

## **RUSHDEN TOWN BOWLS CLUB**

### **NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021**

Dear Members

We hope you are all well and have now had your first vaccine. It is good that after Boris's statement on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb that there will be light at the end of the tunnel.

#### **OUTDOOR**

Outdoor will open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April triples only

Rinks opening hours are: Monday 12 noon - 6pm – 2 hour sessions

Monday Evening – Factory League week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 12 noon – 6pm– 2 hour sessions

Tuesday Evening – Factory League week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday 2pm - 6pm – Friendly Matches against other club

Thursday 12 noon – 6pm - No match the rink is open – 2 hour sessions

Fri evening from May to Aug - Paul Munday – Triples League 6.30 – 8.30 - £3 - if you are interested in playing please phone or text Paul on 07434609334

Saturday 2pm – 6pm – Friendly Matches against other clubs

Saturday - No match club closed

Sunday 12noon – 6pm– 2 hour sessions

Club house will remain closed until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May there will be no toilet facilities.

Turfcare will be maintaining the green on Mon, Wed and Friday mornings

All rinks have to be pre booked as we still have to keep records, please phone or text Rita on 07880711691 from 9<sup>th</sup> April.

The equipment shed will have a combination lock, when you book to play you will be told the number. Please place all equipment back in the shed and secure lock.

#### **CLUB COMPEITIONS/COUNTY COMPS**

These will be displayed in the club from 17<sup>th</sup> May or you can email Keith Thatcher [keithcthatcher@yahoo.com](mailto:keithcthatcher@yahoo.com) prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **FRIENDLY MATCHES**

Terry Chapman has booked matches against other clubs on Thursday and Saturday afternoon this will be displayed in the foyer from 17<sup>th</sup> May for you to put your name down to play.

**OPEN DAY** - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September

**PRESIDENTS DAY** - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July

## AGM

Tuesday 7th December - All outdoor members are encouraged to attend to have your comments on how your club operates.

## New BN Novice Competition

Here are the salient points regarding the newly instituted BN Novice competition:

The format is as follows:

- a) The competition will be called 'BN Novice Singles', and is open to all genders and ages - provided that County affiliation fees have been paid for each entrant before the May 1st deadline.
- b) Players are eligible for this competition IF THEY HAVE NOT PLAYED IN A COUNTY FINAL OF ANY FORMAT IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. - this includes Fours, Triples, Pairs, Singles 2/4 woods or any other domestic competition, but excludes team games like Top Club and County League Finals.
- c) The game shall consist of three (3) woods per player and 15 ends. One trial end to be played before the start of the 15 end game. If the score justifies it then the game does not need to be played to the finish of all 15 ends.
- d) Clubs will run the early rounds as a Knock-Out competition to produce two Club Finalists (A and B) by the middle of August. These finalists will then be drawn to play in the later stages of the competition throughout September under County Competition control.

Proposed Club championships for 2021, subject to enough entries to support semi-finals and finals:

Singles:

- Men's Championship (4 wood)
- Ladies Championship
- Men's 2 wood Championship
- Men's Handicap
- Blanche Cox Trophy (mixed - only open to those who have not won a club singles title previously)

Pairs:

- Men's
- Ladies
- Mixed

Triples:

- Men's
- Mixed

Pairs and Triples Teams will be drawn at random. Mixed teams to comprise one lady (minimum)

Rules regarding playing formats etc. will be published when the draws are made.

The competition draws will be made 19th April, so the final date for entries to be received is 18th April.

Finals Weekend will be 24th-26th September. Any members who do not expect to be available to play over this weekend are respectfully requested not to put in entries.

If you are interested in entering this competition please email [keithcthatcher@yahoo.com](mailto:keithcthatcher@yahoo.com) or phone/text 07860359322

**MEMBERS MUST HAVE RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN OCTOBER 2020 OR ARE GOING TO RENEW BEFORE 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY, AND IF YOU ARE ENTERED FOR COUNTY /NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.**

## INDOOR

Will open on Mon 17<sup>th</sup> May as follows

Rink opening hours are: Monday Morning 10.00am – 12 noon – Friendly roll ups

Tuesday Evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm – Friendly roll ups

Wednesday – Closed

Thursday morning 10.00am – 12 noon – Friendly roll ups

Friday afternoon 4.30pm – 6.30pm – juniors only

Friday Evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm - Friendly roll ups

Saturday – closed

Sunday- 12.00pm – 6pm Friendly roll ups

All rinks have to be pre booked as we still have to keep records, please phone or text Rita 07880711691 from 7<sup>th</sup> May.

To pay for the rinks is by **CARD ONLY** by purchasing tickets (these do not have an expiry date) on a Monday and Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am from Rita or from the Bar when its open. Special offer buy 5 get 6 for £15.

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**DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS AGE 8 TO 17 WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR JUNIOR SECTION. IF YOU DO IT STARTS ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY AT 4.30 FOR 2 HOURS THEY CAN JUST COME DOWN HAVE A GO WITH OUR COACHES KEITH CARTER AND TERRY CHAPMAN.**

## BAR

The Bar will open week commencing 17th May, initially Tues and Fri evenings 6.00pm to 9.30pm. As per Government guidelines it will be table service and payment by card only. After 21st Jun depending on support from members, the bar opening times will be reviewed and adjusted to suit the demand.

**The club will not be fully open until Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June unless government guidelines change.**

All Steps are in line with the COVID -19 Roadmap for England restrictions and are subject to change at any time depending on Government Guidelines.

Take care looking forward to seeing everyone back at the club.

Executives

03.03.2021