



# Mid Calder Bowling Club

## Members Newsletter August 2020

This has probably been the strangest season on record, certainly since our grandparents and Jim McKinna had their bowling rudely interrupted in 1939. We have however made the most of it, our new members have been practising hard and Phil has managed to organise a few competitions which are progressing well.

We have decided to close the green on Saturday 5 September, details of event will be posted. This is earlier than usual, but it is felt that we have an opportunity to ask our green maintenance team to undertake some hardcore work on the moss and weed infestations affecting part of the green. This will take the form of heavy duty scarification and reseedling which is why it has to be done early in order to achieve some growth before the frost sets in. It is not ideal in this already short season but we expect to see the benefit next year with an even better playing surface.

In 2019 we were being used more and more for later stage Scottish and County matches which was acknowledgment of how well our green was playing, 2021 will hopefully see more improvement and further recognition.

## Post Season Green Tidy Up



Help is needed on Sunday 6 September, Sat 12 and Sunday 13 September to clear weeds from the green surrounds and also paint benches. **What an offer, a sore back, hayfever, stung by nettles and thistles all for a free pint.** At least you will have the consolation of watching poor Ken Lawrie suffering having to provide free beer.

We really need support from a lot of members to assist with this attractive work and to restore our surrounds.

For information, Mid Calder B.C. is due to take on the role of President of West Lothian Bowling Association in 2023. This will mean some major events are due to be staged on our green that season, we are sure you will all agree on the importance of our green and surrounding areas being in top condition not only for that spell when we are in the spotlight but for our own benefit year after year.

Work continues on the toilet block and canopy whilst the car park will quickly happen as soon as the contractor comes off furlough.

The social side of our club has recovered well post lockdown but members must remain vigilant and stick to the rules, we do not want another lockdown. Unfortunately at this time we cannot stage any cabaret or karaoke events but when restrictions ease further we will be back in the game. We are also unable to accept bookings for private functions due to restrictions on staging entertainment, so in the meantime the club will continue to operate more as a pub but we do need support from members right through the winter months.

Thank you to all members for their help and support through this unique and difficult period we really appreciate it.

MCBC Committee