Victoria Park Bowling Club
Newsletter - July 2023

President's Cup

I am glad to be able to thank the 38 members who participated on Sunday 25 July in my third President's Competition. It was pleasing to see that many were new members as well as the old stalwarts.

The format was a randomly drawn mixed pairs without handicaps. This meant 2 preliminary pairs games were necessary before the 8 matches in the first round. All those not progressing to round 2, moved into the Consolation Competition.

Due to the weather forecast of rain, which proved to be accurate, all games were 21 up with 6 on the card. There was some stoppage of play, but thankfully largely at lunch time. Both greens played well with many games ending in close scores, and a few amazing scores.

The winners of the President's Cup were Colette McGinity and Mo Ahmady, runners up Sarah Murtagh and Steve Halliwell. The losing semi-finalists were Julie Edwards & Dave Williams and Sue Mountford & Doreen Morrell.

The winners of the Consolation Competition were Emma Burgess & Paul McCabe who defeated Liz Butler & Brian Kildare. Losing semi-finalists were Heather Salter & Don Devey and Deborah Herold & Mike Wardle.

My warm thanks go to Sue Mountford, Sue Davies and Doreen who sorted the excellent, abundant buffet, also for sorting the draw and scores so everything went smoothly and that, despite the rain, a reasonable finishing time was possible. Additional thanks go to Shelia Mo and Jeana Ormesher for the excellent cakes.

Ted Morrell

Come & Try Event
Saturday 8th July 10:30am-1pm

Another 'Come & Try Bowls' is being held on the club greens on Saturday 8 July from 10:30am to 1pm.

The event aims to introduce people with little or no experience of crown green bowls to our sport.
Please remember to tell people you know about this event.

Word-of-mouth is by far the most effective method of advertising.
It accounted for the majority of newcomers who attended the 'Come & Try Bowls' on Saturday 27 May. That event was attended by 16 people new to bowls and 11 new members have joined since.

Thanks to all those members who told people about that event and to the coaches and other club members who came along to support it. Let's trust the 'Come & Try Bowls' on 8 July will be successful too.

Martin Rose Bowl Competition

The Martin Rose Bowl Competition will now be held on Sunday 6th August and will be organised by Dave Gordon. The format for the competition will be mixed pairs, choosing your own partner. If you do not have a partner please speak to the organisers. An entry sheet will be placed on the notice board in due course.

Availability of the Greens

Just a short note to inform everyone of the availability of the Greens. Please make full use whenever you can. If you would like to practice or leisure bowl please check the calendar on the web page - it outlines when the Greens are in use by the Teams. Often only one Green is in use, leaving one free for the use of other members.
Both Greens are closed for maintenance, Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings 8am-12pm.
The Greens are in great shape and, whilst the weather is very good, please take full advantage when you can.

Volunteers for the Greens Upkeep

Paul Crummey and his team need volunteers to assist with the cultivation of the Greens on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 09:30 -12:00.

In addition to the Greens Team, volunteers are needed to help with the Irrigation System. Please contact Paul if you can help.

Southport Flower Show

One month to go before the Flower Show starts. A big thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to assist and those who have entered the Competitions. There is still time to add your name to the list of volunteers and, of course, enter the Competitions.
Donations for the Tombola are required to ensure it is a great success. If you can donate, please contact Sue Mountford.
Let's make the event a successful one, at the same time raising much-needed funds for the Club.
If you have any questions, please contact Mo Ahmady or Dave Ormesher who are the Flower Show co-ordinators this year. The programme is listed below:

SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

Thursday 17th Aug

- AM The Maghull Challenge organised by Ted Morrell
- PM Members Round Robins organised by Eric & Maureen Ireland

Friday 18th Aug

- All day Mixed Club Pairs Competition organised by Sue Mountford

Saturday 19th Aug

- Open Doubles Competition organised by Mark & Jayne Eustace

Sunday 20th Aug

- Open Singles Competition organised by Mark & Jayne Eustace

Away Day at Fox Lane Sports Club

The Away Day this year will be on Sunday 3rd September at the Fox Lane Sports & Social Club Leyland. Transport from Southport is being arranged and details of cost will be published later. A participants sheet will be placed on the Club notice board shortly and those wishing to attend should append their names to the sheet.

Crossens Challenge & BBQ

A provisional date for the Crossens Challenge has been set for Sunday 17 September and will be confirmed as soon as possible.
It is also planned to hold a Club BBQ on the same day. This has also to be confirmed.

Beamish Living Museum - Billingham Bowling Green

Although not Victoria Park, this is an interesting item for any member of the Club that may venture on a trip to the Beamish Living Museum, County Durham, where they have replicated a bowling Green from the 1950's.

"The replica of Billingham Bowling Green from John Whitehead Park has been built as part of the park in The 1950s Town.

Bowls was, and often still is, a popular pastime, and was especially popular for both men and women during the 1950s."

Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
8th July	Come and Try Event
6th August	Martin Rose Bowl Competition
17-20th Aug	Flower Show
3rd Sep	Away Day at Fox Lane Sports & Social Club Leyland
10th Sep	Men's Singles Championship
17th Sep	Crossens Match & BBQ Provisional
24th Sep	Ladies Singles Championship
1st Oct	End of Season Competition
13th Jan '24	Awards Night Old Links Golf Club