

## Woburn Sands Bowls Club

### April 2024 Newsletter

The Green opens this weekend 13<sup>th</sup> April and our first event is a Spoon Drive on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone who has put their name down will be playing and you will be given a position to play and a rink to play on – good fun! We also have a social roll up on the first three Thursdays of the season for us all to get to know our new bowlers. The fixture list can be found on our website and there is a printed fixture list for collection in the clubhouse.

Thank you all for getting your forms in and entering the competitions. We are looking for 5 more ladies for the mixed pairs as we have 5 men without partners - let me know if you can help. The competition draw evening is on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please sign up if you would like to attend, there will be supper available. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered for helping with a duty and a reminder to those of you who have not signed up that any help is greatly appreciated as we rely on volunteers to keep the club running.

We have played two warm up games on the artificial green but unfortunately lost both (only just!) 63-69 to Linslade and 59-62 to Bucks West End.

Match fees for friendly games are **Home games** with meal - £5, with snack - £3.50, with Tea and biscuits - £2. **Away game** - £2 usually with tea and biscuits. **Representative Games** (Bowls England, London and Southern Counties, Bucks Cup, Trundell, Burnham, Bletchley and District League), - £2 for home games except Bucks Cup which will be £3.50 with a snack. Free for away games.

The Spring Cup is reaching its conclusion. The semi-finals will take place on Sunday morning at 10.30 am. Stuart and Hilary Martin v Philip Flower and Dave McGarragh. Geoff Jordan and Paul Buchanan v Jan and Dave Andrew or Barry and Jenny Wilson. Hopefully the final will be on Monday afternoon at 2 pm.

We have 3 coaching courses arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> April (Individual), 29<sup>th</sup> April (Marking), and 13<sup>th</sup> May (Managing the Head). Please sign up on the noticeboard,

The Green is looking very good for this time of year and we must thank Geoff Cooke and his team for all their work over the Winter months. As the new season is very close, will any members holding bowls from our club stock please place them back in the equipment shed. This means that new incoming members will have a selection of sizes to try out.

We are running more competitions for you on a Sunday morning and a Thursday evening. Sunday morning is a two wood triples competition – 6 players in a team with no more than three of the players having played in the Bucks Cup/Plate or Trundle in the last 3 years (£12 per team). Please sign up on the board. First games on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Thursday evening details will be sent later.

The Entertainment manager is looking into arranging a Christmas meal as over 80 members were interested.

Thanks to all who organised the Christmas meal, Burns Night, Cheese and Wine evening, Italian Night and the Supper evening (tonight). All really good and enjoyed by all who attended.

Dave McGarragh