



Newsletter – September 2020



Welcome to Gullane Bowling Club's September newsletter.

Thank You

First of all, a big thanks to all our members for supporting the club through a difficult and complex time and for following guidelines and restrictions when given. This enabled us to get the green back open quickly and for so many to return to enjoying their bowls.

Hat nights

The hat night this Friday 18th will start at 6 pm sharp due to the fading light, so please collect bowls from 5.30 pm. Due to work on the green there will be no further Friday Hat nights this season. Now that the evening sessions are affected by lack of daylight, we will trial a Sunday afternoon hat session starting Sunday 27th September at 3.00pm.

Club Championship & Closing of the Green

This Sunday, 20th September is the Club Championship Finals starting 1 pm - congratulations to the members who have reached the final stage - Gary Hitchen will play Davy Saunders and Hazel Saunders will play Ellis Bradley.

Sunday will also be the official closing of the green and at approximately 3pm we will run a hat game which will follow the normal format. Covid restrictions apply as per previous emails. The lounge and kitchen are closed so you may wish to bring refreshments.

Borrowed Bowls & carriers

We have several sets of bowls that are out on loan - please can these be returned by Saturday 10th October latest. We will be available in the clubhouse to receive them on Saturday 3rd and Saturday 10th between 1-3 pm.

Latest Covid news & Winter Activities

This season was late starting due to lockdown and continues to be somewhat restrained by the ever-changing rules around avoiding a second wave. Unfortunately, the latest restrictions on households meeting socially has resulted in the closure of the lounge area and we will not be able to hold winter club activities until the situation improves. This is frustrating but the ongoing good health of our members is the priority.

Coaching

We were finally able to hold some coaching in August for our newer members who enjoyed their introduction to the game, and we hope they have been practising their new skills. We will use the green into November if the weather holds so please continue to come down and enjoy the club.

Flower Planters & Gardening

Our lovely bright planters have been looking fabulous all summer - thanks to Maureen for looking after them so well for all our enjoyment. Thanks also to those members who've helped with weeding and maintenance around the club grounds during the season, we appreciate your input greatly.

Sponsors

A big 'thank you' to all our sponsors for their continued support, particularly during these difficult times. We would encourage all members to support & recommend these local businesses whenever they can.

100 Club

Delighted that we have had such great support for the 100+ Club and numbers keep increasing which is great. As it stands we have 113 people signed up. The first draw took place on 1st September (in the presence of the Queen) with winning payouts of £55 to Nikki Thomson, £33 to Wendy Thomson and £22 to Gail Shaw.

The next draw will take place on 1st October and should anyone wish to join up please contact Mary Lou Watkins (gbcsponsor1901@gmail.com) any entries prior to that draw will pay £22.00 for the remaining 11 draws.



Green maintenance

Please note the following dates:

Friday 25th Sept - green closed from 11.45 am to to verti-cut

Friday 2nd October - green closed from 11.45 am due to pencil tined

Friday 9th October - green closed from 11.45 am to overseeding and top dressing

Membership Fees for next year

It has been agreed to hold the membership fee for 2021 at the same level as 2020 – ie. £75 'early bird' with payment before end of January or £90 thereafter. We are happy to take payments for next season from now onwards. £5 Locker payments can be made at the same time – if you no longer require your locker please let us know.



(until end January) Adult membership - £75.00.

1st February 2021 onwards - £90.00

Social membership remains at £10

Children under 16 free

Finally ...

Thanks again for all your support in its many forms throughout the season.

Kevin Thomson - President

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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2021

For existing members:

Forms will be available on the Closing Day – happy to accept cheques on the day if not paying by BACs.



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Non-playing Social membership - £10

Children under 18 free

Name:	
Gender:	
Age:	
Address:	
E-Mail:	
Mobile & Home Tel:	
Category of Membership: Full / Social / Junior	
Do you require a locker?	

Please complete and return the form to:

Caroline Hitchen, Club Secretary

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