



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2020

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Members are reminded of the club ethos of respecting the right of all club members to participate in club activities free from harassment, abuse and intimidation.



Our Competitions secretary Sheila has been busy contacting members that entered the club singles, 2 woods, Holgate and club pairs competitions on their membership subscription forms this season. With the committee's support Sheila, as Club President, is sponsoring the 2020 Lockdown Singles and it got underway on Sat 4th July. It is now down to the semifinal which will be played on WEDS 22nd July at 5.30pm. Ron F, Ivy, Peter and Ken were all runners up in the ¼ finals and the semifinals are Rob M V Kevin S and Les R V Deb T.

The 2 woods comp started on Sun 12th July and the semifinal will be Rob M V Dave L and Les R V Ron F on 29th July.

The Pairs are being played on Sat 1st AUG 10.30, Tues 4th 5.30, Sat 8th Aug 10.30 and Wed 19th Aug 5.30.



Hand washing stations were available and 2M distancing observed



Committee News.

The committee met last week and due to the government relaxing the restrictions even more and Bowls England's new guidance re the amount of people etc we have changed/added to the Club's guidance.

Four people from different households can play pairs now as long as 2m social distancing is maintained.

We can also have spectators for the same time slots as the rinks with a Max of 20 people up the club at one time.

The committee are very aware that we have some of our members who have been shielding or live on their own and are now quite nervous about coming out again and feel that coming to the club may well help them get their confidence back.

The club has benches and plastic chairs that can be spread out to 2M apart and with sanitizing spray available to spray and wipe down before and after use. However, it would be easier if spectators brought their own chairs.

The club house remains **closed** unless the bathroom is required and there are clear instructions to follow if used so that you can leave it sanitized. The committee did discuss opening the bar and kitchen but decided at this moment in time it was not feasible. So again, members are required to bring drinks etc with them and take ALL rubbish home again.

To allow us to control our numbers up the club and for track and trace purposes bookings for a rink and spectators and gardeners are made over the phone.

Bookings are via Dave or Debbie Trollope on the land line first 01727 821287 or a text on Dave 07947833492 or Deb's mobile 07736305128 if you don't want to leave a message on the land line.

You can book on the day you want to bowl/spectate etc or the day before if watching the weather. But no sooner than 48 hours before the day you want to bowl. So, if looking to bowl on Weds call us Monday, Tues or Weds to book a rink. The rinks are available to book 10.30, 12.30, 2.30, 4.30 and 6.30..

The **sheds are still off limits** and all the equipment is out under the veranda with dipping trays for the mats and sprays for the jacks.

In pairs each player has a mat and the leads have the jacks. Please read the attached changed guidance in **BLUE** re the guidance for pairs as it is different.

We appreciate our guidance might appear to be very stringent to some at the moment especially compared to what you might experience when out shopping but it is for your safety and it will be reviewed on a regular basis. Little steps forward

The committee are aware that some members have chosen to ignore the club guidance and have just been dropping in up the club.

They would like to remind members that if a member who has been up the club does contract Covid – and it is possible as the virus HAS NOT gone away - in order to control this disease the Track and Trace teams need to know exactly where that person has been and who they have been in contact with and all those people then self-isolate. This is the only way the UK will control this if it escalates again. All organizations have to log who attends their premises. Please work with us in this as we ALL have a responsibility to keep our selves and everyone else safe

A new sign will be on the gate to remind you....



Our Website

So that members who wish to book a rink, spectate or tend their gardens can see who is up the club, Keith W has put a page on the Harperbury club website with the calendar of rink bookings. Dave and Debbie will update this each evening to show the number of people attending the club at any one time.

A MASSIVE thank you to Keith for his hard work in sorting this out for us. The website is www.harperburybowls.org

To view the calendar, scroll down to the bottom of the home page and there is a button to click. While you are on there have a look at all the great stuff on our webpage it is very professional.

I appreciate the fact that we have gone on about the Club guidance a lot in this newsletter but it is there to protect us all. Members MUST take some responsibility for their own safety and that of others and follow them. The committee will review and change them as required – no one wants to get back to having members back up the club using the bar and kitchen etc more than us but covid is still out there.

All those NHS staff that have recently been isolated caught it off each other. They got complacent about the social distancing and masks etc as they had been working with each other through out the lock down. It takes one person to unwittingly contract it, who may not know they have it to pass it on to a vulnerable person. We do not want any more of our members to contract this terrible disease.

PLEASE DO

Text or ring before you go up the club this applies to EVERYONE

Take hand sanitiser with you

Take drinks and snacks with you

Take a chair if spectating

If using the bathroom sanitise everything you have touched

If not taking a chair sanitize the one you do use.

Follow the guidance around the mat and the jack.

Stay 2 M apart. If you can't do this then wear a mask.

READ the guidance attached paying attention to the updated items in blue.

Understand that you attend the club at your own risk.

If the committee feel that members are not following this guidance and persist on dropping into the club without booking then they will be left with no choice but to close the club again if they feel it is no longer safe for our members.

PLEASE DO NOT

Just drop in.

Touch other players woods or Mats.

Enter the club house unless to use the bathroom.

THINK – it is not only what you can pass onto others but what others can pass onto YOU.



We are all looking forward to getting our lovely social events back on track and obviously the bowling as well.

This season is about doing what we can to stay safe and taking some responsibility to keep others around us safe.

A massive thank you to the vast majority of our members who are very mindful of the guidance. As we have SO many members over 70 and vulnerable we again - thank you for working with us on this. Covid does not discriminate it can cling to, and affect, anyone.

Work with us, stay safe.