

BRUSH BOWLS CLUB

Nanpantan Sports Ground, Watermead Lane, Loughborough LE11 3TN



Newsletter ***March 2020***



President's Message

The start of the new bowls season and the greens opening on Friday April 10th is approaching fast. Mick McAuliffe has written this seasons President's Message in this Newsletter.

President's Message

“Thank-you for electing me as your President for the 2020 season. It is a great honour and a pleasure for me to be leading our club into what is likely to be a very challenging but exciting year. Having served as your Vice President for the last 2 years, and as your Team Captain during 2019, I realise that there is much work to do to keep our club moving in the right direction. It is a challenge that I am looking forward to and, with the help of the other committee members, I hope to be able to serve you well over the coming months.

Like many other bowls clubs maintaining or, better still, increasing our membership is a constant struggle. Ultimately the membership is what keeps any club alive and, with so much competition for people's time, we need to constantly seek ways to attract new bowlers to our club. On Sunday April 26th (2pm – 5pm) we will be holding an Open Day. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to offer your help and support to this very important event. If you know of anyone who might be interested in playing bowls, please make them aware and invite them along.

On the playing front I hope that, like me, you are eagerly awaiting the start of a new playing season - particularly in our brand new club shirts. The green is due to open on April 10th and the usual curtain raiser against Ashby (away) is due to take place the very next day. League matches start about a week later so, if you haven't done so already, please talk to your team captains if you wish to participate in any of our teams this season. It is great to see that our ladies' team are competing in some of the county club tournaments this season. We all wish them every success.

A couple of interesting dates for your diary this year. On Tuesday June 2nd we will be hosting a match against a touring team from Wales. Apparently they have promised to sing for us too so that will be a first at Brush! On Thursday June 25th we have been selected to host a men's county match between Leicestershire and Warwickshire. Last year we hosted a similar match for the county ladies team which proved to be a great success for the club.

Without the much needed help of volunteers our club would not be able to function. I thank everyone who has helped out in the past and hope that as many of you as possible will offer your services, whenever possible, during the coming year. Whether it be doing essential maintenance work, helping with the teas, looking after the grounds or helping out behind the bar (to name but a few), these things all make a huge difference so please do what you can to help out.

My chosen charity for this year is Children With Cancer UK. I hope that you can help me raise some much needed funds for them throughout this year. Collection boxes are placed on the bar in the clubhouse for any small donations that you are able to make. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Here's to a successful and enjoyable bowling season for all of you.

Kind Regards
Mick McAuliffe
President ”

Fixture Card

Available on the Bar & on Website. Thanks to Brian Bentley for Compiling and Printing.

Lady bowlers please note; Our fixture on May 5th against Phoenix is now a HOME fixture. The July 7th fixture is away.

Open Day

We are holding an Open Day on 26th April where we hope to attract new members. All are welcome. More details to follow.

Social Events

Last dance of the Winter season.

Date for your diary.

March 28th Dance with Phil Car

Spring Fayre In aid of Children with Cancer UK

Venue: Brush Bowls Club Watermead Lane

Date: Sunday April 19th 2020

Time: Midday – 16.00pm

Entry: £1 Children free

Tombola prizes required, (not used or second hand) these can be dropped off at the club on a Friday evening, or contact Ann Burrow or Lesley McAuliffe

We are also having a Home Made Cake Stall, the cake donations will be accepted on the morning of the Spring Fayre or again contact Ann or Lesley

Refreshments will be available for a small charge and the Bar will be open!!!

Bonus Ball

Saturday 18th January Number 11 J Walker

Saturday 25th January Number 21 A Hirons

Saturday 1st February Number 22 A. Kirk

Saturday 8th February Number 21 A Hirons

Saturday 15th February Number 18 P Walker

Saturday 22nd February Number 17 J Alcock

Saturday 29th February Number 9 L Bentley

Any queries re our Bonus Ball competition please contact Brian Bentley

New Shirts

These have been ordered.

Green

The repairs to the green are underway but as yet have not been completed to our satisfaction.

Friday Evenings

The Club House is open from 8 o'clock on Friday evenings to all members both bowlers and social. Please join us for a drink and a chat.

Website

Please remember there is a wealth of information on our website

www.brushbowlclub.co.uk (CTRL & Click to access)

DO NOT FORGET GREEN OPENS ON FRIDAY APRIL 10TH

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