

Oak Hill Bowls Club

March 2024 newsletter



Looking forward to the 2024 season!

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Dear members,

I hope you are well and looking forward to a new season of bowling at Oak Hill, hopefully with some warmer and drier weather.

Key dates for your diary

Saturday 6th April, 10am Working Party to “Spring Clean” the clubhouse and green surround

Saturday 20th April, 10am Pre-season coffee morning – and the green opens

Tuesday 30th April, Open Triples League starts

Thursday 2nd May, Club Night hosted by David Bowler, Tor and Kim in memory of Sheila

Saturday 4th May, Captain's Day – dress code whites

Many thanks to Pete Headland who has updated the format of the newsletter - we hope you like it. Please let us know any comments and anything you would like to see in future editions.

All the best

John Abson



Ladies' Captain

Following the very sad death of Sheila Bowler we are extremely grateful that Margaret Eccleston has agreed to take on the role of Ladies Captain.

Please give her your full support.

Monday Afternoon League

David Conway will again be organising this popular internal league for club members. He already has 27 names, but would ideally like to make the numbers up to 36. Membership of individual teams will be drawn.

Please contact David if you would like to join a team.

Indoor Fixtures

We had a resounding win in our recent indoor match against Bishopwood. Oak Hill will be carrying a 25 shot lead into the second match against Glebelands for the John Golding Memorial trophy on Saturday 23rd March.

A number of Oak Hill members are doing well in Glebelands competitions, with the club finals on the weekend of 27th/28th April.

Many congratulations to Rhys Lewis, who has qualified for the National Finals of the Novice Singles competition on 5th April at Nottingham IBC.

New Clubhouse

We are very grateful to Jason Laurence who has drawn up revised plans for our proposed new clubhouse. These plans will shortly be submitted to Barnet Council's planning department.

In order to proceed with this project we will be setting up a number of working groups, so we are appealing for any members with knowledge and experience in finance, legal, business/project management, fund-raising or any other relevant areas.

Please contact Gordon Greenfield, Tom Holden, Vinod Thakrar or John Abson if you think you can help.



Damian, Maggie and John - "hotshot" winners (9 shots in one end) in the first match against Glebelands.



East Barnet school

We have run a successful after-school activity at the school throughout the autumn and spring terms with their newly acquired short-mat bowls equipment.

In the summer a class of youngsters will be coming to Oak Hill on Friday mornings at 9.30am, starting on the 3rd May, for tuition in lawn bowls as part of their PE curriculum.

If you could help with this please contact John Abson.

Player development

We propose to run a series of training sessions at the beginning of the season for a number of our members, with the aim of

- Improving their skills and experience
- Increasing their knowledge of the sport
- Establishing the roles of players in representative teams, leading to consistent team selection

We will be holding two preliminary sessions at 2.30pm and 6.30pm on Monday 29th April. Please let Rhys Lewis or John Abson know if you would like to participate.

Club shirts

We will be sending off an order for club shirts and jackets at the end of March, to ensure we have a full range of sizes available.

If you would like a new shirt or jacket of a particular size please let John Abson know before the 30th March.



Is your shirt starting to look grubby? Time for a new one?

Subscriptions

For the new season subscriptions for full-playing members have been raised by just £5 to £175. All other subscriptions have been kept at the same level as 2023.