

# **Great Hollands Bowls Club**

## **Update – April 2023**

### **1. Spring Clean**

What a wonderful turnout and effort for the Spring Clean. The club and surrounds look marvellous, and everything is ready for the new season.

### **2. Green Opening**

Hopefully you will have seen the email from our Captain to say that, due to the adverse weather and the treatment still being applied to the green, it has been agreed with the council that the green will now be open on the 22nd April, a week later than previously planned.

Once the green is open, you will need combinations for the gate, clubhouse and equipment sheds. Have a word with David Harnden if you have forgotten these numbers.

### **3. On-line match booking**

All those with email should now be receiving invitations to sign up for friendly matches. The match selections are being sent out by email. You can also sign up at the club and the selections will be displayed there as well.

### **4. New raffle arrangements**

In the past we have purchased prizes for the mixed raffle and this is quite a lot of work for those involved. This year we are going to try something different. Everyone will pay £1 for the raffle as previously. There will be no tickets. The draw will be made using a set of disks which include home and away sides, each rink and each player. So, the call might be "Home team, rink 2, lead". There will be three cash prizes, the amount of which will depend on the number of players.

### **5. CCTV**

A CCTV system has been installed at the club to increase security. This will provide full camera coverage both inside the clubhouse and externally.

### **6. Loft ladder**

A new loft ladder is being installed at the club to make it easier and safer to access the loft.

### **7. Health and Safety**

Phil Sherman, our new Clubhouse Manager, is working on a new set of Health and Safety procedures. We hope that this will help to keep everyone safe. If you have any H&S concerns, please have a word with Phil.

### **8. Dress Code**

Just a reminder that the dress code for roll-ups has been changed. There is no longer any need to wear white tops or grey trousers/skirts. Just flat bowling shoes and casual dress. The rules remain unchanged for matches and competitions.

## 9. Bowls Clothing

In view of the very large stock of club shirts, the Executive has reduced the prices on all bowls shirts to £15. Now is the time to purchase a few spares. David Harnden is the person to see for clothing.

## 10. Guide for new members

David Harnden has updated the Guide for New Members. A copy of this will be sent to all members so that everyone can refresh their memories before the start of the season.

## 11. New membership application process

The process for applying for membership has changed this year, in line with the new Draft Constitution. There is a new membership form. Completed applications for membership will be considered and approved by the Executive. David Harnden has copies of the new form.

## 12. Draft Constitution

At the AGM in February, we voted to try out the latest Constitution from Bowls England. A copy of the current document will be sent to all members with this newsletter. Insertions are shown in red, deletions in blue. The document will be ratified at the AGM next year.

## 13. Open Day



**GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB**  
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**OPEN DAY**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 2pm

All are invited, whatever age and ability, to try the wonderful summer game of lawn bowls at Great Hollands Bowls Club.

Social and playing members welcome.

Come along to our Open Day and have a go. Bowls will be provided, just wear soft soled flat shoes.



As well as bowls, there will be a barbecue, plant stall, tombola, cakes, tea, and coffee. Our bar will also be open.

Plans are well under way for our Open Day on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Our membership stands at 83, with 58 bowling members. We obviously need to recruit new members, and this is an ideal opportunity.

| Membership |         |        |       |
|------------|---------|--------|-------|
|            | Bowling | Social | Total |
| Men        | 34      | 11     | 45    |
| Ladies     | 24      | 14     | 38    |
| Total      | 58      | 25     | 83    |

It would be very helpful if you are able to take copies of the poster and display them in a prominent place. The posters are in the clubhouse.

Please invite your friends and family along for what promises to be a great day.

#### **14. Cooperation with Bracknell Town Council**

You will no doubt have noticed that the Town Council has been working very hard on our green. They have agreed to leave a border of longer grass around the edge of the green to reduce the tendency for bowls to roll off. This should also increase the durability of the edges to the green.

The Executive are grateful that the Council has agreed to contribute half the cost of cutting the hedges around the green. The Council has also moved the guardrail for the disabled toilet, removed the large hedge alongside the clubhouse and put down a soft surface, providing a much-improved space.

Sent by Ken Perrett

On behalf of the Executive Committee