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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2020

Coronavirus Update

The pandemic is having a major impact on everything we do. First, I hope that you are all keeping well. Having to restrict our outdoor activities is frustrating but do keep up your exercising. The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBRUT) have stopped all sporting activities for the foreseeable future. Some bowls clubs have cancelled events up to June and some for the entire season. Bowls England and Middlesex Bowling Association have cancelled all of their competitions for 2020.

We will continue to assess the situation within published guidelines. Let's hope that we get some play in.

Recent activity

The club's plans for the season were well under way before events were taken out of our hands.

- A new permanent concrete ramp has been installed in the corner of the green replacing the wooden steps. It has a handrail and will enable anyone with balance issues safe access onto the green. It will also allow access for wheelchairs and equipment for maintenance of the green e.g. mowers and rollers.
- The club reached an agreement with LBRUT to install new ditch wall matting in July. The club would pay for the material (about £1,000) and LBRUT would take out the old matting and install new. In order to lessen the impact on bowling the work would be done over two weeks. Obviously this has now been put on hold.
- The green looked good from a distance but there were still issues with moss. A meeting was held with the green maintenance contractors and a work schedule discussed. The additional time before we can play should only improve the condition.
- A meeting was held with LBRUT about the legal position of the club's use of the clubhouse and green. We are not a tenant in the normal sense as we also act as agents for LBRUT by supervising the public use of the green and by collecting monies (season ticket and pay by hour) on their behalf. When normal business resumes we will continue discussions.
- The Annual Dinner has been booked at Fulwell Golf Club for Friday 6th November. More news will follow in due course.

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