

Fleming Park March 2022 Newsletter

Hi all.

Spot the difference.



This time last year



This year

As you can see our green is looking very much like a bowling green than it did this time last year.

Emma and Alan welcomed members to our social evening on Friday 25th February. It was very pleasing to see this event was well supported. The bar prices have been revised, to ensure they are viable there will be a review in June, so please support them as it benefits us all.

Thank you to those members who kindly donated prizes for the raffle a special thank you to Duncan Marshall who donated his prize winnings from last year's lucky numbers. The raffle raised £50.

Enquires for hiring the hall are beginning to improve., so fingers crossed it all goes well.

Some of you might be aware that last year the oven range failed it's test due to lack of ventilation. With restrictions in place we were able to use it, however the ventilation had to be upgraded by the next test in 2022. Eastleigh Council have agreed to carry out this work.

The floor covering in the kitchen is not in good condition (17years of use) we have received one quotation to replace the floor covering, we are now looking for another company to provide a quotation, to ensure we get value for money..

The event chairs were damaging the hall floor on inspection the front leg cushions had worn out, new feet cushions were purchased, and a team of members replaced 240 cushions. Our event tables are also showing signs of wear and tear, so much so that they are having to be replaced, 10 new tables on order. In hindsight we should have done this a few years ago as the price has trebled since first looking into replacing them.

The picnic tables need to be replaced this will be done when we have sufficient funds, we will most likely have to remove some of these as they are becoming unsafe.

Our league season starts in May. Before COVID Sue Bunyan used to provide after match suppers has since retired.

With restrictions lifted we would like to resume these suppers even if it is simple suppers like rolls or ploughman's. If anyone would like to assist in this or know of anyone or a company who could provide this facility, we would like to hear from you. Our league programme runs Tuesday 3rd May to Thursday 9th August, with matches on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

One piece of disappointing news is that the proposed Tuesday evening mixed triples will not be taking place. Why this is, is open conjecture one blames one the other blames the other it appears that the two ladies pushing for the league on the ladies side are no longer on the committee.

Australian Pairs Completions.

This year we are trailing two Australian Pairs competitions, these will be an all-day event starting at 10.00am with registration at 09.30am.

We are limiting these competitions to twelve teams on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to enter please let me know. Entry fee is £12 per team. Attached are the competition posters.

Forth coming events and fixture's: -

1. Quiz and race evening TBA.
2. Saturday 9th April Opening Day
3. Saturday 23rd April Men's Australian Pairs competition. (Details to be announced shortly)
4. Tuesday 3rd May start of our league season.
5. Saturday 14th May Open Australian Pairs Competition. (Details to be announced shortly)
6. Wednesday 18th May 4 rink mixed triples over 55's match against Banister Park, home.
7. Saturday 25th June friendly against Strawberry Hill Bowls Club, home.
8. Friday 8th July friendly against Essex Vice-Presidents Association, home.
9. Wednesday 3rd August 4 rink mixed triples over 55's match against Banister Park, away.

We are looking to include one more over 55's friendly. It will also not be long now before the Wednesday and Friday's roll up's start. On the agenda also is setting up and sorting out the club's mixed triples league.

We look forward to seeing you at the club in the near future.

Kind regards

Geoff