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NEWSLETTER – MAY 2020

Bowling at Carlisle Park

As you will be aware, as part of the easing of the Coronavirus lockdown, the government has given the go ahead for lawn bowls to commence – provided certain rules are followed.

An email was sent out to members asking whether anyone was interested in playing bowls. 33 responses were received:

To play as soon as possible	10
To play later in the year when more information is available	9
Not to play until next year	14

As it was evident that people wanted to play bowls, your Committee drew up instructions specifically for Hampton Bowling Club, which took into account the guidelines issued by Bowls England. These were then submitted to London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and they have agreed that we can open the green at Carlisle Park.

A circular with instructions for bowlers is attached. Please read fully. There will be no “turn up and play”. A Coronavirus Self Declaration Form must be completed and submitted to Richard Duke before a booking can be made and all bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance with Richard. Signage has been put up at the club and Richard will now take bookings.

Bowling Hours

During the week bowling starts at 14.00. Richmond Council has agreed that (if there is no green maintenance in operation) bowling can commence at 12.00 (midday) on weekdays. At weekends play is from 10.00.

Club Subscriptions and Bowling Season Tickets

Annual Subscriptions are unchanged at £20-00 for a bowling member and £12.50 for a social member. Social Members may not take part in Matches, Fixtures, Competitions or Roll Ups.

SEASON TICKETS and PLAY and PAY (Prices – now including VAT - as set by Richmond upon Thames)

Over 60's & under 16	£83.60	Pay as you play @	£2.30 per hour or part of an hour
Under 60's	£163.00	Pay as you play @	£4.60 per hour or part of an hour

Season Tickets for Under 16's is £83.60 with £26-00 payable by the members and £57-50 to be sponsored by HBC.

The club collect these funds on behalf of Richmond Council and do not keep any of the money. The amounts collected go towards the council costs for the upkeep of the green and the club house.

Past members

We recently heard from Andy Skelton whose grandparents Albert & Lucy Wills were Hampton residents and members of Hampton Bowling Club in the 1970's, and possibly earlier. Photos of the Hampton Ladies Bowling Club badge and a pin from the World Bowls Championship in 1997 (which Lucy attended) are shown below. Colin Hipkin holds the club archives and he was able to find the following information:

“There is a mention of A Wills in a number of these.

- A fixture list from 1969 which shows him as a vice president

- A page from the 1964 accounts which show him having paid his 15/- subscription

- A note in the 1972 AGM minutes which call for a minute's silence to mark the passing of A Wills

The Ladies records are pretty sparse. There is mention of a lady of the name Wills being entered in various competitions in the late 50s and one mention of L Wills' handicap in 1958.

Given that it seems Albert and Lucy were indeed very active members for a number of years.”

I'm sure that none of you were playing but if you know anything then let me know.



Jigsaws

The lockdown has meant that old skills have been reacquired and I've heard of a number of 1,000 plus piece jigsaws being completed. The one below was done by Verena Aslett and she's happy to pass it on. Please contact Verena direct.



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