

Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Preseason Meeting Wednesday 14th March 2012

Apologies:

John Howard, Brian & Val Kempshall, Peter Howlett, Barbara Moody, Maureen Kerner and Ron & Jenny Carter.

The President welcomed new members and all the returning members to the meeting. Lockers were available for the season at a cost of £1; keys could be obtained from Gloria Edwards, and this season's fixture lists were on sale for 50p, from Richard Moody. The Club Treasurer, Alan Walker, was collecting annual subscriptions and distributing membership cards.

The President thanked his committee for the work put in over the Winter period and more particularly thanked Howard Smith and his Green's Team for the time spent brushing and sweeping the green, carried out to ensure that the green would be in the best possible order for the coming season. During the Winter, Avon had deep tined the green and had applied moss killer and top dressing.

The Club had been active socially during the Winter months, Barrie Smith was thanked for organising the Christmas concert, John Edge was thanked for organising the Winter games, Viv and Stuart Barker were thanked for ensuring the success of the whist evenings and the various members who had organised the monthly quiz evenings were also much appreciated. Thanks also went to Viv and Stuart Barker, And to Marion Edwards for their efforts on behalf of the Petanque section. The President offered his thanks to the Cleaning Team and Bar Team, pointing that these groups needed to be available all year round in order to run the successful Winter activities. Kathleen Smith and Richard Moody were thanked for sorting out this year's fixtures.

There are a few sets of old bowls in the men's changing room. New members are welcome to take them, what ever is left will be disposed of.

It was agreed, by a show of hands, that for a trial year, the doubles competitions will be played over 21 ends instead of the current 18 ends. A sheet will be put on the notice board for members to volunteer as markers for the club competitions.

Working Groups:

After many years of responsibility for the keg beers, Ron Weldon is stepping down. The President thanked him for his service to the club and called for a volunteer to act as Bar Manager to look after the ordering and for accepting delivery of the kegs of beer and larger.

The leaders of the working groups will be as they were last season.

Boules Update:

Stuart Barker reported that the Club had completed it's first year in the Cotswold League by propping up the rest of the teams, however, the club has re-entered the league for the 2012 season. A Round Robin competition had been run during the winter months as well as having had a couple of friendly matches. Such was the interest in the section, the possibility of an extra session each week could not be ruled out.

Match Captains:

Denis Hardy has agreed to captain the Friendly matches again this season.

Brian Perry has agreed to become this year's captain, but it was noted that he would need support from the team selectors, Richard Moody, Jimmy Stephens and Terry Plumb.

Viv Barker agreed to be captain for the evening league teams while Barbara Moody and Marion Edwards will captain the afternoon triples teams.

Members were reminded of the changes in match fees for the coming season;

Friendlies	£2.50 home	£2.00 away
Mens Tea & Biscuits	£1.50 home and away	
Mens S & D and Wilts	£2.00 home	£1.50 away
Ladies evening matches	£1.50 home and away	
Ladies afternoon matches	£1.00 home and away	
Friday night triples	£1.00	

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 4 th April at 7.30 pm	Ladies Meeting.
Thursday 5 th April at 9.00 am	Electric Fence removed from around green.
Saturday 7 th April from 9.00 am	Green preparation, members required to help.
Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th April	League team practice from 6.00 pm, weather permitting.
Tuesday 10 th April at 7.30ish	Mens Meeting
Wednesday 11 th April, onwards.	Roll ups for general membership.
Saturday 14 th April	Green opening, Ladies versus Gents match, entry sheet on notice board.
Thursday 19 st April at 7.30 pm	Competition draw.
Sunday 22 nd April	First friendly match.
Monday 7 th May, from 6.00 pm	Coaching evenings begin.
Friday 4 th May	Start of the Triples evenings.
Saturday 2 nd June	Diamond Jubilee Day.
December 9 th	Start of Turkey and Tinsel Weekend. See Martin if interested.
Saturday 3 rd & Sunday 4 th Sept.	Finals Weekend.

The President thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.