



News Bulletin

The monthly Email update for members of
Maiden Erlegh Bowling Club



Notices

Catering

The Catering Rota for the Mid-week and Weekend friendly matches will not be required this coming season as 'Fat Taby Catering' will provide a service for our after-match meals. Agreement has also been reached with R&DIBC for MEBC to provide a catering service for their Summer Webber sessions.

Whilst a significant workload has been removed from our members there is still the usual requirement for members to provide the tea & biscuits/cake service for the league matches and ladies friendly matches, as well as the hot snacks for the Kennet League.



Season Preparation

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 request, with more details, will be sent out in due course. It is hoped that roll-ups will be permitted from the 16th onwards, progress and weather permitting.

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 respond to this email with an offer of help and let Clark know when you are not available.**



**WE NEED
YOU
TO
JOIN
OUR TEAM**



Friday Social Events

If anyone would like to run a social ... quiz or anything on a Friday night. **Please let Chris Fellowes know (or reply to this email) as she is creating the social list for the season.**

Saturday Socials

We need volunteers to help out with the social events we have planned for the season (17th May; 22nd July – Hog Roast; 12th August; 2nd September). We already have some volunteers but we need more members to help with running these events. **Please respond to this email with an offer of help and let Clark know which event you would like to help with.**

Membership Renewal

Your completed forms and fees are due by the 31st March. Please get these in on time to avoid paying the 'Late Payment Fee'.



Guests

As a result of the new Constitution all guests of members will need to be signed into the club. This requirement now includes spouses/partners with non-member status. It is a requirement of the licensing act that guests are signed in and to that end this coming season we will have a second Visitors Book at the Bar as well as the book in the Lobby.

Club Shirts Order – 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



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.

Announcements



"100 Club" Winners

January - Marj McKenzie, Debbie Jex and Rita Cane.

February - .Mary Parkinson, Peter Heyes, Graham Iles.

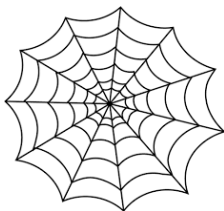
Competitions

One sure way to improve your own game is to play stronger opposition. If you learn from losing you should have gained something to help improve your own ability.

Club Competitions are a very good place to gain experience so if you have not entered a competition before please seriously consider doing so this year. The triples competitions are a good place to start, especially for the newer bowler. Don't be put off, have a go!

You can enter by completing the section on the Membership Renewal form or at a later date if you wish but watch out for the deadline. Fee £2.00 per player, per competition.





The Club's Webmaster, Peter Heyes is continuing to update the site and you will now find even more information available. The latest addition is an explanation about the Management Structure of the Club. Please take a look. **Login Username Name:** mebc **Password:** lemon

Norma and Elaine will be running the raffles for this season's Ladies TVLL and Ladies Friendly matches and they would be delighted to receive contributions towards the prizes. It is getting increasingly difficult to buy 4 or 5 decent prizes from the normal allowance per match. If you have something you would like to donate please ensure that it would make an acceptable prize, is new and is within its use-by date. Many thanks in advance.

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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 but this new system will be run in conjunction with our usual paper sign-up and team sheet notice board system.

The Club is in need of a replacement mower which is used to cut the lawn. **If anyone has a second-hand petrol driven rotary mower for sale, or would like to donate to the Club please contact Peter Hanford.**



Bowling Highlights

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



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

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