot to purchase and install two new ovens in the kitchen, thanks to the support of Club President Alan Coombs, Alan is unable to visit the club due to health problems, but he remains very interested in our wellbeing. We have also received a donation from the Webb family in memory of dear Vera, which will be spent in replacing the existing patio doors at the front of the pavilion. As usual Len hall, the maintenance man, will be organising these alterations. Again thanks are due to Len and to Robert for keeping the pavilion up to date with repairs and redecorating.

### **Tea Roster**

As decided at the AGM, Denise Howse, contacted all the clubs we play and we are now serving tea and biscuits at half time and nibbles at the end of the game at quite a few of our matches. Having said that there is still the need for a tea roster and I will be contacting you all in the coming weeks to put your names down. Norma is the Club Captain for the season and will be helped by other members taking some games.

### **Family and Friends Day**

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### **Family and Friends Day. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

Our recruitment day, come Fun day is being organised early this year so that we can get any new members involved in club activities at a much earlier stage in the season. You all will realise that new members are the key to improving the club and therefore you are all asked to help, both by taking part on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, and in the two weeks up to the date by handing out leaflets to your friends, neighbours or members of other clubs that you are involved in.

A target of at least 10 new members has been set and do not be surprised if you are approached to help in some way or other.

Les Newman and Len Hall have agreed to run the barbecue.

A list will be put on the board for names so that we can know how many will be coming for the day and what food to organise.

### **Club Competitions**

As soon as the season starts the entry forms will be out for competitions, do join in as many as you can, last year was a good one for participation and even if you consider yourself inexperienced it is a great way of improving your bowls.

Hopefully I will be playing this year as my leg has improved considerably, the committee are looking forward to a great day on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Jessie 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018