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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

Present Situation

First, as far as I am aware everyone is well and there have been no reports of any Covid-19 infections. This is really pleasing and is a great credit to all members, especially to those who were involved in bowling and complied with the rules that had to be introduced.

In 2019, the club had 61 playing members (24 ladies & 37 gents.). In 2020, 30 members managed to have a bowl (10 ladies & 20 gents). Let's hope that in 2021 we'll all have the opportunity to bowl again.

On the subject of 2021, Algy Alexander (Fixtures and Competitions Secretary) has continued to liaise with other clubs in order to set out a draft playing list and to set aside dates for competitions, such as the Lilian Cup and the Joe Liddle Cup, which will be played at weekends. Thanks Algy.

In 2021 the club has been invited to participate in the South Middlesex League. Other member clubs include: Bishop Duppas, Fordbridge Park, Hounslow, Masonians, Staines, Stanwell & Woodlands. Cambridge Park and Teddington will join as new members next year. Due to the uncertainty about the number of players available we have said that we won't be able to make a decision until we know how many playing members we will have.

Annual General Meeting

There is no set date for the club's AGM but it is normally held in January each year, with 25 to 30 people attending. With social distancing and the uncertainty about how many people can / cannot get together it's fairly predictable that no meeting can be held in the early part of the 2021. The Committee has therefore discussed the options available and has decided to adopt a "let's wait and see" approach. We'll report further in the New Year.

Green Maintenance

I reported last time that there are two major issues with the watering system. The first was that all sprinklers were not operating correctly. The second was that there seems to be a broken pipe under the green (near to the entrance gate) where rink 1 starts. LBRuT have now attended Carlisle Park and examined the problem. They have supplied the operating instructions for the watering system but testing is still to be carried out. It is possible that new pipework will need to be installed.

Ditch wall matting – Continental Landscapes have now provided an estimate for the fitting and it has been accepted by LBRuT. Once a decision is made about the watering system then CL will arrange installation.

Condition of the green – various core samples were taken of the soil and grass by a specialist and a winter maintenance schedule was prepared for Continental Landscapes. This is now in operation.

Match Results

Kevin managed to arrange six matches in the second half of the season. Four wins and two losses. Well done to those that played.

OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULTS	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST
CAMBRIDGE PARK	AWAY	LOST	37	77
FORDBRIDGE PARK	HOME	WIN	37	35
STRAWBERRY HILL	HOME	WIN	55	43
FORDBRIDGE PARK	AWAY	LOST	37	72
STRAWBERRY HILL	AWAY	WIN	63	38
OATLANDS PARK	HOME	WIN	55	40
SUMMARY	4 WINS	2 LOSSES	284	305
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