



## January (2) 2024

### **REMINDER: SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024**

**Subscriptions are due by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.** Cheques (made payable to BTBC) or cash should be given to Caz or myself. Full membership £70; New members £35; Junior £25 & Social membership £20.4

As previously, you can pay by credit transfer. Our bank details are: Sort Code 60-02-49 and Account No. 01861301. Please ensure that you quote your surname when doing this and let Caz or myself know that you have paid in this way. Thankyou to all those who have already paid.

Caz's number is 01256 463169 / 07508274652 and mine 01256 780863 / 07765134503 and my address: 4 Stour Road, Oakley, Basingstoke RG23 7AR.

We have to submit our playing numbers and names to Hampshire considerably earlier than in previous years so payment by end of January is important.

Should you have decided not to join in 2024 it would be really helpful to let Caz or myself know **as soon as possible** so we do not keep badgering you for your subscription. Thankyou.

**On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** Dave Morris, Malcolm Christian & Carol Scott will be at the club 7-8pm with applications forms for Whitchurch, BDBA and North Hants Ladies competitions. If you are unable to attend please contact them direct. Dave 07535963805; Malcolm 07545501877; Carol 07834558232.

We will combine this with a fun evening of games: dominoes, darts, cards, crib, Rummikub or just come along for a chat and a drink from 7pm.

**On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** we will be running a Quiz Night. Maximum of 6 players per team with an entry fee of £2 per player payable on the night. If you are not part of a team but would like to take part, let us know and we can fix you up with some others. To reserve your table, reply to this email or text me on 07765134503. We will have a break during the evening so bring along some snacks to keep you going!

**BDBA Monday night Mixed Triples & Friday night Men's Rinks:** We will be entering a second team in both these leagues and will shortly be asking members which leagues they wish to play in.

See changes to these 2 leagues below.

### **BDBA 2024 Changes**

Monday League remains as a 3 triples competition open to mixed teams, matches are 18 ends and trial ends should be played.

Friday League reverts to a 2 rink competition for male bowlers only. Matches to be 18 ends and trial ends must be played.

All other BDBA competitions to be open to all bowlers, subject to qualification criteria, this includes Hants and Berks Cup, which remains a 3 rink competition but matches will be played over 18 ends. The BDBA Open Pairs, Over 60s pairs, 2 wood triples and Fours knockout competitions to be played over 18 ends in line with County and National Competition.

Play on dates will be scheduled for Open Pairs, Triples and Fours knockout competition, these will continue to be on Tuesdays so as not to clash with BDBA, or Whitchurch, League dates.

It was also agreed that a sub-committee be appointed to fully review the competitions that the Association runs from 2025. This will take into account ongoing discussions for format changes within Bowls England Competitions.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April New Milton Club Game:** We have once again been invited by New Milton Club to play a pre-season men's friendly game. Last year we were unable to get sufficient members and had to cancel. Hopefully, we will be able to send a team on this occasion. It should be a good day out. There will be a meal following the game.

If you would like to play in this match please contact Richard Whitburn on [rwhitburn11@gmail.com](mailto:rwhitburn11@gmail.com) / 07768583917.

### **Trousers & Shirts**

Some of you may be thinking of purchasing new trousers for the coming season. We have a few spare pairs of club trousers at £32.00. Sizes available:

**Men's Zipped:** 1 x S (26-30) 29 length and 2 x M (34-38) 31 length.

**Ladies Unzipped:** 1 each of: XS (26-30) 29L; S (30-34) 21L; S (30-34) 27L; M (34-38) 27L; M (34-38) 29L; M (34-38) 31L

We will not continue to keep trousers in stock. Should you wish to buy a pair and we don't have your size they are Henselite Sports Trousers zipped or unzipped.

We also have spare shirts at £25 each.

**Easyfundraising:** Don't forget our on-line shopping facility. It is very easy to use and there are thousands of brands to choose from including holiday companies and now is the time when folk are considering booking holidays for 2024. Don't be put off if you are only spending a small amount – every expenditure helps and we have already received amounts between 11p and £7.63. Use the following link or download the app.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/basingstoke-town-bowls-club/?invite=7wUMXw&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger&utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/basingstoke-town-bowls-club/?invite=7wUMXw&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=admin-trigger&utm_content=srt)

It was sad to hear that Edward Martin's wife had died recently. Some of our older members may remember Edward who was an ex-president of the club.

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