

# CROFTERS' CHRONICLE

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## Coronation Weekend tournament

I have been asked to organize an event on the Coronation bank holiday weekend.

Given enough support, I will hold a fun event, suitable for all levels of playing ability on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 14.00hrs.

All details in this newsletter.

Advance booking will be essential so look out for the availability sheet in the clubhouse.

## *Petanque*

*The Petanque court is nearly ready for use. There will be a family fun launch evening in June, with a pop up Pizza company providing bespoke, quality pizzas.*

*More details will follow.*

## KINGSCROFT BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER.

### Opening Day

Kingscroft opened the doors for the start of the new season and members arrived keen to get back on the green and refresh their outdoor skills. As members arrived, they were greeted by the Saturday Captain, David Orton who took the names of those wishing to play. David then organized the players into 4 rinks for a friendly roll up.

The first few ends were noticeable by the number of very short bowls, but as the games progressed, we started to get the pace of the green and the heads became gradually tighter.

We were pleased to welcome new member, Kevin Liffen and new bowler, Paul Smith and, after watching for an hour, Patricia Tams lent Paul her woods, and he was able to join in for the last few ends.

Most games finished about 4.00pm as many of us were returning that night for the Club Presentation evening. Those of us who bowled enjoyed the afternoon and are now looking forward to the rest of the season.

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## Kingscroft Presentation Evening

Saturday evening saw members return to the clubhouse for our annual awards night and presentation of club, county and national trophies. Eighty guests squeezed into the clubhouse for a buffet supper, presentation of cups, and then entertainment provided by the singer Catherine.

The display of trophies was striking. Two tables of gleaming silverware were waiting distribution, but the buffet had to be eaten first.

Before the presentations, our club President for 2022, Neil Bedder, gave a short speech to welcome all the guests, our sponsors G Sellar and to the Helmesley family for donating and presenting one of the prizes in memory of Alan.

The presentation party was David Bray, County President in 2022 and Joseph Barsby from G Sellar's. Trophy winners are now listed on the club honours board, but three awards that will not be listed are the captains and Presidents awards.

Most improved lady was Jenny Pearson, most improved man was Simon Aukland.

Player of the year went to Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall. All well deserved.

Huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put this event on.

## Hinckley & District

### Triples league rule change - amendment

In the last newsletter, I mentioned a change to the rules – no trial ends and score 1 on first two ends. Since then, this may have changed again to now having no trial ends, 18 ends straight off.

At the time of writing this, the rules on the HDTL website are still for 2022. Triples league captains to be aware of this before the first game.

## Dominoes

Now that the winter series of Dominoes drives has finished, Neil Bedder, the organiser of these nights, has reported that he has raised over £600 through the winter.

As well as organising fun, social evenings, Neil has also boosted the club funds.

Well done Neil and well done to everyone who has supported him by turning up through the cold winter months to play Dominoes!

## Coronation Tournament.

I will hold a fun event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – the weekend of the King's Coronation. I have stolen the Bowls England Big Bowls Bash format and adapted it for this event.

This will be a 3,2,1 tournament. 4 sets of 5 ends with a random draw for each set.

I will prepare score cards for each player. Each card will have the rink number for that person to play at each set. These will have been selected at random. The cards will be issued, at random to the players at the start and then each player writes his/her name on the card and then keeps a cumulative score for the rest of the day.

The jack is always set on the T – 6ft from the ditch. The player with the closest wood to the jack scores 3 points, next nearest 2 points and the 3<sup>rd</sup> nearest 1 point. One point also scored by anyone kissing the jack. All woods in the ditch are dead including touchers. If the jack ends up in the ditch it is respotted on the T. The winner of the end can choose the length of the jack by bringing the mat forward and then bowls first. All bowlers stay at the bowling end until all woods have been delivered.

There will be a maximum of 6 players per rink and they will have 2 woods each. ( if only enough players for 4 or less per rink, then the number of woods will change to 3 each)

The format of this game makes it fun for all abilities – the winner of the last end goes first and then has to endure up to 5 others trying to do better. Woods can be knocked up into winning positions, or knocked out of scoring positions – Jacks can move to bring into play outside woods. Everyone has to try and remember whose wood is whose and estimate the closest wood whilst standing at the bowling end.

This is essentially a singles event and the random draw will mean playing against lots of other players, so a great way to socialise. The winner will be the player with the highest score after 20 ends. In the event of a tie, there will be a tie break end, with players only having one wood.

There will be a £2.00 entry fee and all fees will be distributed back as prizes at the end. Free entry to under 16. Open to all Kingscroft members and their guests. Dress code – greys.

I believe the format makes for a fun and quick tournament. Advance booking essential as I have to prepare the random draws. Email me ([Eddie\\_newell@mac.com](mailto:Eddie_newell@mac.com)) to reserve your place. I will put a sheet up in the clubhouse.