



## Little Bowden Bowling Club

### March 2015 Newsletter

Dear Member

Our new bowling season is fast approaching so perhaps we should collectively cross our fingers and hope for a successful, happy and sunny summer! If any of you have direct, or even indirect, access to a higher deity than “lady luck” do have a word!!

It is that time of the year when your Management group send out the press gang (metaphorically speaking), not to send you to sea for an interminable length of time, but rather to encourage you all to put your names forward for the tasks that require to be done at our club.

**Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> will be GREEN OPENING DAY.....** weather permitting of course. We would like to see as many members as possible down the club helping to prepare the clubhouse, green and surrounds in readiness for the new season. There should not be too much to do but the more people who are present, the easier it will be. **From 9.00am**

If all goes swimmingly well then the green should be open for roll-ups as from **Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>**. The first scheduled game is on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> (the availability sheet is up in the clubhouse), at home against Oadby.

This coming Friday is club night (March 27<sup>th</sup>). It would be good to see many of you down there re-acquainting yourselves with old friends (or enemies) after the winter break. If you know of anyone who might wish to join our club please bring them along. This season we have lost at least 8 members through a variety of reasons and we certainly do need to boost our membership if at all possible.

We plan to organise an **Open Day for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** and would urge all of you to advertise this event and encourage potential new members to pay us a visit.

This season we plan to organise the after match catering as was successful last season. All members will be encouraged (expected?) to volunteer to assist with the catering for at least two games during the season. In this way the workload and commitment is shared more evenly amongst us. A rota sheet will be placed in the clubhouse foyer as soon as I get around to doing it!!

My green mowing team has been alarmingly reduced with the departure of 2 fit and able volunteers (relatively speaking!). If you are able to join the team I would be pleased to hear from you. If we have sufficient volunteers the task is not too onerous with the expectation that each team member cuts the grass only once every two weeks. It takes approximately 2 hours and, seriously, has a therapeutic benefit for the individual.....have you never wondered why I am such a nice person?

Occasional volunteers are required for other tasks. I believe the garden team, the cleaning team and the bar team are all in place but Keith has plans for one off tasks including, for example, the repair and re-treating of the fence. Please help where and when you can.

I can confirm that the South Leicestershire Triples team captain is yours truly. As in the previous two seasons I will endeavour to spread the game opportunities fairly (but thoughtfully) across the membership. Last season we narrowly missed promotion into Division 2 and should this happen again I will understand if the axe falls.

Congratulations are due to Howard Taylor who has been appointed as Junior Vice President of Bowls Leicestershire (Men's section) for the forthcoming season. This will mean that Howard will be the County President in 2017 so those of you who have aspirations to play in future executive games had better start being very nice to Mr Taylor! It is rumoured that one long-standing member of the club was heard to say "If that idiot can do it, Howard is sure to make a great fist of it!" Not kind!!

Joking aside, we wish Howard every success in preparation for, and execution of this role.

As all members should be aware we will run only 3 teams in the Harborough League this season. There has been some jockeying for position in respect of the former members of the now defunct F Team but most have now found a new home. Currently it seems that each of our 3 teams will have at least 14 playing members.

Best Wishes

Richard Hall