



# PICKERING BOWLING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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We have had a glorious start to the season, a vast contrast to the start of the 2024 season when waterproofs and jumpers were the order of the day! Well done to all the teams in the various leagues for a good start to the season. League results and tables for Batagas, Hovingham and Ryedale Vets can be found by visiting our website, [www.pickeringbowling.co.uk](http://www.pickeringbowling.co.uk) and following the links on the league page. Scarborough Vets league results and table will be posted on the noticeboard in the club. There are lots of social events coming up so please read on.....

**BOWLS BIG WEEKEND SATURDAY 24TH MAY 2PM-4PM.** Bowls' Big Weekend is an annual national event, designed to introduce more people to the sport of bowls. The event takes place over May bank holiday weekend, during which bowls clubs across the country open their doors to the public, offering free taster sessions, to get more people playing our sport. It's a fun, inclusive event that welcomes people of all ages and abilities to try the sport in a friendly, supportive environment. The initiative aims to promote bowls as a modern, accessible activity that brings communities together while encouraging new members to join local clubs. Pickering B. C. have again signed up to take part in Bowls' Big Weekend, we will open the green to anyone who would like to try bowls on Saturday 24 May between 2 pm and 4 pm. Please encourage family, friends, neighbours to come and try bowls. All equipment will be provided with people on hand to give them encouragement and advice. We would especially like to see younger people coming along to give bowls a try. Under 18's are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

**BOWLING CLUB QUIZ SUNDAY 1ST JUNE.** The monthly Rec Club charity quiz on 1st June is in support of the bowling club. Entry is £2 and it would be lovely to see as many members of our club there to support this. There will also be a raffle so **raffle prizes are needed - wine, chocolates etc. Please give donations to Jean**

**BOWL-A-THON 13TH JULY 10.00AM-6.00PM IN AID OF PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH.** At the moment we have seven members taking on the challenge : Lorraine and Phil Bointon, Stuart Read, Jean Smith, Phil Coe. Robert Rayner and Geoff Lloyd. We would like a couple more team members, which will cover the two rinks for injury/illness. Please let Jean know as soon as possible if you are interested. All the team members will be asking for sponsors, so please support them. We are also looking for "challengers" to play for one hour during the day, paying £2 per person (both club members and non-members). For more information please contact Jean at [pickeringbowlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:pickeringbowlingclub@gmail.com)

## 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.

## HOLIDAY LIST

Please can league players add all their known holidays or unavailable dates on the sheet which is on the noticeboard. Alternatively inform the league captain, where possible, two weeks before the unavailable dates so they are aware before selecting the team.

## SOCIAL BOWLING SATURDAY'S AT 2pm

This has been very well attended and is a lot of fun so if you haven't managed to get down so far please do give it a go, I am certain you will enjoy yourself! 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](mailto:thechapmans25@aol.com) or telephone 07733056664

### PLAYING BOWLS by Club Chairman Robert Rayner



I recently had to leave Yorkshire. Not something I do very often. Why would you need to! After driving across the Wolds we crossed over that small inlet called the Humber estuary on the gigantic Humber Bridge into Lincolnshire. The landscape soon becomes much flatter compared with the Wolds. As we passed through a small village there was activity on a roadside bowling green. They were putting the score boards and pushers away. BUT THEN WHAT DID I SEE? RABBITS PLAYING BOWLS! COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I WAS SEEING. This is obviously a development in the game of bowls that hasn't reached us yet, thankfully. Just imagine if our local Rabbits got hold of this concept we wouldn't get a look in. Personally, I don't think those Lincolnshire rabbits can afford to pay the toll to get over the bridge. That's a relief! **So, let's keep that gate firmly shut at all times and should you see an intruding rabbit then do report it to the green team who will block up their entrance hole.**

## SLIEGHTS FRIENDLY 17TH AUGUST

We have arranged to have our annual friendly match against Sleights at Sleights on 17 August. Stephen will be looking for players nearer the time. This is usually a fun afternoon of bowling, weather permitting, with tea and food afterwards. The event was originally proposed and sponsored by former members of the Club, Tom and Ann Hoggard who also used to play at Sleights.

## ACCESSORIES FOR SALE

Jean has one measure left for sale (£16) and plenty of spray chalk (£3.50) so please ask if you require any of these items. There is also some second hand clothing, mostly larger sizes, which the club are happy for members to have for a donation.

## REMEMBER....

When playing in league games all bowls must have club stickers, these are available in the wooden shed or have a word with Jean.



Dress code for ALL league games, external competitions, club competitions and friendlies is white top and grey bottoms. Caps and waterproof clothing should be white. Plain tops are very acceptable but should you wish to have tops and caps with the club logo they can be purchased from Identity. Website: [www.identity.co.uk](http://www.identity.co.uk) Tel No. 01723 513703. Identity hold the club logo design and will add this free to purchases from them or alternatively will add to existing clothing for a small charge. For more information please contact the company directly.

