

Hello everyone,

### **Coronavirus Update 3 – Keeping in touch**

Well it has been a particularly difficult week with Dave sadly passing away. However I promised to keep you updated in these difficult and uncertain times and I'm sure we will take an opportunity to celebrate Dave's life in an appropriate way when all this mess is behind us

I hope you are all coping with being grounded by the prime minister!! We are only a week into the 'lockdown' and I'm sure that many of you (like me) are already climbing the walls.

We are all watching more television than we would normally, so I've attached a quiz to keep you all occupied at least for a little while – some of you will have already seen it via a recent BIBC email or indeed remember it from one of our Christmas meals at Ladbroke Park Golf Club (thanks Jeff). Anyway, give it a go and I'll send out the answers towards the end of this week.

Please do keep in touch with each other to make sure we are all coping with the situation adequately. For some of us, a 10 minute phone call goes a long way to helping our wellbeing.

If anyone has particular difficulty getting shopping or undertaking other necessary tasks, please can you let me know. There are at least a few of us who haven't yet reached the 70 year milestone and are in relatively good health. We will do our best to sort things out for you.

Last Sunday I set out in some detail the financial implications of the possibility of there being no bowling this summer. The bottom line is, without your help, we probably won't have a club come the 2021 season.....or alternatively we will have a club with a green that requires significant investment to recover it to its normal state.

The committee want to thank all those members who have already paid their 2020 subscriptions either online or by cheque. Thus far we have received full subscriptions from 47 members and social subscriptions from 13 members amounting to **£3,945**. In addition we have received additional donations from a few members amounting to **£1,160** – thank you all very much!!

Over the next couple of weeks we hope we will receive further subscriptions to enable us to meet our commitments – thank you all for your consideration at this difficult time.

Members can pay their subscriptions (£80 for full members and £15 for social members) in two different ways:

1. **By cheque** – Please make cheques payable to Hewell Bowling Club and post to our treasurer Kath Nicklin. Address: 19 Churchstone Close, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 9HL
2. **By bank transfer** – A/C name: Hewell Bowling Club, Sort Code 30-96-97, A/C no: 00332771 If you are paying by bank transfer, please add your name as the reference.

The club remains closed and we appreciate all members staying away from the premises. Jim is still attending as part of his exercise regime to mow the green and remark the rinks on the slabs following the recent work.

During this period the committee are considering potential contingency arrangements should we be allowed to re-open the green a little later in the season. The current feeling is that we may be able to arrange a number of one-off events for members that allows them to bowl in a variety of competitive events and to socialise following this prolonged period of quarantine.

In the meantime, best wishes and please look after yourselves.

**Hewell Bowling Club Committee**