



St. Albans & District Bowling Association

LOOKING AHEAD FOR 2020-2021

19th October 2020

The Officers having consulted issued a newsletter on the 29th September with our thoughts and proposals moving forward given the difficult times we live in at present because of the covid virus. We invited thoughts in response within 14 days.

Given the responses received here is our plan.

- There will be no regular monthly meetings for the foreseeable future.
- There will be no AGM in January 2021-the next AGM will be January 2022.
- All present Officers will remain in place till then.
- We look forward to any nominations for the posts of Deputy & Junior Deputy Presidents.
- When we have received all the forms in for next season we will organise the draws for the various competitions and issue them to the clubs and place them on the website.
- Closing dates for the various individual and club competitions (subject to them being able to run) have already been published and are on the website.
- There will be NO indoor matches for the 2020-2021 winter period.
- We will start to pencil in a possible winter programme for winter 2021-2022.

We have pencilled in the possible programme (subject to Government restrictions at the time) for the summer 2021 season. Already agreed are:-

- 100 year (plus 1) v County President Sunday 9th May, at Harperbury
- 100 year (plus 1) v Hemel Hempstead BC, Thursday 10th June.
- District v President's own Club (North Mymms), Thursday 5th August.

Whether these be tea/biscuits at the end of the green, or bottled water at the end of the green or meal after cannot be agreed/decided till we know the situation much nearer the time.

There will be NO District Tour in 2021 but we MAY arrange a couple of "Special Days" when the position is much clearer.

There may have to be some slight alteration to some of the Competitions and/or League matches if there are restrictions applied in 2021. For example, if we can only play up to triples then the following may have to apply.

- Club Rink League would be 4 triples not 4 rinks.
- Jones Cup would be one triple at home and one triple away.
- Bob Vise would be single-pairs-triples-2-wood triples.
- Mixed Fours might become (the same 4 players) but played as two mixed pairs side by side with the overall winning score being the result. In this way teams can stay the same.(either 21 ends of 2 woods or 11 ends of 4 woods each)
- Fours likewise might have to become 2 pairs playing side by side again with the overall score being the result.(either 21 ends of 2 woods or 11 ends of 4 woods each)

We are doing our best to be positive and plan and prepare but everything has to be on a "wait and see" basis.

Keep safe-Keep smiling-Keep cheerful.

Michael J Woodhams,
Secretary

The President's Charity is Dementia UK