

To all members,

Further to the message sent to you last Monday, you will be aware that the spread of Coronavirus Covid-19 has escalated rapidly and as a result the Government has issued further guidance daily. The Government has advised everyone against social contact outside the home and has strongly advised that people over 70 and those with underlying health issues to self isolate for a period of 12 weeks. The Government has advised against mass gatherings, sporting events and social gatherings at clubs etc. At the moment it is advice, but it is very likely it will become mandatory as it is in France, Spain and Italy.

With this in mind and following on from recommendations issued by Bowls England and Bowls Hampshire the Club has reluctantly decided that the SPRING TRIPLES, all ROLL UPS official and unofficial and club competitions will be suspended as [from Sunday 22nd March](#) until further notice.

The clubs Winter Singles and Pairs Competitions, which are at the semi-final stage, are also postponed until we resume normal conditions later this year.

National, County and G&F competitions have also been cancelled at least until July and it is expected that S&D will take the same action next week. A review by these bodies will take place in June as to whether any events will take place from then on.

Stewarding for this season is also suspended until further notice.

Although at present we are not closing the green we are closing the kitchen and chairs and tables will be removed to minimise contact in confined spaces.

We would advise members who wish to continue to play

1. To keep numbers on the whole green to an absolute maximum of 6 in accordance with Government guidelines on how many people should congregate together.
2. To abide by the advice issued on Monday not to enter the club premises or surrounds if they have any doubt as to their health, the health of their family or contacts or if they have recently returned from abroad.
3. To bear in mind the health and safety of fellow members.
4. To refrain from using the club house other than the toilet facilities.

We respectfully trust that members will abide by these guidelines. The safety of our members is paramount.

The majority of members of our club are in the at risk bracket and will be following the Government's advice to self isolate which will be very tough for those who are living alone. We urge all members to keep in communication with each other, widespread use of technology will be a boon but there are members not connected to the net. Please do your best to keep in touch with such members. We will do our best to keep you updated with any future developments. We hope that by June the virus threat will have passed, and we can resume our club activities.

In the meantime stay positive and healthy,

Jan Collins President
Bob Prince Club Captain

