

Woburn Sands Bowls Club - June 2023 Newsletter

The green is bowling very well and the grounds are looking very attractive thanks to all the volunteers who help keep the club going. The club is proving to be very popular and we now have 143 bowling members.

The men's team have won their first three Bucks Plate matches and look certain to qualify for the quarter finals. But in the other more competitive games (London and Southern Counties and Bowls England), we have had little success but have qualified for the fourth round of the Tony Allcock (2 mixed rinks)..All of the results can be found on the website but of our 11 mixed friendly games we have won 3, lost 8. If you are picked for a team and there is a problem please contact the captain of the day and not the team manager. The ladies team have not done very well in their friendly games but won their first Trundell game. Pauline would like to encourage more ladies to put their names down for these games.

Almost all of the first round matches in our club competitions have been completed, the results are on the notice board. A reminder that if your game is due to start before other scheduled games that you still need to draw for rinks with the number of balls in the bag equal to the number scheduled games. Also if you have a partner or family member marking for you please let your opposition know and check that they are happy with this. The club triples competition was very well supported with 16 teams(48 players) taking part on a cold Bank Holiday weekend. Well done to the finalists Gill Norris . Jan Maddock, Bob Carson and Hilary Martin, Trevor Templeman and Chris Jordan. A few people have mentioned that two games in a day is too much for some of our bowlers so we are looking to rectify this for next year.

Thank you to those of you who are signing up to our friendly games. We do try to give all our bowlers experience of playing in these games but with so many players you cannot be guaranteed that you will be picked for every game.

Just a couple of reminders: The grass at the edge of the green sits on a concrete kerb and is only about 50mm deep and as you will see does not grow very well and contains a lot of moss. The green team are trying to improve the situation and it would help if members did not sit on the banks. There are lightweight aluminium chairs in the equipment store that can be taken to the rink. Also please do not leave bags and bowls carriers (particularly in triples games with one bowl still left in it) on the bank close to the green as they could cause an accident. Please move all items away from the green edge. Also please change your shoes in the changing rooms and not on the veranda. A few bowls bags have been left in the changing rooms , please take these home with you or leave your equipment in the lockers provided.

We do have a selection of bowls in the shed for new bowlers to try out and borrow but we ask that you do not take these bowls home with you.

The beginners' league is very well supported this year with 16 pairs taking part. The first games took place this week. There are 2 leagues with all pairs in each league playing each other; games take place on a Monday evening. Thanks to Paul Hamer for organising this. If you cannot play your game on the specified day please let Paul know so that the rink can be made available to other users.

We are hoping to organise another two wood triples competition for all members on a Thursday evening. Details about this soon.

Recently a number of bowlers have not turned up for events they have signed up for and not let the organisers know. This has resulted in wasted food as we have catered for these people. Please note that in future if you have signed up for an event and do not turn up you will be charged for the food.

Coming soon is our annual BBQ on Saturday 1st July. 64 bowlers on a fun afternoon - £10 per head. Also the Cliff Hing trophy on Saturday 8th July - a mixed pairs competition sign up soon.

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