



# Dunblane Bowling Club

## Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021



### Opening of the green 2021

As last year, Les and Joan will be all alone on the green this Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm to symbolically open the Club's 2021 season. Under Covid restrictions opening ceremonies of a traditional format are not permitted. Neither is spectating allowed, though if you wanted to come and view from the dual carriageway you are very welcome. A photograph will hopefully appear in the Stirling Observer next week.



Green opening 2020

### What's coming up in season 2021?

At the moment, while we are in level 4 of the Scottish Government's Covid classification, we are limited in how much bowling is permitted. In summary, at present we

- Can play singles or pairs on a casual basis
- Have a maximum of 15 players on the green at any one time
- Must have a rink booking system in place

However as soon as the Stirling Council area drops down to level 3, opportunities open up for us to hold internal competitions. So it looks as if it will be possible to hold at least some club competitions within the not too distant future. In addition, it is planned to reinstate aggregate evenings at least once in the week from the beginning of May.

From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April members can use the green for individual practice or for friendly games. As last year, rinks need to be pre-booked. The link to the online booking system will be sent to all members in a separate email.

Attached to this emailing are the guidelines for returning to the green. **For your own safety, and the safety of others, please do read through them.** They are also on the 'Bowling and People' page of the Club website.

Would you be interested in participating in Club competitions this season? To help assess the likely level of involvement from members (ladies & gents) please drop an email to Les Campbell (laird\_of\_dunblane@hotmail.com) to let him know if you would be likely to take part in some internal competitions. No commitment at this stage.

### Fees for the season are now due and can be paid by:

- 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.

## Changed contact details?

If you have changed your contact details – address, email or phone – over the past year can you please let Bill Baird know.

([wwb1705@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wwb1705@hotmail.co.uk))



## Covid Officer

Every bowling club is now required to have a Covid Officer who will take the lead within the committee for ensuring we minimise the risk of Covid transmission within the Club. We are grateful to **Michael Barton** who has taken on this role.

## Defibrillator training

Once we have access to the clubhouse again there are plans to run a defibrillator training course. There is a defibrillator, publicly available, held at the Dunblane Centre. This is a valuable skill to have, potentially life-saving, and it would be really helpful to have some members trained. If you are interested in being involved in the training course please let Bill Baird know.



## Please be vigilant!

A few bits of plaster have recently become dislodged from the retaining wall between the Club grounds and the dual carriageway. Stirling Council have been notified and an inspection has been made with a view to remedial work being carried out. Members are requested to be particularly vigilant when using the path below the wall.



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# PLAYERS & COACHES – SAFETY GUIDELINES

**BEFORE LEAVING HOME**

- STAY AT HOME IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL
- CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING TIME ON GREEN
- WASH HANDS
- PACK HAND SANITISER IN BAG

**ON ARRIVAL AT YOUR CLUB**

- WEAR FACE COVERING IF ACCESSING GREEN VIA CLUBHOUSE
- ONLY ENTER BOWLING GREEN WHEN SAFE TO DO SO
- COLLECT CLEAN EQUIPMENT AND FOLLOW CLUB INSTRUCTIONS
- APPLY HAND SANITISER

**DURING PLAY**

- KEEP 2 METRES APART FROM OTHER PLAYERS
- AVOID TOUCHING EQUIPMENT UNLESS YOUR OWN
- COVER YOUR FACE IF YOU NEED TO SNEEZE/COUGH THEN SANITISE HANDS
- ENJOY YOUR GAME!

**AFTER PLAY**

- EXIT GREEN FOLLOWING CLUB INSTRUCTIONS
- RETURN EQUIPMENT TO BE CLEANED
- APPLY HAND SANITISER
- WEAR FACE COVERING IF LEAVING THROUGH THE CLUBHOUSE