



## Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



GOV.UK COVID-19 Guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

ESMBA COVID-19 Guidance can be found at <http://www.esmba.co.uk/coronavirus/>

BOWLS ENGLAND COVID-19 Guidance can be found at <https://www.bowlsengland.com/coronavirus-guidance/>

### **The Bulletin is Back** *(for now?)*

As you are probably aware that our monthly Bulletin has not been published since the spring **National Lockdown** relating to the **Covid-19** pandemic. The last Bulletin was **Number 111** for **April**, after that the club was forced to close its doors under the **Covid-19 Government Guidance** restrictions at that time.

Since early **July**, as the Covid guidance restrictions eased, we have implemented various measures for the safety of our members which has allowed them to commence with outdoor bowling to the end of the summer and onwards for the winter, these measures are in line with current **Government, Bowls England, and Bowls Dorset** Covid-19 requirements. Unfortunately, due to the increase of Covid infections the Government has introduced another **National Lockdown** which takes effect from **Thursday 5 November**.

We fear that our Club will be forced to close its doors once again but we are still liaising with **Bowls England** to determine if there is any chance that our **all season bowling facilities** can continue play through this lockdown albeit with much reduced numbers as instructed by the Covid Government Guidance. **Colin**

## Hi Folks

Well everyone what an **unusual bowls season** we have had, at the very beginning of the countrywide lockdown our bowls green was in a very poor position, the mat was rolled up so we could replace the broken and rusted drain covers for stainless steel ones, the mat was rolled back into place and stretched



and secured by **Dales**. Members can view the **Rollin' Rollin'** photos, Part 1 and 2, of this task on our **Photo Gallery** page.

Once the mat was back in place we then had the task to repair the broken ditch edges with new timbers and steel angle irons, this allowed us to fit adjustable rink markers and enabled us to use areas of the mat that have never been used before, hopefully this will prolong the life of the mat, I think the green is playing better now than it has for a long time.

**Colin Chambers** has been doing a terrific amount of work behind the scenes for the club working with **Bowls England** and **Dorset Bowls** to ensure that we are following the **Government Rules** in relation to **COVID-19**. Sorting out the rules for indoor short mat involved a lot of research and paperwork and making sure the village hall was **Covid Safe** before short mat bowls can even start. The Club finally received the appropriate certification at the end of September.

We have now got an online booking system for outdoor bowls which is working very well, it also allows us to **Track & Trace** members who use the green, in line with **COVID Government Guidance**, all thanks to **Geoff Symonds** our website manager and my wife **Ann Adams** who have put in a terrific amount of work to get this off the ground. At this point in time we have **33** players signed up as **Winter Members**

I wish you all well and hope you all have an enjoyable winters bowling. **Dave**



## President's Message



Firstly, let me thank everyone who entered the competitions despite the late start and little opportunity to get some practise in beforehand. The **competitions are now complete bar one final**, unfortunately, this outstanding cup game has been postponed indefinitely as **Paul Chalmers** has undergone eye surgery and will need time to recuperate. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

As you know we were due to have our annual presentation lunch this month but that has been **cancelled** following the Government's announcement of a new lockdown. The committee is exploring alternative dates but if that is not possible, arrangements will be made for the distribution of winner and runner-up certificates as well as prize money.

Watch out for further updates via eMail and our website. Hopefully those hardy souls who continue to play outdoors will be able to recommence play in early December (fingers crossed). In the meantime stay safe and keep well. **Ron**

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting Tuesday 18th August @ 7.00 pm

**Present;** Ron Jermyn (RJ) Colin Chambers (CC) Gordon Oxford (GO), Val Martin (VM) Stella Olsen (SO) Ann Adams (AA) David Adams (DA) Sue Mercer (SM) Pat Oxford (PO) Pat Hoddy (PH)

**1. Apologies;** None

**2. Minutes;** Minutes from the 30th June 2020 Committee meeting signed as correct by RJ. Proposed by GO and seconded by PH

**3. Matters arising;** None

**4. Reports:**

**President's report; RJ** asked the committee to discuss the current Winter membership fee of £26.00, various committee members voiced their concerns that it was too low, after further discussions the committee unanimously agreed that it be increased for the 2020/21 winter season to £35,00. This still only represents £1.36 per week.

**Secretary's report; CC.** No response to date from Parish Council re Government Leisure & Retail Fund, our letter to the PC is still being discussed.

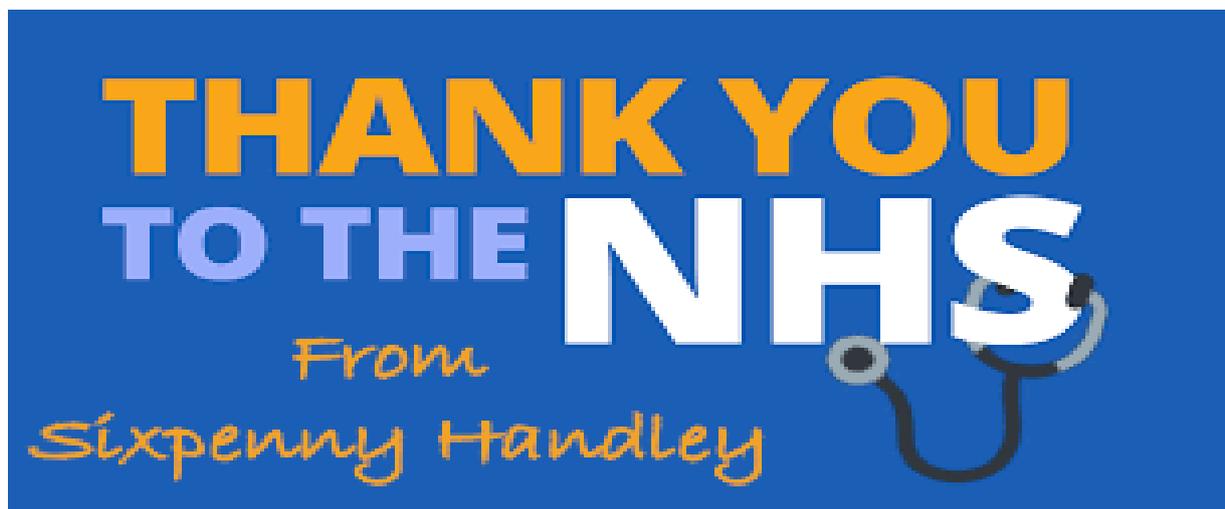
**Fixtures Secretary/ Ladies Captain SM.** All internal competitions are running ok.

**Social Secretary's report; VM** Golf Club Presentation Lunch booked for 15th November, (subject to a relaxation of Covid 19 social distancing).

**Green Keepers report: DA** Nothing to report.

**5. Any other business. DA.** We have about £50.00 of canned drinks that are approaching 'Sell by dates' it was agreed by committee that these would be placed on a table and made available F.O.C to club members. DA. Has a large amount of rubbish accumulated through the green repairs, as this is too much for the wheelie bin it was agreed we pay for a skip to remove this in one load. RJ. Asked GO to book the village hall for the Short Mat players in anticipation that the Covid 19 rules will be relaxed enough to make play possible from October.

**The date for the next meeting. 29th September 2020 @ 7.00 pm in the clubhouse.**



## **CLUB PRACTICE DAYS**

**Sundays at 2.30pm and Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm**

*In the Village Hall*

**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## **INDOOR BOWLING MATCH FIXTURES 2020**

**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## **WINTER BOWLING MATCH FIXTURES 2020**

**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## **WINTER BOWLING CASUAL PLAY 2020**

**CANCELLED FROM THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER UNTIL ADVISED**

*Please note that due to the National Lockdown from Thursday 5 November there will probably be another gap in the publishing of our Monthly Bulletin. Members should log-in to our website to keep updated with any information or announcements.*

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