

Fleming Park April 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to the new season.



Opening day was well attended, with 40 members having the pre-match meal and with approximately 60 members overhaul attending during the day. The weather was fine, and everyone seemed to have enjoyed the. Our president Debbie Pettie raised £115 for her charity **Sophies Legacy**, she passed on her sincere thanks to all.

Please support Presidents Day on 14th May, killer bowls will be played, this proof very popular when we held it for the first-time last year. This is open to members, guests and children, cost £10 children free including buffet. Entry form on the notice board as usual

As like the past three years you are advised to book a rink through our online diary TEAMUP. If you have not booked a rink and you want to have a roll up please check the diary before you arrive as the rinks could be fully booked for competitions etc. If you do turn up on the off chance and there is a rink free please complete the online diary asap. All competitions have priority over roll up's. Your handbook gives the competition priority list.

During the close season work has been going on behind the scenes the following work and remedials actions have been taken.

- Re-decoration on the hall has started with one wall left to paint, which we need an access tower to do this work, if any has one or knows where we

cloud lone for two days we would be very grateful. This work has been carried out Alan C. and Alan B. Forrest with hard work to only cost to club was paint and material.

- The hall lighting is being changed of LED light fitting in an effort to reduce or energy costs.
- Fire alarm panel failed over the Christmas period and had to be replaced.
- De-fibrillatory battery and pads failed and had to be replaced..
- Our insurance policies have been renewed with Sutton Winston; these have risen by 10%.

The cost for the above is approx. £2.7k so you can see where our money goes, without hiring out the hall we would find it hard to survive.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that if the hall is use whether during the day or evening then it is out of bounds to members this applies to the kitchen as well. The main entrance is the only way to enter and leave the clubhouse.

The council have supplied us with replacement bench planks, would any of our members like to volunteer to apply oil to these before fixing them into position then help to remove the old planks and install the new ones.

Kevin has been busy by up-cycling three of old bench tables to make two tables, which are place on either side of the green. He has also built another picnic table.

Jeff Borg Catering has been retained for catering needs this year, there are two events where due to prior bookings he is unable to provide the catering, for these two we have asked Paul to provide the catering.

If any of our green fingered members would like to take on supplying or replenishing the existing hanging baskets. As in the past it would be apricated.

We are again this year participating in Bowls England Big Weekend, on 27th/28th May this is designed to bring new people into bowls, if you think you could help we would like to hear from you.

Key Dates

- **Saturday 22nd April Australian Pairs**
- **Sunday 14th May Presidents Day**
- **Sunday 14th May closing date for entry into S&DBA competitions**
- **Monday 15th May closing date for entry into Bowls England Competitions**
- **Wednesday 17th May Friendly Bannister Park Mixed 4 rinks (Home)**
- **Monday 22nd May S&DWBA Friendly**
- **Thursday 25th May closing date for entry into S&DWBA competitions**
- **Wednesday 31st May Friendly Meon Valley Mixed 4 rinks (Away) TBC**
- **Sunday 11th June Friendly Parkside mixed triples 9 ends on each green**
- **Saturday 24th June Ladies Competition**

- **Saturday 15th July Friendly Strawberry Hill (Home)**
- **Saturday 22nd July Whites Cup**
- **Sunday 23rd July Friendly Timber Trundlers**
- **Wednesday 2nd August Friendly Bannister Park Mixed 4 rinks (Away)**
- **Saturday 19th August Rogers Cup**
- **Sunday 20th August Friendly Parkside mixed triples 9 ends on each green**
- **Wednesday 6th September Friendly Meon Valley Mixed 4 rinks (Home) TBC**
- **Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th September Finals Weekend**
- **Thursday 14th September Hampshire Past Presidents.**
- **Saturday 23rd September Freemantle Trophy**
- **Sunday 1st October Bounds Trophy**
- **Saturday 4th November Presentation Evening**
- **Wednesday 15th November AGM**

Our weekly roll up's will commence:-

Wednesday's 3rd May

Friday's 5th May.

Please support Bob and Norman, who kindly give their time and effort to run these roll up's.