

COVE BOWLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

(March 2012)



Another month closer to the start of the new season

The new Fixture Cards have now been printed and are in the Clubhouse to be collected. They have been put in envelopes in the letter rack.

In addition the Tea Rota is also up on the main Noticeboard and would everyone please remember it is expected that all members complete one duty so if you don't want one to be chosen for you then now is the time to make your choice please

You will see that we have two new matches this season, plus doubled 'home and away' fixtures which are vital that we support so they can continue in future years.

As usual the Selection sheets for the first few matches will follow later this month at the same time the Rink Booking sheets are printed.

At the present time we have not received either the Men's or Ladies' County Competition draws with the latter not expected for at least another 2-3 weeks

Ladies' Spring Meeting

There is to be the usual Ladies' pre-season meeting and this has been arranged for 7:30pm on Monday 12th March.

This is to sort out the catering for the Captain's Day at the start of the season, Ladies' Day in June, Blackwater Valley and finally the opportunity to enter the North Hampshire Competitions which need to be completed by that evening

Club Shirts

A new supply of Club Shirts has now been received and available to purchase from Carl. We have a small quantity of Ladies' shirts from sizes Small to Extra Large and Men's from Small to XX Large.

The cost of each shirt is £18.50

Cleaning List

We still need more help with cleaning the Clubhouse and volunteers would be very much appreciated. If you can spare any time to help then please let Hazel know

Moreton Trophy

Sadly our run in the Moreton Cup came to an end in the quarter final where we lost to Andover BC

Social Events

As usual we will continue in March with our regular social events of Short Mat, Darts and Whist. In addition the following Saturday night events are also due to take place so do please try and support the Organisers

March 3rd – Bingo Night

March 10th – Race Night (at Cricket Club)

March 17th – Quiz Night

Aldershot and District Tour

Every year the Aldershot and District BA goes on a one week Tour during the first week of September.

This year the venue is Torquay and there are already a dozen members from Cove going but still some places left for couples if you are interested. For more information and details speak to Ken

New Members

One more new bowling member to welcome since the last newsletter – Robert Clayton-Cragg who joins us from Hawley BC

Still need more so just let Carol or Dave have the details if you know of anyone interested in joining us

Bar Prices

As usual around this time of year our suppliers have increased their prices and we will need to make some changes which will come into effect at the end of March

Payphone

The more observant of you may have noticed that the payphone has been removed

The usage over the past few years has reduced to almost zero and with most members now having a personal mobile it is time for it to be returned to BT and a welcome saving of over £100 per annum

Trophies

Mick has built two shelves under the Television which we are going to use to display the Club Trophies so if you have one and want to bring it back then that's the place to put it please

Preparation Mornings

We have allocated 4 mornings in the Fixture Cards for preparations mornings and there will be lots of small jobs to organise before we start bowling again

If you can help in any way then please speak to Ken

Gardens

This year Mary Fry has kindly agreed to take charge of looking after the gardens so once again if you can help please let her know

Noticeboards

The main noticeboards are always full of information and the focal point of the Club but they do tend to get a bit confusing if anyone and everyone puts all sorts of random stuff on there

If you do have something that you would like to display then please arrange it via Carol or Dave so that we can control the space

Competitions

Still time to enter the Club competitions – the entry forms are up on the Noticeboard

Gift Cards

Fundraising is always critical to helping us cover the costs of the club and keep our membership fees as low as possible

We have an opportunity now to be able to buy 'Gift Cards' for a huge number of High Street retailers on which we will earn a percentage of the total amount

Many of us probably buy these every year as either presents or for every day shopping so if this is something that you buy, or are considering buying, then there will be a form in the Clubhouse to add the details

The stores will include Asda, Argos, B&Q, Boots, Superdrug, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's and even Harrods so plenty of choice for everyone!

Newsletters

There will be one more Newsletter before the start of the season so if you have anything you would like included please let me know ... don't be shy!

And finally

And possibly most importantly

Some of the Rules of the Club need 'tweaking' and it is frustrating for the Management Committee that the current arrangements cannot be changed easily so we are going to call a **Special General Meeting** to discuss some alterations we wish to make

This year as usual we will be having a pre-season Social get together on Friday 20 April, the night before we open the green

As it is likely to be a popular event we want to take that opportunity to also call the Special General meeting for the same evening

You will get more information ahead of the night

Donna