

## **WORTHING PAVILION BOWLING CLUB**

### **Postette**

Dear Member,

As you will know your Board members have been working hard to ensure that you are safe whenever you visit your Bowling Club. A number of members have expressed surprise that they cannot play now as other indoor clubs are playing. Indeed one member has expressed the opinion that the Board is being too cautious. The Board is certainly being cautious but not too cautious when the health of the club's members is concerned, especially those who are vulnerable.

The one matter which is delaying the opening is the question of fresh air. Neither of our rinks have any direct fresh air. With this message you will also have attached a copy of the letter from England Indoor Bowls Association which confirms that if a club is complying with its Guidance and that the government it can be open after the 14<sup>th</sup> September. Only when the new fresh air system is in place will we comply with the Guidance. You will be able to see the Guidance by clicking on the link. The Guidance calls for 20 litres per second of fresh air for every player. The sum involved is not insubstantial, given our restricted income this year, so the Board could not just accept the first quote received. The system will be necessary for months, if not, years to come until something like the old normal is achieved. Consequently the system will have to be heated and that will add to the cost and limit choice of system. The Board wants to get it right. The Board will do everything to get the indoor bowling open as quick but as safe as possible.

In case you have missed this, in Worthing from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September, there were 38 new cases of Covid-19 giving 34 cases in every 100,000 of population against the England average of 18 per 100,000. The R factor is said to be between 1. and 1.2. Imperial College says it might be as high as 1.7. That makes it especially important to get our club as Covid secure at possible. If anyone doubts it, they should talk to someone who has had the infection and been hospitalized.

