

# Heritage Coast Carpet Bowls League Committee Meeting

## 18th September 2023

**Clubs represented:** Darsham, Holton, Kelsale, Knodishall, Leiston St Margarets FC, Middleton, Riverside, Wenhaston.

### 1. 2023/24 Season

All the clubs who played last season indicated their intention to enter again this season.

Holton were also present at the meeting, and hope to enter, but will confirm after their next club night.

Knodishall are considering entering a second team, and will also confirm in the next few days.

### 2. Playing Format

While all the clubs were happy to continue the current format of Triples (minimum 6 players, maximum 12), Riverside suggested a change to shorter games (6 ends), but with all 8 woods being bowled (3-3-2 or 3-2-3). Darsham suggested that the current 10 ends might be too much for some players, particularly if they have to play twice.

However, the consensus of the meeting was that the format should remain unchanged for 2023/24.

### 3. Afternoon Matches

Some teams said that they are interested in playing their matches in the afternoon, while for others it won't be possible, owing to player availability. It was confirmed that clubs are completely free to play their matches in the afternoon, so long as both teams involved in the fixture are happy to do so.

To avoid confusion, the default position will be that all matches will be played in the evening, but if any teams would like to play a particular game in the afternoon, they are free to contact their opponents to make the appropriate arrangements.

All clubs will be asked to confirm their club nights, and whether they are open to playing in the afternoon, and if so which day that would be. That list will be circulated, along with the fixtures.

### 4. Tea Break

It was agreed that the tea break would be between the two sets of games, rather than at the end of the match. This is already the case for most clubs.

### 5. Affiliation Fees

As per last season, there will be no affiliation fee to pay, given that the League has no expenditure at the present time. The League still has £1477 in the bank, with no change since this time last year.