



# BOWLING ALONG

The newsletter of Gidea Park Bowling Club

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This winter must have been hard for everyone what with the lockdown, not able to see our families and the travel and hospitality restrictions. The one ray of hope is the fantastic roll out of the vaccine programme which has allowed the government to publish a roadmap back to whatever we consider normality. However the roadmap is very much dependent on the data available at the time and we must always be aware of the possibility of new variants coming in to the country which will set us back.

On its website Bowls England have published how our game can re-start this summer bearing in mind the Government's roadmap and restrictions. The club has planned the re-opening of the club and the playing season based on this advice. More below. My own advice is to take advantage of our relatively short playing season as much as possible and enjoy all the facilities that our club has to offer.  
Malcolm Butterworth [Editor]

## DETAILS OF THE NEW 2021 SEASON

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Ian Evans will be at the club from 2pm to collect your subs, internal competition booking payments, 100 Club and Bonus Ball payments.

Subscriptions. The 2021 subscriptions are: £120.00 but if you paid last year this is reduced to £70.00. Locker fee remains at £1.00.

100 Club: £1 per unit per month payable as £12, £24, £36 etc depending on how many units you want. This is controlled by Terry Edney

There is also a weekly bonus ball to be paid at £25.00 for the season, controlled by Len Hayden.

Club Competitions: Each of the 8 club competitions has a fee of £2.00

All subscriptions and fees to be paid no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April to our Treasurer Ian Evans

There will be a sheets on the notice boards for booking roll ups, league games and friendlies and Des Cole the Men's Afternoon Booking Organiser will be there. The Fixture List & Directory for 2021 will be available for collection.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. 11am Green testing. Member's assistance required

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May [subject to confirmation depending on preparation of the green]. The club will reopen for play 7 days a week till late September. Rink availability will

depend on the number of players involved, there should be no more than 24 players at any one time on the green. The toilets and changing rooms will be open.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May. These will be our annual Open Days. The committee are embarking on an extensive recruitment campaign and these two days are an essential part of the plan. Leaflets will be available at the club on 14<sup>th</sup> April and all members are asked to promote these open days to friends, family and neighbours as it is the best way to introduce new members to the club and our sport. Remember two novices featured in the winners list of last year's club competitions!!

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September. Mixed Finals Weekend

Throughout the season there will be roll ups available on non-match days, our usual internal club competitions, league matches in the newly formed Gidea Park Triples League and the usual inter-club friendlies. It is also intended to resume the Friday evening roll ups with fish and chip supper.

#### VISITING THE CLUBHOUSE

Please remember to fill in the Track & Trace sheet, use the sanitisers provided and keep socially distanced at all times.

#### SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The resumption of social events at the club will depend on the Government's advice at the time.

#### HOLIDAY 2021

Our annual holiday has been booked at the Leam Hotel, Weymouth from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and subject to the relaxing of restrictions is still going ahead. There are only 1 twin and 3 double rooms unreserved but more accommodation may be available. Price approx £370.00. Please contact Phil Duddington for further information.

#### FACEBOOK

The club now has a Facebook page - Gidea Park Bowling Club

#### NEXT ISSUE

The next issue is planned for Summer 2021

Wishing you a happy and holy Easter

Keep well and keep safe

*Malcolm Butterworth*