



# Wycliffe Bowls Club

## Newsletter September 2023

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105 because  $12 + 93 = 105$ !

### **Message from your Chairman**

*Good morning, All*

*This month I have to report on both good news and sad news.*

*Firstly, with great pleasure I say a 'brilliant well done' to our ladies' triples team. On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>, they won their county final – awesome congratulations to Michelle, Libby, Jo and Marion.*



*Secondly, I received very sad news on Monday of this week that Mike Perks had died in Leicester Royal Infirmary. Mike and I go a long way back to when we both coached rugby at Lutterworth RFC Juniors so he will be missed as a respected and valued member of our club, but also as an old mate of mine from years gone by. His funeral is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October at St Mary's Church in Lutterworth. (We will not be providing a guard of honour as that will be arranged by the British Legion.)*

*Keep healthy and see you soon.*

*Kindest regards,*

*Simon*

### **Committee news**

Following our committee meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, here are a few messages for you:

- The Committee have advised The South Leicester Triples League, played on Tuesdays, that we wish to maintain our one team in next season's competition.
- The SLTL AGM will be held at Brookfield Bowling Club on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October at 7pm for those interested in attending.
- We have received a 'thank you' message and donation from Terry Castle and family. Terry would like his mother's ashes to join his father's in the top corner of our surrounding borders.
- As we have withdrawn from the Leicestershire Bowls Benevolent Fund, we have set aside a sum of money for when it is needed. If you are aware of any situation needing consideration before the AGM, please approach your Secretary or Chairman; after the AGM we envisage the Safeguarding and Welfare officer will be your point of first contact.

- The Bowls Leicestershire Unified Trophy Presentation & Lunch will be held on Sunday 22nd October 2023 at 12.00 noon at the Leicestershire County Cricket Club, Curzon Rd, Leicester LE2 8EB in The Charles Palmer Suite. Tickets are £35/head – anybody interested, should liaise with Libby Warren.
- We have accepted an invitation from Bowls Leicester Ladies to be considered for hosting a 'Johns' or 'Walkers' game, or indeed any game, including Midland England games and friendly inter county games. (Someone must think our green is worthy; watch this space!)
- We now know that the affiliation fees for Bowls Leicestershire and Bowls England will rise next season by a total of £4. Combine this with the increased fuel and chemical costs there will have to be an increase our annual subscriptions.
- Subscriptions remain much lower than other clubs in the county and it is the committee's intention to keep it that way. Our next meeting will review this subject in detail and set the rate for 2024 so if you have a view, please do attend and help steer the club in the best direction.
- The membership sub-group have arranged for our first 'paid for' advert to appear in the Lutterworth Journal due out on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.
- **LAST & FINAL WARNING** - the changing rooms have a number of items which need to be claimed/removed so that we can do a thorough clean. Please clear your belongings before the 16<sup>th</sup> of October – items remaining will be given to charity or 'binned' thereafter.
- Similarly, in the men's changing room, please unlock, empty and remove your lock from any lockers you use; again, the intention is to have a fresh start next season but the message as above is - 'move it or lose it'!
- The green will be closed from the 24<sup>th</sup> of September.
- Our secretary has put up nomination forms for all committee posts on the internal notice boards and there remain some important opportunities for you to assist in the operation and management of our club. The Club needs you!
- The AGM and trophy/medal presentation date is confirmed as November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The next committee meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, at 7pm in the clubhouse.

## **The Green, Clubhouse and surrounds**

The green closes this Saturday and plans are being made to 'put it to bed'. If you are able to help, please come along on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and lend a hand so that come next spring, we have a green to be proud of again. Help is needed from 9am and refreshments will be available – Ninja Nat might even be feeding the work force; bangers and bacon has been mentioned but no guarantees made!

Well done to the 'green team' again and to those who have helped with the borders – next year we need some more members to help with the pétanque surrounds.

Don't forget that during the winter, if you hold any event in the clubhouse, you are responsible for the subsequent cleaning and removal of rubbish.

## **Competitions**

The internal club bowls competitions are now finished for 2023 and the winners were:

<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>FINALS DETAILS or WINNERS</b>
SHORT MAT CUP	<b>Harry Hayes</b>
LADIES 4 WOOD SINGLES	<b>Jo Warren</b>
LINDSEY FORD CUP - MENS 4 WOOD SINGLES	<b>Keith Freakley</b>
LADIES 2 WOOD SINGLES	<b>Jo Warren</b>
MARK PERKINS CUP - MENS 2 WOOD SINGLES	<b>Barry Davies</b>
THE HANDICAP CUP	<b>Simon Burgess</b>
LADIES PAIRS 4 WOODS	<b>Jo Warren &amp; Ann Bull</b>
MILLENIUM CUP	<b>Dave Orton</b>
JOHN ADDISON PAIRS TROPHY	<b>Barry Davies &amp; Andy Parsons</b>

DENNIS MATHEWS CUP – MENS PAIRS 4 WOOD	Andy Watson & Dave Orton
CLUB MIXED PAIRS	Keith Freakley & Jean Eastell
TUDOR THOMAS TROPHY	Jo Warren, Henry Smith, Ette Fairbrother
CLUB TRIPLES	Nigel Warren, Harry Hayes & Simon Burgess
MR & MRS DAVIES CUP	Keith & Linda Freakley
TED TRUBY TROPHY	Ette Fairbrother, Henry Smith, Barry Davies

## **Pétanque**

Looking forward to further developments, following our successful first summer season when our team won the league and achieved promotion, we have a number of activities in the calendar. There will be a big charity event at our club in December:



In addition, there will regular, two-hour friendly roll ups through the winter on Thursdays and Sundays both starting at 10 a.m. so there is no excuse not to get a bit of practise. The roll up start dates are shown in 'dates for your diary' below.

Plans are being formulated to increase the number of teams entering the Leicestershire pétanque leagues next season and to run our own internal club competitions so watch this space, and our website for more information.

## **Social & other news**

### **The Bonus Ball Update**

*Hi All,*

*August gave us a big lift after the dismal July results. There were nine draws, six of which gave twenty-seven players a credit. This has obviously made a big difference to the standings so as of Saturday, 16th September, we now have:*

*4 players holding 4 numbers, 13 have 3 numbers, 5 have 2, 2 have 1 and just 2 players still waiting to score. It can't be long now!*

*Keep smiling, H.*

### **Bingo**

Dates for the remainder of 2023 are shown below. Get the Christmas Bumper date in your home diary now as it will be great fun for all. Raffle prize donations most welcome to Jo. (contact phone: 07980 464917; email: [jowarren15@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jowarren15@hotmail.co.uk))

### **Short Mat Bowling**

Will restart in the clubhouse on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of October and then weekly thereafter, subject to enough interest, only taking a break for Christmas and New Year. The fee per person will be £3. As always, help will be needed each evening to set up the mat. If you are prepared to assist, even if only occasionally, please contact Tony La Rosa.

### **Quiz Night**

Our first quiz night will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, gathering at 7pm for a 7:30 start. Masters of Ceremonies (or should that be Mistresses of Ceremonies?) will be Di Holman and Teresa Burgess. The bar will be open – bring your own nibbles. Teams should comprise no more than 6 people and remember to bring a pen! Cost £2.50 per person.

### Games Night

Our first games night is scheduled as in 'the dates for your diary' below, gathering at 7:30pm for an 8 o'clock prompt start. There will be six teams of ten and there are still a few places available if you wish to join in the fun (contact Simon Burgess in the first instance). The entrance fee will be £2.50 per person and as in previous seasons, each player should bring a food contribution to share on their team's table.

### In-door bowls

Has started and continues throughout the winter at Thornfield Bowls Club, Rugby. The next session is on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 2:00pm and will continue every Tuesday thereafter. It costs £6 per two-hour session or £4 if you join the Thornfield club (£56 per annum). Anybody interested in attending should first contact Ette Fairbrother on 01455 554207 or via WhatsApp.

### Football Fantasy League






Clearly, not too many members take an interest in football with only a Crystal Palace supporter, a Coventry City supporter and a Tottenham supporter joining the Wycliffe League. The current standing are:

Rank	Team & Manager	This week	TOTAL
1	<a href="#">Robandjo United</a> Simon Burgess	52	245
2	<a href="#">Alfie's Grandads</a> Brian Smith	50	218
3	<a href="#">goatedteam</a> TILLY THOMPSON	34	193

### Dates for your diary

- September 23<sup>rd</sup>, your final day for lawn bowls this season
- September 26<sup>th</sup>, In-door bowls roll up at Thornfield Bowls Club, Rugby, 2:00pm until 4:00pm
- September 29<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, first Thursday Pétanque roll up practise 10am until noon
- October 8<sup>th</sup>, first Sunday Pétanque roll up practise 10am until
- October 11<sup>th</sup>, Short Mat Bowls first session 6:30pm
- October 13<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, first indoor games night, hosted by Barry Davies 7:30pm for 8pm start (raffle prizes appreciated!)
- October 27<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start
- November, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Quiz night, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start
- November 16<sup>th</sup>, private function in the clubhouse from 6pm
- November 24<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start
- November 26<sup>th</sup>, AGM & Trophy Presentations, 10 for 10:30 start.
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, Bingo, 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start
- December 15<sup>th</sup>, Bumper Christmas Bingo, 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start

## For Sale/Wanted

<b>Last chance sale</b> for a small donation to club funds	Size 42, 100% acrylic – freshly laundered. Made by Castle Court		Ready to try on in the men's changing room
<b>Last chance sale</b> for a small donation to club funds	Men's bowls shoes, Size 11, as new apart from name inside.		Contact: Simon Burgess
<b>Last chance sale</b> for a small donation to club funds	Size 22, Rain jacket with 100% cotton towel lining		Ready to try on in the men's changing room
<b>Last chance sale</b> for a small donation to club funds	Bowls lifter		Contact: Teresa Burgess
<b>Last chance sale</b> for a small donation to club funds	Emsmorn large gilet		Ready to try on in the men's changing room



<b>Last chance sale</b> for a small donation to club funds	Drakes Pride fleece Size 52 on label but looks smaller		Ready to try on in the men's changing room
<b>Last chance sale</b> for a small donation to club funds	City Sports rain jacket Size XXXL		Ready to try on in the men's changing room

Items above which remain after the 16<sup>th</sup> of October will be given to a Lutterworth charity shop.

### **And finally, a few items of not so important news!**

	
 <p>My first attempt at beef wellington!</p>	

*Enjoy the forthcoming bingo nights, 'short mat' nights, quiz and games nights and I hope that we will see more of you utilising the pétanque terrain over the winter.*

*Don't forget – contributions for inclusion in the next newsletter to me please, via email on [sburgess52@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sburgess52@hotmail.co.uk)*

*Best regards*

*Simon*