

## 2019 INNOVATIONS

**NEW VENUE FOR THE PRE-SEASON LUNCH.** We will try out the Tower Hotel restaurant on Westgate. Due to reduced numbers at recent events this has been limited to 40 places on a first come first served basis. Please return your entry and menu request with remittance before 29<sup>th</sup> March **Please complete the Proforma enclosed/circulated with this Newsletter.**

**FRIENDLY MATCHES.** Pre-season versus Collingham at Collingham in April. *Late News - the Wednesday Ladies League is suspended in 2019.*

**AUSSIE PAIRS FOR THE SARAH LIDGETT CUP.** This new format for the Club, tried last year, was taxing for some but proved very popular so will be repeated this year. There will be a lunch midway to replenish energy levels.

**FINALS DAYS.** There is a return to the previously established scheduling - Saturday and Sunday of the August Bank Holiday Monday for Club Championship Finals with the Charity Day Presidents Shield and AGM on the Bank Holiday Monday.

**PROCTER PLATE** This knockout handicapped event provided an opportunity to extend the opportunities for bowling into September (as was the case in 2017/18). It proved popular especially among newer members. However some members, who continue to bowl over Winter indoors, noted the timing encroaches on the indoor season negatively. It will continue as a four woods singles competition to be played over two days but scheduled for the weekend of 8/9<sup>th</sup> June, with preliminary rounds on the Saturday and the final stages on the Sunday with a BBQ which hopefully would attract spectators as well as competitors.

**ANNUAL DINNER:** Will return to The Lincoln Hotel in November. Several suggestions were made by last year's diners noted and taken into consideration.

**INFORMATION LEAFLETS:** A new series of information leaflets will shortly be available for members in the Clubhouse and we hope they will soon be downloadable from the Eastgate webpages. New Members, Playing Opportunities, Competitive Bowls, Club Competitions, Ladies Opportunities.

**GDPR:** As a result of this legislation all members are now required to sign a membership form annually. This gives (or refuses) their consent for the club to hold and process their personal data. In turn the club must know what is held and where, why and by whom it is held. For example without this consent the club (and members thereof) is only permitted to notify members of the Club AGM, by any form of communication, no other circulation of event information or contact should be made. For the Bowls Section the Secretary, Team Captains, and those responsible for circulating social event information can be considered for authorization to hold such information – your data safety is our responsibility!



# THE GREEN 'N

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## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAMME

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING @ Eastgate Clubhouse - £3
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30 p.m. INDOOR CHALLENGE @ Dunholme 7.00 p.m. Pizza supper @ Eastgate Clubhouse
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	12.15 p.m. for 12.45 p.m. PRE-SEASON LUNCH at The Tower Hotel <b>see enclosed Proforma</b>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	2.15 p.m. OPENING of the Green & ROLL UP – <b>PROVISIONAL!</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00 p.m. FRIENDLY match v Collingham followed by buffet @ Collingham. - £5 per head
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.15 a.m. OPEN/FUN DAY to recruit new members – shared food
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00 p.m. Draw for all <u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS</u> in the bar @ Eastgate Clubhouse
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	2.15 p.m. SYD APPLETON CUP - BBQ TEA
Sat/Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> June	10.15 a.m. Procter Plate
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	2.15 p.m. TRIPLES CUP - BBQ TEA
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	10.15 p.m. SARAH LIDGETT CUP Aussie Pairs - BBQ LUNCH
Sat/Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> August	FINALS DAYS for CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday - Shared Lunch      Sunday - BBQ LUNCH
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	2.15 p.m. PRESIDENTS SHIELD and Charity Fund Raising Day 5.30 p.m. BOWLS AGM with Dino's Pizzas
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	6.00 p.m. Challenge match v Squash Section
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00 p.m. Presidents Game

Our President David Clayton's vision to have Eastgate as the premier combined sports club in the city, for tennis, squash and bowls, is bold but achievable. During the past year there have been improvements in the facilities in the clubhouse and modernisation of communications with members, by greater use of the internet and social media. The Bowls Section still has some way to go to match our, albeit younger fellow sports partners in the club in this respect, but this year there will be updates to the information on our Section on the Club webpages, greater use of Facebook about events, whilst maintaining information on noticeboards and flyers. We must recognise the immediacy of electronic communication and take into account the rising costs and delays with postage and the difficulty some have in coming into the Clubhouse several times a week to check the boards for information. You will notice at least one of our Captains will be communicating whenever possible with team members by email, messaging & telephone.

All sports/clubs are suffering diminishing membership, participation and activity. Lawn bowls is still perceived by many to be an activity for the elderly, retired person. Some even question it is a sport! As the Bowls Section we must do all we can to maintain and increase our membership, demonstrating by example that bowls is truly a sport for all. In support of this we will again run a Open/Fun Day on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Alfred Schneider's Recruitment and Retention sub-group are working to make this initiative as successful as previous years. We will again have fantastic support from coach Steve Derby. The challenge for us all going forward is to blend the differing aspirations, experience and enthusiasm of long established and newer members, both as behind the scene organisers and participants in all our events.

The excellence of the social side to our bowls section has set us apart from all the other bowls clubs in our area. Sadly this winter we have had fewer attendees at our social events and even had to call off the Christmas Party. We owe a lot to our members who work behind the scenes in Social Sub-group, and thank them for their sterling efforts. I would ask you to consider what social events you would like to see in the future and ask that you return the enclosed brief questionnaire for consideration in the future.

Our new Bowls teamwear proved successful last season. In new sports fabric it is lightweight but warm and most importantly, easy to wash and quick to dry! It is very competitively priced at £15 for a polo shirt and £17 for a sweatshirt. Order forms are available on the clubhouse noticeboards and should be returned, with remittance to Sue Johnston.

We now look forward to the new season with the green due to open on Sunday 14 April, if good weather prevails until then. We again have a full programme of matches and competitions throughout the season, right up to the closure of the green in September. I look forward to seeing the progress of some of our newer members gaining the confidence to play in our teams on a regular basis. We can only hope that the weather this season will approach the wonderful sunshine we had during the summer of 2018.

Don't forget if any member would like an issue raised at our committee meeting, please let any committee member know. A list of Committee members and meeting dates will be posted on the board in the clubhouse. Looking to seeing you all bowling in April.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

**Match fees remain at £1 and Competition Entry at £2**

**All moneys raised on the Charity Day go to the nominated Charity not Bowls Funds**

**Lincoln Evening League Matches - Mondays.** Eastgate is in **Section D** and will play 7 other teams: Bardney (afterwards a pint at *The Bard*), Harby (*Bottle and Glass*), Metheringham (*Red Lion*), Navenby (*Kings Head*), Skellingthorpe (*Plough*), Waddington (*Horse and Jockey*), Washingborough (*Hunters Leap*).

**Captain: Chris Butler**

Eastgate will also play in the Evening Knockout Cup with a first round Home match against Metheringham

**Lincoln and District League Matches - Tuesdays.** Eastgate was regrettably last season and will play 7 new teams: Bardney (*The Bard*), Basingham (*to be decided*), Brant Rd (*Clubhouse*), Carholme (*to be decided*), Dunston (*to be decided*), Lee Road (*to be decided*), Ruskington (*to be decided*).

**Captain: John Dean.**

Eastgate will also play in the Hospital Cup with a first round Home match on 7<sup>th</sup> May against Cherry Willingham. In the Jubilee Cup Eastgate play Cherry Willingham (again) in the first round

**Cliff League - Wednesdays.** Eastgate had only been in Division 1 for a year and just held on to retain our place. There will be a very full programme with nine more teams: Branston (*Bard*), Brant Rd (*Clubhouse*), Eagle (*Struggler*), Heighington (*Turks Head*), Hykeham A (*Clubhouse*), Lee Rd (*to be decided*), Navenby *Kings Head*), Washingborough (*Hunters Leap*).

**Captain: Dilys Baker.**

**Afternoon League Thursday.** Eastgate was promoted to **Division C** and will play a new set of opponents.; Skellingthorpe, Hykeham, N. Scarle, Harby, Bardney, Cherry Willingham, Carholme, with tea and biscuits afterwards in respective Clubhouses.

**Captain: Alfred Schneider.**

Eastgate will also play in the Afternoon Knockout Cup with a first round match away to Saxilby.

**Ladies Wednesday Morning League.** Eastgate will continue in this single Division league with tea/coffee & biscuits/cake break midway.

**Captain: Judy Payne.**

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