

Great Hollands Bowls Club

Update – June 2023

1. New members

We are delighted to welcome 13 new members to the club following our Open Day. We hope that you will all enjoy being part of the club.

These are the new members so far:

Simon Carter

Sally Munn

Hung Cheng

Sid Peters

Joanna Wong

Alison Serjeant

Ian Clarke

Tony Serjeant

Joan Hatchard

Brian Wire

Lindon Kenshole

Margaret Worsfold

Donna Lee

2. State of the green

The green is in a much improved state this year and we are all very grateful to the Town council for their excellent work on the green and the hedges.

3. New members' event

On Saturday 1st July, there will be a special event aimed at new members. This will be a friendly match among club members. It will be a good opportunity for everyone to get to know each other and to experience a real match. There will be tea and cake afterwards. Please arrive in time for a 2pm start. Dress will be smart casual.

An email will be sent to all bowlers asking you to enter your name for this. Social members also very welcome to come along.

There will be no coaching on that day.

4. County Competitions

Well done to all those who have been playing in the County Competitions. All the results are posted [on the website](#).

Karen Chapman and Sue Richardson are through to the Quarter Final of the Ladies Senior Pairs. Sue, Karen and Carolyn Lofthouse are also through to the quarter finals of the Ladies Triples. Ken Perrett is through to the Quarter Final of the Men's Secretaries Singles.

5. Signing up for matches

As you can see from the diary, we have a lot of friendly matches, played both at home and away. These are great fun and a chance to get to know other members. We would like to encourage all the new members to sign up for friendly matches as soon as possible. Everyone is very understanding and supportive of new players.

All bowlers with email should be receiving invitations to sign up for friendly matches. If you are not receiving these emails, please check your spam/junk folder as they sometimes end up there. If that does not work, have a word with Ken on 01344 773808.

6. Defibrillator

You may have noticed that our defibrillator has been removed. The device was no longer serviceable. We are investigating the installation of a replacement defibrillator which would be fully serviced. Meanwhile the gate to the Pavilion should be open for friendly games and there is a defibrillator of the front wall of the cricket pavilion.

7. New Raffle arrangements

We have been trying out a new raffle arrangement for friendly matches since the beginning of the season. This requires a lot less effort for those tasked with buying prizes each week. There has been a mixed reaction. The Committee has decided to let this new system run to the end of the present season, so that we get a chance to experience it. Then we will decide at the next AGM in February whether to continue or to revert to the previous arrangements.

8. Minutes of the Executive Committee

We currently have no club secretary, and this is causing difficulties. If you feel that you might be able to step in to do this job, please have a word with someone on the Committee. The members are listed in your club diary.

The normal practice has been to publish minutes of the EC meetings after they have been approved, which is at the next meeting. This means that there can be a delay of a couple of months before members see the minutes. In future we will publish draft versions of the minutes with a week or so of the meeting. These will be on-line and posted at the clubhouse.

9. Receipts and Expenses

GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB

PAYMENT/RECEIPT

AMOUNT:

CASH/CHEQUE/BANK:

IN RESPECT OF:

PRESENTED BY (CAPITALS):

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

RECEIPTS MUST BE ATTACHED

Thank you to all those members who collect receipts on behalf of the club. In case you are new to this, there is a blue folder in the treasurer's in-tray in the clubhouse. This contains slips like the one shown opposite.

If you are treasurer for a match, you are asked to collect the monies, put this in a coin bag (also in the treasurer's in-tray, and complete a slip as shown.

Receipts are monies paid to the club; payments are money paid out by the club. Please give a clear explanation of what the money is for, e.g. Match fees, so that the treasurer can enter the details into the accounts.

If you have incurred an expense on behalf of the club, such as buying food, or cleaning materials, please attach the receipt. Small cash expenses may be claimed from the bar staff. For larger amounts, the treasurer will normally pay you by BACS transfer.

10. 40th Anniversary

This is planned for 30th July. The format will be a Crown Green match, which is always chaotic and great fun. We will give out tokens for two items from the barbecue, which the club will fund. Our president will present commemorative pens to all members present. You will be invited to bring along something for a raffle prize.

11. Presentation Evening

The Committee is in the process of discussing the Presentation Evening with the Social Committee. The event will be in November in the clubhouse. Outside caterers will be used for the food.

Sent by Ken Perrett

On behalf of the Executive Committee