



# ALDERSHOT & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



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## PRE SEASON NEWSLETTER 2020

I had hoped to send out this newsletter just prior to the season wishing you all well and good bowling. Unfortunately not possible now. In view of the Coronavirus situation and decisions by Bowls England, Bowls Hampshire and Bowls Surrey, the A&D committee have decided that we should proceed as below.

### ASSOCIATION EXTRA GENERAL MEETING

The EGM, scheduled for Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> is cancelled.

We should remember that we have an AGM scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the committee will be hoping to introduce the Constitution changes then.

### LEAGUES and COMPETITIONS

Bowls England (BE) are cancelling all national competitions for 2020 and the current A&D league and competition schedule is also cancelled.

BE are proposing to introduce a "Festival of Bowls" after July 1<sup>st</sup>, which will be linked to county qualifying rounds, to encourage us all to get back to bowling, if conditions allow.

The idea sounds good and I hope we will be able to take part in something like that in the later part of the season.

The A&D Committee are considering looking into something similar to fit in with our league and competition programs.

BE are planning to review the situation by June 1<sup>st</sup> and will announce their ideas then. We will follow suit and let you know how A&D leagues and competitions will be organised then, in the meantime the league program is cancelled at least until after June 1<sup>st</sup> when we can review the situation. We will of course only re-start the league if conditions allow.

As there are no competitions this year we will refund clubs with the fees that have been paid. Clubs that sent their entries to Harrison and included a cheque in payment will not have their cheque presented. Those that paid electronically by BACS will have the fees refunded and Carl will arrange this with them in the next couple of weeks.

Keep well, I hope to see you all again soon.

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