

Longstanton Bowls Club, Annual Report April 2015.

Unfortunately, our A team, having been promoted to division 3 in 2013, were last year relegated back into division 4. Our Division 5 team finished second from bottom, 2 points above Milton who were awarded the wooden spoon, an honour awarded to Longstanton 4 years ago. The most important thing is that everyone enjoyed their games of Bowls and Longstanton, is regarded throughout the leagues, as a friendly club who provide a good bowls tea with an opportunity to enjoy a drink from the bar for those who prefer something other than tea. Our membership for 2015 is slightly up on 2014 and whilst we've recently lost a couple of members, new members have been attracted through: word of mouth, articles in local village magazines and through our website.

In 2014, we attended Bar Hill Fete, where in addition to running a tombola and plant stall to raised money for the Bowls Club; we also ran a target bowls competition. This competition promoted Longstanton Bowls Club and gave everyone, from small children to senior citizens an opportunity to try the sport of lawn green bowling.

The green and its surrounds were given a make-over earlier this month, by a band of 15 members, and this was followed by our open day a week later. We are now all eagerly anticipating our first competitive game of the new season, a home match against Cambridge City on Tuesday evening.

To improve the green, we have engaged the services of a professional green maintenance company who are providing consultancy and applying specialist treatments on a monthly basis. This has significantly improved the green and positive comments have been received both from our own members and those from visiting teams.

We continue to enjoy a good working relationship with the Pavilion and I would like to publically thank Suzanne for providing our bowls teas throughout last year. Similar arrangements are in place for this season.

A matter of concern is the condition of the Cricket Club's safety netting that protects our bowlers from any stray cricket balls. The cricket club have received a quotation for the repairs and it's now a case of finding the money.

Finally, if anyone would like to try the sport of lawn bowls then please come along to one of our Monday night roll-ups from 6pm. All you need is a pair of shoes with smooth soles; the club can provide everything else. Alternatively if you just want to come and watch, whilst enjoying a drink from the bar, then you'll be very welcome.

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