

# Tenterden Bowls Club.

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## April 2023 Newsletter

Only a few weeks to go now before the start of the season, so I hope that those of you who have renewed your playing membership have begun airing your bowls clothes and shoes as well as giving your woods a good polish!

First of all a very big thank you to an anonymous donation of £500 towards a new mower which has become in urgent need of replacement. This, of course, won't cover the cost of a new machine but it is a start for a ring-fenced funding pot. We know it is a tough time for our personal finances but if you feel you could add to the pot any time soon, Mary would be very pleased to hear from you!

The Green is looking fabulous thanks to Derrick and his band of hardworking volunteers. It's never too late to offer a helping hand on the green and the surrounding garden areas – just turn up any **Thursday morning around 9.30am** and you'll find yourself very useful.

**Mayor's Day Preparations:** We particularly need some more volunteers to get the clubhouse and grounds ready to start the season: the chairs putting out & need a makeover, grounds prettified and the clubhouse tidied. Please don't leave all this hard work to the 'usual suspects', we really need more help next week.

We usually have a very good turn out for this day so please try to get down to the club to get the season off with a bang. Donations of cakes would be very much appreciated so that we can enjoy a lovely tea break. And a reminder that traditionally we **wear whites** on this day but its fine if you prefer to wear greys.

**Winter Social:** The games and quizzes during the winter months proved very successful and raised much needed funds so thanks to those who supported this initiative. We have considered continuing this event on a monthly basis over the summer months. Peter will run another quiz on 12<sup>th</sup> April before the start of the season and we will gather your thoughts on this then.

**Membership Recruitment** – Almost all of our members came to renew their membership last Thursday. We were also very pleased to see some new members joining but still need more new recruits. We are advertising in Tenterden and surrounding villages next week – look out for our posters – and we also have a banner along the Recreation railings soon highlighting our **Open Day on 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

Please try to come along that day and why not invite family, friends and neighbours down to the green to have a go – they might just catch the ‘bowls bug’ and sign up with us for this season ( see below “ Reasons to Play Bowls”).

**Decorating the Toilets.** It’s a shame that we couldn’t find the funds to renovate the toilets but many thanks to those who suffered the cold and all the other kinds of weather that has been thrown at us over the past few weeks to give all 3 toilets a good facelift with several coats of paint. Thank you Phil, Geoff and Martin Breen

**Coaching:** Andrea and Vicki are offering coaching to both new bowlers and anyone else who wants to brush up their skills before the season gets going. Please let them know if you want to come along so that they can set the rinks up for play in advance. See the dates below.

### **Some dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April : Clubhouse Quiz 2pm

**\*\*Thursday 13th April : Spring clean 9.30 onwards**

Sunday 16th April: Mayors Cup 2pm

Tuesday 18th April: Coaching 2pm – 4pm

Thursday 20th April: First Club Night roll up. 5pm for 5.30 start ( Spider game )

Tuesday 25th April: Coaching 3pm – 5pm

Monday 1st May: Open Day From 10am

**100 Up Winners.** 1st Carol James 2nd Vicki Hall

And Finally from Bowls England’s website.....

### **Bowls is a sport that takes seconds to learn – but a lifetime to master...**

We believe everybody should realize the joy and benefit of playing sport, and there are so many reasons why bowls is ideally placed to unlock these fantastic advantages. Here are our top 5 reasons to give bowls a try:

1. **Playing bowls is very doable.** Whatever your physique, bowls is a sport for everybody and it will help improve your fitness levels and mental wellbeing.
2. **Bowls is not expensive.** To get going you don’t need lots of new kit and clubs put on taster sessions for free. Even when you get the bug, a set of bowls and joining a club can cost as little as £90.
3. **After football, bowls has the second highest number of clubs in the country.** With so many places to play, it’ll take no time at all to get to a bowls club close to your home.

4. Compared to most sports, age and gender differences have less of an effect on a game of bowls, so it's a perfect sport to spend time and enjoy a bit of friendly competition with your family.
5. Bowls clubs are sociable places full of people looking to have fun, so bowls is a great way to relax, make new friends and feel part of your local community.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and successful season,

Vicki & Sue