



Romsey Bowling Club Newsletter

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Hi, I hope you are all ready for our Opening Day Drive followed by afternoon tea, the weather is looking promising, so polish your bowls and meet your fellow bowlers over the hedge on Saturday 22nd April. The green team have been working hard as usual and the new ditch mats are in place. The annual spring clean has taken place and the ladies cloak room, complete with new blinds, foyer and gents toilet facilities have been given a fresh look, so it is all systems go. The GMC made a decision following some interest to erect Memorial Plaques dedicated to past members of the Club, these have been ordered and are in production and hopefully will be in place for our open day.

Whist Drive

Tina Stokes is once again organising this popular event on 29th April in the club house, to include a fish and chip supper,, so make sure your name and food preference is down on the list as numbers are limited.

This year as 2022 is another special time with the coronation of King Charles and a Club event to be held on 7th May. The 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Romsey Bowls Club we hope with weather permitting we can celebrate on 30th July and it is hoped to put together a display of memorabilia of the past history of the club, so please check to see if you have any photographs hidden away which we can include. Now is also the time to scout the shops for something gold to wear!!! Further details in the foyer.

Diary of Events

Please consult your booklet and note in your diary for the Friendly Fixtures and Club Events taking place during the season. Listed below are just a few for you to note.

13th May - Public Open Day - 10am - 2pm - bring along any friends who wish to try on the green.

17th May - Bowls Road Show - 12- 2pm - A chance to purchase bowls items.

17th June - Fish & Chip Supper

2nd July - RBC Stall at Mayors picnic - details to follow.

16th July - President's Afternoon - details to follow.

30th July - RBC 50th Anniversary - details to follow.

Green Maintenance

There has been some discussion of late about the need to use protective nets on our green when we think the turf will be damaged because of surface moisture. I thought that it would be a good time to explain what we (The Green Team) are trying to achieve.

Over the past three years we have followed a green keeping maintenance programme supplied by John Quinn of Bowls Central Academy. This company analyses the soil samples that we send them and from the results writes our green keeping programme for the year ahead, which is based on organic products. By using this method we hope to improve the quality of our green's subsoils (reducing sand content) and turf to what is called a performance green, ie a more consistent playing surface. We are in our third year of a five year programme; the hope is that the healthier the green gets the better it will be able to fend off the diseases that we are getting (dollar spot, fusarium etc) and produce a more consistent playing surface. We also need to keep the green aerated using pencil tining and sarrel rolling which also reduces compaction. Through all of this as the green improves we should be able to use less fertilizers and grass seed each year, keeping the cost of maintenance down to a minimum. Obviously to have a really good green we need the help of mother nature as well.

Let's hope for a great bowling season.

Brian (& the Green Team)

Name Badges and Spray Chalk

In previous years I have managed to obtain name badges for members at a cost of approx £5.00 each (subject to amount ordered). Please contact Babs on 01794 500767.

There is also spray chalk available for £3.50 each. Should any member wish to purchase chalk please contact Babs on 01794 500767 or Diane Smith 01794 512324

Men at Work !!!!



FOR SALE

Ladies Henselite Lace Up Shoe Brand New Size 7 - £50
Please contact Babs Randles 01794 500767