



Romsey Bowling Club Newsletter

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Another month has gone by and the weather has been reasonably kind to us, Presidents Day was a success with the weather holding out enabling 54 members to partake in Pimms at 1.30 pm with Chas and Janice Davey playing 'mein host', Members were then selected for the Vice President and Presidents Team and an afternoon of bowls followed with a win for President Gill Wait's team. Everyone was then invited to a scrumptious meal provided by the clubs catering committee, Gill Hurst, Jane Hill and Sue Perkins with further additional items of food received from club members. A raffle followed with proceeds going to the Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (the President's chosen Charity) as well as Irish Bingo organised by Diane Smith. To date the total raised for the Charity is £2,020 and the President is grateful to all those members who have kindly donated.



Ladies v Men - 3rd August

The next club event is the popular annual Ladies v Men followed by a cheese buffet. Dress Code will be greys with optional club shirts. Men are required to bring 'marigolds' to help with washing up after we ladies have 'whooped you'

Just a Gentle Reminder

Bowls Etiquette

Lawn bowls remains one of the few sports where common courtesy and etiquette is still prevalent. We should be proud of this and in order to make the game as enjoyable as possible bowling green etiquette should be promoted. Much of this is common sense but here are some reminders of the main rules of etiquette.

Positive Etiquette - a list of things of to do:

- Show consideration to other bowlers, as you would expect them to show to you. Introduce yourself, if necessary, and shake hands with your opponent(s) both before play commences and after the game is complete.
- Keep quiet and stand still when someone is about to play a bowl.
- Stand well behind when your opponent is on the mat.
- Be ready to play when it's your turn.
- Remember the rules regarding possession of the rink. When a bowls comes to rest, you must be behind the mat or behind the head.
- Walk close to the centre of the rink when changing ends to avoid distracting the adjoining rinks.
- Stand well clear of the head - not in it.
- Help with the collection of the bowls when an end is completed and you are at the mat end.
- Bear in mind that some people like to see the rink boundary markers and the centre number while playing so make sure that you are not obscuring them. On sunny days you must also ensure that your shadow does not fall on the jack.

Negative Etiquette - a list of things not to do:

- Don't deliver your bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest.
- Don't wander around or move about the head when a player is about to deliver a bowl.
- Don't kick in the bowls until all the shots have been decided and agreed.
- Don't cheer or applaud lucky or unlucky bowls - accept them graciously.
- Don't waste time - if the result of a head is in doubt then measure. Looking at it for several minutes won't help!
- Do not stand or sit on the banks while waiting to play. Note that it is not the banks that are the main problem. People sitting on the banks tend to place their feet on the edge of the green causing serious damage.
- Do not leave the green to sit on the side bench and chat to spectators, unless you have a medical condition which means you need to sit down stay on the green.
- Don't drop your bowls onto the green and ensure that your delivery is not causing scuff marks or otherwise damaging the green.
- When walking past ongoing games it is considered good practice not to walk behind/in front of the bowler who is standing on the mat preparing to bowl at either end.

Mobile Phones should not be used on or around the green.