



# SEALE AND SANDS BOWLS CLUB

## MARCH 2013

### NEWS, NEWS, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

GOOD MORNING MEMBERS

Another Season approaches and, like swans, your committee is paddling furiously on your behalf under the surface whilst appearing to be floating along. P.S. couldn't find swans! So lots to tell you:-



Firstly the season starts on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** with our traditional Captain V Vice Captain match starting at 3.00pm. This club day is for all members to meet and greet the new season so pop it in your social diary now!

Before then of course we will have our pre-season meetings for both Ladies and Gentlemen in the warmth of the Legion These will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the Legion.

Then we need to prepare the club for the "Summer Season" so work parties have been arranged for **Gentlemen** on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am sharp**. There will be a list of what there is to do, ready and waiting Do remember that many hands mean less work for each pair! so do try and come along on the day

**Ladies** we will do our bit nearer the start date when we will clean the clubhouse and stock up for what we hope will be a drier season this year. *I have only just grown out of my webbed feet!* The date will be announced at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### **GOOD NEWS ITEM -**

**Teas and Raffles** - Ladies this year the good news is our Treasurer has decreed that our catering remuneration will increase to £1.25 per head. I know that we all appreciate the excellent teas our ladies supply, on what is a very tight budget.

### **BUT -**

The bad news is that it will probably be necessary for the Ladies to undertake two teas this year as our membership is down. We are going to ask that the Gentlemen be responsible for producing the raffle prizes needed at the home fixtures; a rota will be drawn up.

### **ANOTHER GOOD NEWS ITEM -**

Especially for the gentlemen - we have purchased a new surrounds mower as they have struggled for some while with the older models. Look after it chaps!

### **WANTED -**

1. John Green and helpers will be continuing with resetting the paving surrounds on the far sides of the green and have asked for any soil you may have as the levels need to be raised to prevent a trip hazard, please let John know if you can supply. His telephone number is 01252 782352
2. Also those of you who attended the AGM will already know that your Chairman and Secretary are bowing out at the end of this season so your club will need to find replacements. It would make for a smooth transition if the Chairman and Secretary elect could shadow these positions this year. Contact Keith on 01252 783438

## MEMBERSHIP -

Sadly we have lost a number of members this year and need to boost our membership quite dramatically. We are private, members owned club, so it is in our own interests to generate new members. Please publicise the game and our Club amongst friends and acquaintances. If you know of any clubs or societies who might be interested in a taster session please let a committee member know. We can supply display material if required.

We will be running at least one taster sessions again this year on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** 10.00am till midday. Please encourage anyone who wants to try to come along.

Do please let Lesley know of names so that suitable bowls will be available. Tel 01252 783438

The aim is to emphasise the enjoyment of the game and publicise our friendly club, participants need only come with suitable flat-soled shoes, all equipment will be provided.

## WE CAN ALL HELP TO ADVERTISE OUR CLUB.

Talking of advertising, to all of you who are "on the internet" do check out our own website, it has a brilliant new look, lots of information and a members only section giving you all the up to date fixtures news. You will need to log in so details will be given out with your fixture cards and membership list that will be available in the clubhouse before the start of the season.

Our Website address is:- **sealeandsandsbowlsclub.co.uk** **check it out!**

## Reminders -

- Once again we are without a vice captain to organize the friendlies teams so your committee will take it in turn to do just that. To avoid any confusion resulting in us not fielding a full team on the day, please will you confirm by phone or e-mail to the acting vice captain of the day that you are aware that you have been picked and will play. Also if you are unable to visit the clubhouse to see if you have been picked, the selector concerned will be able to let you if you phone. Their name and number will be on the bottom of the friendly sheet. This will avoid that one person making all the calls.
- Can I also remind you that we must wear bowls shoes on the green and our playing strip is white tops and grey trousers or skirts. It is a simple "uniform" but there have been other shades of grey and white creeping in. As a club we have kept it simple and not gone down the route of buying coloured tops, so please stick to the white and grey on the green.

## Please Note – A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY DECISION -

Your Committee have decided that for roll-ups and practice the dress code will **NOT** apply. We look forward to seeing you in all your relaxing finery, *how about these "onesies" I have heard so much about.*

All we ask is that we present the team "uniform" for all matches, both leagues and friendlies, and stick to the correct grey and white.

## STOP PRESS

Have you remembered to renew your Legion subs due October 2012.

It may seem to many that we join the Legion for the year but use only the period April till September, however John Farnham has arranged that Seale and Sands Bowls Club will have sole use of the Legion's Carpet Bowls mat this winter, every Wednesday evening. We need teams of four to participate in this pastime, that I can tell you is great fun and also means that we get good value for our Legion membership in the "off season" too. Anyone interested should speak with John Farnham during the summer. You can either make up your own teams or John can sort out some demon players to team up with. *I shall be signing up immediately!*

*See you all on the Green - Lesley*