



Forty Years on and Keen to Enrol New Members

As a local bowls club enters its fifth decade since being established, it is keener than ever to encourage more people, including youngsters, to "give-it-a-go"!



With this in mind, the Deepings Bowling Association (DBA), (whose rink and clubhouse are alongside Spalding Road, near to the Deepings School) are offering an Open Day for those who are wanting to try bowls for the first time or are maybe thinking about returning to the game.

This year the event is on Saturday May 4th and led by a qualified coach. After the initial taster session, new bowlers are offered four coaching sessions with DBA regulars.

Please visit www.deepingbowls.org.uk for further details or email deeping.bowls.ass@outlook.com if you would like to attend or are keen to try, but can't make that date. Monthly coffee mornings are held in the clubhouse and any potential bowlers are also invited to these and can enjoy a morning snack with an hour on the rink. Building an extended "bowls family" is important to DBA and last year, they held two very successful quiz evenings and a fantastic race night, both open to the public, and a celebratory end-of-season barbecue for its members and families.

Past

The Club was founded in 1984 by fifty-one locals who faced several challenges, even laying the green themselves, and who were forced to assume roles and responsibilities that they hadn't anticipated. Ultimately, this set the strong basis for the members-run Club that continues today; two of the annual trophies played for proudly reflect the names of founder members, Mick Laker and Joan Hind.

Present

Forty years on, and the Club plays in the Peterborough and District League through the week and fields a weekend team, as well as playing in other open competitions and arranging friendly matches. Members can also take part in a hotly contested internal competition which concludes at the end of the season with a weekend of finals and then a Presentation Evening Dinner.

Future

The Club has been supported recently by Deeping St James United Charities and RM7 Solutions, helping to update some of the forty-year-old infrastructure. There are robust plans to continue this work and hold specific ruby anniversary celebrations too. Crucially, the Club hopes to do some work with a local youth organisation, emphasising the fact that bowls really is a game for all ages. Last, but by no means least, a big thank you goes out to Tesco who generously supply a hamper to the Club every year.

Well done Deepings Bowling Association on your ruby anniversary and "roll on" your golden celebration!

