

THE GREEN 'N

No. 23 --- SPRING 2018

2018 SUMMER PROGRAMME

Wednesday 7 th March	4.30 p.m. INDOOR CHALLENGE @ Dunholme 7.00 p.m. PIZZA SUPPER @ THE CLUBHOUSE
Saturday 18 th March	10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING and BRING AND BUY @ THE CLUBHOUSE
Wednesday 5 th April:	12.00 p.m. for 12.45 p.m. PRE-SEASON LUNCH at The Lincoln Hotel see enclosed Proforma
Sunday 8 th April	2.15 p.m. OPENING of the Green & ROLL UP
Sunday 15 th April	10.15 a.m. BOWLS DRIVE SHARED LUNCH
Wednesday 18 th April	EXCURSION to Tissington Hall see enclosed Proforma
Sunday 15 th April	10.15 a.m. FUN DAY to recruit new members
Sunday 29 th April	2.30 p.m. FRIENDLY MATCH versus COLLINHAM With Finger Buffet by Julia @ £5 per head
Friday 4 th May	8.00 p.m. DRAW for all Competitions in the Clubhouse
Sunday 6 th May	2.30 p.m. DOUBLES FINAL (rearranged from 2017)
Monday 28 th May	2.15 p.m. SYD APPLETON CUP with BBQ TEA
Sunday 17 th June	2.15 p.m. TRIPLES CUP CHAMPIONSHIP with BBQ TEA
Friday 29 th June	2.00 p.m. FRIENDLY MATCH versus Gosforth Touring Team
Sunday 8 th July	10.15 p.m. ALL DAY AUSSIE PAIRS COMPETITION for the Sarah Lidgett Cup BBQ LUNCH
Sun 26 th /27 th August	FINALS DAYS for CLUB COMPETITIONS Sunday - Shared Lunch Monday - BBQ LUNCH
Sunday 2 nd September	2.15 p.m. TRIPLES SHIELD and Charity Fund Raising Day 5.30 p.m. BOWLS AGM with Dino's Pizzas
Sat/Sun 8 th /9 th September	10.15 a.m. SINGLES KNOCK OUT COMPETITION Saturday - Shared Lunch Sunday - BBQ LUNCH

2018 INNOVATIONS

NEW VENUE FOR THE PRE-SEASON LUNCH. We will return to the Lincoln Hotel having forgiven them for below par service when we last went there in 2016. The Dining Room is on the first floor with a lift at the rear ground floor entrance and car parking is available. **Please complete the Proforma enclosed with this Newsletter.**

FRIENDLY MATCHES. Pre-season versus Collingham at Home and mid-season welcome to Gosforth Bowls Touring Team.

AUSSIE PAIRS FOR THE SARAH LIDGETT CUP. This is an experiment. Australian Pairs enables all players to alternately Lead and Skip. The pairs are drawn before the event, with a draw aimed at mixed pairs so far as possible. Each player plays four woods. The winner of the toss can choose to lead-off or to give the mat away. He/she leads off in the normal way and delivers two woods, as does the opponent. The players then exchange ends, the skip then delivers his/her four woods. Ends are then exchanged again when the remaining two woods are delivered by the first players. For the next end the roles are reversed. It will be an All-Day Event with an interval for a BBQ lunch to give rest before the Final Matches.

FINALS DAYS. Traditionally, these have been on the Saturday and Sunday of the August Bank Holiday Monday with the Charity Day Triples Shield and AGM on the Bank Holiday Monday. This can be an arduous three days and attendance at the Finals Days has often suffered. In an effort to improve attendance Finals will be played on the Sunday with a Shared Lunch and then continue on the Bank Holiday Monday with a break for a BBQ Lunch to give any player doubly engaged on the day (*normally John Bradshaw!!*) a rest. Hopefully the BBQ will attract plenty of spectators.

KNOCK OUT CUP This event was inaugurated last year by Russell Payne and proved extremely popular especially among new members. It will continue as a four woods singles competition to be played over two days. It provides an opportunity to extend the opportunities for bowling into September (as was the case in 2017). It has been scheduled for the weekend of 8/9th September, with preliminary rounds on the Saturday and the final stages on the Sunday. The Final would be played on the Sunday afternoon preceded by a BBQ which hopefully would attract spectators as well as competitors. The provision of a new Trophy is being explored to be presented at the Annual Dinner with winner & runner up miniatures.

ANNUAL DINNER: A new venue is being sought for this event in November. Several suggestions were made by last year's diners and a decision will be made in due course.

TAILPIECE and SWANSONG

This is the last edition to be edited by Dudley as he has decided that it is time after 15 years on the Bowls Committee and at the age of 82 to become a "back-bencher" and cease his various activities, although he will continue as a playing member. Replacements for his several roles are being sought having in mind this little story about four siblings named Every Body (known as 'Evri'), Some Body ('Sam'), Any Body ('Annie'), and No Body ('Noah').

There was an important job to be done and Evri Body was sure that Sam Body would do it. Annie Body could have done it, but Noah Body did it. Sam Body got angry about that because it was Evri Body's job. Evri Body thought that Annie Body could do it, but Noah Body realized that Evri Body wouldn't do it. It ended up that Evri Body blamed Sam Body when Noah Body did what Annie Body could have done.

From ... THE CHAIRMAN

The excellence of the social side to our bowls section sets us apart from all the other bowls clubs in our area. Every event this winter has attracted more than 50 people. We owe a lot to our Dinner Committee of Dudley, Ann & Janet; with the support of Derek for the Christmas Party. They have done a wonderful job of keeping us all together throughout the winter. It is also good to see so many of our new members attending and enjoying our social events and making good contributions to the smooth running of our bowls section.

David Clayton was elected President of our club in August 17 and has made some good progress towards improving facilities and communications. Peter Smallwood has taken on the role of Grounds, and Hugh Goldstein the responsibility of House. Their hard work and enthusiasm will show significant improvement to our club over the coming months. David's idea to make Eastgate one club should be supported by our bowls section.

One of the aims of President David is to increase the membership of all three sections. We are supporting this and will again run a Fun Day on 14 April 2018. Alfred Schneider has agreed to chair the Recruitment and Retention Committee and has several members to help make this initiative as successful as last year. We will again have fantastic support from our coach Steve Derby and we should be able to receive a £250 funding package from the BDA; but need to have 7 new players attend the Fun Day, and 4 coaching sessions.

Supplies of our bowls clothing are running out, but a subcommittee of Sue Johnston, Dick Crampton, and Judy Payne are coming up with a solution. We hope that a new polo shirt and sweatshirt will be available for purchase by the start of this season.

To bring the bowls section in line with Squash and Tennis it has been agreed that Bowls will now have a sinking fund where Eastgate Club will contribute £1,500 each year from the 1st January 2018. Our existing ring-fenced money will be transferred into our sinking fund. Terms and conditions to be identical to the existing Squash and Tennis Sinking Funds.

A sad piece of news is that Dudley Proctor is standing down from the Bowls Committee and the many aspects of work he does for us. He has played a major part in our club for 15 years and feels the time has come to pass this work onto younger members. We will say more about the part Dudley has played in our club later, but at present we need to look to do the almost impossible and ask members to get involved in the many tasks we now need to fill. Dudley will stand down in April 2018 after the pre-season lunch on 12 April. In light of this, I would appreciate it if any member (social or playing) would like to get involved with any aspect of the running of our bowls section, but in particular with the work that Dudley has been doing; so please contact me on 01522 521667. Many hands make light work and every little helps, so please consider the possibility and get in touch with me. We have always been successful with members stepping up to the mark when needed, so others can just turn up and enjoy competitions, events and facilities. **Now** must not to be an exception.

We now look forward to the new season with the green due to open on Sunday 8 April. We have a full programme of competitions for the season, right up to the closure of the green in September. Let us hope for good weather, and successful and enjoyable bowling. Don't forget if any member would like an issue raised at our committee meeting, please let me, or any committee member know. Looking forward to seeing you all bowling in April.

Bryan Carr

February 2018



Christmas Party: NOT the three tenors
(courtesy Christine Budge)



The Eastgate Sports Club logo which is used for all promotions
emphasising that the various sections make up One United Club

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2018

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

All moneys raised on the Charity day will go to a Charity and not Bowls Funds

Lincoln Evening League Matches - Mondays. Eastgate has been relegated to the bottom **Division D** and will play 7 other teams: Bardney (afterwards a pint at *The Bard*), Brant Road (*Clubhouse*), Carholme (*to be decided*), Harby (*Bottle and Glass*), Metheringham (*Red Lion*), Thorpe On The Hill (*Struggler*), Waddington (*Horse and Jockey*). **Captain: Judy Payne.**

Eastgate will also play in the Evening Knockout Cup with a bye in the first round and then on 14th June away to Waddington (new entrants in Division D).

Lincoln and District League Matches - Tuesdays. Eastgate has retained its place in **Division One** (effectively the second division after the Premier League) and will play 7 other teams: Elsaforde Park (*Royal Oak Scopwick*), Heighington (*Butcher and Beast*), Leadenham (*George with chips*), Lee Road (*to be decided*), Navenby (*Kings Head*), Nettleham (*Plough or Black Horse*) and Skellingthorpe (*Plough*). **Captain: John Dean.**

Eastgate will also play in the Hospital Knockout Cup with a first round match on 8th May away to Ruskington (4th in Division Two 2017). In the Jubilee Cup Eastgate a bye in the first round and then on 22nd May at home to St Giles (top of Premier Division 2017).

Cliff League - Wednesdays. Teams will reduce to 9 players. **Eastgate is promoted to play in the top Division One.** There will be a very full programme with nine more teams: Branston (*Bard*), Eagle (*Struggler*), Heighington (*Turks Head*), Hykeham A (*Clubhouse*), Leadenham (*George with chips*), Navenby (*White Hart*), Rustons (*Clubhouse*), Thorpe On The Hill (*Struggler*) and Washingborough A (*Hunters Leap*). **Captain Dilys Baker.**

Afternoon League Thursday. Eastgate remains in the bottom **Division D** to play 6 other teams with tea and biscuits afterwards: Bardney, Bassingham, Boultham Park, Swinderby, Waddington and Washingborough B. **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 competition with **Judy Payne as Captain.**

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