

Postponed Spring Meeting 2020 – Fact Sheet.

As in previous communication, the Management Committee have decided to postpone the Spring Meeting planned for 19 March in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. This is a "fact" sheet to cover the points that were to be raised at the meeting to provide members with information about the coming season.

Firstly, a comment from the Club Chairman, Colin :-

“As it has been decided not to hold the spring meeting, if anyone has any questions that they wanted to put to the meeting please send to me or Bob, we will do our best to answer.

Bob mentioned at the AGM that after being in post for over ten years he would be standing down after this season, therefore if anyone is willing to take on the job it may be beneficial to speak to him and take note of what he does.

Without a Secretary the club cannot survive.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the green soon”.

1. In the meantime nothing else will change and the season will go ahead as planned with the green being opened from Saturday 4 April and with the opening day roll up on Saturday 11 April (both subject to the green being ready).
Annual subscriptions (£90 for full membership, £10 for Associate Members) are due and may be paid at the clubhouse on the mornings of Tuesday 17 March and Wednesday 18 March and the afternoon of Thursday 19 March, when Committee members will be in attendance. Alternatively, cheques may be left at the clubhouse in an envelope addressed to the Treasurer (now Mike Hexter) - a batch of fixture cards will be held at the clubhouse for collection when fees are paid. Members can also post cheques to Mike or myself or pay in person at any time before 1 May.
2. Safeguarding issues have been raised by Bowls England and need addressing.
3. Amendments to Constitution and Rules as agreed at the 2019 AGM will be issued shortly.
4. The selection procedures for men’s matches are being changed this season – details to follow.
5. Much maintenance work required at Club – a list will be prepared and members asked to take on tasks in their own time. There will not be a “work day” this year, as was the practice in previous years. More details to follow.
6. John Osborne is not rejoining the Club this year and Mike Hexter has volunteered to take over as Treasurer.
7. Peter Ford has taken over management of the website, which is being readied for the new season. More details to follow.

8. Entry sheets for Club competitions are on the Notice Board. Fees for all competitions remain at 50p per person per competition. The fees for singles matches & the Husband and Wife competition will be collected early in the season; fees for entry into pairs, triples & fours competition on the first day of each competition. **Before entering competitions please ensure you are available for the whole competition including the finals.**
9. In accordance with changes to Rules, competition matches can now be played in the mornings.
 - Fixture booklets have been printed and will be distributed on payment of subs. Two games against Yelverton in the Border Triples League were cancelled after the booklet was printed and two ladies friendly games against Lee Moor were arranged after the booklets were printed. These changes have been reflected on the website and noted on the Notice Board at the Clubhouse.
 - Work has continued on the green to make it ready for 6 April. Volunteers to join the Green team will be most welcome.
 - The Rink Schedule Book has been prepared and includes extra space for morning sessions.
 - A supplementary Honours Board is being acquired to record historic entries not included on the (new) main Honours Board.
 - Cleaning day - start time on 1st April has been changed to 9.30am. Due to the damp winter a deep clean is essential this year and so we need as many people as possible – male and female to turn up with their favourite cleaning utensils to start as close to 9.30am as possible. Bleach, cloths etc will be provided, as well as tea, coffee and biscuits.
 - There will be an Open day for new bowlers on Sunday 3 May at 2pm, so the green will be unavailable for general play that afternoon.
 - A volunteer is required to pre-buy raffle prizes, as in previous years.
 - New rink scoreboards are being acquired, funded by our President, Pat. Anybody want the old ones?
 - The work rosters will be placed on the Notice Board and on the website in due course.

Ladies Section.

19. The Ladies have this year, entered the Borders Triples League as well as the P&D League. It is hoped that the Borders Triples will be treated, by those ladies members who seem reluctant to enter any matches. as a Ladies Friendly. The Availability Sheets will be put up on the right-hand notice board in the Ladies changing room, the Border Triples sheets will have the headline in RED. We have around 20 lady members and only 8 who, at this moment in time, are prepared to play in the Borders League and so we do hope that the some more ladies will be prepared to put their names forward. The matches are an excellent way to spend an enjoyable, relaxed afternoon, in good company. One of the rules of the Borders League (BLT) is that only two County Players are permitted to play in any game thus reducing the number of people available to play at any one time.

20. There will be a Ladies roll-up at 2pm on Wednesday 15th April, in the meantime if anyone wants any more information about the BLT, please do not hesitate to contact Judy.