

## 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.

**Green:** - we had planned to formally to open the green on **19 April 2020** unfortunately this cannot happen due to the continuing lock down. We will open quickly as soon as Government guidance allows. 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.

**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. **Having bowling members paying this reduced fee is important as they will be the members entitled to attend the next AGM.**

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**

**2 April 2020**