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REIGATE PRIORY BOWLING CLUB

Member Newsletter

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Club policies

Member newsletters started as a way of keeping members updated with our progress in obtaining Clubmark accreditation. The scheme ended shortly after our success, but the process ensured the Club was fully compliant with its requirements and there are now several policies and procedures, all of which are reviewed by the Committee on a quarterly or yearly basis.

The most recent policies to be reviewed were:

Discipline and Appeals Policy & Procedure; Health and Safety Policy; Risk Policy and Action Plan; Welfare and Safeguarding Policy, Code of Conduct, Financial Policy.

The Welfare and Safeguarding Policy has been retitled "Safeguarding Policy" to bring it into line with the newly revised Bowls England policy document. Thanks to Denise Alberg for her work in updating our document.

During the review process, it was agreed to add a new item to the Risk Policy and Action Plan regarding Lone Working at the Club. (Action 44) This brought up the importance of members avoiding visiting the Club on their own. If this is impossible, they should notify another member of their intention to visit. In addition, a mobile phone should be taken in case of emergency.

Copies of policies are held in the Really Useful File and the Member Induction File as well as on the web site.

Following an accident last season during Monday morning activities, all members should make sure they are aware of where to find the Accident/Incident File, where the necessary report forms may be found. The file is in the kitchen ante room under the first aid box on the drawer unit.



50/50 Club

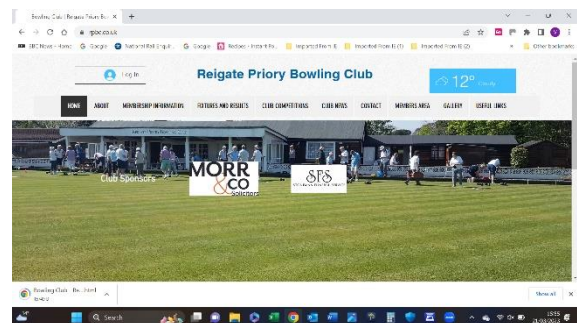
The 50/50 club was started as a means of raising funds, with members paying £20 to be allocated a number by the Treasurer. Numbers are drawn from the red bag usually on a Monday evening over several weeks during the season. The weekly winner receives a cheque for circa £40 depending on the number of entries. The overall amount paid in is shared between the Club and the members. The club has a licence to operate this draw.

An option to take part in this is shown on the membership renewal form so why not try and join the members who have been the happy recipients of a little windfall.



Web Site

Do you log on to the Club web site? If not, do have a browse to see how easy it is to find what you need. If you are not signed up, please visit the site at www.rpbc.co.uk and click on the "Log In" box in the top left-hand corner. Enter your email address and the password you would like to use, and Phil Jones our Web master will contact you.



On the web site you will be able to look at fixtures and results, club competitions, club news, and under the heading of "Members' Area" you can find club history, committee minutes, policies and procedures. In addition, there is a list of members' email addresses to enable you to contact members should you need to.

Some of the tabs across the web site page may be viewed by anyone but to access the "Members' Area" you will need a log in.

Volunteering at the Club



Our Club is run by volunteers for the benefit of everyone. The skills provided by our members are highly valued and the Club could not function without this help. If you have a skill which you feel could be used by the Club to improve how we operate, please let us know. All help is gratefully received.

As well as the specific roles (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Captains etc.) there are numerous opportunities for members to help with different aspects of keeping the Club going.

Unfortunately, the post of Health and Safety Officer was not filled at the October 2022 AGM. If anyone would like to take on this role please contact the Club Secretary. Colin Mitchell, our previous incumbent is happy to provide initial support to anyone able to volunteer for this position.

The maintenance of the club is a battle against the ravages of time!. If you enjoy DIY, please let us know or contact Andy Tickner, Maintenance Manager, direct.

The maintenance of the green is also a regular task: mowing, sweeping, weeding, repairing – all are regularly undertaken, under the watchful eye of our Green Manager, Peter Watts.

Club maintenance in both these areas is carried out on a Monday morning from 08:30 (Bank Holidays included) and requires regular attendance to ensure all tasks are completed.

Free tea/coffee and biscuits are provided, together with break time banter!! Please contact the Secretary, Val Knight, if you can help.



In addition to the above opportunities the Club will be manning a stall at the Reigate & Banstead B.C. **Festival of Sport on 30 April in Priory Park** and will also be taking part in the Bowls England **Big Bowls Weekend on 28 May at the Club**. If you can help with either of these please let the Secretary know.

Mobile Telephone Numbers



The mobile telephone numbers of playing members are included in the Really Useful File, so that should a player not arrive for a match the Captain of the day can contact them to ensure (a) they are safe, and (b) they are en route to the Club. Please remember to let the Secretary, Val Knight, know if you have changed your mobile telephone number so that the list may be kept up to date.

GoRaise

We have tried to access this site but have been unable to do so, so assume that the company has ceased trading. Thanks to all those members who used this site in the past and helped to raise funds for the Club.



Anti-Doping

If you are a member of Bowls England, and all playing Club members are, then the anti-doping rules apply to you, regardless of what level you participate at.

See <https://www.ukad.org.uk/athletes/whats-banned-sport-prohibited-list>, for a list of prohibited substances.

Fire Wardens

As reported last year, two more fire wardens are required to make sure there are enough wardens in the building at any time. This is not an onerous task, but it would be useful to have more volunteers. If you feel you can help, please let Val Knight know.



Medical Information

If your medical or emergency contact circumstances have changed over the last few months, please remember to contact the Secretary, Val Knight.

A copy of the medical and emergency contact list is printed out and placed in a sealed envelope in case of an emergency occurring at the Club or at an away match. This list is updated every year to keep it current, so if you have changed your medication, or need to amend your emergency contact name or phone number please let Val know.

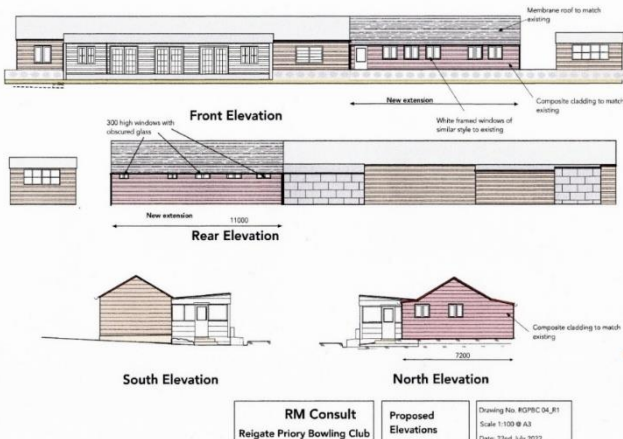


Development Project

At the time of writing, the following has been achieved:

- Architect appointed.
- Planning permission obtained from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.
- Detailed specification drawn up.
- Prospective building companies approached.
- Draft grant funding applications prepared.
- First grant applications submitted
- CASC registration received.
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It is anticipated that an EGM will be held at the Club house as soon as it is known whether grant funding has been achieved to obtain the support of members in proceeding with the development work to provide improved facilities for everyone, both now and in the future.



Bowls Tour



There are a few spaces left on our tour in September. If you would like to join in the fun please contact Sue Capstick, who is organising the trip. Her contact details are: suehcapstick@gmail.com and 01737 249199 or Mob: 07792 963344.

Details of the tour are:

Venue: Potters Five Lakes Resort, Essex
Date: Monday 18 September to Friday 22 September.
Price: from £559 per person (depending on room preference)

This special break includes:

- Return executive coach travel and two excursions
- 5 days all inclusive
- Nightly entertainment
- Indoor rinks

Sue also plans on contacting local clubs to try and organise games mid-week.

Potters Resorts Five Lakes Resort Map



Please note: All activities are subject to availability, and program details may change without notice. For all cultural websites obscured by photos MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. Potters Resorts Five Lakes is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please note: We do not attempt to show the full extent of the grounds and you must be able to walk the full length of the course.



Thanks to Phil Capstick for providing this 'shot'!

And finally

Despite any building work which may be undertaken during the season, play will still continue at Reigate Priory, although some changes may become necessary. Members are wished a successful year.

