



The Irchester Bowler

“Newsletter For Members of the Irchester Bowls Club”

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Chairmans Report

As the start of the summer season fast approaches may I take this opportunity to welcome all our new members to the Club, and I hope you enjoy your first season with us.

If you have not already done so, please enter our friendly internal competitions, even if you are new to bowling. A very good one for beginners is, the Sandy Cup, played on Wednesday afternoons. Just turn up on the day. Please come along and have fun and at the same time meet many of our members.

For other competitions contact our Competition secretary ASAP, as technically the closing date has now past, but I believe that Keith is willing to accept late entries from new members.

On the subject of new bowlers, we have within the Club, Registered Coaches, who are willing to give advice and assist in ensuring that you get off to a good start in this wonderful, friendly game of bowls. See the notices in the Club House and elsewhere in this News Letter for more details.

You will also see elsewhere, that the committee has called an E.G.M. to discuss and hopefully gain approval, to amend our Rules and Constitution. Those of you who were at the A.G.M. last November will recall the committee asked for, and it was agreed, that we should go ahead and amend these so that the Club could apply to become a member of the Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC).

We have since sent off the draft Rules and the Constitution for their perusal, and they have now informed us, that providing the membership is willing to ratify and adopt these amendments, we will then be admitted for membership.

The object of applying to join CASC is mainly so that we are able to receive 80% rebate on our rates, a very worthwhile savings, without it really affecting the way in which the Club is run.

Please come along and give your committee your support.

Good luck to all those that have entered County Competitions. **See you on the green, and have an enjoyable season.**

Trevor

Changes To the Fixture Card

These will not be published again so mark your card now !

Sunday 25th April Prison Service home is now a 4 rinks match.

Sunday 20th June Bletchley St Martins away 5 mixed 2.30pm start Whites (extra fixture).

Saturday 26th June NWCBA Pairs ¼ and semi-finals – 9.30 start

Sunday 27th June Leics V Herts Walker Cup 1st Round – Start TBC

Sunday 27th June Wellingborough Presidents day away 1 Mens 2.00pm start Whites (extra fixture).

Tuesday 22nd June Kettering Park away start time is now 2.30pm.

Thursday 12th August Kettering ISE home 4/5 mixed is now 6.30pm start Greys.

Tuesday 27th July NWCBA Officers Meeting – 11am

Tuesday July 27th NWCBA v Bucks – 1.30 Start

Saturday 21st August Burton Latimer Home should be a 5 rink **Mens** fixture 2.30pm Whites

Rushden League Starts

Division 'A' 3rd May (Monday) 3 teams entered
Division 'B' 4th May (Tuesday) 1 team entered

Teams consist of 3 x 3 players, any gender

County League

Sunday 6th June V Rushden (away)
Tuesday 15th June V Desborough (home)
Wednesday 14th July V Kettering Midland Band (home)
Sunday 01st August V Higham Ferrers (home)
Sunday 15th August V Wellingborough (away)
Sunday 29th August V Corby Forest (away)

Teams consist of 4 players, men only.

Start times – 6.30pm mid week, 10 am Sundays

**We have also entered the E.T. Competition, 2 rinks of Four, (8 players) any gender
Further details are awaited**

Notice to Club Members

An E.G.M. is to be held in the Club House on Friday 7th May 2010 at 7.30pm
Agenda for the meeting

1. For the membership to agree the changes in the Club Constitution which were agreed at the AGM to enable the Club's application to the Inland Revenue to register as a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) to go through.

For members who were not at the AGM, registering as a CASC will give the Club financial benefits the main one being that the Club will receive 80% off the annual rates bill.

Regular Saturday Morning Coaching Sessions.

Starting Saturday May 8th at 10am Beginners and intermediates welcome

Anyone unable to make Saturdays may ring one of the coaches listed below to make alternative times.

Betty Tilley
Brenice Willmott
David Abel
Joan Abel
Steve Cooper

Whats On

Some Dates for your diary

11th December 2010

Xmas Brass Band Concert. Richard Sharpe is the contact if you require more information, or wish to reserve tickets.

23rd October 2010

By popular demand, New Vintage will be performing for us again. Usual format, Fish or Chicken and Chips

Early confirmation of ticket requirements to Brenice is advised, first come, first served. No entry without tickets

Report on Short Mat

With the last session being played on 12th April, it has been pleasing to see numbers of players increasing, skills improving, and the element of competition between players being in evidence. It was muted a few weeks ago, that we become affiliated to the Short Mat Association, thereby giving us the option of playing against other Short Mat groups. This decision will be a discussion topic all Summer, I'm sure, with the final decision being made by the Club.

All sessions have been played in a very happy atmosphere, with the tea/coffee break affording much happy banter. Thank you to all the participants of this Winter's Sessions, and to any other Member who would like to join us next Winter, you would be most welcome, just speak to any Committee Member, who will point you in the right direction.

Go on to Google Maps

Satellite View and Zoom in on "52.285619,-0.642643" Who do you think they are?

Club Shirts and Maroon Jackets

Any Member wishing to purchase Shirts / Blouses, or the ladies Maroon fleece waistcoats or zipper jacket, I now have a good selection of sizes in stock – please give me a call to arrange a time when you can pop in to "try on before you purchase"

Shirts and Blouse cost £16.99 and Zipper Jackets and Waistcoats, £10.00 and £8.00

Just a thought

Four bowlers were out on the 'Green' practising. As one of them was about to bowl at the 15th end, which was next to a busy road, they saw a funeral procession go by. Instead of bowling, the bowler removed his cap and placed it on his chest until the funeral had passed.

At this point, the other three said, "You know, that was the most touching thing I've ever seen."

And the bowler answers, "Well, I was married to her for 15 years. It was the least I could do!"

Donated Trophies.

Thanks to all the Irchester bowlers who donated trophies for my daughter's netball team. Until they had these trophies, they had to be content with a paper certificate, so were thrilled to be given real trophies, adapted from the ones donated. It shows in the picture how pleased they were and every child managed to get one for something. Please, if anyone has trophies they are fed up with dusting, they will be given a good home. Cheers. Shirley



The above got missed from the last Newsletter but Better late than never. Sorry Ed

Anything for the next Newsletter by the end of May Bank holiday please to ken@race-night.co.uk or 01933 315571 Ken