



# CLUB UPDATE

## An update from your Board

**With the 2018/19 season drawn to a close we can reflect on a successful 12 months for our Club both on and off the green (see right for just some of the year's highlights).**



And we can now look forward to 2019/20.

Off the green the Club's key priority for next year will be to further Project 650. The Club now has a firm set of priorities to secure the long term future of our Club. And key to that is to increase membership levels to 650 by 2023.



On the green the challenge for our newly merged bowling committee will be to replicate or even better the Club's recent successes!

## We need your views

Of course a critical ingredient of increasing overall membership levels is hanging onto the members we already have. We thus look to ensure that the experience of our existing members is as enjoyable and as fulfilling as possible.

To help deliver on this the Board would like to gather members' views on how the Club is doing both on and off the green; what we all think works well, what we all think could be even better, what we should do more of, where we may need to change things.

**The club is thus planning to conduct a members survey in October 2019.**

### Some 2018 / 19 highlights

Off the green ...

- Appointment of new Club Manager
- Appointment of new caterers
- Implementation of Bowlr
- Formation of new Social Committee
- Expansion of our LI coaches

On the green ...

- Reaching the last 16 of both the Egham and Denny Cups
- Our men achieving their highest ever point tally in the Kent League
- Our Ladies reaching the final of the Valandor
- A staggering number of County finals contested by our members with victory in the men's singles (Duncan Hanmore), ladies singles (Maggie Standley) & the ladies 2 wood triples (Sam Allcorn, Kim Hanmore, Jane Cogle).
- A number of our members reaching the National Finals

***The Board would like to thank all staff and volunteers contributing to the success of our Club both on and off the green over 2018 / 19***

## New Bowling Committee

One very recent development off the green is the members' very clear decision to amalgamate the mens and ladies bowling committees.

We believe that this amalgamation will make the Club's decision making around bowling matters speedier and more effective. And this will include matters such as furthering the Club's coaching capabilities and maximising green usage.

The newly amalgamated committee have very recently met and we thus look forward to learning of their plans for the forthcoming year in due course.

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## Liz Kemp retires from Board

Liz Kemp has decided to retire from the Club's Board of Directors. Liz has been a Board member since 2017 and her work for the Club, in particular on the coaching side, will be recognised by all.



We sincerely thank both Liz and her husband Neil for all the time and effort they give to both the Club and its members. Liz and Neil will continue to run the Friday evening roll-up sessions where many of our newer members receive ongoing coaching.

We also wish Liz a speedy recuperation.

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## Your Club needs you

As a result of Liz's retirement from the Board, the Club needs at least one new Director. **If you would be interested in learning more about this rewarding volunteering role please speak with any Director, past or present.**

## Club Policies

The Club has been busy over 2018 constructing a full schedule of Club Policies.

This is a necessary element of good club management. It ensures that staff, management, directors and members all have a consistent and transparent view on Club processes and procedures.

The latest Policy to be completed is our **Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Policy**. At its heart this Policy recognises that bowls is a 'Sport for all' to be enjoyed and accessed by everyone. Every member of the Club, members of staff, guests and visitors should thus be made to feel equally welcome and be able to be included in all relevant activities.

*We would encourage all members to be aware of the Policy since we all have a responsibility to promote equality of opportunity and to challenge discriminatory behaviour.*

The full Policy can be accessed either from within the Club or from your Club Website.

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## Your Feedback

As always the Board welcomes your feedback on any topics

