Bournemouth & District Bowling Association

Lyndhurst Bowling club are in the process of applying to join the B&D league so that we can become one of the 28 clubs in Hampshire, Wiltshire & Dorset who are members, which will allow our members to enter any B&D competitions.

We would like to add to our existing New Forest League competitions and play in the B&D Saturday morning triples league & the Saturday afternoon fours Premier league, to give our members more competitive league matches each week.

The Saturday morning triples will need 2 teams of 3 (6 players total) to play 14 matches in a season. The team can be mixed ladies & men. The teams in the lowest division last year were: Southbourne, New Milton, Fordingbridge x2, Branksome Park, Downton, Bournemouth & Knyveton Gardens, so you can see travelling is not excessive. We would like to form a squad so you do not need to play every week.

The existing Saturday Morning league would continue for those not playing or not selected for that Saturday.

We would also like to consider entering the Saturday afternoon Premier League, which is a fours competition requiring 3 teams of 4 (12 players total). Again, we would like to form a squad so that you do not need to commit every week. Ladies were invited to play this year as some clubs were struggling to field teams, so this could be the same this next year. The teams in the lowest division last year were: Bournemouth, Branksome Park, Highcliffe, Milford-on-sea, New Milton, Kings Park, Moordown & Boscombe Cliff, so again travelling not excessive & we can organise car sharing & taking turns to drive.

The next steps:

- 1. We need to ascertain the interest from our members to ensure we can fulfil fixtures.
- 2. Apply to join the B&D Bowling Association.
- 3. If accepted, we then need to apply to join the Saturday Morning & Afternoon leagues.

You can indicate your interest, on the notice board, making a comment to this blog or speaking to either Neil, Adrian, Colin or John. Any questions or concerns please contact Neil Calderwood to discuss.