

WATERLOOVILLE BOWLING CLUB - AGM 2021

Club Captains Report

I have nothing to say on the Bowls front except a big thankyou to everyone who has contributed to getting the new club house up together and not forgetting the green and garden maintenance plus the organizing of the roll ups.(that seems long ago)

I hope you have had your first virus jab and it will lead to opening up bowls very soon.

If you remember in a recent news letter I asked if someone would take over the captains job from me but nobody has come forward.

There is a very good reason as to why I asked for this to happen and that being the last eighteen months have not been much fun I am now trying to run a home and do the thinking for two. If I am to continue as captain help will be required as and when if I cannot be at the club.

My intention is to bowl as much as possible so as to keep in touch with everything and everyone.

Keep Safe

Richard Allen

Lady Captain's report

As you will all remember last March just as we had paid our subs our world changed, we were in Lockdown! Everything was so strange, we couldn't go out and worst of all the bowls club was closed, but after several weeks the lockdown was eased somewhat and we were allowed back on the green, albeit with very strict rules, rinks had to be pre-booked and then no more than 4 on each rink, this was later changed to 6 and to abide by social distancing we played on alternate rinks. Thank you to Len for organising the weekly rotas and those who sorted out the roll ups.

We sadly had to say goodbye to Valerie Brown who was only with us for a short time, but having decided to move to Portchester it made sense to join the bowling club there. Also Carol Walker who joined during the summer has now moved to Exeter, and I would like to wish her and Valerie happiness in their new homes. We also welcomed several new ladies and look forward to us all meeting together and being able to play our lovely game again, and of course enjoying our beautiful new club house.

We were able to invite 12 players from Clanfield Bowling club for a friendly game, although we could only have 12 on each side, we enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon, winning on 3 rinks. It was a shame we couldn't show them our usual hospitality as the clubhouse was out of bounds, but everyone brought their own refreshments and with some lovely weather for good measure.

We were able to carry on playing even if it was in a reduced way until December when the second lockdown happened and that was the end of bowls for another year!

There is so much to look forward to.....not least some warm weather, spring is just around the corner, and of course a game of bowls. Hopefully there will be some sort of league set up and some friendly P & D games some of which have been already organised, and of course moving in to our new club house.

I will finish by thanking all those who gave up so much of their time to decorate and finish the interior.

I wish you all happy and successful bowling.

Linda McWilliam