



Tenterden Bows Club.



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Good afternoon everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through the club's playing season! We did have a wet start to the club roll-up sessions but the weather has been reasonably kind to us whilst we have been playing matches against other clubs. High winds and an abundance of sunshine has, however, taken its toll on the green and we are now experiencing several dry patches. Luckily, as a sports facility, we are allowed to water the green at certain times of the day despite the hosepipe ban in Kent.

We have been very fortunate in gaining more new members to the club this year. Most were completely new to bowling but, following coaching sessions with Vicki, several have now become welcome additions to our teams and are regular players in our friendly matches and our league matches against other clubs.

The Mermaid Fling - Many of you will be aware that clubs competing in the Mermaid League take turns in hosting an annual tournament known as the Mermaid Fling. It is our turn to run the tournament this year on **Sunday 2nd July**. That's this Sunday coming! A lot of effort has already gone into the organisation of the day but we still need more volunteers on the day itself helping out with a variety of tasks (making lunches, serving drinks, cakes and savoury snacks, running raffles and other fund-raising competitions, manning a bric-a-brac and book stall, etc). So, if you can offer any help, please contact either Sue or Vicki as soon as possible or just turn up on the day - anytime between 9am and 5pm, and for however much time you can spare, be it long or short.

Internal Competitions - There have been some exciting games played between members during June. Names of those who are now going forward into the second round of each competition can be seen on the notice board in the clubhouse. Please remember that all first round games should have been played by this Friday, 30th June. Second round games are to be completed by Monday 31st July.

External Matches - It has not always been an easy job to put teams together this season as several members have been unable to play because of operations, accidents, or illness. We have, however, managed to field full teams for all of the league and friendly matches so far. Often though, this has only been achieved by team captains ringing round to members to ask them

personally if they will play. It would be so helpful if people signed up on the lists at the club or on the website, even if it looks as though there are enough names there already. Players do sometimes need to pull out due to illness or injury so it is good to have others in reserve.

New Shirts - The new club shirts were delivered in June and all members who have purchased one have commented on how much of an improvement they are compared to the old ones. They are definitely lighter, cooler, and more comfortable to wear. Please speak to Sue Addis if you pre-ordered a shirt but haven't yet received it. We do have some spares too if anyone else would like one. They cost £29.99. Again, speak to Sue if you want to purchase one.

Skills Day - This was a very successful day, organised by Vicki, on the 19th June. Those who attended were able to practise their skills in measuring, reading the head, and accurately delivering their woods. One of the most useful exercises of the day was the videoing of each person as they bowled 4 woods. Everyone's video clip was analysed individually by a coach who pointed out good practice and also made suggestions for improvement.

Fridge Freezer - Thanks to Vicki we now have a fridge freezer stocked with cold drinks, ice creams and ice lollies. Prices are listed on the fridge door. This has proven to be a real bonus on the hot match days when people are desperate for something refreshing to help cool themselves down at the end of a match. Also available on Thursday night roll-ups of course!

Presentation Lunch - This has been booked for Sunday 5th November 2023, at The London Beach Hotel, 12 noon for 12.30pm. The 2022 presentation lunch was held there and seemed to be enjoyed by all. The best bit about using this venue is that The London Beach always give us back the money paid for lunches (not drinks!), which last year meant an addition of £1290 to club funds.

Important Dates for Your Diary:

Saturday 1st July. Green closed. Preparation for Mermaid Fling.

Sunday 2nd July. The Mermaid Fling. 9.30am-5.00pm. Please come and help if you can!

Sunday 23rd July. Club 2 Woods Day. 10.30am. Come and support if you're not playing.

Monday 31st July. Cut off day for certain internal competitions games.

Sunday 6th August. Club Mixed Triples Day. 10.30am. Support welcome.

Friday 8th September. Green closed. Preparation of green for finals weekend.

Saturday 9th September + Sunday 10th September. Finals Weekend. 10.30am.

Saturday 16th September. Margaret Kett Trophy, for winners of internal competitions. 10.30am.

Sunday 24th Final Fling. 2.30pm. All members welcome for a fun afternoon of play.

100 Club Winners: 1st - Vicki Hall. 2nd - Andrea Crosser.

That's all for now. Enjoy the summer, stay safe, and keep well.

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