

BRISTOLS OWN
GREVILLE SMYTH COMMUNITY BOWLS CLUB
Newsletter January 2015

Hi and welcome to the 2015 season. What's that? I hear you ask. You didn't know it had started yet!

Well, actually it hasn't quite started yet, but a number of members have been busy over the winter period keeping the green clear of leaves etc. and generally tidying the place up.

We owe particular thanks to one of our new committee members, Brian Rich who has been doing a lot of preparatory work before we start decorating the pavilion.

The pavilion needs a new coat of paint and we would welcome any volunteers who wish to come along to help, with brushes and rollers in hand. We will supply the paint along with tea and biscuits. The date has not been fixed yet but we will email you all again when we have a date.

Fund Raising

In the meantime we are holding some fund raising events in the next few weeks, at the Rising Sun (used to be called Bar BS3). These include a game of skittles on **Thursday 19th February** and a quiz night on **Thursday 5th March**. Both events starting at **7pm for 7.30pm start**.

For just £3 per person each night, you can take part in helping to boost GSBC funds as the grass needs cutting all year around

If you have any unwanted Christmas presents that you could donate for a raffle, on both nights, this would help to keep our costs to a minimum and make a bigger profit for club funds.

We may be arranging a night at the dog track in Swindon. It is possible to arrange fund raising nights at the track with various clubs nominating a trap for the night. Already, we have three other clubs showing an interest. This is in the early stages of planning and if successful, it could be repeated.

Good News and Bad News...

The good news is that membership fees remain the same at £10 plus £3 green fees when you play. Children still play for free.

The bad news is that your subscription is due before the end of March please, to assist the Treasurer in paying the bills.

There are a number of ways of paying:

- Renewing members can pay their subscriptions on line to NatWest a/c **88607356** sort code **52-10-00**. Please give your name as the reference to identify your payment to the club.
- Pay cash / cheque at the club.
- Send a cheque in the post to **Rosie Tomlinson 52 Garnet Street Bedminster Bristol BS3 3JT**

Pavilion

We continue to communicate with Bristol City Council about the condition of the pavilion, and once things have been brought up to an acceptable standard, we hope to enter into agreement about possibly taking over the responsibility of either part, or all, of the building. Watch this space...

Ping Pong

At present we are unable to provide information about any Ping Pong news. This will be included in the next newsletter.

Bowling Season

We're anticipating the season will start mid-April, depending on the weather. We'll be firming up our opening times when we have confirmation from our volunteers about when they are available and willing to open. **PLEASE HELP** if you can. The more volunteers we have to open up the better it will be for the club and its members.

Bowls sessions:

Monday	3pm – 6pm
Wednesday	6pm - 8.30pm
Sunday	3pm – 6pm

Ping pong sessions:

Monday	5pm – 9pm
Wednesday	5pm – 9pm
Friday	5pm – 9pm

Future Plans

Plans for bowls include:

- Reaching an agreement with Bristol City Council to lease the pavilion.
- More junior coaching.
- Participating in Bedminster skills week.
- Park events.
- Private functions

Publicity

We're preparing our publicity for 2015 and welcome suggestions on how to spread the word about what a fun and inclusive sport bowls can be. Any tips or suggestions are very welcome.

Also, if you have a story, poem or anecdote you would like to share with us, let us have it and if there is room we may be able to use it in future newsletters

DO YOU HAVE ANY RELEVANT PHOTOS THAT WE CAN USE?

To contact the club

Email: grevillesmythbowls@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook: Greville Smyth Community Bowls

Web: <https://grevillesmythbowlsblog.wordpress.com>

1. Bowling's great and bowling's fun, Bowling's good for everyone. Bowling chums or bowling mums, Bowling in the summer sun.	5. Bowling helps you meet new friends, Bowling woods how many ends? Bowling helps your knees to bend Bowling is the latest trend.
2. Bowling on an indoor rink, Bowling's easy, don't you think? Bowling keeps you in the pink, Bowling friends enjoy a drink.	6. Bowling single or a pair, Bowling triples, fours is fair. Bowling in wet weather wear, Bowling takes you everywhere.
2. Bowling short mat is a game, Bowling Aussie pairs, the same. Bowling, those less able came, Bowling, everyone's the same.	7. Bowling grey or bowling white, Bowling games are quite a sight. Bowling in the sunshine bright, Bowling makes you feel just right.
4. Bowling is a sport for all, Bowling with a friend or pal. Bowling at a small white ball Bowling's really good et al.	8. Bowling is the game for me, Bowling is for she and he Bowling, happy as can be, Bowling played, now in for tea.

