

To Marden Bowls Club Members

From Colin Smith: Secretary

Early Spring Newsletter March 24

Hello to all, welcome to my first Newsletter, I hope to be able to produce some up-to-date information on a regular basis.

Hopefully all is well and you are looking forward to some better weather in the coming months? Our Spring meeting to get together, to pay subs, lottery bonus ball and competition entries is on **Friday 12th April @ 7.30pm.**

Those interested in playing in the Friday Triples and the Tuesday Weald League's, please come along and put your name forward.

Even if you are not ready to put your name down yet, please come along and support the club and have a pre-season chat?

We are especially keen to welcome the newer members to the club to tell you about some coaching/training help which will be available this coming season?

We are due to open the Green on Saturday 27th April @ 2pm Please support? We are going to take a group photo for our Website. Could you please wear your club shirts and greys ?

We will be having a competitive roll up to get your arms & legs moving, teams will be selected on the day. A prize will be given to winning team. Please turn up and let's hope the sun shines?

The committee including the 'Green Team' have been busy during the winter period getting the club ready for the season. I can't stress enough we need all members to support the club, this incorporates putting names down for games, helping with catering and cleaning, volunteers are urgently needed to also help with green maintenance, Mowing, (training given) and help with Green surrounds on a Wednesday morning or alternatively simply just supporting the bar!

Club finances are struggling to keep up with inflation so any support you can give would be most welcome.

We are working towards increasing the information on our Website, so **Watch this space.**

Any bowls related news items you may have or indeed any funny/ amusing bowls related stories will be welcome?

New communications

Something different this season, George, our Captain will be using WhatsApp to communicate with most members on a weekly basis to ask for help raising sufficient names for our friendly games. He will also send out the selected team out via WhatsApp saving people travelling to the club.

He will still post teams on the notice board as per normal. We ask those with a smart phone to download this free App to be included in George's messages. Please let us know if you need any assistance with this.

This will save George numerous phone calls and hopefully may reduce stress levels.

Club needs to attract new members

Sorry we need to mention again but your support to help the club grow is extremely important. We are aiming to start promoting the club with a view of recruiting new members, so need to advertise in pertinent and prominent places. If any member has any ideas where to advertise, please let me know.

Please spread the word to friends and family and share the benefits of playing our wonderful game of bowls, we ideally need to recruit new people which will benefit all concerned. It is great for all aspects of health and wellbeing.

New Mid-week Evening Triples league

We have quite a few members who work and due to various reasons only play very occasionally, we would love to encourage those members to more involved. Any ideas?

It has been suggested we could run a small evening Thursday night triples league which would start at the end of June/early July if we could gather enough names.

Teams would consist of 4, (so not playing every week) and teams would be drawn in advance ensuring a balanced squad with the players changing positions weekly.

A list will be put up in the club house to gauge interest, If INTERESTED please put your name down?

Socials

The club have held Socials in the past, obviously Covid had an adverse effect but they do help bring the club members together and helps the club finances!

Another list will be put up to gain interest to see what they would like organised? For example, Quiz Night, Card or games night, Curry night, Fish & Chips supper etc

Your suggestions and ideas would be most welcome?

I believe that's all for now, please let me know if you have any suggestions or queries.

Kindest regards

Colin

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