

YEOVIL VISUALLY IMPAIRED BOWLS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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**Registered Charity
No: 1068224**

1. OUTDOOR BOWLS

Our first outdoor session will be on Tuesday 20th April from 11am until 1pm, and then every Tuesday thereafter, please remember to enter through the green gate at the top of the drive. (Please do not arrive before 10.45 am!)

Please bring a mask/face covering with you, toilets will be open for each session and lockers will be accessible on 20th April to collect woods, shoes and any other equipment; you will then need to take your belongings home with you. Access to the toilet will be via the lower lounge door, there will be flexible barriers to restrict access to the bar/coffee area. At any time that you enter the clubhouse, the wearing of a mask/face covering is mandatory. The restriction on access to the lockers will be in place until guidance changes from Bowls England.

At present the changing rooms are closed so please come ready to bowl. Attire for bowling initially for this summer at YBSC is relaxed and casual however feel free to wear your greys and whites if you wish, please remember to bring your bowls shoes plus warm clothing and waterproofs in case they are needed.

2. NEW WEBSITE

We have a brand new website that has been kindly built for us by Brian Colvin. The committee are very grateful to Brian for all the effort he has put into getting this up and running for us. The new website address is:

www.yeovilvibowls.net

3. SUMMER FIXTURES

Lyme Regis Bowls Club have decided to cancel all friendly matches until 1st June, so regretfully our match scheduled for 26th May cannot go ahead. We will keep you informed about any other changes as they happen.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Some members who bowled indoors paid £36 to cover membership fees, insurance and a contribution towards the indoor rink fees which were increased as we needed all three rinks due to greater numbers and Covid-19 restrictions. The committee have decided that as we only had a few weeks bowling before the last lockdown, we will offer a refund of £25 in respect of half the membership fees and all the rink fees. Please see Ron to arrange your refund. The remaining £11 will cover the membership fee and insurance for the forthcoming outdoor season.

For those members who didn't bowl indoors or haven't yet paid their fees, £5 membership and £6 insurance, a total of £11 will be payable at the start of the outdoor season

5. SIGHT CERTIFICATES

Please take the time to check your sight certificate's expiry date, according to the records held, it would appear that nearly everyone needs to renew their sight certificates to continue to be able to enter any competitions organised for visually impaired bowlers.

If you need to renew your sight certificate, the application forms are available to download and print from the VIBE website. This form needs to be completed by the hospital eye clinic or optician undertaking the LogMAR test, which is the test currently used for sight classification. At the time of print, local opticians able to carry out the test include Robert Frith and Vision Express.

Please let Debbie know if you have had a recent eye test and renewed your sight certificate.

6. AMAZON SMILE

In February we received the charity first pay out of £22.39 from Amazon for purchases made through the Amazon Smile link; please continue to raise funds for our club by using the link when you make any purchases from Amazon.

Amazon will donate ½ percent of all purchases made to our registered charity No.1068224 if you shop through smile.amazon.co.uk. This is a good source of funds for our club at no extra cost to yourself.

This is a direct link to YVIBC AmazonSmile page:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1068224-0>

7. YVIBC Memorial Trophy

On behalf of the members, the committee would like to thank Mo for the new trophy that he has kindly donated to the club; it is back from the engravers and will be played for during the indoor season.



8. Commonwealth Games

Ron has the next round of the Commonwealth Games qualifiers at Oxford in May. Good luck Ron from everyone at YVIBC.