



DESBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB

(A Member of Bowls England and English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd)

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Dear Member

I hope you have all enjoyed the 2015/16 season and congratulations to all who have already been successful in your league teams or cup competitions.

Over the last year we have recruited 24 new members and I know they have all been made very welcome on their introduction into the bowls fraternity.

We are still actively seeking new members and will again be holding open days and coaching sessions to encourage those interested to join us. The next Indoor "Open Day" is to be a weekend event, planned for **Saturday, 24th September and Sunday 25th September**. Please bring along any friends or colleagues who may wish to try out bowling and we will do our best to ensure they have a positive experience on the green.

The plans to relocate the Club, to a new site in Green lane, Maidenhead, are now progressing well and despite the substantial delays experienced with RBWM Planning Department in dealing with our planning application, the plans were approved at the Maidenhead Development Control Panel on the 16th March 2016.

The planning approval had conditions attached and all details relating to these have been agreed with the planning case officer and he has now submitted his report to the Secretary of State for the Environment (SOS). His submission has now triggered the 28 day maximum response time, within which the SOS can, where the case is of sufficient sensitivity to warrant further investigation, call in the application for further review.

With all the planning conditions satisfied we believe full planning approval will be achieved for the development in September 2016.

Once the formal planning permission has been received then we shall be in a position to finalise the development programme. This is estimated as, a **commencement date of November 2016**, a build programme of 15/18 months and a move date, from our current premises in York Road, **of April 2018**.

I attach copies of the agreed building elevation and site plans for your information and hope you, like me, are looking forward to the completion of this exciting new development. All building plans are on display in the Club.

In July, Desborough hosted the Newland's Girls School Indoor tournament, which comprised 12 teams playing against one another in a Pairs Competition. The tournament was the first time the students had played in a match situation and there was a tremendous atmosphere throughout the keenly fought contest.

This was the second stage of rolling out the Desborough Schools' Bowls Academy and further after - school club days and coaching sessions are planned. We are also pleased to report that other schools, who have already expressed an interest in adding bowls to their sports curriculum – well done to all the volunteer members who made this happen.

REGARDING BOTH CURRENT AND FUTURE EVENTS, I WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE FORTHCOMING SEASON, NAMELY:-

• **CLUB OPENING HOURS:**

The Club Indoor Opening hours remain unchanged as follows:-

Monday to Friday	-	0830 to 2300 hrs
Saturday	-	0830 to 2300 hrs (unless league game or other prearranged event when closing time will be extended)
Sunday	-	0830 to 1800 hrs (or earlier if no events taking place)

Bar opening hours will be scheduled to reflect and complement times of matches and other events.

- **PROGRAMME 2016/17** (See Important Dates Indoor Leagues Schedule attached)

The OUTDOOR SEASON will be FINISHING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH 2016, with the forthcoming INDOOR SEASON COMMENCING ON MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

For the start of the Indoor Season, the Club will be open for roll-ups from Monday 19th September to Friday 23rd September inclusive. For this week only you can book a roll-up slot in advance providing at least 6 players occupy that rink.

It should be noted that, with the 50th Anniversary, (the Golden Jubilee), of the opening of the Indoor bowling facilities, on the 16th October 2016, a celebratory programme of events has been planned.

The planned events include: a **match against the EIBA on Sunday, 16th October 2016**, a Friendly Match against a composite team of members from other clubs we regularly play **against "our Friends" on Sunday, the 9th October 2016** and finally an **Indoor Jubilee Club day on Wednesday 30th November 2016**, open to all members with refreshments and bowls, to celebrate the occasion.

- **SUBSCRIPTIONS AND GREEN FEES:**

We are pleased to report that we have managed to maintain the Club's affairs and finances within the agreed budgets and do not therefore propose to increase subscriptions, green fees or match fees overall.

The fees, effective as from September 1st 2016, can be summarised as follows:-

Description	Current Fees 2015/16	(New) Fees 2016/17
Annual Subscriptions		
Full Members	£180	£180
Indoor Members	£90	£90
Outdoor Members	£90	£90
Social Subs	£25	£25
Green Fees		
1 hour	£2.00	£2.00
2 hours	£3.00	£3.00
3 Hours	£5.00	£5.00
Match Fees (Indoor)	£9.00	£9.00
Match Fees (Outdoor)	£4.50	£5.00
National Competition Fees	£5.00 per person	£5.00 per person
Kennet League Teams	£1.50	£1.50

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE BY THE 1ST OCTOBER 2016 and a surcharge of £10.00 will be payable for payments received after the 14th October 2015.

Annual subscriptions can be paid by cheque, cash or by on-line secure electronic bank transfer to:

Desborough Bowling Club,
Lloyds bank, Maidenhead
Account Number: 34331168
Sort Code: 30 95 36

If you take advantage of the electronic bank transfer then please ensure you add your name to the transfer instructions (both names if you are paying for two people).

If for any reason you wish to change your membership category you can still pay on line however please e-mail me with the information so I can reconcile the bank payments and amend my records accordingly.

- **INDOOR LEAGUE PROGRAMME 2015/16**

Following agreement with the Indoor Committee, the league fixtures have been programmed for the forthcoming indoor season, however, due to fewer teams registering for next year, we have decided to carry out a detailed review of the overall league structure/programme to see if there are any areas that may be improved going forward.

The initial problem is one of insufficient teams in Division 3 of the Men's evening league, however, we are planning to introduce new teams to increase the numbers playing in this division, particularly in support of new members joining the club who wish to play league fixtures on a regular basis.

If you wish to play or wish to enter a new team, this would be most welcome. Please contact myself or Colin Brown in the front office if you require any further advice as to how you register a team.

As part of the ongoing review of the league structure, we are planning a meeting with all team Captains and or team representatives on **TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER AT 6:30 PM.**

This will be an open forum, for all to discuss both current and future arrangements which is a very important part of the consultation process regarding planning our future at the new Club.

- **COMPETITIONS**

Club competition entry forms will be available from the office for both men and women and I would encourage all to enter.

Entry fees for competitions should be paid, either, by cheque or cash and **NOT** as part of any on-line payment for membership subscription fees.

We look forward to welcoming you again for next season and please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information at this time.

Regards

Roger Wyatt
Club Manager/General Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2016

Dear Members

Welcome back to Desborough for the start of the 2016-17 season.

As I am writing this letter the sun is shining and the temperature very warm – not always the case during the outdoor season! I hope however, that the weather has been kind to you and you have enjoyed your outdoor bowling.

The start of the indoor season is rapidly approaching with the resumption of the leagues, competitions and most importantly, friendly matches. These are the backbone of any club so please, wherever possible, make yourself available for selection. You will enjoy playing and your support will be much appreciated.

I wish all our teams every success in the forthcoming national competitions and look forward to following our progress through to the finals!

This coming October we will be celebrating our 50 year anniversary for the opening of the indoor bowling rinks. A series of special events have been arranged to celebrate this occasion, including matches against the EIBA and other local clubs.

I am sure that, when the indoor club was built and opened in October 1966, the members could not have foreseen that in 50 years' time we would be moving to a new purpose-built club with 8 indoor rinks.

Our General Secretary, Roger, will inform you in his report as to the current status of the project development plans.

The Management Committee and my-self look forward to welcoming you back to Desborough for 2016/17 and I look forward to playing with and against you and that we all enjoy a very good indoor season.

Yours sincerely

John Bucknell,

President

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INDOOR SEASON 2016/17 – IMPORTANT DATES

START DATES FOR FIRST HALF OF THE LEAGUES

LEAGUE	START DAY	START DATE
Men's Afternoon Fourteens	Monday	26/09/16
Ladies Mini League	Monday	26/09/16
Men's Evening	Monday	26/09/16
Men's Afternoon Twelves	Tuesday	27/09/16
Ladies Afternoon	Monday	10/10/16
SOCIAL EVENINGS		
Desborough Club Dinner	Saturday	22/10/16
Full Member's AGM	Friday	25/11/16 (7:00pm)
Christmas Carol Singing	Saturday	17/12/16
Mary Price Charity Day	Monday	28/12/16
New Year's Eve Party	Saturday	31/12/16

START DATES FOR SECOND HALF OF THE LEAGUES

Men' Afternoon Fourteens	Wednesday	11/01/17
Men's Evening	Monday	11/01/17
Men's Afternoon Twelves	Thursday	12/01/17
Ladies' Afternoon	Monday	16/01/17
John Clark Memorial Day	Saturday	04/03/17
KO Finals	Friday	07/04/17
Indoor AGM	Monday 10/04/17	
Finals Week		25/04/17 to 28/04/17
Presentation of Prizes	Friday	28/04/17