



MALVERN PRIORY BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Goals for 2018

A big thank you to Roger Davies who has been busy since the New Year decorating the kitchen. It certainly looks clean and a great deal brighter. With the prospect of more fund-raising catering functions this is an enormous help.

It would be good to have additional lighting in the kitchen, if anyone has any redundant lighting that could be easily fitted close to the sink or under the wall cupboards could they please call Brian Palmer on 01684 575957.

Heating

It appears that everyone has been extremely good whilst we have been away as there have been no complaints on our return. A very big thank you to everyone for not fiddling.

Newsletter

Apologies for lateness but this was due to our not arriving back in the UK until 2nd of February then I had to recover from my jet lag.

I also thought you might like to hear news that resulted from the recent committee meeting.

REALLY GOOD NEWS!

At a meeting of the Club committee this week it was decided to refurbish the ditch and bank. This will be the initial stage of our proposed watering system which is a project we will work hard during 2018 to provide funds for possibly installing in 2019/20. The cost for the ditches is substantial and we need to make every effort to generate as much in the way of funds to pay for it. Work will start shortly, take 1 week to complete and may cause some inconvenience for those using the clubhouse. The green will have a ditch that is boarded and will eventually be covered in artificial turf. At a later date irrigation pipes will be installed inside the boarding to link up with the irrigation system.

It was also agreed that Short Mat which is becoming extremely popular throughout the UK will continue, on a trial basis for 2018, throughout the year on days and times that do not interfere with outdoor roll ups, matches and functions.. This will ensure that the club house is being fully utilised and also generate additional needed revenue.

For 2018 in addition to Wednesday evening roll ups, there will also be a roll up on Thursday afternoons as U3A will be using the green only on Wednesdays. This will allow members to enjoy more bowling in wonderful surroundings and enable club competition matches to be played earlier.

Currently there is an embargo on all expenditure, other than what has been agreed, until the outdoor season starts.

Supper 21st February 2018

The supper planned for 21st February has had to be postponed until a later date. It is planned to hold it in March and as soon as a date is confirmed I will let everyone know. Please let everyone know about this postponement.

The Green

The green is looking lush and according to Hamish, the groundsman, is now better than our competitors.

Further work will be start shortly on the green in preparation for the new season.

As mentioned above, work will start on digging out the ditches and installing wooden boarding up the sides - SEE DRAWING ON BOARD. This expensive work should enhance the green considerably making the green a first class place to play and the envy of local clubs. Work will take a week and we hope those playing short mat during that week will be tolerant towards the men working, who will from time to time want to use toilets and have tea or coffee.

Cleaning/tea rota

Have you put your name on the cleaning rota yet? A tea rota for home matches will be on the board shortly.

Short Mat Bowling

Competitions have started so check your match fixtures on the board.

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 21st February POSTPONED an evening with crime writer Sarah Hawkwood with supper £9.50 pp planned for some time in March.

24th March 9 am Working party with lunch - external work and green preparation - weather dependent

31st March Club membership fees to be paid by this date

8th April 12.30 pm Pre Season Salmon Lunch at clubhouse

14th April 9 am Special Spring Clean

17th April first roll up

18th April 6.30 pm first Wednesday evening roll up

19th April first Thursday roll up

20th April first Friday roll up

22nd April first match - at home against Ledbury

20th May - Open Day TBC

5th June evening - Social bowls evening for outside club (Fundraiser)

10th June - Club Garden Party TBC

29th June - Club promotional stand at Civic Week

12th August President's day and BBQ time TBC

1/2 September - Club finals

15/16th September - Interclub finals

Club Shirts and jackets

I am taking orders for shirts, caps and jackets so we receive them in time for the start of the season. The prices are:-

Waterproof jackets mens/ladies	£33
Waterproof fleecy lined jackets mens/ladies	£49
Shirts	£22
Caps	£11

ORDER FORMS WILL BE LEFT AT THE CLUB ALONG WITH A SHEET ON THE BOARD TO COMPLETE WHEN YOU HAVE PLACED AN ORDER. ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO MALVERN PRIORY BOWLING CLUB. PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER AND CHEQUE IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ME, JACKIE OAKEY, AND PUT IN THE INTERNAL POST TRAY. DO NOT PLACE IN THE TREASURERS TRAY.

FROM THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

BOWLS CLUBS TOLD TO TURF OUT THE ANTI-SOCIAL ROLLING DRUNKS

HOOLIGAN spectators are often associated with sports such as football. But the problem of badly behaved fans has reached the more unlikely venue: crown green bowls.

A rise in alcohol related trouble and anti-social behaviour at matches has forced one association to implement tougher rules. Shropshire Crown Green Bowls Association has sent every club a new code of conduct that addresses the subject.

Barry Jennings, the chairman, said he believed "society" was behind a rise in heckling, bad language and raised voices among spectators who were having "half a pint too much beer and getting abusive"

"It's got slightly worse in the last three or four years. It's not really the young element - its sort of between 25 and 40 wish. I think its more or less the general way of the world." he told the Daily Telegraph.

He said "lack of policing" was one factor. "there used to be more police on the streets and you don't have any of that now", he said, adding: "It's certainly not teenagers. They take notice of what they're told."

Mike Caddick, the outgoing country president, said players could now be fined, suspended or banned if the new rules regarding drunken behaviour were not followed.

The tougher guidelines received overwhelming approval of the association's AGM at Bagley BC, Shrewsbury.

Mr Caddick said: "It started to creep in a bit last year, mostly among spectators. They were being over-enthusiastic, mainly as a result of alcohol.

"When it starts to get a bit too noisy and a bit too personal with the bad language, then it spoils everybody's enjoyment. The general opinion is that it is not wanted in bowls, it is not what bowls is about."

Mr Caddick said one player had already been banned from playing and watching matches because of anti-social behaviour.

I thought you would enjoy this!

Membership fees

Membership renewal fees for the forthcoming season are due by 31st March 2018. Renewal forms will be sent to you either by email/post shortly by the Membership Secretary, Brian Wheeler, for completion and return with your cheque for £50. Membership will continue to be free for those where 2018 is their first year of playing at the club.

Recruitment of New Members

Currently there is great Government emphasis on getting people active both physically and mentally. Do you know of someone who might be interested or benefit from joining our Club? Could you help distribute information to Drs surgeries, retirement villages and other organisations? If you are able to help please contact Sophia Buxton or Jackie Oakey.

Clubhouse Diary

There is now a small diary kept in the kitchen for booking short mat times. Please do use this to ensure you are booked in with your times etc. to avoid disappointment.

Club Fixtures 2018

All Matches played are Triples

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Dress</i>	<i>Rink</i>	<i>Time</i>
APRIL					
Sun 22	H	Ledbury	Whites	4/5 X	2.30
Sun 29	H	Bredon	Whites	4/5 X	2.30
MAY					
Sat 5	A	St. Dunstan's	Whites	5 X	2.30
Sun 13	H	County	Whites	4 X	2.30
Wed 16	H	Manor Park	Whites	3 L	2.30
Ladies					
Sat 19	H	Powick	Whites	4/5 X	2.30
Sun 27	H	Crystal	Greys	4 X	2.30
Tues 29	H	Victoria Park	Greys	4/5 X	2.30
JUNE					
Sat 16	A	Bulmers	Greys	4 X	2.30
Tues 19	A	Victoria Park	Greys	2 L	2.00
Ladies					
Thurs 21	A	Community	Greys	5 X	2.30
Sun 24	A	County	Whites	4 X	2.30
JULY					
Sun 1	H	Bulmers	Greys	4 X	2.30
Thurs 5	H	Manor Park	Greys	4/5 X	6.15
Sun 8	A	Clifton	Greys	4/5 X	2.30
Tues 10	A	Manor Park	Whites	3 L	2.30
Ladies					
Sat 14	H	St. Dunstan's	Whites	5 X	2.30
Sun 15	A	Ledbury	Whites	4/5 X	2.30
Thurs 19	H	Grosvenor	Greys	4/5 X	6.30
Sat 21	A	Powick	Whites	4/5 X	2.30
Tues 24	A	Victoria Park	Greys	4/5 X	2.30
AUGUST					
Tues 7	H	Victoria Park	Greys	2 L	2.00
Ladies					
Sat 11	H	Barbourne	Whites	5 X	2.30
Thurs 16	A	Manor Park	Greys	4/5 X	6.15
Sun 26	H	Community	Whites	4/5 X	2.30
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 1	H	Club Comp Finals			2.00
Sun 2	H	Club Comp Finals			2.00
Wed 5	A	Bredon	Greys	3 L	2.00
Ladies					
Sat 15		Inter Club Finals	Whites		2.00
Sun 16		Inter Club Finals	Whites		2.00
Sun 30	A	Worcester	Whites	3 L	2.30
Ladies					

Key: X = Mixed
L = Ladies

