



GORING MANOR BOWLS CLUB

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GMBC SPRING LETTER - 2023

Dear Members,

On behalf of our Chairman Chris, and members of the Management Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to the Spring Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30pm at Worthing Indoor Bowls Club.

At 9.30am on Tuesday 18th April, we shall be cleaning out and setting up the Club Room in readiness for the season. Your help that morning would be much appreciated. The season itself commences on Saturday 22nd April with a Club Drive (greys).

The costs for bowling at Goring Manor this year are set out on the attached sheet. South Downs Leisure have put their fees up by about 5% but you will see that the Club has not increased subscription fees this year. We may need to increase our fees next year. Although payments may be made at the meeting, it would more helpful and cost effective for the club if you could pay beforehand using **BANK TRANSFER**. We ask this because the club is charged 40p for each cheque it presents to the bank and is also charged a percentage for all the cash paid in. Essentially we would like to move towards a cashless regime – maybe next year. Details for paying by bank transfer are attached.

Last year, it was clear from comments by members that too many fixtures had been arranged. As a result, we have only entered one team in the Brodie this year. Ray has also reduced the number of friendly fixtures against other clubs. This allows for more Rock Up and Roll Up sessions within the club.

Again we are not producing a fixture booklet. Instead all fixtures can be found on the Club website www.goringmanorbc.co.uk There will be a limited number of hard copies available at the meeting. The "Request to Play" sheets for the first matches will be pinned on the Goring Manor notice boards and also at the meeting.

Competition sheets will be placed in our own Clubroom when opened. Entry to all our competitions will be free again this year. David will say more about the competitions at the meeting. I shall be looking into the possibility of running an "Aggregate" competition on Tuesday evenings during the season and perhaps a Nominated Pairs League on Thursday mornings.

All Season Ticket and "pay on the day green fees" costs will be collected by the Club. Please do not pay at South Downs Leisure reception. The actual season ticket will also be issued by the club. Match fee booklets will again be available at a discounted price. A booklet of 12 tickets will cost £16 instead of £18.

To comply with Bowls England Safeguarding Guidelines, members need to sign a "Code of Conduct for Club Members". A copy is attached. This should be signed and returned to John Impett as soon as possible.

Here's to an enjoyable and successful bowling season.

Derek King

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