



TALK OF THE TOWN

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It has been a fantastic start to the season! The green is bowling exceptionally well, and we've witnessed some thrilling matches so far. Your support for the club is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Please continue to engage with our events, make yourself available for games, and come along to cheer each other on. Together, we can make this season truly memorable.

Matthew Rixson (Newsletter Editor)

OPEN DAY Thank you to everyone who helped at the Open Day – we have had some interest from potential new members. The next opportunity to invite your friends, neighbour colleagues and family along is the Big Bowls Weekend (see below).



BOWLS' BIG WEEKEND is an annual national event, designed to introduce more people to the sport of bowls, offering free taster sessions. The club will be holding an event on **Saturday 24th May 10.00am-4.00pm**. We will need your help so please note the date. **Have a think about who you could invite to come along.**

CONGRATULATIONS to James Durrant and Dave Goddard who have had more short mat success. Let's hope that their form transfers to the outdoor green this season and they can bring home a few more trophies for the club.



WELL DONE to Adam White, Trevor Morgan and Zach Milller who have been selected for the Bowl Hampshire Middleton Cup trial.

Zach and Martin are also involved in the BH under 25s squad. Congratulations.



KIT ORDERS

Please note that any orders to Karuta will **currently take five to six weeks** from the point of order until they are delivered. This time of year is extremely busy for the manufacturer as it is the start of many of the summer sports seasons.

Please be patient. If there is a problem with your order you can either contact Tom at Karuta directly will get in touch with Matthew Rixson

FRIENDLY GAMES

Our sign-up method has changed this year, and we are asking you to sign up for the various matches including club days on the sign-up sheets between the changing rooms. The captains of the day will post a team sheet nearer to the game to confirm the team selected and specific match arrangements. **Please sign-up for a game the next time you are at the club.**



CLUB COMPETITIONS Entries for all Club Competitions should be submitted by **Sunday 25th May**. Entry forms are on the table to the left of the front door of the Clubhouse with clear instructions about payment. Leave complete forms in the box file. The draw for these competitions will take place on Friday May 30th, with matches commencing at the start of June. Any queries speak to James Durrant.

CLUB DAYS

The next club day is **Saturday 17th May – Men v Ladies**. Sign up sheet on board. On **15th June at 2.00pm** we have the return of **Irish Bowls**. Come and join Richard and Adam for a fun afternoon of Irish Bowls. Last year was a great success – this year will be even better. Wear green Shamrocks optional. Look out for the sign-up sheet.



ETIQUETTE REMINDERS

In the newsletter from time to time we will include a few etiquette reminders. Here are few to get us started from general observations in the first few weeks of the season...

Stand still when someone is about to bowl and be alert as you walk around adjacent rinks
If you are at the head, wait until the person playing is done bowling, then move. If you are at the same end as the player delivering the bowl, stay away from the mat and the player’s line of vision. You are expected to stand at least one meter behind the mat. On sunny days, ensure that your shadow is not cast upon the jack. If you are standing at the head, stay inside the rink markers but avoid obscuring the central rink number. **Always check there is no one on the mat about to deliver before moving.**

What's on this week	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

Thank you to Annie who has created a **‘What’s On’** board for the club. If you have any games coming up in competitions please let Annie know by Sunday evening and she’ll update the board weekly.

Check out the board and see which games are on come down to the club to support your fellow bowlers it’s always great to have support when we’re playing competitions against other teams.

FUTURE DATES

- Thursday 22nd May - BE Men’s Top Club v Oakley (H) 6.30pm
- Sunday 15th June – Club Day ‘Irish Bowls’
- Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th September – BTBC Competition Finals Weekend
- Saturday 4th October – Club Presentation Evening and Dinner
- Sunday 30th November at 10.00am – AGM including coffee and bacon rolls

