

Headley Bowling Club Newsletter

Spring 2021



MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

Don Stephens and Sylvia Burrows.



We would like to open this Spring's Newsletter with a word of thanks to our retiring President, Don Stephens, and also our retiring Club Secretary, Sylvia Burrows.

Don served 20 years on the Management Committee, 17 of them as Headley Bowling Club President. He has been inspirational as a leader and coach.

Sylvia herself, has been on the Management Committee for 26 years, 17 of them as Club Secretary, whilst all the time being involved in the Club's development, both on committee and on the green.

Don and Sylvia have set examples to everyone on how to win trophies and represent Headley Bowling Club over the years in countless competition and we wish them both success in continuing to do so, for many many more years.

On behalf of you all. *Thank you and continued good fortune on the Greens.*

We also welcome Ann Pascoe, as one of our playing members, on to the Management Committee.

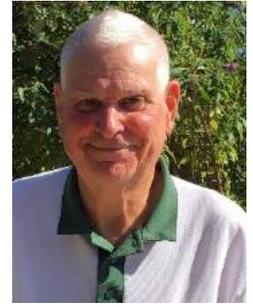
A great deal has been done to the club grounds since 2019 - you will notice the difference. The Green and surrounds are looking really good and just waiting for you!

Club Captain Report- John Milton

After a year like no other we will be able play bowls again under Bowls England guidelines from 26th April and hopefully we can enjoy a near normal season.

I am looking forward to seeing all our members again on the bowling green under happier circumstances after the 17th May when we will be able to hold our belated formal Opening of the Green ceremony. Actual date to be confirmed.

It will be 18 months since many members have delivered a bowl on the green but I am sure the skills and enthusiasm will not have been lost. **John**



Daphne Milton - Secretary's Scribbles



As I start the new Season in a new role as your Secretary, I am both excited and apprehensive. Excited that we may actually have a proper bowling season and see our fellow bowlers and friends again; and apprehensive at taking on Sylvia's role. I hope you will keep me up to date with any information you feel I need to know in the same way you did with Sylvia and bear with me if I don't get something quite right at the first attempt. I know you will all support me during this changeover period and I thank you for that. I would also like to thank Sylvia for her ongoing assistance and hope she enjoys her bowling and free time. I will try not to ask too many silly questions! **Daphne**

Chris Holman - Treasurer's Testimony

2020 was a difficult year. Expenses far exceeded Income, but fortunately due to the foresight of my predecessor and Management Committees of earlier years, the club officers had put aside funds in our reserve account for "that rainy day" Its main intention was to be able to replace the mower if required - without it, we would be lost. The nett result is that we are still solvent, and probably still have enough in hand for a new mower, should the need arise.



Membership:- Currently, we are down on recent years. If you have friends or neighbours who might be interested, bring them along for a look at what we do and have a trial on the green. All they will need is a pair of soft, flat shoes, with no tread. We can supply bowls and guidance. Thursday afternoons is probably best, when we have the Roll Up. However, a call to Daphne, our secretary, to arrange would be prudent. **Chris**

Sue Moss - Hospitality and Ladies Secretary



Dear Members, how nice to think there is a prospect of our meeting up again soon and having the opportunity to play Bowls again this summer. It will feel a bit different this year with the restrictions we are likely to have in place, and the limitations these may impose to our fixtures. Once I know what hospitality we are allowed to offer our members and visitors, I will be in touch again to enlist your help and support, which you always provide so generously. In the meantime, keep well, and I look forward to seeing you on the green. **Sue**

Anne Holman - Ladies Captain's Chat

I think we all agree that 2020 and even Spring 2021 were not good! It will be wonderful to get back on the green.

During the first lockdown we decided to tidy up the area behind the green. Chris Holman did some preparatory work and Vic Worrell and David Pethers dug the area over and got rid of the couch grass and brambles. Ann Pascoe and Daphne Milton helped out with weeding and planting. Many thanks to them. It has made a huge difference and is looking lovely.



We hope the ladies friendlies will commence in May or June. We are waiting for guidance from Bowls England and participating clubs. These are always great fun. I hope lots of ladies will put their names up to join in.

All games will be played safely and within the guidelines.

Finally, I hope you have all had a reasonable lockdown and look forward to seeing you soon!

Anne

Sue Barrett - Match Secretary's memo



Well! What a year we had last year, our programme was completely cancelled. We have planned our programme this year for a normal year, but I cannot see us playing any friendly matches until the end of May and then we may have restrictions as to the number of rinks we can play.

We are still awaiting news from Bowls England to let us know when we can resume inter club matches and we will let you know as soon as we can.

I will have programmes to hand out to you all at the opening of the green. We will print them in house this year, as they are likely to change at the last minute.

Please do put your names down for the friendlies and if you do not have transport to get to away matches then just let myself or John know and we can arrange lifts for you. They are always fun afternoons. Here's looking forward to a fun season of bowls this year. ***Sue***

David Rowlandson - Internal Competition Secretary's composition

At the time of writing, we are waiting for confirmation on timing to return to competitive bowling and for many of you, a chance to earn a trophy this year. I am optimistic that we will go ahead and I am dearly hoping the weather will favour us when we return to Wednesday League competition. I have asked Ann Pascoe's assistance on managing the internal competitions this year, and I am grateful she accepted, as I anticipate we will have to condense a lot of matches into a shorter time span than usual.



I hope many of you will take up the opportunity to enter competitions and I wish each and everyone ***good luck*** on the Green. ***David***