

# ORPINGTON BOWLS CLUB Newsletter



July 2024

**WELCOME** to the July newsletter that brings you up to date with future events and news from the club. We welcome new members, Richard Marsh, Tony Smith and Patrick McCullough and it's good to see new members joining in matches.

## **CABARET EVENING**

The Club will be holding a Cabaret Evening on Saturday 27th July, 7pm for 7.30pm. Our singer, Peter Snipp, a successful and nationally well-known popular entertainer who lives locally, will be entertaining us with a wide variety of songs from Rat Pack to classical to modern. He has sung and acted on stage with many well-known stars and some of our members have heard him sing and enjoyed the evening.

The cost for the evening will be £15 which includes a free raffle. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sheet on the table in the Club House.

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Bob, our Treasurer, aims to forward to members by mid-July, an update of the club's financial standing mid-way through this year's season.

## **JUNE LOTTERY WINNERS**

£50 – Alan Carter  
£40 – Reg Gibbs  
£30 – Alan Pollard  
£20 – Michelle Nolan

## **News from our Green Ranger, Richard Bickell....**



**Good News** The sprinkler system pump has been repaired and is now pumping at full pressure. A short piece of metal pipe had corroded through and has been replaced with plastic

### **Work party**

Thank you to everyone who attends the work party, Without, your time and energy we would not have one of the best kept clubs around. Hmmm... should I mention that when Dave and Chris were spiking the green last week, they ran over the hose pipe and put two holes in it 😞😞

### **Grub removal**

Work continues on the removal of bugs from the green. This involves laying plastic down in the evening and picking up the grubs when it is removed the next morning. If you are able to help with this, please contact Richard Bickell. richardbickell@yahoo.co.uk



### **Do you know what these are?**

We purchased two of these last year for use in positioning the jack, reducing the need to bend down. They are in the equipment shed for you to use. If you are unsure how to use then please ask.



## **NEW ROMNEY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**

We have our annual away match on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at New Romney.

Coach travel is being provided at a cost of £25 for players and £21 for guests. This covers green fees and tea. There will be a lunch stop in Hythe before we move on to New Romney. If you haven't put your name down, and would like to play, please put your name on the list in the clubhouse. Payment can be made by BACS to Orpington Bowls Club 40-35-30 81643657

### Forthcoming events:

#### **Aggregate – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm**

Because of the cancellation of Broadstairs this Friday we will be holding an Aggregate in its place with an earlier start time of 2pm. Thank you to Terry for organising this each week.

#### **Mixed Triples competition - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 @ 11am**

A few places are still available to play in this competition, so put your name on the list soon if you want to play. This will be an all-day event so please bring a plate of food to share.

#### **Skills Day – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 11am**

Another full day event to test your skills, undertaking various challenges set by the club coaches. It's harder than you'd think! Please bring your own lunch.

#### **Evening roll-up – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July @ 6pm**

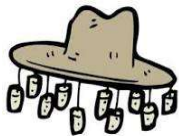
To enable those of you who work during the day an opportunity for a roll up, and to welcome our new bowlers, there will be a roll up on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. All are welcome and the play will be arranged on an aggregate basis. Snacks and nibbles will be provided.

### **Matches**

All players are encouraged to put their names down for matches. The lists are displayed in the main clubhouse (Men's and mixed matches and in the ladies changing room (Ladies).

Details of future matches are also listed in the fixture booklets.

It is disappointing that we have had to cancel matches, including Broadstairs and limited numbers are making it difficult for the captains to plan. Please support your club!



#### **AUSTRALIAN PAIRS – MONDAY AFTERNOONS**

A thank you to Norman for organising this each week.

This is a reminder that if you are unable to play on your week, **it is your responsibility to arrange for someone to play in your place.** The list of names and dates you are due to play are on the noticeboard in the clubhouse. Please make sure you check.



#### **NOVICE PAIRS COMPETITION**

This competition is open to new bowlers who have started bowling for the first time this year. Bowlers must be available to play on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> and Sun 8<sup>th</sup> September, which is finals weekend.

Please put your name on the list in the clubhouse if you wish to play in this competition



#### **RETURN OF CLUB TROPHIES**

Please note that all competition trophies won last year should be returned to the club no later 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, and in good order.

They can be left in the display cabinet or the cupboard below.

Much appreciated

Jill & John Yeates

### **CLUBHOUSE SECURITY- AN IMPORTANT REMINDER**

If you are the last person leaving the clubhouse, please ensure you lock up everything, making sure the padlock is properly secured on the equipment shed.

The bird scarer, and 'fake' dead crows with their 'snakes' also need to be placed on the green