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Delancey Park home of the NBA

We all agree the NBA has probably the best views of any bowls club as can be seen in the photo above I took last May. I'm sure we are all looking forward to when things return to normal and we can enjoy these views again. If you have any photo's we can use in future editions please email them to me thanks Andrew.

We would also hope all our members enjoyed both the VE Day and Liberation Day celebrations as best they could and that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

Hopefully, we can organise a club event later this year so we can all celebrate Liberation 75 together.

The NBA is a member club of Bowls Guernsey (www.bowlsguernsey.gg).

Presidents Report

Dear Members,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well. We are sending this newsletter to keep you up to date with developments at Delancey.

You will have seen recently in the media that as part of phase 2 of the easing of the lockdown restrictions, singles bowls will be allowed. Regretfully, the situation with our green is far from satisfactory. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the green is in a terrible state because of the leatherjacket infestation. The grounds men have only in the last week been able to cut the grass and it still needs scarifying, sanding, and re-sowing. Allowing for time for the grass to establish it would be optimistic to say it could be ready for playing on by the end of July. Realistically, it is highly unlikely that the green will open this season.

However, if things do move faster than predicted and it becomes possible to use the green for some social bowls within the restrictions set by the lockdown rules, we will ensure that everyone knows.

This will be a blow to many of you, and it is understandable if you wish to have a refund. To date no one has requested this for which we are very grateful. It means we will have a good start to our finances in 2021, together with an increased amount from our sponsor, The Forresters.

It has been a struggle to pay the rent for the last couple of years, so any boost to our finances is welcome. Fortunately, the States have given us a rent 'holiday' this year!



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The aim going forward, and to allow the NBA to survive, is to endeavour to increase the membership. Any ideas you have on how to go about this would be welcomed, together with thoughts on how to increase revenue and also put out feelers for more sponsorship.

Looking ahead, once restrictions have eased enough for more social contact, it would be a great time to spruce up the clubhouse, (painting, decorating, general maintenance). Any members willing to assist with this when the time comes please do get in touch.

Hoping to see you at some point in the not too distant future.

Trevor

Club President

on behalf of the Committee

LATEST NEWS

Condition of the green

We took this photo over Easter and as you can see the green was still in an extremely poor condition. As Trevor states above the grounds staff are working to fix the green and we will let you know when it is ready for play.



New Website for the NBA

Todd Prialux has kindly started to create a website for the NBA which you can visit at <https://northbowls.com/> as well as copies of this Newsletter and our bowling leagues it contains an "about the club" section and will highlight latest news.

Jersey Tour Date

We are planning to organise a revised tour in September this year. This is subject to lockdown being lifted and the availability of transport and hotels. Those who have booked will be moved to the new dates when confirmed and if anyone else would like to attend please contact angela.bartie@cwgsy.net for details. If you have any questions or concerns, they will be happy to help you.

Captains Update

Hope everyone is well. This season will be strange but hopefully we will be able to play some games later in the season, looking forward to seeing everyone then,

Regards Paul Wakeham

Communications and Data Protection

We would like to send future newsletters and correspondence via email as it helps protect the NBA funds. We would be grateful if all members could supply an email address to the Club Secretary so they can be added to our database of contacts. We can confirm these email addresses will only be used for club correspondence and your details will be removed from our database either on request or two years after you cease membership of the club.