

COVE BOWLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

(April 2012)



Less than a month to go until the start of what we all hope will be another successful season for Cove

Firstly thank you to all the members who have supported the Club during the winter break by either running events for us or by coming along to take part

With the regular Short Mat, Darts and Whist evenings continuing, the Winter programme will finish with a Quiz on Saturday 14th April before the pre-Season Social evening the following Friday – please note this is incorrectly listed as Thursday in the Fixture Cards but the date is definitely the 20th April

As mentioned in the last Newsletter that evening will also combine with the planned Special General Meeting which will start at 7:30pm

Fixture Cards

A couple of things to add to your Fixture Cards – we have a new fixture on Saturday 19th May when we will be playing at home against Camberley Indoor BC. Having played them indoors for many years during the winter this is a chance for us to entertain them in what we hope will become a regular outdoor fixture

In addition the Ladies will also now play North Hampshire WBA on Friday 17th August. Both matches will be added to the Tea Rota which is filling up but if you haven't yet added your name then please make your choice as soon as possible

Competitions and Rink Booking Sheets

Both sets of Men's and Ladies' County Competition draws have now been received and are in the hanging folders as usual. The rink booking sheets have therefore also been put in the clubhouse so that you can make arrangements for those early matches but please remember though that rinks can only be booked for arranged competitions and not for roll-ups

In the team competitions the Men will be defending their North Area County Club Championship in the first round against Petersfield – luckily for us it's them that have to travel to us! The Ladies haven't been quite as fortunate with away ties against Fleet United in the Thornbery Trophy and Hook in the County Top Club

Cove Cricket Club

Earlier this month we joined the Cricket Club in a joint Race night in memory of Allen Raine and to raise funds for the Cricket Colts. A fantastic £400 was raised so thank you to all who attended

We are hoping to play the Cricket Club this summer in a 'double-header' in both sports which could be interesting! More details will follow

Bowls Hampshire Mixed Friendlies

As you know the way in which players are selected for the various County matches has changed. Sheets are now up in the Clubhouse for anyone who wants to be considered for the Mixed matches and you do not have to be 'badged' for these games. The details of all 2012 County Fixtures are on the Bowls Hampshire website: www.bowlshampshire.com

Talking of websites, please also remember to look at our Club site which Andrew has updated for the new season and it is there that we will post News, Updates and anything else we can think of throughout the Summer: www.covebowlingclub.org

Preparation Mornings

Please remember that we have 4 mornings in the Fixture Cards listed for preparation mornings because, as usual, there are numerous small jobs to complete before the start of the season

Any help would be much appreciated so please speak to Ken if you can spare some time

Club Competitions

The closing date for our Club competitions is later this season so there is still time to enter – the entry forms are up on the Noticeboard

North Hampshire WBA Competition Secretary

The previous Competition Secretary has now decided not to continue in the role but the good news is that Carol has 'volunteered' to take up the position and I am sure we all wish her well for the season ahead

You need to also therefore change the contact details in your Fixture card

Opening Weekend Matches

Also up in the Clubhouse now are the Selection sheets for the opening weekend President's and Captain's matches as well as the first few Club Friendlies

These games are bound to be very popular so if you want to play then you need to add your names

As usual the Club will provide a meal after the President's match on the Saturday match although of course we do need to know how many to cater for so if you aren't on the list then you will go hungry

On the Sunday we ask the players to supply the food so again please add your names and any offers of sandwiches, cakes etc. will be very much appreciated. There is a form on the noticeboard

Charity Day

With the Queen celebrating her Diamond Jubilee and extra Bank Holidays we are going to try and run a 'Charity Afternoon' on Monday 4th June if we get enough interest.

More details will follow once the season has started

Charlie and Winifred Howard

Many of you will remember Charlie who was a huge supporter of the Club and a past President and Winifred, after who the Winifred Triples Competition is named. Their daughter Carol has asked to be able to present us with a bench in their memory and this is now being made in time to be presented early next month

Carol and her husband live in Germany but will visit the Club once the bench is in place

Match Fees

We have decided to keep the match fees the same for the new season:

Host Matches	£5.00
Club Friendly	£3.00
Men's League	£2.00
Blackwater Valley	£2.00
Stan Hardman League	£1.00

However some Ladies' clubs are now only providing tea and biscuits for their Blackwater Valley matches so in these cases the charge will be just £1.00 - details of those Clubs are in the Fixture Card

Barbeque

We will also be looking to hold more Barbeques throughout the season on various Competition days or events so further details will follow in due course. Having spent some time building it, we need to make more use of it!

Disabled Parking Bays

Can members please remember that the three designated Disabled parking bays are for Blue Badge Holders use only

They are not to be used for any other reasons please under any circumstances

And finally

As usual everyone is looking forward to the new season and being able to enjoy the green and facilities.

Cove has a fantastic reputation in the area and the County and hence why we are often asked to host matches as we are again this season

All of the Committee have the best interests of the Club at heart and yes we might not always get everything right every time but we try hard. If you have any suggestions for improving anything then please tell us!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and successful season

Donna