

WROTHAM BOWLS CLUB - Pre-Season Newsletter 2019



MORE BOWLING GREEN HISTORY

There are two reports on the history of Wrotham's bowling green on our website. These were prepared by a professional historian and an archaeologist and are extremely interesting. To read the reports visit www.wrothambowls.co.uk and click on the link on the bowling green picture.

Did you know that there are only nine bowling greens in Britain that are older than Wrotham? Below is a link to the Grade II Official Listing for our 13-14th Century Walls. We have added a contribution from Hugh Hornby, the 'Bowled Over' author, and some pictures of our green with historical notes. Scroll down to see contributions and scroll up for official map and listing.

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1264639#contributions>



WROTHAM BOWLS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date for our AGM is Saturday, 14th December 2019 at St George's Hall, Wrotham. 10.00am for 10.30am start. Please come along to hear how we did this year and what our plans are for the future. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee. (It is also a good opportunity to swap Christmas cards & save postage!)



RINK STEWARDS

On Home Match days, check to see if you have been selected as a rink steward, who are responsible for putting out the rink furniture. Stewards should be at the bowling green at least one hour before the match start time. They will also then be available to greet our visitors should they arrive early.



EASTBOURNE TOUR 2019

This year's tour is from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August. Matches have been arranged for 20th, 21st and 22nd. We will be staying at our favourite hotel on the seafront, The Langham.



DRESS CODE

Ladies may wear skirts, trousers, crops or tailored shorts (with BE Logo). White or Club tops above the waist, white or grey below. Brown, grey or white flat soled bowling shoes. On match days, especially away matches, Club flashes and Blazers should be worn on arrival

Men should wear a white or Club shirt above the waist with white or grey trousers and/or tailored shorts (with BE Logo). Brown, grey or white flat soled bowling shoes. On match days, especially away matches, blazers should be worn, on arrival

On ALL occasions, any shorts worn by WBC team members must exhibit the Bowls England Logo. In National, Kent County and Club Friendly Matches, each WBC team of pairs, triples or fours (Rinks), must be wearing the same colour top (as each other) and bottom (as each other).



CLUB COMPETITION DATES

Ladies -v- Gents

Saturday, 6th July @ 2.30 pm

Captain -v- Vice Captain

Saturday 20th July @ 2.30 pm

90 Up Competition

Sat/Sun 27/28th July @ 10.30 am

Cyril Martin Competition

Saturday, 17th August @ 10.30am

Don's Trophy (Aussie Pairs)

Sunday, 25th August @ 10.30 am

Finals Weekend

Sat/Sun 7th/8th September



RACE NIGHT

This year our Race Night is on Friday 20th September in St George's Hall, as usual. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time so make sure the date is in your diary. This is our main fund-raising venture and family and friends are very welcome – the more the merrier!



FRIENDLY MATCHES

The majority of our fixtures are friendly matches against local village clubs. We play over fifty friendly matches each season. They are usually triples and are very enjoyable, with a break in the middle where we sit down for a cup of tea, a cake and a chat, followed by a short speech by the Captains and a raffle. New bowlers are encouraged to put their name down for a friendly match as soon as they feel ready. There is no better way to learn the game and you will be on a rink with two other Wrotham bowlers to help you.



LEAGUE MATCHES

Ladies play league on Mondays (two triples involving six ladies), Men on Fridays (Six triples involving 18 men). Matches start at 6pm, some are at home and some away. Sometimes the club may be short of a player due to sickness or holidays. If you are asked to play, do consider it seriously as it is the greatest way to gain experience - you will be playing against the other club's best bowlers and they will be at their most competitive.

