



## League Secretary

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## **BUCKS COUNTY BOWLS LEAGUE 2012.**

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### **To all Bucks League Team Contacts.**

This package has been sent to all registered League Contacts or their nominated post-boxes and to Club Secretaries for those Team Contacts that do not have an email address. Would all Club Secretaries please ensure that a copy of the attached is passed on to your Team Contacts and will all recipients please pass the dates on to your Fixture Secretaries.

I would like to welcome back a second team from Buckingham West End and welcome to the league new teams from Bletchley St Martins x 2, Cheddington, Chessvale x 2, Gerrards Cross, Hazells, Iver Heath x 2, Long Crendon x 2, Marlow, Princes Risborough, Scot, Stoke Poges, Stony Stratford and Wexham. Sadly we have to say good bye to The Burnham Newbies and we lost the two teams from Aylesbury Rivets at the beginning of 2011. This gives us an increase of eighteen teams and a total of Ninty-one teams in the complete league. I say this every year but many many thanks to all for their support, and to all that have helped by talking and promoting the league. Also a massive thanks to all the players who play the game in the spirit in which it is intended, if this did not happen the league would quickly go backwards.

We now have four Divisions in the North, two with six teams and two with five, four Central Divisions, one with six teams and three with five. As agreed I have split the Southern Divisions into two Leagues, **Southern Red** which has four Divisions of six teams and **Southern Blue** which also has four Divisions of six teams.

With the extra teams, new divisions and new leagues I have had to change the format of a few divisions. I have made sure that every team that should have been promoted and every team that should have been demoted was but I have also had to promote a couple of teams in the Central Division that were not expecting to go up. As for the Southern Leagues I took the team that finished top of Division 1 and put them into Southern Red, the team that finished second into Southern Blue and so on down the list with one exception, were clubs had two teams I tried to put one in each of the leagues, four teams I put two in each of the leagues and six teams three in each of the leagues however I made sure that they went into a division opposite were they should be for instance if a team should have been in Southern Red 2 and that club already had a team in a Southern Red Division I put them into Southern Blue 2.

The other new addition to the League this year is a Finals Day which will be played on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Stony Stratford BC. The winners of the four Division 1's will play off in the morning with the two winning teams playing for the Championship in the afternoon. The prize money will be £100 for the winner, £80 for the Runner-up and £50 each for the two losing semi-finalists.

I will continue to send out the up to date League Tables and results on a weekly basis which I hope will be printed out and pinned on your Clubs Notice Board, again a number of the new teams this year have joined us as a direct result of people seeing the tables on club notice boards. They will also be posted on the BBA Web ([www.buckinghamshirebowls.co.uk](http://www.buckinghamshirebowls.co.uk)) site thanks to David Throupe.

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Could I point out to new teams and remind existing teams of Rule 2.21 " A member of the **winning** team must either telephone or email the result of the game to the League Secretary by 10.00pm the same evening. The **winning** team must also ensure both scorecards are sent to the League Secretary within 24 hours after the completion of the game. *(They must be delivered or posted, 1<sup>st</sup> class, within 24 hours of the completion of the game).*

I have included with this package an up to date copy of the League Rules. Please print copies for your Clubs Notice Board so that they can be used if any queries come up. I will continue to strictly enforce Rule 2.18, all outstanding games must be completed before the final fixture (5<sup>th</sup> Sept.).

I try to make sure that every team plays at home one week and away the next, I also try to make sure that clubs with more than one team in the leagues have a team at home every week but neither of these work out in practice. There are a couple of teams that have three at home or three away games on the trot, for which I apologise, however every team has the correct amount of home and away games during the Season. As a reminder I am happy if clubs want to reverse a fixture and play on the same date, please simply let me know. If clubs want to change dates they need to ask my permission first and the reason for this is that I do not want clubs changing dates so that they can field their strongest team.

Where Club Contacts have given two numbers I have included both in this years Contact List, If any other Club Contacts would like to give me a second number (mobile, works/daytime, Club, etc.) I will add them to the list.

The courtesy of providing food again caused some comments last year so if you would like to provide food after the match please speak to your opposition Club Contact beforehand but please remember the norm is NO FOOD.

Please also find attached:- A Copy of the League Rules, A List of Club Contacts and The Fixture List.

Again the people in charge of the weather did not give us too many wet Wednesdays last year, I have requested the same again this year.

Enjoy your season,

Ray Keen