



April 2025 Newsletter

Green Maintenance – The question everybody is asking, especially with the weather that we are having at the moment, will the green open on 13th April? The message from Paul Cotton, our Green Manager is “assuming that we have plenty of volunteers next Friday, we will be ready to put the ditch lining back in and we will be ready to go on Sunday 13th April, starting at 2pm weather permitting (I don’t think there’s any snow forecast!!!!). So there we have it, we are ready to go!!!!

Membership & 100 Club – If you have already paid your subs for this coming season, then thank you. If you haven’t paid yet – subs this year are £95 per person, you can do so by bank transfer or by sending a cheque or cash to our treasurer, Kay Merrick. Also, if you would like to purchase a number for entry into the monthly 100 club draw, then tickets cost £40 each and you are not limited on the number of tickets you can buy. The monthly draw pays £40 to the winner and £30 for the second number drawn with bumper prizes paid in November at our Presentation luncheon. If you have decided not to rejoin Inkberrow Bowls Club this year, then please can you let me know and I will not bother you again about chasing you for your membership fee.

Social Events – Firstly, a big thank you to the Astwood Bank Club and all those members that played in the recent skittles challenge match, a great evening was had by all as well as making some profit which will go towards the maintenance of the green. Our next social evening is a Quiz Night organised by our very own *Mastermind* Trevor A. If you would like to take part, please add your name to the list displayed on the club notice board or let me know. The cost will be £5 per head which will include a finger buffet. Doors will open at 6.30pm with the quiz starting at 7pm prompt. Maximum of 6 players per team which can be sorted on the night. As usual, family and friends are most welcome.

100 Club winners – February’s winners of the 100 club were Adam Weir and Sheila Weir. March’s winners were Kay Merrick and (again) Adam Weir!!!!

Volunteers – If you were unable to make the Pre-season Opening meeting on 1st April, then can you please let me know if you are willing and able to help out with one or more of the following tasks that the members undertake, which all contributes to the running of the Club. We are looking for volunteers to help with the cleaning of the pavilion, this task normally takes no more than a couple of hours and you would not be expected to carry out this job more than twice a year (assuming we get enough willing hands!!!!). Secondly, one of the most important days in our outdoor season calendar, is our Open Day, which this year falls on Saturday May 10th – from 2pm to 5pm. We are looking for members who will meet and greet our guests, some willing tea & drinks makers (the bar will also be open) and as many of you as possible that will be playing bowls, under the stewardship of our club coach, Andy Merrick. Again, if you are willing to help out on the day please can you let me know. Alternatively, you can add your name to the lists which will be displayed on the club noticeboard. Finally, we are looking for any volunteers that would help in providing sandwiches at our home friendly fixtures. Guidance on what to provide and expenses are paid for this task. Again, please let me know if you can help the club out or add your name to the list, which is also displayed on the club noticeboard.