



NEWSLETTER

Dear All,

I have received an email from a company that are putting on free courses in green maintenance. One of the courses is at Wantage bowls club. It is being held on 25th March. Food is included. If you are interested please get back to me immediately as the places are very limited.

We have recently had a meeting on the Island and the following dates have been agreed for Club functions.

First of all we have Signing On day which falls on Good Friday. The date is April 2nd. This is the first chance to see members that we haven't seen perhaps since the end of last season. The bar is usually open and there is always the opportunity to have a cuppa and a chat. We can also sign up to some Club competitions.

Later that month we will reintroduce the Club Supper. This has always been very popular. The evenings will be getting lighter so I anticipate we will have the usual good turn out. I will be cooking a meal for members. There will be a small charge of £5 per head and I will need to know numbers and any special dietary requirements. Partners are welcome to join us. The date will be Friday 17th April and I anticipate the evening starting around 5.30pm for a 6.00pm meal. We will also be presenting our worthy competition winners with their prizes so do please put this date in your diary and join us on the Island.

The following day Saturday 18th April is cleaning day. We turn up around 9.30am onwards to start making the Clubhouse, Changing Room, Green and surrounds smart and clean after the winter. Once again we usually make sure there is a snack for the workers. We have a boater who is joining us and has offered to clean the windows in the clubhouse and changing rooms. His name is Simon and we are very grateful to him.

We hope to open the green for some practice as soon as we can. Unfortunately we have to make a decision nearer the time as we cannot afford to open it for play if it is too wet as it will ruin the green for weeks. However, we all want to get some practice before the tour. When the club gets back from the tour our lads are playing a KL game on the Tuesday at Newbury so it is important if we can get practice as soon as we can. We anticipate being open from Sunday 19th April.

Len is going to hold a Strategy Meeting on Tuesday 14th April at 6.00pm. This is open to both ladies and gentlemen - especially those involved in any of the Leagues. Please attend if you can make it as it will be very beneficial to us. Len is prepared to put a lot of time into preparation for this so please put this date into your diary and come along and join him.

Finally we have some books on the Island that have been there for some considerable time. I will take a lot of them to charity shops and I have around 50 books at home that I will bring over to the Island. I have now put a plastic box on the bookcase and the books will sell at 30p each. Not a lot but the money could go towards plants for the gardens. If you have any spare paperbacks or hardbacks that you don't need any more please bring them down to the Island and put them in the bookcase. The garden areas will be eternally grateful !!!

Thank you

Carol xx

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