

## Harpenden Indoor Bowling Club

With all the Government restrictions in place on indoor sporting facilities you must all be wondering when you will get back to bowling again

Sadly unless you are members of an outdoor club the answer is 'not yet'

As members of outdoor clubs will know bowling is now allowed but under very strict conditions. For example at Harpenden only three of the six rinks are allowed to be used and even then for singles games only and with no access to the clubhouse.

**We realise that some of our members who are outdoor bowlers have their woods and shoes at the club and need to collect them . Therefore despite our club having been closed and locked since the shutdown for safety and insurance reasons we will open it solely for the collection of your equipment only on Saturday May 30th from 12.00 to 14.00 only. Please telephone Peter Seeley on 077477 85212 before 9:00pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to receive your allocated time-slot.**

**Please DO NOT ARRIVE AT ANY OTHER TIME OTHER THAN THE ONE ALLOCATED.**

For the future you can see from the numbers being allowed to play outdoors that we must assume that we will have similar restrictions in place when we are allowed to open. There will also be rules on the placement of the jack, measuring , use of pushers and score boards not to mention the need for additional sanitising facilities.

Until the rules are published by the ruling bodies we are unable to even conjecture when we will meet again

Despite all this uncertainty Peter is busy trying to plan for the future and has established council meetings, using Zoom or some other conferencing software, to get us in a situation where we can respond quickly when given authority to open

We are fully aware that the safe return of bowling and the attendant social interchange is extremely important to all our members and we will continue to plan for this at the earliest date we are allowed. **Please note that with 89% of the club members falling into the Covid 19 High Risk Age Group, not to underestimate underlying health conditions, the timescales for re-opening could be very long.**

I am also aware that we are approaching membership renewal time and this will be one of the topics on our first on line meeting. (we will commit to sending out another update after that meeting and regularly thereafter)

I am also aware that not all our members are on email and I would ask you to pass the gist of this onto anyone you know in this category

Keep safe and well. We look forward to when we all meet again.

Regards

*John Hon Chairman*