



Eynesbury Bowling Club Newsletter

March 2022

So, with the 2022 season just around the corner (starting mid/late April hopefully) I thought it was time to send out a newsletter to update you all on what has been happening and remind you that we are still here and need your support!!

AGM

As always the key part of the AGM was making sure we had filled all necessary club roles, below is a list of those roles and the names of the people taking them on:-

**President - Kenny McShane
Chairman - Bill Woods
Secretary - Barry Kitto
Treasurer - Mick Pritchard
Assistant Treasurer - Sue Upchurch
Bar Steward - Andrew Walton
Club Captain - James Henderson
Club Vice-Captain - Andrew Walton
Fixtures Secretary - Bob Parr
Competitions Secretary - Andrew Henderson
Entertainments Officer - Lynne Kitto
Green Coordinator - Steve Gentle
'A' Team Captain - Barry Kitto
'B' Team Captain - Bill Woods
'C' Team Captain - Bob Goodall
Captain (O60's) – Tom McCrum
Safeguarding Officer - Lorraine Bramley**

I would like to say a massive thank you to all these people but I would also like to ask that we do our utmost to support them.

Away from the election of officers we also decided on a change to shirt design. Whilst looking at different/better shirt material's it was also recognised that there was an opportunity for the club to move on with the times with the actual design of the shirt. After much discussion there was a unanimous vote in favour of making this change. The proposed and accepted shirt design can be seen below, the club badge was considered at all times whilst ideas were put together.



One concern related to the 'updating' of the shirts was obviously the cost to members but you will be pleased to know that we have secured sponsors for the league teams, in the form of one free shirt for each team member!! This means we will have no excuses not to have everyone wearing the same shirt on a Thursday night (at least). If you are intending to play in the Hunts League (Thursday nights) and haven't placed a shirt order yet then please do asap, the order form is in the club house on the Secretaries board (adjacent to the bar), you can order additional shirts at a cost of approximately £25.

The sponsors for the shirts are:-

League Team	Sponsors/Donors
A	Andrew Walton & Craig Sutherland
B	Bill Woods, JD Autos & Other B Team Members
C	Funds Donated To The Club

Massive thank you to all sponsors/donors, without whom such progress might not have been possible.

Unfortunately it was also decided during the meeting that it would be best not to commit to a friendly calendar this season. This was based on the lack of support for friendlies, not just last season but a few seasons. Hopefully we can use this season to build up interest in playing at weekends so we can look to reinstate friendlies next season and/or look into alternatives.

Since the AGM we have also had to reduce our commitment to the over 60's to just the one team rather than two.

Green

The green has undergone significant work throughout the closed season which will certainly lead to us seeing some improvements. We are already noticing that we have better grass coverage but there are also some not so obvious/visual improvements, such as levelling, aeration and general grass root improvement. Thanks to Steve Gentle and his team for the efforts, this is a very time consuming commitment that is vital to the clubs wellbeing.

It has also been noticed during the winter months that the water tank has a leak, this is being replaced in the very near future to ensure we can water the green as advised by Avonmore, green maintenance contractor.

Surroundings wise, we are in the process of purchasing new benches that will, hopefully, make spending time down the club an even more attractive proposition.

Bowls

Despite it being the closed season we have still managed some bowls success indoors!!

Andy Walton, Steve Gentle and Barry Kitto have won the Hunts Bowling Federation rinks (triples) which seems them go on to represent the county at English Bowling Federations indoor bowls finals, which are held at Newark between Wednesday the 20th of April '22 and Sunday the 24th of April '22.

We are also on the verge of winning the prestigious St Neots IBC league that is the Invitation Triples.

Membership

Membership is due by the end of May or before representing the club (league, national/county competitions), whichever comes first.

Payment can be made via bank transfer (preferred method, see information below), the iZettle (card machine at club) or cash but cheques can no longer be accepted. Please contact Sue Upchurch (stighe38@msn.com) or Barry Kitto with any questions.

Membership fees:-

Full Bowling Membership (Male) - £80

Full Bowling Membership (Female, no leagues) - £20

Social Membership - £15

Junior Membership - £10

Bank details for bank transfer:-

Bank - HSBC

Account Name - Eynesbury Bowls Club

Account Number - 81463640

Sort Code - 40-40-10

Please make sure you add your name as the 'reference', this is vital if we are to know who's membership is being paid.

Volunteers

Being a members' Club (run by members for members), our Club only works thanks to the input and dedication of those members who take on voluntary roles.

An amazing number of our members already do something, however small, to keep our Club running and to help spread the 'load' but we always need more help and can never have too much so please find time to help with or take on general tasks around the club whether that mean making yourself available for the bar rota, looking after or assisting with the green surrounds (gardening/flowers), taking on an admin based committee role, whatever it may be PLEASE help. We will give you all the training and support you need.

General Club/Bar

Please don't forget that the club is currently open from 12 (lunchtime) every Saturday and Sunday. Come along and meet up with the regulars, have a game of pool or darts, play the fruit machine or even do a shift behind the bar, just by showing your face you are making others feel that their efforts are worthwhile 😊

EBC Contact/Information

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