

# Oak Hill Bowls Club

## June 2024 Newsletter



**Come on summer, you're late to arrive!**

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Dear all,

We are delighted to welcome some new members to our club

- Wing Yuen, who many of you will know from the work he does at Glebelands
- Donald Wu, also a fellow bowler from Glebelands
- Ruth Mountford, who used to be a member at Oak Hill and has now re-joined as an Associate member
- Paulette Cowan, who has joined as a new bowler.

We know you will make them all welcome and hope that they will enjoy many years of bowling at Oak Hill. Paulette has already played in her first match in the Brigg League.

We are always keen to welcome new members, so if you know of anyone who would like to try lawn bowls, please encourage them to come along to the club, preferably on a Saturday morning or Thursday club night when we can often provide a free introductory session and further coaching.

All the best

John Abson



## The Green

You will have noticed that a couple of holes have been dug towards the centre of the green and some further holes at the green's edges. We now suspect that these have been caused by squirrels which can more easily evade the electric fence.

We have placed wire protections over the affected areas, so would ask all members to avoid playing on the damaged rinks where possible, and to ensure the wire protection is replaced at all times when the green is not being used.

## Shirts and Jackets

We have received a further order of club shirts and jackets, so have a supply of most sizes. The club shirt costs £29 and a jacket £41. Please see Kay Comer, Pete Headland or John Abson if you require a shirt or jacket.

## League and External Competitions

Some of the leagues in which we play have already begun. The men playing in the Vets league have played 4 matches so far – wins at home to Selborne and away to Winchmore Hill, a draw at North London and a loss away to Cockfosters. Our ladies won their first Brigg League match away to Bury Lodge, and we won our first match in the Enfield & District Sunday league, away to Holtwhites. In the Hertfordshire Top Ten competition our men lost to a strong team from Herts (Watford).

Many thanks to all members who have played in these matches and also to those who support the club by playing in our many friendly fixtures.

## Club Nights

We are trying to ensure a full programme of club-night food and activities on Thursday evenings throughout the season. The programme for the next few weeks is:  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – Fish Barbecue provided by Mike Marques  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – Mexican Chilli and Potatoes cooked by Sue Ingle.

We are very grateful to Martin and Mike, both of whom have already provided a barbecue supper, and to Janina who cooked a delicious stir fry. Janine, the caterer from Glebelands, has agreed to provide the food on occasional club-nights, but we would always welcome volunteer cooks from our members.

Please check the list on the notice board outside the kitchen and, if you plan to come along to a club-night, put your name on the respective list by the Tuesday before the club-night, so that the cooks know numbers who will be eating.



*The at times soggy Four Club friendly May 24.*



## Club Competitions

The draws for most of the club competitions with play-by dates have now been made and some matches have already been played. The men's 2-wood singles competition was played on the 27<sup>th</sup> May, with Brian Usher and John Abson qualifying for the final which will be played at the club's finals weekend in September.

Unfortunately, there have been very few entries for the ladies' competitions and the only competition for which a draw has been made is the ladies singles championship. We are still hopeful that we may be able to arrange handicap and 2-wood singles competitions, but we urgently need more ladies to put their names forward. Please contact Liam Murphy or Margaret Eccleston if you would be able to take part in these competitions.

The 2-wood pairs competition will be played on the 15<sup>th</sup> June and the mixed triples on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. There is still an opportunity to take part even if you have not already entered – please see Liam Murphy or check the details on the competitions notice board.

## Lease and Club Status

Finally, after a recent Zoom meeting with representatives from Barnet Council and our respective solicitors, we are hopeful that the preparation of a new lease with the council is nearing its conclusion.

Partly as a result of these discussions we have been considering suggesting changing the status of the club and the club committee agreed that a small working group will investigate this further. The consideration is to change the status of the club from a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

This would require approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) meeting of the club's members. We will keep you informed of our deliberations and give good notice of any EGM.

We would be pleased to hear from any member with knowledge or experience that could help us in these deliberations.

## Teas and Coffees

A supply of tea, coffee, biscuits, etc. is available in the kitchen, but we would remind all members that the cost for a cup of tea or coffee is £1, and 30p for biscuits.



## New Feature “Rogues’ Gallery”

Try and spot the rogue member in the photos below,

Arguably only one

