



PICKERING BOWLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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BOWLING GREEN OPENING EVENT SUNDAY 6th APRIL

What a fantastic start to the 2025 season! The weather was very kind and members, longstanding and new, provided a wonderful atmosphere, not to mention an amazing selection of food. Everyone had smiles on their faces and really enjoyed themselves. The club begins the season in a positive position with 57 members, 51 bowling and 6 non-bowling members, so thank you for paying your fees promptly. Thanks to Allan Forsyth for organising and running the bowls game which was a lot of fun.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the shared tea and special thanks to Nigel for co-ordinating the catering side of the day and to everyone who helped set up and/or cleared away. The event only runs smoothly with everyone helping and working together.

CLUB FRIENDLY “Afternoon Team” versus “Evening Team” took place on Sunday 13th April and despite the weather turning a little chilly it was a lovely afternoon and a game which was played in good spirit. The game consisted of 4 rinks of triples playing 15 ends with the “Evening Team” winning by only 5 shots. Two of the four rinks tied which shows how evenly the game was played. The outstanding moment in the game has to go to the evening rink of Colin Burdon (Skip), Lorraine Bointon and Wendy Read, who scored a “hot shot” (scoring maximum (9) bowls on one end). Unfortunately no photograph was taken to send to Bowls International “Hot Shots Club” in order to record this achievement!



GREEN CLOSURE the green will be closed to all members on **23rd, 24th and 25th April** when contractors will be on site to do remedial work on the paths surrounding the green. The green will re-open on Saturday 26th April. The green is open for practice until 23rd, with the newly formed “Pikes” team playing their inaugural game in the Scarborough Vets League at 2pm on Tuesday 22nd April.

BOWLING IS FUN

LEAGUE LISTS

The lists for all the league teams are now on the noticeboard. Anyone who has not put their name down to play in a league and wishes to do so please add your name as soon as possible, or alternatively contact the league captain, whose contact details are on the first page of the fixture booklet. The club has entered two teams in the Scarborough Vets League which therefore requires 18 players each week. With only 20 names on the list, this leaves very little room to cover holidays, sickness etc. so please consider adding your name if you haven't already done so. The "Pikes" team has been set up to develop new players and give them experience in a league game, alongside more experienced players, and to ensure anyone who joins our club has a chance to play competitively. For any more information please contact Geoff Clark, Pikes captain, whose details are in the fixture booklet.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The same competitions as last season will take place and the lists for entry to the club competitions are on the noticeboard within the rec club and names can be added until the closing date for entries on **6th May**. Penny Johnson is organising the competitions this season and will be in touch with draw and deadline dates for each round after the entries have closed. Remember you must be available to play on the finals day **Monday 25th August**, so please make a note in your diaries.

SOCIAL BOWLING SATURDAY'S AT 2pm

Due to the recent good weather social bowling has now started, with the more structured afternoons beginning on 3rd May. Everyone is welcome to attend, but please remember any visitors **MUST** sign the visitors book which is kept in the wooden shed.

To assist with organisation a list has been put up on the noticeboard for people who are available to open up and lock up these sessions. Any questions please contact Stephen Chapman, Social Secretary, at thechapmans25@aol.com or telephone 07733 056664.

BOWLS ENGLAND'S BOWLS BIG WEEKEND SATURDAY 24TH MAY

Once again Pickering BC are participating in this event and will be open to all from 2pm-4pm. This is an excellent opportunity for people to come along and try the game of bowls for **FREE**. Please encourage friends, family, colleagues to come along and give bowls a go! Stephen Chapman is organising this event and will welcome volunteers to help on the day.

Please contact Stephen at thechapmans25@aol.com or telephone 07733 056664 for more information.

REC CLUB CHARITY QUIZ IN AID OF PICKERING BOWLING CLUB SUNDAY 1ST JUNE AT 7.30PM

On the first Sunday of every month the Rec Club hold a charity quiz, and on Sunday 1st June this will be in aid of our club. **At the quiz we will be running a raffle and therefore require good quality prizes, such as gift vouchers, wine, hampers etc. If you are able to provide a prize, or have connection to a business who may be able to help please let me know.** It would also be good if as many club members as possible attend this event to show support not only to our club but also the Rec Club. The cost to enter the quiz is £2. If you want to know more, why not pop down to the Rec Club on Sunday 4th May for the next charity quiz!

BOWL-A-THON IN AID OF PANCREATIC CANCER SUNDAY 13TH JULY 10.00AM-6.00PM

As part of the Rec Club's Family Fun Day on Sunday 13th July, the bowling club are holding a bowl-a-thon with all proceeds going to Pancreatic Cancer Research, in memory of Steve Taylor and Julie Moss. There will be one rink of continuous bowling throughout the day and our team is looking for "challengers". The challengers will be a team of 3, each player paying £5, playing for one hour, starting and finishing on the whistle. Please contact Jean if you would like to be either a challenger or part of the bowl-a-thon team, or help on the day. More information will be available next month and sponsorship forms for the team will be available in the next couple of weeks.

HELP WANTED

Help is needed to tend the club's garden, which has been cared for by Geoff Newton over recent years and the club is very grateful for his dedication and commitment to the garden. If you enjoy gardening, or know someone who does, please get in touch so we can continue to have a beautiful garden.

