



# Dunblane Bowling Club

## Newsletter, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021



### *Clubhouse open again*

**Great news - the clubhouse, including the bar, will be opening this Friday evening, so we can get together after Hat Nite.**

A limited range of drinks will be available for the moment; the individually-made tropical cocktails will be on the menu in a few weeks, says Les!!



Just a wee reminder of the procedures we still need to follow:

- Please sign in at the front door and sanitise your hands
- Face coverings to be worn when moving around – they can be removed when seated at tables
- A maximum of six people from three separate households can be seated at a table
- Only the disabled toilet is available for use at present

Grateful thanks to all those who have worked hard to make it possible for us to socialise inside again.

### *Volunteers needed – can you help?*

We depend on members being willing to give up some personal time to enable the Club to function. Here are three opportunities to serve the Club. Can you help?

- **Green maintenance.** Donald Dawson and Keith Brown do a fantastic job in maintaining the green to the high standard we have come to expect. It's a satisfying role, but with the green needing cut at least twice a week, Donald and Keith now urgently need some additional help from anyone with experience of grass cutting, or willing to be trained. If you'd like to know more, contact Bill Baird (tel 821 909 / [wwb1705@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wwb1705@hotmail.co.uk))
- **Bar service.** Ian Ballance will soon be running a course to train anyone wishing to serve behind the bar. If you are interested in joining this course please contact Ian, telephone 824 028
- **Adopt a path.** Weedkiller can't be used on the paths around the green in case it is carried on to the green on players' shoes, so weeding has to be done by hand. Would you be willing to take over responsibility for a stretch of path and keep it weed-free and tidy? You can fit in a regular spot of weeding as your time allows. If you'd like to 'adopt a path', please let Bill Baird know.





We are pleased to welcome Jonny Sutherland as a new Club member. Jonny has recently moved to Braco from Surrey and has been bowling for three years.

## Annual fees

Thanks to the majority of members who have already paid their fees. Anyone still to do so has a choice of payment methods:

- Bank transfer to the Club account: sort code 80-06-47, account number 00346603. Please include your name as a reference.
- Cheque posted through the clubhouse letterbox
- Cash to any committee member

*Adult members who paid full fee last year - £60; Junior member and those in full-time education - £10; House member - £30.*

## Interested in bowls coaching?

It's a great benefit to the Club to have trained coaches within our ranks, and we are grateful that there are a number of our members who have undertaken coach training.

Bowls Scotland is encouraging more players to be trained as coaches and so is running a series of coaching sessions around the country over the next few months, with several within easy distance of Dunblane.

There are two levels: a basic coaching qualification for those without any previous coaching experience; and for those who have already taken this qualification it can be upgraded to the Level 1 Bowls Coaching Award. Each course involves 2 hours on-line preparation followed by 2 hours tuition on the green.

Anyone interested in taking the basic course or upgrading their qualification should contact Bill Baird. The Club will take responsibility for course fees.



**For those members who have entered the singles competition currently running, just a wee reminder that the first round ties should be played by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May.**



*In preparation for the major works being undertaken over the summer by Scottish Water, the trees on the banking were recently felled.*