



Chardstock Bowls Club

2022 Season • Newsletter • April



Mike Copp looks for the £1 coin he lost last season

Club Development Starts!

The first stage of our club development plan announced at last year's AGM is nearing completion.

See the full story overleaf.

This newsletter also contains important information about how the new season will run and some of the systems and procedures we will be introducing.

So read on!

Club Systems

Signing up for Matches

This season we are trialling a new system for signing up for matches. Members can, if they wish, sign up for selection for matches and also check if they have been selected on line.

Booking Rinks

As last season, members will be able to book rinks for roll-ups, competitions etc. using the shared Google Calendar.

For this season however, members will only be able to see online what rinks are available

You can then contact Jon Pratt (See below) and he will enter your booking for you.

This is to avoid some problems last year when members inadvertently changed other people's booking!

You can check that the booking has been made online.

You will be sent an email link to access the calendar with further instructions.

Paying Match Fees

We will continue to operate a cashless system for match fees.

All friendly, Club League, Over 60s and Ladies Triple League matches, home and away, will have a £3.00 match fee.

You are invited to "bank" an amount of credit in your account.

We suggest £30 may be a good starting point for most members. Please pay this amount to Jeff Townsend, our Treasurer, using a cheque or BACS.

Please make clear it is for match fees.

Every time you play, he will debit your account by £3.

You will be sent an alert by email or telephone if you are running out of credit, but you will be able to view your account yourself using a link that will be sent to you.

Note that if you had credit remaining from last season, where you have agreed, this will be credited to you for this season.

Rotas

Rotas for three important duties that are shared by members will be posted on the club noticeboard shortly.

Interior Cleaning (If chosen)

You are asked to nominate two weeks during which you will keep the clubhouse clean and tidy based upon a schedule of tasks. Normally, two people work together in each week.

Outside Maintenance (If chosen)

Like interior cleaning above, this involves keeping the surroundings of the green neat and tidy during your nominated weeks using a schedule of tasks.

Again, two people normally work together in one week.

Tea Duties

You are asked to choose two matches from the list where you will work with one other member to prepare and serve teas and drinks.

For all duties, please check your name when you have entered your chosen days/weeks.

The Club League

After the success of the Animal League last year Mike Copp has organised another league competition which will take place as triples matches involving eight teams during April and May.

Teams and captains are:

1. Rosie Pratt (C), Jonathan Milford, Carole Wyatt, Brian Fifield.
2. Mike Copp (C), Eileen Rolph, Eize Van der Meulen
3. John Currie (C), Gordon Bodily, Phyllis Baldwin, Jon Pratt
4. Vaughan Fletcher (C), Ken Wakelin, Wendy Cannings, Peter Rowley.
5. Wallace Kerr (C), Sheila Jeffrerys, Ann Sebright, Nicky Mugridge
6. Gill Campbell (C), Richard Lloyd, Colin Williamson, Debbie Manley.
7. John Rolph (C), Mar Toms, Jen Porter, David Ellis.
8. Neil Barron (C), Vanessa Barron, David Cannings.

Team names will be chosen by captains which could be interesting!

There is provision for twos to play threes and for teams to "borrow" players if necessary.

Look out for full details on the noticeboard and our website.

Club Development Project • Phase One

For many of you who have been unable to visit the Club since the end of last season, there have been a few changes!

At the Club AGM in September, it was agreed to proceed with Phase 1 of the Premises Development project, focussing on the car park, hedge removal and extension of the Club grounds.

After what seemed like wading through many layers of bureaucratic glue, the Club's planning application for change of use for the proposed land extension and hedge removal was granted in January!

Here are some photographs showing the progress to date.



Removal of the hedge by the "big digger". Removal of the vegetation along the current rear boundary and installation of the temporary Copp pallet gate!



Commencement of the car park topsoil removal, and the installation of the concrete posts for the extended area.



The car park surface taken away and ballast laid on membrane used to level the excavated area.



The delivery of the 75 tonnes of road shavings (5 loads) was not without its difficulties, as the damp ground made it difficult to reverse the lorries up the driveway!



Taskmaster Copp with willing helpers Pete Rowley and Colin Copp (and his tractor)!



Yet another delivery! At last, the new surface has been laid! Compacted by cars and tractors but will be compressed by the Cricket Club roller (when it is repaired!).



The new path between car park and new extended area has started to be excavated!



The new fenceposts, support posts and steel wiring being put in place.



We hope to have the new pathway concreted and the fence in place before the start of the season!

The bowling green has not been ignored while the above changes have been underway.



Currently, the grass is lush with hardly a weed! We also have a new shed; this one houses the newly motorised green roller!



A huge Thank You to Neil Barron and club members Mike Copp (for organising deliveries and to his seemingly endless list of contacts/friends/family), Pete Rowley, John Currie, Richard Lloyd, David Ellis, Wallace Kerr and Jon Pratt, and to non-members Roy Down, James Copp, Colin Copp, Andrew Gibbins, Jim Pratt and Freddie Eames.

We are now planning Phase 2 which we hope will include substantial improvements to the clubhouse itself.

Any questions arising from the newsletter, please contact Jon Pratt • 01460 221405 • japratt@btinternet.com