

Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Preseason Meeting Wednesday 16th March 2011

Apologies;

Howard and Mary Smith, Nigel Morgan.

The President welcomed new members and all the returning members to the meeting. He introduced our new Fixtures Secretary, Richard Moody, indicating that this Season's fixture lists were on sale. Lockers were available for the season at a cost of £1; keys could be obtained from Gloria Edwards. 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 in repairing the edges of the green and the brushing and rolling carried out to ensure that the green would be in the best possible order for the coming season. During the Winter, Avon had double spiked the green, applied moss killer and top dressing.

The Club had been active socially during the Winter months, Barrie and Kathleen Smith were thanked for organising the Christmas concert and socials, 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. The ladies coffee mornings had raised £144 towards the club funds, whilst the clubs latest venture into Petanque had raised £500 since its inception.

The President gave members the good news from the council, that we had been granted 100% relief on this year's rates, but warned that due to the increases in VAT, it was likely that subscriptions would need to increase next year.

A new club website has been created, the intention being to make it more interactive. The address is; www.hwbowls.co.uk. We were told that the county website should also be up and running within the next couple of weeks.

Working Groups;

The committee had been reviewing the various working groups and had come to the conclusion that a few changes would be desirable. Having overseen the catering group for a number of years, Kathleen Smith and Pauline Eagles were stepping down and Viv Barker and Marilyn Pflieger were taking over the responsibility. The President thanked Kathleen and Pauline for their work and Viv and Marilyn for stepping in to cover the vacancies. The catering group will this year cover the Men's and, if necessary, Ladies evening matches, as well as the Friendly matches.

Rod and Val New will no longer run the Gardening Group, a volunteer to take over this task is being sought. The President expressed his appreciation for their commitment over the past years on behalf of the membership.

Boules Update;

Stuart barker reported that the Club had received a grant from the Haydon Wick Fund for the full cost of the Boules Piste construction. Regular sessions take place from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon each Tuesday and Saturday, any member interested in playing may attend, the current cost is £1.50 per session, which includes tea or coffee. Club Boules are available for loan. It is intended to join the Cotswold Petanque League this year, our section captain, John Fuller and Stuart Barker will attend the fixtures meeting in Upton St. Leonards on 6th April to enrol. The home matches will be played on Saturday mornings, so members booking the bowling green should be aware of disturbances which may be caused by these matches taking place.

Welfare officer;

The President thanked Elaine Border for accepting the lapsed position of Club Welfare Officer. If members are aware of other members in need of help or in poor health, they should let Elaine know.

Match Captains;

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

Barry Crippen has stepped down, the President expressed the club's thanks for his efforts and welcomed Mark Richman as this year's captain. Richard Moody, Jimmy Stephens and Terry Plumb will assist as team selectors.

Dates for the Diary;

Wednesday 6 th April at 7.30 pm	Ladies Meeting.
Saturday 9 th April from 9.00 am	Green preparation, members required to help.
Monday 11 th and Tuesday 12 th April	League team practice from 6.00 pm, weather permitting.
Wednesday 13 th April, onwards.	Roll ups for general membership.
Saturday 16 th April	Green opening, Ladies versus Gents match, entry sheet on notice board.
Thursday 21 st April at 7.30 pm	Competition draw.
Monday 2 nd May, from 6.00 pm	Coaching evenings begin.
Friday 6 th May	Start of the Triples evenings.
Saturday 30 th July	Charity 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 8.10 pm.