



# Tenterden Bowls Club.



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## Newsletter May 2023

Hooray, the season has started! Our opening day was on Sunday 16th April when the first wood was rolled by John Crawford, the Mayor of Tenterden. The sun shone for us and a good afternoon was had by all. Congratulations to Eileen Masterson, who played really well in all games to become the winner of the Mayor's Cup.

The weather was not so kind to us on the first two club nights. Rain prevented play on both evenings but members were at least able to enjoy tea, biscuits and a chat in the clubhouse. Let's hope we are more fortunate with the weather in the coming weeks.

Three friendly matches have been played already. It certainly felt good to be out on the greens again getting a breath of fresh air and some healthy competition against other local clubs. Even better, we were blessed with some sunshine on each occasion! We won against Cranbrook away but lost overall in our home matches against Benenden and Hamstreet.

Monday 1st May was our Open Day. This had been well advertised with the aim of recruiting new members to the club. It was an extremely pleasant and successful day with several current members enjoying play throughout the morning and afternoon and it resulted in a good number of enquiries about membership as well as some coaching of potential members being given by Vicki. We look forward to welcoming several new members in the very near future. If you know of anyone else who is interested in joining us then please bring them along on a Thursday evening.

### **Signing up for Matches.**

If you want to play in the Weald League then please put your name up on the notice board just inside the clubhouse. **Please put a cross beneath any dates on which you are unable to play.** Check the notice board regularly to see if you have been selected to play.

The system is different for the Mermaid League and friendly matches. The sign up sheets are put up weekly and displayed in the glass notice box to the left of the disabled toilet. Please add your name to the lists if you are available to play. Again, please check to see if you have been selected. Alternatively, players can use the Tenterden Bowls Club website to sign up for these games and to confirm their availability when selected for a match.

**Everyone** is welcome to put their name forward for these matches. It is a great way for newer members to improve their skills, learn the etiquette of the game and get to know others.

**Corner Terrace.** Joy Gray kindly purchased some old railway sleepers for the club to create a terraced flower bed in one of the corners where the banks surround the green. Poor weather conditions delayed the start of this work but at last most of the sleepers are in place. There is still work to be done to make it secure but we can now look forward to an interesting floral display brightening our grounds in the very near future. Thank you very much Joy, and thanks also go to those who have worked and are continuing to work on this project.

**The Mower Fund.** It was mentioned in last month's newsletter that we are desperately in need of a new mower, along with other mechanical attachments, to keep our green looking good and playing well. Geoff Witham contacted the Brissenden Trust and they have agreed to give us a grant of £2750 towards such a purchase. We also received an anonymous donation of £500 from a club member last month. However, we are still over £6,000 short of what is needed and our old machinery is not expected to last out much longer! We are going to put fees paid for roll-ups toward the fund but would welcome any other fund raising suggestions that you may have. Maybe you know of some other charities that we could approach? Maybe you have a few spare pounds to donate yourself? Maybe you know a local business that would be willing to sponsor us? Please get in touch with our Club Captain, Geoff Witham, if you can help in any way.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 4th May- Next club night. **Last day to hand in competition forms!**

Saturday 13th May- Friendly match against Headcorn (Away).

Sunday 14th May- First match of the Mermaid League against Beckley (Home).

Tuesday 16th May - First match of the Weald League against Hinton (Home).

(Please see fixtures booklet for other matches later in the month.)

Thursday 25th May - Special club night, welcoming members of Tenterden Town Council.

Monday 19th June - Skills Day with County Coaches.

Saturday 1st July - Green closed for preparation of Mermaid Fling.

Sunday 2nd July - Mermaid Fling hosted by Tenterden.

**100 Club Winners: 1st Paul Jennings  
2nd Roy Hook**

We look forward to seeing you all regularly and wish everyone a happy and successful season.

Sue & Vicki

