

# NORTH LEEDS BOWLING CLUB

## June Newsletter 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE - What's on in June

JUNE ---

Thur	1	Vets CUP 1/4 FINAL Tate Trophy - N L BC V Swillington
Fri	2	Green open for Social Bowling
Sat	3	*****HOSTING QTR FINAL BA CUP*****BostonSPA X Harehills
Sun	4	Green open for Social bowling
Mon	5	2.00 regular session
Tue	6	6pm Friendly with Cricket Club all welcome
Wed	7	Green open for social bowling
Thur	8	Green open for social bowling - Vets away to GROVE ROAD
Fri	9	Green open for social bowling
Sat	10	B Ash home to - ABERFORD B
Sun	11	Green open for social bowling
Mon	12	Morning Hiring Carnegie Group 10.00 - 12.30 (£60) - 2.00 Regular session
Tue	13-	Green open for social bowling
Wed	14	XGates home to GARFORTH REC
Thur	15	Vets home to FEARNVILLE <span style="float: right;">CUBS using green from about 7.30</span>
Fri	16	Green open for social bowling
Sat	17	Green open for social bowling - B Ash away to BOSTON SPA B
Sun	18	Green open for social bowling
Mon	19	Open for social bowling - 2.00 Regular sessions
Tue	20	6pm Possible Friendly with Cricket Club
Wed	21	Green open for social bowling - XGates away to BARWICK B
Thur	22	Green open for social bowling - Vets away to COLTON
Fri	23	Green open for social bowling
Sat	24	B Ash home to KIPPAX B
Sun	25	<b>ROUNDHAY OPEN GARDENS DAY - NLBC OPEN DAY with members social bowling to encourage visitors to try our sport - Please support the day.</b>
Mon	26	Green open for social bowling - 2.00 regular sessions
Tue	27	Green open for social bowling
Wed	28	Green open for bowling sessions
Thur	29	Vets Singles Merits
Fri	30	Green open for social bowling

**NOTE - SUNDAY 16TH JULY - PRESIDENTS DAY  
SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST - OVER 90'S TOURNAMENT**

**FIRST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR** - I would report for members who could not attend the first Sunday event of the year on the 14th May that the Lottery Draw and bowling afternoon was very successful. All new lottery numbers have been circulated and as far as the bowling element the matching up of regular bowlers with new or less experienced members worked very well. With rounds of matches of nine end duration and with group winners moving into a playoff our ultimate winners were Terry Rock and new comer Cath Harrison who managed to overcome Paul Mitchell and Angela Baker who also is in her first season of bowling. Congratulation to them and thanks to Mark for setting up the playing arrangements.

A format we will no doubt employ at further events such as the President's Day.

***I would also express thanks and appreciation to all those members who kindly brought along cakes and other delicacies for members refreshments to enjoy with their various brews.***

### YOUR GREEN and GARDENS

At long last all the expenditure and effort by a select band of members coordinated by Mark Somers is coming to fruition. The green is now playing better than it has done for many seasons and Mark Somers and his helpers have done an excellent job providing us with a surface that is a pleasure to bowl on, be it socially

or competitively. Mark is always happy to be approached by further volunteers to ease the load on the regulars.

Additionally, those members who do not feel up to wielding heavy mowing machines but could cope with a bit of gardening could also contribute by helping to maintain the areas surrounding the green. Any assistance with weeding, trimming, edging, planting would be much appreciated.

This is especially the case in coming weeks as we are again on the route for this years ROUNDHAY OPEN GARDENS day on Sunday 25th June when we also plan to have members attending to help provide drinks for visitors and be on the green playing to demonstrate what our game is about. Last year this encouraged some of the garden visitors to try their hand at a little bowling and actually produced five or more new members to the club. Let us hope for as much success again this year.

### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE -**

Now that the equipment garage has been fully restored it has been resolved to address the Inglenook shelter in the next closed season. It is planned to establish just what is needed to restore or replace this shelter and grant aid to fund the work is to be sought out. We also have an issue with the ramp access to the disability toilet provision and this is even more pressing in terms of health and safety. As this is urgent it is to be undertaken professionally as soon as practical on grounds of safety. Those entering the club will note that a degree of sifting out redundant items generally and in the kitchen area particularly has been undertaken. This will make cleaning easier and also provides a less cluttered appearance generally.

### **MEMBERSHIP 2023 / 24 - PLEASE HELP YOUR CLUB**

As I wrote last year your Treasurer Terry Rock would like me to thank those who have paid their annual subscriptions promptly. I would add my own thanks to Terry's in respect of subscriptions to the club lottery, these are now all in place and of course if anyone else wishes to join do please contact me.

It is essential that income from membership comes close to balancing our basic outgoings. Items such as rent, rates, Insurance, lighting and water must be covered since none of these issues would be appropriate to receive grant aid.

To this end it is vital that we boost our membership numbers and hopefully avoid the need to increase our subscription fee.

It has been a real pleasure to see a number of new faces on the green this season and it is hoped they will continue to gain interest and fitness from their new activity.

I would also observe that if we are to maintain our competitive teams in the league competitions it is equally important that encouragement is given to newcomers to give the more competitive side a go. None of us came into the game assuming we would be competitive league players but once we have tried it many find it rewarding. You will not know for sure unless you try it.

Even if you do not wish to bowl in the league all the time, it would be most helpful to the respective captains if we had a few more members who could perhaps fill in when the teams are stretched for numbers.

Fortunately Westward Care have agreed once more to sponsor the Over 90's event on the 6th of August. This is a very popular event and can provide a little valuable income for the club. It is also inspiring to watch these veterans still getting satisfaction from being involved in a little gentle Competition.

David Jones has maintained the link with our sponsor, WEALTH ASPIRATIONS - a financial advisory company - whose name appears on the reverse of our smart team match day shirts. Largely thanks to our Chairman we have a number of sponsors banners about the club and this income is hugely welcome but is not likely to necessarily be available beyond the present two season agreement.

Thus other sources of funding such as grants will be important to our future.

***Should any members have experience of seeking out grant aid and submitting applications and who feel they might be able to undertake such tasks on behalf of the club or advise others on the process do please make contact with me or Paul Mitchell.***

*Another way for members to help would be to make friends / colleagues aware that the club may be hired for meetings, or for small corporate events similar to those we have this season. see the events list above. However, generally we as a club would not be able to provide catering; it would be up to those doing the hiring to self provide as appropriate.*

*Any such events can add to our funds so do please have this in mind.*

**CLUB CLOTHING** - In an effort to show the team spirit and togetherness of our club teams David Jones has re-established the arrangement for obtaining suitable club apparel. This will have the club crest / emblem and name on the left breast. These items are in the form of a *white short sleeved playing shirt with the emblem and name in yellow at a cost of £18. A green long sleeved sweatshirt, with yellow badge at £24. For those who fancy something a little warmer there is a fleece also green with yellow badge at £30.*

These white match day shirts will also produce much needed sponsorship revenue for the club as they will carry the sponsors identity and message '**Wealth Aspirations**' on the back.

## **SOCIAl BOWLING & PRACTICE SESSIONS**

As I have indicated in previous newsletters we would hope that this more social element at the club may be stepped up. Monday afternoons have been particularly aimed at social bowling with help and guidance being provided to prospective new members by more experienced current members. It is also hoped that the regular Tuesday evening sessions aimed at the working element of the club will prosper. It started quite well in the chill early part of the season but then fell away. Perhaps a few sunny evenings might bring a few more in. Either of these sessions would be good times to bring along newcomers to see what is on offer.

I would also remind our social bowlers that there is more access available to the green on Saturdays and Thursdays since we no longer run two teams in the leagues on those days. Consequently alternate weeks the green should be available for all to use on those afternoons. Check for free dates on the calendar above and displayed on the right of the club noticeboard or via the web site.

## **2023 LEAGUE & CUP BOWLING**

Would all members, not just league bowlers, be aware that since all cup matches in all competitions have to be played on neutral greens we, as a member club, are required from time to time to make our facilities available to two other teams to play their matches.

This is not a particularly onerous task and involves opening up, setting up ready for match play and providing drinks etc. to both teams for which we make charges as posted in the kitchen.

Please where you can make yourself available, help your club by volunteering to assist on these occasions. It is desirable to have two people on duty and three would make life easier since it is occasionally necessary to undertake measuring on the green. This is an area where non bowlers or social bowlers might be able to help out since on occasions our own club teams may themselves have matches on the same day away from home.

## **LEAGUE PROGRESS TO DATE**

### **Wednesday Evening Team in the Cross Gates Evening League Division 3**

Terry Rock's team have to date Played 6 Won 2 Lost 4 and are 7th in the league and have beaten Whinmore BC in the Turpshot Shield

### **The Thursday Vets Team in North East Leeds Vets League Division 1**

Mark Somers team have Played 6 Won 3 and Lost 3 and are 6th in the league. They exited the cup with defeat to Swillington in a match on the tricky Whitkirk green.

### **The Saturday team in the Barkston Ash League Division 4.**

Hilary's team has to date Played 6 Won 1 and Lost 5 and are currently 6th in the division. Their win came at the expense of Garforth Rec B who they completed a full house of eight wins to record the maximum score of 168, you cannot beat that and is quite a rare achievement.

*Fixtures for all teams are posted on the club noticeboard and may also be viewed on the respective league sites on the internet via [BowlsNet.uk](http://BowlsNet.uk)*

**SALES - WOODS - BAGS** - Once again I would invite anyone who has bowls that they wish to sell or care to donate to the club, particularly the lighter range, 2.8 / 2.6 / 2.4 / or even lighter to get in touch with me. These could be for use by or for sale to new members to learn and familiarise themselves with until they perhaps decide to purchase from new. Similarly with any unwanted bowling equipment, bags / holdalls for woods etc. for sale or simply to recycle.

### **CLUB DEVELOPMENT FUND LOTTERY**

Thanks to all who have continued to support our little lottery. This is in the long run helping us raise funds for specific essential projects or emergencies.

The annual re-draw for numbers took place on Sunday 14th May at the club.

During the season the draw results will be posted regularly on the notice board at the club.

The entry fee remains at £1 a week, preferably paid annually or half yearly by cheque cash or direct transfer. Anyone wishing to use the latter please let me know and I will give them the required bank details.

**All winning cheques for £25 will be issued to the lucky winners as appropriate.**

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEWER MEMBERS AND IT IS HOPED THAT YOU WILL ALL ENJOY PLAYING AT THE NORTH LEEDS CLUB. DO PLEASE MAKE AS MUCH USE OF THE GREEN AND FACILITIES AS POSSIBLE AND ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIAL ONE OFF CLUB EVENTS WOULD BE WELCOMED.**

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