

# HAYLING ISLAND BOWLS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

### **Message from Rosemary, Club President**

Rosemary would like to thank everyone who recently helped to paint the clubhouse and all those who contributed to organising everything ready for the start of the new season. Also, best wishes to everyone for a great season of bowling.

### **Membership update from Martin Hopper**

Following our enrolment evening in February the club has 78 Full members and 15 Social members for the 2018 season.

Membership is down from 2017 levels of 89 Full members and 21 Social members which seriously impacts the club's finances.

I would ask ALL members to do their best to promote the club to friends and family, and, if possible, bring along potential new members to our "Have-a-Go" sessions which are noted in the latest Fixture List (and see below).

### **Artificial Green update**

Martin and Mike have met with Havant Borough Council to discuss our proposals, for which they are broadly supportive.

In order for a successful funding bid to be submitted to Sport England the club needs to have a long term lease over the green and clubhouse. We have submitted our proposals to HICCA and their committee have concerns which need addressing before the matter can progress.

Havant Borough Council are to arrange a three way meeting between themselves, the club, and HICCA in order to explore HICCA's concerns and, hopefully, come to an accommodation.

In the meantime, Dales have visited the club and taken measurements in order to provide a quote for the construction of the new green.

### **Message from Men's Captain**

I hope that everyone has had a good rest over the winter period and that you are all raring to play bowls again. We have a very busy period straight off and lets hope that the green is playable for the Captains' v Presidents' game.

The men's Tuesday league will soon be starting so that's something to look forward to. See you all very soon on the green. Best wishes, Ray Hoskins

### **Mats**

Mats are to be used for all play 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April to protect the green. A decision will be taken on the 8<sup>th</sup> as to whether to continue this for the following week.

### **Thank you to Geoff and June**

A big "Thank you" to Geoff Belding and June Dick for running the winter cribbage group which has raised £336 for the club. Over the years they have been running this group the club has benefited by over £1,400 in donations.

### **Message from Brian Pullan**

Brian would like to thank everyone that joined him at Sinah playing bowls this winter.

### **Have a Go (OPEN) Days**

There will be a number of Have-a-Go / open days for the public throughout the season to attract new members and we need existing members to support these sessions. A list of dates and times for these sessions will be on the notice board for members to add their names when they can provide help.

Sunday 22 April at 10 am  
Saturday 28 April at 10 am  
Tuesday 22 May at 5 pm  
Saturday 23 June at 10 am  
Wednesday 25 July at 2 pm  
Thursday 30 August at 12 noon

### **Changes to Fixture List**

The following changes have been made to the Fixture List. Please update your copy.

A copy of the new version (Version 2) will be displayed in the clubhouse.

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Fixture Date</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>V1</b>	<b>18.2.18</b>			<b>First version for enrolment meeting</b>
		14.4.18	F	Friendly against Gosport added
		27.6.18	F	Correction of start time of Pagham friendly i.e. 2 pm
<b>V2</b>	<b>20.3.18</b>			<b>Second version for start of season</b>

### **Data Laws**

The data consent laws are changing In May 2018. The Club needs your consent to publish a telephone list so that members are able to contact each other in order to arrange games etc. and to send out communications relating to the Club or bowls matters. Forms will be available in the Club House - please complete, sign and put it with the Roll-Up attendance book. The Club will not pass on the personal details that you have provided to anyone outside the Club without your consent.

### **Forthcoming Events for April/May**

Saturday 7 April, Charity Coffee Morning, at 10 am in the club house, organised by Malcolm and Yvonne Tipton. Cakes and support needed please.

On Saturday 14 April, 6 Mixed Triples Friendly match at Gosport (on all weather surface)

Wednesday 18 April, 12 noon, Ladies Friendly - Gosport (home)

Saturday 21 April p.m., Presidents' Team v Captains' Team followed by American supper (Entry Form on Notice Board)

Sunday 22 April, a.m/p.m., Have-A-Go day - volunteers wanted to help - see Notice Board

Friday 27 April, 1 p.m., Clothing, equipment and accessories for sale - Bowls Direct, prior to 2 p.m. roll up.

Saturday 28 April, Have-A-Go day - volunteers wanted to help - see Notice Board

Sunday 6 May, 2 pm, Home, Friendly against Wokingham

Sunday 13 May 2 pm, Home, Friendly against Fishbourne

Saturday 19 May, 10 am, Club event

Tuesday 22 May, 5 pm, Have-A-Go day - volunteers wanted - see Notice Board

### **Other Notable Events from 2017 Fixture List**

Saturday 9 June, 10 am	Club Event - Format to be advised
Thursday 14 June, 6.15 pm	Friendly, Away against Petersfield
Saturday 23 June, 10 am	Have-a-Go Open Day
Wednesday 27 June, 2 pm	Friendly, Home against Pagham
Sunday 8 July, 10 am	Club Event - Format to be advised
Wednesday 11 July, 2 pm	Ladies Friendly, Home against Wittering
Sunday 15 July, 2 pm	Friendly, Away against Hedge End
Saturday 21 July, 2 pm	Charity Fun Day
Wednesday 25 July, 2 pm	Have-a-Go Open Day
Thursday 26 July, 6.15 pm	Friendly, Home against Petersfield
Wednesday 1 August, 2 pm	Friendly, Away against Fishbourne
Saturday 4 August, 10 am	Club Event - Open Pairs
Sunday 12 August, 2 pm	President's Day
Saturday 18 July, 10 am	Club Finals
Sunday 19 July, 10 am	Club Finals

Thursday 30 August, 12 noon	Have-a-Go Open Day
Wednesday 5 September, 2 pm	Friendly, Away against Pagham
Thursday 6 September, 7 pm	Men's AGM
Saturday 8 September, 10 am	Club Event - Australian Pairs
Wednesday 12 September, 10 am	Ladies Day
Saturday 15 September, 10 am	Club Event - Format to be advised
Tuesday 18 September, 2 pm	Ladies Friendly, Away against Wittering
Wednesday 19 September, 2 pm	Ladies AGM
Saturday 22 September, 12.30 pm	Presentation Lunch at Brookfield Hotel, Emsworth
Sunday 23 September, 2 pm	Club Event - Ladies v Gents
Thursday 27 September, 7 pm	AGM
Sunday 30 September	Club Closes

Further details for each event will be displayed on the noticeboard nearer the time.

### **Rink Diary**

The Club needs to keep a register of the green usage for the purposes of the lottery funding bid for an all weather surface. Please will you ensure that the Rink Diary contains the names of players (and markers, if applicable) for occasions other than league matches, friendlies, roll-ups, Tuesday men's league, Wednesday ladies practice and Club events.

### **Mens Bowling Shorts**

If you are interested, please contact Martin for sizes etc. Men's Chino shorts with two swing pockets and two back jet pockets with button fastening. Zip fly and button fastening to the front. Soft finish fabric in Slate £18.99.

### **Volunteers Welcome**

If you can spare some time to make tea for home matches it will be much appreciated. Please add your name to the match sheets that are posted on the noticeboard in the clubhouse.

### **Lottery Update**

The current lottery (currently organised by Brian) continues until September when Martin Hopper will take over. A number of people have won 2 or 3 times this session. £10 win on Saturdays and £5 for Wednesday winners.

### **Joke of the month**

A SPANISH Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

"House" for instance, is feminine: "la casa."

"Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz."

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?"

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computadora"), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval;  
and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay check on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ("el computador"), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem;  
and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won!

### **Our Website**

The Club constitution, rules, fixture list and other information relating to the club can be found at [www.haylingislandbowls.org](http://www.haylingislandbowls.org). If you would like something included, please contact Geoff Holland at [geoff.j.holland@btinternet.com](mailto:geoff.j.holland@btinternet.com).

### **Any Bowling News you would like included in the next Newsletter**

Please email me at [sue.hall700@gmail.com](mailto:sue.hall700@gmail.com) and I will be happy to include it. If you do not use email please let me have a written note.

The deadline for receipt of items is 26 April.