



# Cowplain Bowling Club

2018

## Spring Newsletter



### President's Welcome

Dear Club Members,

This winter, unfortunately, has been harsher than usual, resulting in the green being closed at times due to frost resulting in many of our recent roll-ups being cancelled. Many thanks go to those of you who still turned up to organise the roll-ups and make the teas and coffees.

The Green was closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March for essential maintenance. This included the hoovering of the green and treatment with a fungicide; the gully mats being removed for power washing and the ditches cleaned – all in all a good spring clean leaving the whole area immaculate. Many thanks to all who helped in achieving a green that we can all be proud of!

My idea last year of using rink 7 as a bowling alley, alas, fell on deaf ears; however, this year I have another idea for the winter season. If we are going to be subjected to increasingly cold and icy winters perhaps the Club could invest in a set (or two) of curling stones (*maybe pre-loved*) which could be used to make the most of roll-up days.

That just leaves me to wish you all a wonderful summer season of successful and enjoyable bowling.

**Les Gurd**

### Club/Gent's Captain's Report

During the winter months I have been looking into the advantages of introducing Continuous Coaching for the benefit of members.

#### A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THIS PROPOSAL IS BELOW

This project is designed to offer all club members the chance to receive coaching in all aspects of bowls throughout the season and possibly the winter months. Coaching will be arranged in conjunction with a roll up session one day of the week and initially the format will depend on the number of members who are interested and how many rinks will be required.

A selection of possible subjects proposed are below in no particular order and more will be added if any further suggestions are received.

1. Correction of delivery
2. Reading the head
3. Participation and responsibilities of the Lead player
4. Participation and responsibilities of the No.2 player
5. Participation and responsibilities of the No.3 player
6. Participation and responsibilities of the Skip
7. Working as a team on the rink
8. Placement of the mat

This is open to all members including the Senior teams (Ladies and Gents) who wish to improve or correct an area of their game.

Please place your name on the list that I will put up in the clubhouse. If you are interested in any of the above please discuss with me in person if you have any additional thoughts on the above.

I am looking forward to my year as Gent's and Club Captain and wish you all a very successful and enjoyable season.

**Peter Little**

### Acting Club Secretary's Report

Let's hope that following the winter season's very enjoyable activities which were at times somewhat cold, it's going to be a warm and sunny welcome to the new summer season.

Many thanks are due to all those who organised these activities and took care of us all during the winter months.

As we move into the summer season your support in helping with the many tasks that make our Club a pleasure to be part of would be very much appreciated. Colin does have a small team of volunteers who look after the green superbly; however there is always room for more thus spreading the load so that their tour of duty comes around less often. Also don't forget that help is also very much appreciated in other areas which require less physicality. If you are unable to help on a regular basis but do have a particular skill set, expertise, or knowledge that could be of use to the Club, it would also be very helpful if you could mention this to a committee member.

Dave Wildman has placed a form on the notice board with information for those who are hopeful of reaching the National Finals at Leamington and will need to have their bowls tested and re-stamped. The only place you can have bowls tested and re-stamped is in Pershore in Worcestershire.

Paul Robson from Alexandra BC will be going there on 25<sup>th</sup> April and is willing to take other sets with him. If you would like to take advantage of his offer then please refer to the form .

Finally I would like to thank all members for their continued support and wish everyone a very enjoyable season.

**Pearl Gurd**

### Match Secretary's Report

Club Roll-Up sessions will be held in the morning on Mondays also on some Fridays and Saturdays according to availability of rinks. Please refer to the "calendar for the month" in the Clubhouse. The first Monday will be April 9<sup>th</sup> (*weather permitting*). League practice sessions will also be arranged.  
First Friendly: Tues April 10th. at home v Rogate at 2pm.

Second Friendly: Sun April 22<sup>nd</sup> at home v Fishbourne at 2 p.m.

First Reflex: Sat. April 28th away v Waterlooville at 10 a.m.

League matches begin on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Consult your Fixture Booklets and notice boards, get signing and enjoy the coming season

**Jill Giles**

\*\*\*\*\*

Also included with this Newsletter you will find the following for 2018:-

- a) Fixture Booklet. \*\*
- b) Club Competition entry form (*full members only*).
- c) Membership Card. (*Please carry this with you when visiting the Club*)

More information can be found on the Club's web site: [www.cowplainbowlingclub.org.uk](http://www.cowplainbowlingclub.org.uk)