



# CLUB UPDATE

## An Update to members from your Board

### New Covid Restrictions

There are a number of new legal requirements for us as a Club.

#### *Curfew*

In line with all bars, restaurants, bowling alleys, etc, the club must now **close by 10pm**. Fortunately with the evening bowling sessions starting at 7.30pm, this doesn't impinge on bowling.

#### *Table Service*

Another new legal restriction is that we can only provide drinks and food to members via Table Service.

As such, we are only allowed to take orders from, and deliver food & drinks to, members when seated at a Table. Table Service will be provided within the Bowling Hall.

#### *Track & Trace*

You will now find the club's **Track & Trace QR code** around the Club. It is a legal obligation of the Club to ensure that members either scan this code using the new NHS Track & Trace app, register in Bowlr or given their name to the Club Stewards when paying your rink fees or ordering your food / drink.

#### *Rule of Six*

As a result of the government's Rule of Six it is now not permitted to play rinks.

### Winter Leagues

The deadline to enter the first of this year's winter leagues is this Sunday (26 September).

There are both evening and daytime leagues available, including the club's first Singles League. Details can be found on your [website](#) and within the club.

You can enter by emailing the club, replying to survey monkey, sending a web message, giving your entries behind the bar or putting a slip of paper with your name on it into the relevant 'pot' in the club.

Triples leagues will be restricted to 6 teams playing on every other rink for safety.

The first series of leagues will run from mid October to a couple of weeks before Xmas. New leagues will start in the new year.

Many thanks to the volunteers arranging this years leagues.

### Summer League Results

Congratulations to Garry Armour and Gary McIlravey, who are the 2020 Summer Pairs League Champions.

Garry and Gary beat Paul Gent and Lynn London in the final, with Paul substituting for Lee Harris in the final match.

Congratulations also to the Aardvarks comprising Barry Tomlin, Bob Young and Angela Cater, who are the 2020 Summer Triples League Champions.

The Aardvarks beat the Foxes in the final; commiserations to Dave Corbett, Keith Elliment and Lynn London.

Thanks to Gary McIlravey and Paul Gent for stepping up to organise these Summer Leagues. All being well the Summer Bowling Committee will be back up and running next year.

Further, when playing Triples we are not permitted to interact with any other bowlers within the hall. This is a key restriction within the latest EIBA Guidance and is an important commitment that allows our indoor sport to continue at all.

### *Social Distancing*

Please note the tables and chairs within the club have been very carefully set out so that staff and members can still move around with safe social distancing whilst people are seated.

This is particularly true of the area in front of the bar, and particularly important now that both the bar and restaurant staff are required to provide Table Service.

**We would thus ask all members to respect the safety of our staff and fellow members and avoid standing in thoroughfares or moving chairs between tables.**

### **Shirts**

Orders can now be collected and paid for at the bar. £10 for your first shirt, £22 for additional shirts

### **Sad Farewell**

Since our last update your Board have been made aware of the following members who have sadly passed away. We send our heartfelt love and support to all their Families and Friends. It may well be there are others who have sadly passed away that we are not aware of. Rest assured the sentiment remains the same.

*Robert Smith Tilley*

## **Staff Update**

Following our previous Board update which outlined the steps the Board have regrettably had to take to secure the financial future of your club, we can now confirm that both Mark Hutcheon and Laura Nicholls will leave the club's employment at the end of October (remaining furloughed until then). We sincerely thank Mark and Laura for the service they have given the club during their time with us, and we wish them the very best for the future.

Malcolm Ward, John Broomfield, Jemma Henderson and Laura Edwards will continue with the club on zero hours contracts, and we are in discussion with Paul Buss and Ed Harris with regards the newly formed Club Steward and Assistant Club Steward roles.

We would also like to thank Ed for his sterling work in keeping the bar and bowling hall running so well since we re-opened.

## **Renewals**

As we move into winter we will have a better feel for the level of activity within the club and on the club's financial outlook. We will then be in a position to make a definitive decision on how best to proceed with our 2020/21 Renewals. In the meantime, no Renewals are due and members who renewed in October 2019 are still entitled to bowl until further notice.

## **Wednesday Roll Up**

Thanks to Jim Hawkes who has volunteered to run a further Roll Up session on **Wednesdays at 12pm from 14 Oct.**

## **2019/20 Club Competitions**

These have resumed. A small number of members feel unable to play for personal reasons and substitutes have been arranged. All games are thus going ahead as planned. Please see your [website](#) or in the Club for the new "play by dates".

**The Board would like to thank all those members who are continuing to support the club through these challenging times. Especially our lovely volunteers. We also wish well all members who feel unable to visit the club at the moment and we hope to see you very soon.**

*Bernard, Matthew, Neil and Paul*

