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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2020

Bowling at Carlisle Park – An update

Following the May Newsletter, bowling did commence at the end of May. Thanks to everyone for complying with the guidance on distancing and cleanliness that was circulated. It is essential that this continues.

Richard Duke is controlling play and compliance and he reports:

- A total of 30 members have signed up to play, of whom about 23 play on a regular basis.
- All those who wish to bowl, book in with me at least 24 hours before play and I keep that record up to date so that we can Track and Trace people in the event of a Covid case. From those records, we would also be able to charge playing fees to each bowler at the end of the season.
- We play regular roll-ups for one and half hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at which an average of 12-16 members play on a drawn basis, for 12 or 14 ends.
- All equipment is disinfected before and after play and players stay distanced by 1-2 metres at all times.
- The systems in play follows the advice given by Bowls England and all seems to be working well.

If you are interested in joining in then speak to Richard. Remember to complete a Coronavirus Self Declaration Form if you have not played before this season.

Club matches have also been arranged and Kevin's report is:

Two matches have been played so far. Both 3 Triples. There was a heavy loss away to Cambridge Park by around 30 shots in total after 18 ends; and a victory by 2 shots after 14 ends (the weather prevented more ends being played) at home to Fordbridge Park.

We have 3 more matches arranged, all 3 Triples, all planned at 18 ends, weather permitting:

- Saturday 22nd August - home to Strawberry Hill
- Wednesday 26th August - away to Fordbridge Park
- Saturday 5th September - away to Strawberry Hill

I am waiting a reply from Chertsey with regard to a home match against them.

We set out additional seating for the visit of Fordbridge Park to ensure compliance with Social Distancing. It went well apart from the weather and I had sent them the Covid-19 form prior to the day so our records of visitors is complete. I will also do this with Strawberry Hill.

Annual Dinner & Presentation Evening - Cancelled

The Annual Dinner due on 6th November has been cancelled. Fulwell Golf Club stated "As discussed we have closed down our kitchen operation and do not believe that we would be in a position to reopen it this winter. We would be able to move a deposit you have paid to a booking for next year." I think that we are all hopeful that things will have improved by next year and that we will be able to hold the dinner in November 2021.

Green Maintenance

There are two major issues with the watering system. The first is that all sprinklers are not operating correctly. The second is that there seems to be a broken pipe under the green (near to the entrance gate) where rink 1 starts. All efforts to get LBRuT to give this their attention have failed so far.

Ditch wall matting – an agreement was reached with Richmond that the club would source and pay for the materials and Richmond would arrange the installation. In June the club purchased all of the material, for a cost of £883.03, and an installation date was agreed. However, the contractors then gave a ridiculous estimate for fitting to Richmond and the installation had to be cancelled. Despite regular chasing, nothing further has been heard from Richmond.

Condition of the green – there are many brown patches due to the problems with the watering system. The moss problem has not been resolved and grass seeds have failed to germinate. On 30th June, Continental Landscapes, the green maintenance sub-contractor, arranged for a specialist firm to take core samples of the soil and then recommend a winter maintenance schedule. The results are due shortly. More news to follow.

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.

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