



News Bulletin

The monthly Email update for members of
Maiden Erlegh Bowling Club



Welcome

We welcome four new members to the Club this season: Paul Sherwood, Roy Clarke, Frank Turner, and David Venables.



THE OFFICIAL START TO OUR OUTDOOR SEASON 2017!

Sunday 23rd April – Official Opening Day – 2.30 (with refreshments).

Our first Friday Social:

Friday 28th April – Roll-up, plus Whist Drive – 6.00pm.

Notices

Season Preparation

Before we can play on the Green there is work to be done. The preparation of the Green and Grounds will commence on the 10th April. As usual volunteers will be needed to make ready for the start of the season.

A list of tasks and sign-up sheet will be displayed in the Lobby from tomorrow pm (Wednesday) but a copy is attached for your information. You will see that some of the tasks can be done before the 15th. **Please sign up to help next week if you can find someone else to help you, or on the Saturday (15th).**

It is hoped that roll-ups will be permitted from the 16th onwards, work progress and weather permitting.



Support Your Club

Please return your completed form to Paul.

Recruitment Open Afternoons

Please let Paul know on which day you can help (6th or 14th May).

And if you are able to lend your woods (small sizes required please).

Bar Duty

As we will be using caterers for after-match meals we hope more members will now sign-up to help with serving behind the Bar. The Bar provides a significant source of income but we can no longer rely on the few willing volunteers. We already have a number of the 50+ duties covered but we need more members to help. It is not difficult work but training will be given. The more helpers we have the less we all have to do. **Please let Mike Fraser know; or fill in the Support Your Club Form and return it to Paul.**

LAST CHANCE – The next shirt order is going in soon – message from Babs

If anyone would like to order a club shirt to start the new season please let Babs know as soon as possible.

Please note the price has slightly increased having been the same for the last three years.

Polyester with logo - £22.50 (plus name) £24.50

Cotton with logo - £23.00 (plus name) £25.50

Tel: 0118 961 3556

Email: babs116@btinternet.com



Club Shirts



Friday Social Events

The list of entertainment for the Friday Socials is on the notice board in the Lobby. A copy is also available on the Club's website.

Saturday Socials

Peter and Julie Heyes are helping to coordinate the Saturday Social events with the help of Chris Fellowes but they desperately need additional volunteers to help out with the social events we have planned for the season (17th **June (correction)**; 22nd July – Hog Roast; 12th August; 2nd September). **Please contact Peter, Julie or Chris; or fill in the Support Your Club Form and return it to Paul.**



Security

The Club has had to review its insurance and security measures. As a result, the key to access the Club Room will be kept in a Key Safe which will be located in the Lobby.

You will be advised in due course how to access the key to the Club Room.

Notice Boards

The notice boards in the Lobby and Club Room have been re-organised.

In the lobby are the boards for all the Friendly matches, Points, Official Notices, Tours, Socials and Duties (Bar and Premises).

In the Club Room are the boards for Competitions, all the leagues, County and Membership.



Information for Members

The noticeboards, apart from notices which have to be displayed, will primarily be used for bowling information and social events.

Information for members, including notices, will continue to be issued via email and the Bulletin. You should be aware that there is also a lot of information for members on the Club's website.

Ring Binders

Three binders will be located in the Lobby before the start of the season:

Rink Booking – to be completed for roll-ups and any other occasion you need a rink. The main events for each day are also shown.

Membership – A new binder, which has a lot of information for members, including:

- Members' contact details (no longer displayed on the board);
- Application forms for prospective new members;
- A copy of the Constitution;
- Policy statements;
- Club Competition Rules;
- And other general information.

Handbooks – Another new addition. Reference documents providing information on how certain areas of club business are managed.

You will see that time and effort has gone into tidying the Lobby and the noticeboards.

Members are asked to keep it that way.

Announcements



"100 Club" Winners

January - Marj McKenzie, Debbie Jex and Rita Cane.

February - Mary Parkinson, Peter Heyes, Graham Iles.

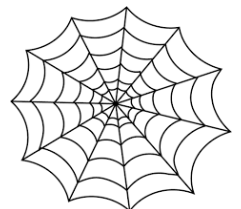
The Club's Website

The Club's Webmaster is Peter Heyes.

Please take a look, there is a lot of information available.

Login details (confidential to members):

Username Name: mebc **Password:** lemon



Second-hand Lawn Mower

Thanks go to David Griffin for securing a gift from a neighbour.

Reminder – something new is happening - Email Sign-up System

This season the Club will be introducing an email based sign-up system for all our friendly and league matches. When the system is operational members will receive an email advertising the matches. All that is required is for the member to select (with a click of the mouse) which matches they are available, and then to send the reply. Those selected for the team will receive a Team Sheet via email. Instructions will be sent out nearer the time.

For information and convenience to those **not on email** we will run our usual paper sign-up and team sheet notice board system.

However, those members using the **new email system** are asked **NOT** to sign-up on the noticeboard.

One additional significant change – After the team has been declared you will **be expected to play**. If you become unavailable for any reason you will be expected to phone the Captain.

SIGN-UP SHEET

Month:	Date	Opponents	Captain	Time	Venue	Rinks
Captain's Phone No:		Dress Code:		Fee: £3.50		
Ladies			Gents			

For Away matches, rendezvous at the club at:

TEAM SHEET

Month:	Date	Opponents	Captain	Time	Venue	Rinks
Captain's Phone No:		Dress Code:		Fee: £3.50		
	Lead	2	3	Skip		
Rink 1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
Reserves						

For Away matches, rendezvous at the club at: Result: Shots for: / Against:

Bowling Highlights

It is hoped that roll-ups will be permitted from the 16th onwards, progress and weather permitting.



Whats on in April

Wed 26th Our first match of the season. Away to Pangbourne
6.00pm start, 5 Mixed triples.

Sun 30th University of Reading. Away, 2.30pm; 5MT

And finally for this month's edition

Recruitment

Paul has produced a sheet of credit-card size invitations to our Open Afternoons. Please print these and circulate to family, friends and neighbours. If they are not interested in bowling they might know someone who is!!

Articles submitted by committee and other club members. Compiled by Clark B.