

# Wellington Bowling Club

Minutes of General Meeting held on Thursday 11th July at the Clubhouse  
The meeting commenced at 9.30am

## Members

Role	Name	Initials	Role	Name	Initials
President	Roland Bath	RB	Estates Manager	Vic Horne	VH
Chairman	Geoff Stamp	GS	Mixed Captain	Ian Thomson	IT
Secretary	Clive Manning	CM	Ladies Captain	Yvonne Abbott	YA
Asst. Secretary	Brian Wombwell	BW	Indoor Sec	John Cherry	JC
Treasurer	Tony Gibson	TG	Bar Steward	Steve Lovell	SL
Asst. Treasurer	Bill Warnett	WW	Green keeper	Paul Kelly	PK
Dev. Officer	Richard Manning	RM	Publicity Officer	Di Dagg	DD
Ladies Admin	Ann Cowling	AC	Catering Manager	Liz Bowrah	LB
Membership Sec	Chris Williams	CW	Men's Captain	Position Vacant	
Fixture Secretary	Jay Merrell	JM			

### 1) Apologies for Absence

Jay Merrell, Bill Warnett, Steve Lovell, Di Dagg, Vic Horne

### 2) Chairman

Geoff welcomed Ann Cowling to the committee as Ladies Administrator and said he was pleased the Ladies would have a greater input into committee matters.

He reminded members that we are now over halfway through the season and added that our League teams are doing well and we are also having more successes in the Friendly matches. There is a concern that we have not been able to replace the Social team and this will naturally affect our income this winter.

### 3) Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and approved.

### 4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

### 5) Secretary's Report

In summary, since our last meeting the following have been undertaken.

1. We have had a presentation by Abel Alarms prior to the General Committee Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May re a new front door "Easy Access" system and will discuss this further in AOB.
2. Assisted by Tony Gibson, Ed Norris and Ernie, we have completed the 2018 H&S/Maintenance Review and a significant amount of work has been highlighted and I'll discuss this with Vic at a later date.
3. We have completed the GDPR Data Protection Policy and this is now available on our website and is also displayed on the Club Notice Board.
4. We have rewritten the Club Room Booking Form.
5. David Dagg has sorted out all the lockers and we are pleased to confirm that everyone that put their names down for a locker now has one. As all lockers are now allocated, any new requests must go on a waiting list.
6. The new shirts have arrived and Brian has arranged their distribution.

7. Middleton Cup took place on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> July. Excellent day had by all – no obvious problems. WBC Fixture Secretary will report on later.
8. SBA Return received, completed and will be sent off in the next few days. Total number of players declared is 118
9. Brian has completed the Tea Rota for the rest of the season and this has been sent out to Members.
10. Brian has confirmed that the Triples Competition is now being organised and the other Competitions are proceeding ok.
11. Brian has also been liaising with Brendon Energy as the Solar panels have not been working properly. Brendon Energy have received a response from the inverter manufacturer and they have agreed to send a replacement. When they have it, the repair will be done as soon as possible.
12. More fence posts have broken – 2 for sure, possibly 4?

## **6) Treasurers Report**

Tony presented the monthly financial report and it was accepted.

## **7) Ladies Administrator**

Ann said that she will be working closely with Yvonne to liaise with the Lady members to represent their views.

## **8) Development Officer**

We have applied for a grant to TDBC for a sum towards the proposed Security Locking System for the front door. This has been chased up but we have not had a response yet. We were invited and subsequently attended the League of Friends Summer Fair at Wellesley Park School and used this as a recruiting exercise. It was very well attended and we did generate some interest. Richard commented that attending the various events in town has changed the way we are perceived in that the public do not now regard us as an exclusive club.

Richard then reported that we currently have about 12 people being coached.

## **9) Membership Secretary**

The Membership Secretary's report is attached.

This report shows that the current membership is Outdoor 132 total (including 2 juniors and 5 Life members), Indoor Only 35, Social members only 32, Life Social 1. Total of all categories 200.

Clive raised several questions that had been queried by Chris regarding how the 140 Member Cap should be applied. This matter was discussed further in AOB – see below.

## **10) Men's Captain Position**

Nick Channon has now taken over the day to day running of the Captain's duties but not selection.

## **11) Lady's Captain**

Yvonne has been ill for the past few weeks and her duties have been temporarily taken over by Thelma Helps, Ladies Vice Captain, and her report is attached to these minutes. The report contains a response to the suggestion that the Ladies consider forming another team which could be entered in the Ladies League. The explanation was accepted.

Yvonne asked if we could reinstate the Ladies competitions i.e. the Ladies two wood singles and the Ladies Pairs. These competitions were originally dropped due to lack of support as at least 8 members are needed for singles and 16 for pairs. The committee affirmed that there would be no objections as long as the minimum numbers of entrants can be met.

Yvonne asked if we could prioritise recruitment to boost the number of Lady Members, especially younger ladies, but it was suggested that this may be difficult to do on the grounds that it could be construed as discrimination. It was also commented that most young women have very busy lives and are not likely to be available to play in League matches.

## **12) Mixed Captain's Report**

Ian commented that we have only six more Friendlies in July but things pick up again when we get to August.

Ian made it clear that whilst the Friendlies are used to introduce less experienced members to competitive bowling, we must have experienced players in each team to give them guidance. We should also ensure that we give the opposing teams a fair match because losing by a large margin will discourage our own players from playing in matches and does not enhance the reputation of our club. This is why League players are encouraged to play in the Friendlies.

Up to now we have won 18 matches, drawn one and lost 18 this season. This is an excellent record considering that every team has included at least one relatively inexperienced member and our opposition are bowlers who have been playing for many years.

This season we have not had any complaints from players who have not been selected. Everything appears to be going very well except for:

- a) Players are not contacting drivers to arrange pick up.
- b) Players who have put their name on the list as being available and been selected, are crossing their name off the team sheet without telling Ian. This means that Ian has to constantly go down to the club to check the team sheets and contact the substitutes. Clive was asked to send out an email to all members informing them of the correct procedure. Offending members are given a two week ban on Friendly matches.

## **13) Fixture Secretary's Report**

Jay was not in attendance due to work commitments but had submitted a report which was read to the committee. A copy of the report is attached.

The committee welcomed the news that our application to join the East of Ex League has been submitted.

The Middleton Cup match was very successful with both teams commenting that they would like to come back to Wellington in the future. The club received £100 in rink fees, £70 profit on the food, and £220 profit on the bar takings so it was well worth taking on. Jay comments that it was a very hard day for Liz and the other members working in the kitchen and we should consider organising this better if take on another similar match.

Paul commented that Jay has now taken over as Secretary of the West Somerset League.

## **14) Outdoor Competition Secretary's Report**

All of the Competitions are progressing well but some rounds are behind schedule.

The Triples take place on August 27th, Bank Holiday Monday, and all the entrants will be contacted over the next few days to confirm that they are available. When the list is complete further arrangements will be made by the Competitions Committee and members advised accordingly.

## **15) Indoor Secretary's Report**

A copy of the Indoor Secretary's Report is attached.

The committee were very pleased that John has now organised a Summer Roll Up group for the Indoor Rink and it is hoped that this will be increased in the future.

The Winter Program is being established and John is in contact with the League Team and Roll Up secretaries. There is now additional space for five more Roll Up sessions and these will be available to the new and established members.

John commented that the closer control on establishing Roll Up groups and League teams appears to be working well.

## **16) Bar Secretary's Report**

Steve submitted a financial report giving details of the sales and expenses for the Bar from Oct 17/17 to June 11/18. The full report is attached to these minutes.

The committee welcomed the report that shows that the bar has made a surplus of £5,540.00 so far in this financial year. Steve was asked to pass on our thanks to the bar staff for their hard work.

Steve also reported that he has trained up two more members who were now helping behind the bar.

## **17) Think Tank Report**

A copy of the report is attached.

John reports that 38 members have signed up to the 2019 Bowls Tour and a deposit of £250 has been paid to TLH.

The Honour Boards have been updated but the name strips include Christian names which has made the Boards look very untidy. Brian admitted that this was his fault as he had ordered the name strips. It was agreed we should pursue alternatives to the Honour Boards and Brian said that he had played at Feniton recently. They had purchased A4 picture frames that can be fixed direct to the wall and Brian asked if they could send him details. He was asked to investigate and purchase one frame for consideration by the committee.

The blue bowls mats slip on the grass surface and need to be replaced as the old white mats are becoming very fragile. The blue mats were purchased a couple of years ago and the committee had doubts whether we could make a claim against the supplier, however, the mats do need replacing.

The Think Tank also suggested that the mesh mats need replacing as gravel is poking through and members have complained that bowls are being scratched. Paul responded that he has this problem in hand and it is not the mats that are faulty but the gravel needs replacing with pea gravel. The work will be done during the close season.

The committee authorised the purchase of a new Cling Film Dispenser.

It was reported that the Outside Competitions are not being played by the due date. Brian promised to investigate and get them back on track. Brian further commented that when putting their name down on the Competition Form members could not take account of other peoples holiday plans and where there is a clash it is difficult knowing who to blame. Some discretion has to be shown otherwise there would be no competition.

The Think Tank suggested that the Green Maintenance crew should be given a special award but Paul Kelly said that although he acknowledges the spirit of the suggestion he could not condone a reward when so many other members give up so much time and effort supporting the club. The committee agreed and no action is to be taken.

## **18) Social Team Report**

There is no Social Team at the moment.

Richard commented that the Smokers Hut, paid for by Social Committee, needs to have the roof felted and it was agreed that this should be done as soon as possible.

## **19) Green Representatives Report**

Paul reported that the heat wave is taking its toll on the green and the team are doing their best and watering it regularly to minimise the damage. The Green is still bowling OK and we have not had any complaints from visiting teams or our members.

Next month we will book the Green Maintenance Team to start work immediately the season is over.

## **20) Building Representatives Report - No Report received**

## **21) Catering Officers Report**

In her absence Clive read out a report that Liz had submitted by phone;

1. She will shortly be clearing out the freezers as there is bread and other items over 6 months old in it.
2. Liz was also pleased to confirm that she had obtained her Hygiene Certificate.

## 22) Publicity Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

## 23) Any other Business

- a) **Membership Cap.** This provoked some discussion and it was raised at a previous meeting where it had been agreed by the Committee that we should have a cap on Outside Membership of 140. This number to include members who are seriously ill and have not paid their subs this year, but may recover and want to come back, plus Junior Members and Life Members. It was made quite clear that once we have reached 140 members further applicants would have to go on a waiting list for Outside Members but they could request Indoor Membership. Richard made the point that we must not shelve all recruiting activities as when the new membership is counted next May, we will no doubt lose some members but it is impossible to anticipate how many will not renew. He added that we have no plans for further recruitment this year, but we could get requests next year from experienced players especially as some clubs are in danger of closing due to lack of membership. It was made clear that the cap is 140 and that any request to join the Club as a Full Member, once this number is achieved, would mean that their name would have to go on the waiting list.
- b) **Life Membership** In March the Think Tank proposed a criteria for awarding Life Membership. The criteria is generally accepted but it was agreed that "at any one time there should be no more than 5 Life Members".
- c) **New front door access** - Clive said he was concerned as to how we should organise the logistics of installing the equipment and issuing the fobs to members. It would make sense to log the fobs and issue to members prior to the equipment being installed otherwise members would have difficulty getting access. Tony will contact the manufacturer and enquire how this has been done by other organisations who have installed similar equipment. The committee agreed that a £5 deposit for each fob would be required from each member and this will be refunded when the fob is returned.
- Questions and answers regarding the system are as follows:  
Security? - the front door will still be locked at night and opened in the morning. During this time the fobs will not activate the release of the door.  
Alarms? - if the Fire Alarm is activated during opening hours the front door is Automatically released.  
Members lose a fob or leave the club? - the fob is immediately de-activated by the club. If lost the member has to pay another £5 to replace the fob.  
Who can have a fob? - Full members and Indoor Members only. Social Members are not allowed to have a fob.
- d) The question was raised as to whether we should arrange for new members to have Etiquette Training, as it is not possible due to time restrictions to include this during the initial coaching period. It was recognised that this does cause problems and that it needs addressing, but a way forward was not agreed.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 12th September 2018**  
**Venue - The clubhouse at 9.30am**

Signed.....

Date.....

Geoff Stamp (Chairman

## Memberships Secretary's Report

### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

2018/19

(as at July 7th 2018)

Membership numbers for 2017/18 in brackets

Change + or -

These updated figures include Members approved at the start of July by the Executive but who have not yet paid their reduced Membership Fees

Gentlemen Outdoor (Voting)	86	(91)	-5
Ladies Outdoor (Voting)	41	(34)	+7
<b><u>(Total Voting Membership)</u></b>	<b>127</b>	<b>(125)</b>	<b>+2</b>
Gentlemen Indoor (Non-Voting)	22	(22)	Nil
Ladies Indoor (Non-Voting)	13	(16)	-3
Gentlemen Junior (Non-Voting)	1	( 1)	Nil
Ladies junior (Non-Voting)	1	( 2)	-1
Gentlemen Life Members	4	( 4)	Nil
Ladies Life Members	1	( 1)	Nil
Gentlemen Social (Non-Voting)	11	(29)	-18
Ladies Social (Non-Voting)	20	(45)	-25
Life Social	1	( 2)	+2
<b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	<b>201</b>	<b>(247)</b>	<b>(-43)</b>

## Ladies' Captain Report

Due to health reasons Vice Captain Thelma Helps has been doing all the organising of the ladies matches; so, I asked her to put in a report to cover the last 2 months. I wish to thank Thelma for all she has done. Her report reads

### Report for Ladies' matches June and July

#### League Matches Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Wellington v Queen Camel Home Well. 28 Queen Cam. 8 Away Well 23 Queen Cam 18	6 points
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Wellington v Crewkerne Home Well 21 Crewkerne 22 Away Well 24 Crewkerne 26	0 points
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Wellington v Somerton Home Well. 21 Somerton 19 Away Well 23 Somerton 17	6 points

1 Friendly match against North Petherton was cancelled for reasons of Health and Safety.

In the present form of our League, putting in another team would not be feasible. The smaller Clubs already have difficulty in putting out 2 rinks to play in the present format. As you can see from the selection sheets we are not overwhelmed with names of ladies wishing to play League matches. We would need at least 20 ladies committed for each league fixture as it would be 2 home and 2 away rinks and this is not happening at the moment. Perhaps the Ladies who want more competitive bowling would like to consider setting up a new league, perhaps a triples, with other interested clubs next year.

Thelma Helps

Ladies' Vice Captain



I agree with Thelma, and this matter should be discussed at the Ladies Autumn Meeting. If the ladies have a problem or a request, I believe they should speak with myself, Thelma, Gill, or Ann. I do not think it is for male members to interfere with the running of the Ladies League. No lady has spoken to any of us, and it is not the right way to go about this; otherwise what are we voted in for?

I have printed out a copy of the rules, and as you will see another team would make an odd number; so, how would they play? If all clubs had to put in 4 teams (2 Home + 2 Away) we would struggle, and smaller clubs would not be able to compete; probably ending the S W Ladies League completely.

Thelma has suggested a Lady's' triples league that these other members may like to try and organise; but it should be done at a ladies meeting, where all lady members may have a say; not male members; There is one committee member going around saying we are going to have a second team in our lady's league; after all Paul would not like it if we did the same to him. It is time that male members accepted that we have the right to run our matches with the agreement of the lady members, through democracy, and not dictatorship.

Gill asked why the ladies competitions could not be reinstated if you believe we have enough members now. These competitions were before my time, and I understand they were dropped because of lack of support. I have been told that there was a Ladies 2 Woods Singles, and a Ladies Pairs. Also mentioned was a Ladies Triples Evening League.

Perhaps the focus on recruitment should be for ladies; as I believe we need more ladies of a younger age group, not so much juniors, although they are good for the club; but those who will be able to carry on the league, and serve on committees to replace us more mature ladies. We play against a lot of younger County Players in the league, and I and my fellow bowlers often find it tiring playing 21 +2 trial ends; younger blood would be very welcome.

We also find that we are never introduced to new lady members, and as we cannot be at the club 24/ 7 I would like to see an introductory evening with drinks/teas; which could also include an Etiquette Session, which we lack, and new members ask for.

Finally, to finish I would like to point out 'The Mid Devon Indoor Bowls Club' ladies external league triples with all matches to be played only at Tiverton on a Tuesday a.m. has attracted only 5 names from our club; the notice has been up for over a month, and even with a £200 prize money we would not be able to enter, as you need more players to allow for sickness and holidays. The closing date is the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018.



# SOUTH & WEST SOMERSET LADIES LEAGUE

## RULES

1. The Annual subscription payable to the League by each participating club shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be sent to the Treasurer by the 1<sup>st</sup> March each year.
2. Matches shall be 21 ends where possible but, in any case a minimum of 11 ends must be played to constitute a game. (except in very exceptional circumstances e.g. Illness) It is not a requirement that both home and away teams play the same number of ends as the weather can differ so much due to distance, it must however be decided before the 11<sup>th</sup> end is reached if the game should continue, this should be agreed by the two skips.
3. Matches shall be played between Teams of Two Fours on the same day, one home one away.
4. Two points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw, two points to the club with the higher combined shot difference. In the event of points and shots being equal the points will be shared.  
**ALL GAMES MUST BE PLAYED.**  
If a game is cancelled it must be played within two weeks of the cancelation date. If the game is then cancelled for the second time the 6 points will be awarded to the non-offending club. The exception to this is during the last period. If it occurs then, 6 points plus 10 shots will be given to non-offending club.
5. All bona-fide members of participating Clubs shall be eligible to play in the League and no player shall play for more than one club.
6. **Results to be telephoned to the secretary by both teams within 24 hours of completion of the game**, and score cards, signed by both skips, and shall be sent to the League Secretary within 48 hours of the match being played.
7. Applications from non member Clubs to join the League shall be made in writing to the Secretary.
8. No amendments shall be made to these rules except at an Annual General Meeting and any proposed amendment(s) shall be sent to the League Secretary in writing at least **21 days** prior to the Annual General Meeting.
9. The decision of the Committee is final unless over-ruled by a Special or Annual General Meeting.
10. The Winning Club shall hold the shield for one year.
11. The shield remains the property of the South & West Somerset Ladies League and must be returned to the Secretary at the end of the season.

September 2012

## FIXTURES 2018

### PERIOD 1 BEGINING MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

Wellington V Taunton Deane  
Yeovil V Westlands  
Somerton V Watchet  
Queen Camel V Ilminster  
Somerton V Taunton  
Crewkerne V Ilminster

### PERIOD 2 BEGINING MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Taunton Deane V Yeovil  
Wellington V Ilminster  
Westlands V Watchet  
Queen Camel V Somerton  
Westlands V Taunton  
Taunton V Taunton Deane  
Watchet V Crewkerne

### PERIOD 3 BEGINING MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> June

Yeovil V Ilminster  
Taunton Deane V Watchet  
Wellington V Queen Camel  
Westlands V Somerton  
Yeovil V Taunton  
Crewkerne V Wellington

### PERIOD 4 BEGINING MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY

Ilminster V Watchet  
Yeovil V Queen Camel  
Taunton Deane V Westlands  
Wellington V Somerton  
Ilminster V Taunton  
Queen Camel V Crewkerne

### PERIOD 5 BEGINING MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY

Ilminster V Westlands  
Watchet V Queen Camel  
Somerton V Taunton Deane  
Yeovil V Wellington  
Wellington V Taunton  
Crewkerne V Somerton  
Taunton Deane V Crewkerne

### PERIOD 6 BEGINING MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY

Watchet V Wellington  
Yeovil V Somerton  
Taunton Deane V Ilminster  
Queen Camel V Westlands  
Watchet V Taunton  
Yeovil V Crewkerne

### PERIOD 7 BEGINING MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Westlands V Wellington  
Queen Camel V Taunton deane  
Yeovil V Watchet  
Somerton V Ilminster  
Queen Camel V Taunton  
Westlands V Crewkerne  
Crewkerne V Taunton

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## **Fixture Secretary's Report**

1. Following direction from the Executive I have formally applied to join the East of Exe mixed league next season. The Secretary "can see no reason why our application won't be successful" but it will need ratifying at the league's AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> October.
2. Obviously this slightly complicates next season's fixtures, but I will address this in the autumn. I am mindful of the Monday night club night, but also need to tread a little carefully trying to re-arrange our matches from a Monday as we will be new members of the league.
3. Initial feedback from last Saturday's Middleton Cup match is fairly positive. The club made £100 from rink fees, £70 profit on the food with bar profits approaching £200. So in excess of £350. I'll take more feedback, in particular from the catering team with a view to streamlining catering arrangements should we hold such an event again. Having fresh food available to sell for such a long period presents many challenges (especially during hot weather) and is particularly demanding on members who kindly give up their time to help.

## **INDOOR SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Summer Organised Indoor Roll Ups 2018**

1. Just the one roll up group of 14 members is in weekly play but all is going well.
2. No casual summer indoor roll ups are taking place according to the rink booking binder record sheets.

### **Winter Indoor Programme for 2018-19**

3. Input is gradually being received by myself from roll up and league team secretaries for the coming season. By 16<sup>th</sup> July all team changes (ie transfers, withdrawals, and new entrants) will be requested to establish the settled arrangements. However, players for the five new weekly roll up sessions will need to be developed sequentially (Richard M & myself) from the pool of new members and those who missed out previously. There is no immediate problem now for members who wish to play in more than one roll up group.
4. Changes to the indoor rink session allocation schedule have taken place since the last GCM. These relate to the roll ups where some groups have opted for the 9.00am start instead of 10.20am. Otherwise the new session start times and durations seem to have been accepted with only minor player transfers.
5. The Men's League seems to have lost the "Old Codgers" team due to player withdrawals. Only three original members remain and have been approached to fill vacancies in other men's teams.

### **Closer Control of League/Roll Up Group Memberships**

6. The new closer controls on establishing the league teams & rollup group players for the coming winter season seem to be working satisfactorily **at least so far**.

John Cherry Indoor Secretary

## **Bar Steward's Report**

Just a short report for the meeting on Wednesday, the bar is currently doing reasonably well, we have a couple of Saturday Evenings which help tremendously, we did exceptional last Saturday with the county match the afternoon takings were just under £500 and then we had the acoustic night which gave us another £200 all in all a very good day.

I am going to train two more people for bar duties to help when others are on holiday or playing matches elsewhere.

Below is a summary from the treasurer it looks as we have made approx. 5.5k since October 17/18 not 18/19 as has been put down.

Summary of some of the Bar info:

Bar Account from 1/10/2017 to 4/7/2018 as follows;

Income £16,884.15

Expenses

Supplies £11,070.02

Equipment £11.98

Maintenance £81.60

Bar License £180.00

Total Expenses £11,343.60

Surplus £5,540.55

Here is the month by month info.

Bar	Income	Supplies
Oct-18	£1,842.35	£1,198.76
Nov-18	£1,985.50	£1,442.30
Dec-18	£2,007.59	£1,105.37
Jan-19	£799.31	£522.01
Feb-19	£1,449.20	£944.88
Mar-19	£1,190.05	£1,039.00
Apr-19	£1,516.20	£824.52
May-19	£2,709.94	£2,275.43
Jun-19	£3,384.01	£1,717.75

## **THINK TANK REPORT**

1. The Think Tank last met on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 with Mike Connor, Phil Brigden, Barry Vile, Alan & Liz May, Ed Norris, Bernard Barnes and John Cherry. Apology was received from Ian Stewart.

### **ONGOING ISSUES**

2. **BOWLS TOUR 2019** - At time of writing, 38 bowlers and 6 non-bowlers have declared a wish to go on the next TLH Torquay bowls tour. The Club has paid TLH the initial holding deposit of £250 for 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Members going will be required to pay the Club their £25pp deposits by 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### **HONOURS BOARDS - UPDATING**

3. BV will be updating the active honours boards for recent seasons with help, as required, from PB. This by 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **NEW ISSUES**

4. **OUTDOOR DITCH GRAVEL DAMAGE (RB/JC)** - Report received that woods are being scratched due to gravel in the ditches poking through the existing mesh. **Other ditch guard systems will be investigated and priced proposals will be presented to the GC's next meeting.**

5. **BOWLS MATS (BC/MC)** - The newish blue bowling mats are reported as "lethal" due to them slipping on the grass surface. The old black/white mats are not a problem but are old and worn. **Recommend we replace them all with non-slip ones (with complaint and refund claim on the blue mat supplier).**

6. **KITCHEN CLING FILM DISPENSER REPORTED AS BROKEN** - Recommend early replacement. **AM/LM will identify and obtain/fit a replacement (cost £20 to £30).**

7. **OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS (MC)** - observed that competition matches are not all being arranged within deadline dates. This causes backing up and later rink booking problems. **Recommend more discipline is applied (e.g. players missing their deadline are scrubbed from the competition!).**

8. **GREEN MAINTENANCE CREW** - **Consideration of special award for our crew who perform such vital work to great effect (e.g. £50 bar credit voucher for each member?).**

9. **GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW** - Entry sheets now produced and distributed to members for selling. (Never too early to invest??)

The next TT meeting is set for 21/08/18 at 2pm.