

Impact of coronavirus.

Bowls Scotland have cancelled the **Scottish Championships for 2020** along with the **Hamilton Trophy**. **West Lothian Bowling Association** have announced a suspension of all county competitions (including seniors), hoping to run an abridged season from late summer.

Competitions: - we, Midcalder Bowling Club, cannot organise competitive bowls under these circumstances. If someone were to pick up the infection during such an event (we will have members who are carriers, not displaying symptoms but able to infect others) then we could be held liable. This includes 'Hats'.

Green: - we plan to formally to open the green on **19 April 2020** as planned, ceremonial first bowl only. The green will then be open for bounce games or practice only. Bounce games should be limited to a maximum of 4 players. We will look to supply wipes for use on door handles, taps, toilet fittings and also Jacks. If Social Distancing, or other restrictions, are lifted in time we can look to organise some championships and competitions provided WLBA lift their restrictions on play.

Bar: - the bar has now closed in line with Government announcements and will remain closed until restrictions are removed. All cash including till floats and from the bandit has been banked. Heating left at a minimum setting, 1 hour per night.

Green maintenance: - discussions have been held with Pro-Turfcare and a reduced level of maintenance and cutting agreed after April. This should not adversely affect the green, indeed given a much lower level of use the expectation is that the green will improve as a result of this revised plan.

Projects: - as previously agreed, with the exceptions of the green access and car park these will be put on hold meantime. A working party is planned for the 28/29th March to restore the green access area with someone to be employed to lay slabs, this work has to be done before the green opens.

Bowls fees: - we are asking bowling members to pay a reduced rate of **£20** for this season. Those members who have already paid the full rate will receive a refund, Ken Lawrie will be held at Knife Point and forced to do this

Fees can be paid by Bank Transfer directly into our MCBC account (Sort code 826622 account number 10471866 – **please include your name as a banking reference**). If you are unable to access internet banking, please contact a member of the committee and we will arrange collection.

The Committee

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