

# RUSHDEN TOWN BOWLS CLUB

## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Letter from Chairman:

The previous 12 months, after coming out of lockdown has been challenging for all those on the Executive and Playing Committees and I would like to thank all of you for your hard work behind the scene. We all strive to make the club a centre for the sport of bowls as well as having a social aspect where members can gather for company and reflect on world events.

The Executives understand that the economic climate is a concern for us all and we know some members have questioned the increase in fees this year. In hindsight, and now with the utility costs which no one predicted increasing as this letter goes out, it can only support this justification. Currently with no financial assistance for clubs/business, in 2023/24 the balance between affordability and financial availability is going to be a fine line with many challenges in front of us.

### MEAT RAFFLE

BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT THE MEAT RAFFLE EACH WEEK

£2,000 WAS CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE NEW SCOREBOARDS

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2022

FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLUB



### LADIES AUSSIE PAIRS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2PM  
LADIES PLEASE COME AND JOIN US  
OPEN TO EXPERIENCE AND  
NEW BOWLERS  
SEE NOTICE BOARD TO ADD  
YOUR NAME TO THE LIST

### SKILLS DAY

THIS IS OPEN TO EXPERIENCE AND  
NEW BOWLERS VERY  
INFORMATIVE AND A FUN  
MORNING.

SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 10AM TO  
1PM COST £5.00

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR  
MORE INFORMATION

### STARTING 14TH OCTOBER

DRESS DOWN FRIDAY EVENING  
WINTER TAG GAME

TEAMS TO BE DISPLAYED  
SHORTLY ON NOTICE BOARD



### OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
1PM – 4PM  
HELPERS LIST ON THE  
NOTICE BOARD

### PHEASANT PLUCKERS

THIS IS PLAYED ON A SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON 2PM START  
THE LIST FOR PLAYERS WILL BE  
DISPLAYED ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2022

### Club Constitution

The Club Constitution has now been amended and we are all under one umbrella. We ask that you take full advantage of this measure and although those members who have joined over the past 18 months may not realise its significance, it is an important step for those holding full membership and voting rights to have their say in how you want your club to operate.



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Dear Members

On behalf of the playing committee, we kindly remind all members that if you would like to raise any issues regarding club management or operations, please address your concern, in writing, to the indoor or outdoor playing committee secretary.

For any issues regarding competition arrangements, matches and players, please contact the committee competitions secretary, also in writing.

Our club is a friendly and welcoming environment. We would like to remind all members to show respect for the club and each other, whether on or off the green. Should anyone encounter any negative or upsetting behaviour from other members, please politely make them aware of the upset they are causing and to direct their concerns to the appropriate committee member and their concerns will be taken seriously and reviewed with the club as necessary.

Rachel Blackadder -  
Secretary for Indoor and  
Outdoor playing  
committee

### Club President

We have a new Club President, Mr Jack Litchfield. Jack has over 40 years' experience in the bowling eternity and a member of RTBC for many years. It is a post which is held for 12 months and I am sure Jack will endeavour to fulfil this position with the utmost attention.

Hubbie, our retired president held this post for several years and is much respected by all those that know him. Although he is now limited in physical ability to get out and about there are members who visit him on a regular basis and are in touch with his family to assist him getting to the club when required.

### Club Maintenance

Due to the adverse hot weather conditions during this summer, the outside green and gardens have been a challenge. The ever increasing "Things to Do List" for the maintenance of the green and real estate has highlighted the workload. Due to personal reasons Terry Ferrary has decide not to continue as the green/maintenance coordinator. We are now looking for a team of 4 -5 members to take over this role and give the real estate the attention it deserves. During the winter months Oct – Mar there is relatively little to do, during the summer, constant attention is required. We intend to provide full training and the equipment required. If you are interested, please make it known to the club secretary. We need your support.

### Outdoor Competitions/Tipler League

This season, the competitions outdoors have been rolling in. We are glad to report that the outdoor members have had and are still having a successful season. In the Monday and Tuesday very competitive Tipler League, Rushden Teams dominated the competition. In the Monday league Rushden Aces were 1<sup>st</sup> and Rushden Raiders 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the added bonus of Tony Knowles, Sue Hinkley and Rob Hinkley winning the Monday Tipler Trophy. In the Tues League, Rushden Rebels achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



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### Winter League 2022/23

The teams are now in and the winter leagues are intended to start mid October. Terry Ferrary is the winter leagues co coordinator and is just entering a few late entries, then the schedules will be posted out to all captains (please check your mail slots in the locker room).

This season there will be no rinks available to book after 20:30hrs so it is decided that all evening winter league games will commence at 18:30hrs and **complete 14 ends.**

The morning leagues commence at 09.45 and are also to complete 14 ends. If a morning team wishes to stop for a break midway through it must be agree by both skips before the game commences.

Good Luck

### Manfield Cup

Although we were penalized in the Manfield Cup, provisional we came 2<sup>nd</sup> with all 4 teams winning away from home, a great achievement which has not been done for many years.

There are still county and national games on going with individuals/teams from our club competing this month.

Well done to every member who competed or supported what we have achieved this season and we can only build on this for even more success outdoors next year.

We had other success in the Bond Cup against Higham Ferrers, Keith Gordon winning the men's Singles and the Ladies Team winning the plate.

The Thursday Team won the Frost Owen Cup against Oundle after 2 legs.

### RUSHDEN TOWN BOWLS CLUB holiday

**Monday – Friday from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to the new**

**Potters Five Lakes Resort at Maldon, Essex**

ALL INCLUSIVE – including delicious BREAKFASTS, 3-course LUNCHES AND 3-course DINNERS + light night snack. ALSO enjoy a wide selection of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks – as well as all hot beverages including coffees, teas, and hot chocolates. *(No extras to pay for during your stay.)*

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR PRICE AND MORE INFORMATION

The indoor Tuesday and Friday evenings were well supported and now coming to an end. It was good to see how well all the new bowlers have come on with their bowling over the summer season. WELL DONE!

Thank you to Eric for organising the league.



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**RUSHDEN TOWN BOWLS CLUB**

**EVENT**

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**TICKETS £12.50 EACH**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE AND BAR**



THE ULTIMATE PARTY BAND

**FASCINATION**

SOUL ✦ MOTOWN ✦ ROCK ✦ POP