

## Middleton Cup Message 2023

It's that time of year when we start thinking about the planning for the forthcoming outdoor season and the 2023 campaign for the Middleton Cup and other Senior Men's Team competitions.

Last year was an amazing year and so we go again this year to try and go that one step further, win the Middleton Cup, with great ' Team Spirit ', 'Enjoyment ' on the green, a little bit of luck and a few Jelly Babies I am sure we will be successful, but whatever the outcome keeping the above philosophy will stand us good stead.

There are a few changes this year, the Middleton Cup has reverted to Group stages and we are in a group of 5 with Cambs, Beds, Hunts & Northants. So 4 group games and a qualifier.

Whilst it would be beneficial to nominate for all games I will not insist on it as a criteria for selection.

The Eastern Counties has seen Hunts drop out so we are down to 5 games. We are dropping the Trial against Essex and will use the 4 ECL games prior to the Middleton cup as ' trials ', these games are competitive and played under the same format as the Middleton Cup. Please nominate for a minimum of 2 [preferably 1 home, 1 away] of these games to be considered for the Middleton Cup.

One other change is that there will be no post game food for ECL bar the Essex match.

As such I invite anybody and everybody to put their names forward for Middleton Cup, Balcomb Trophy and Eastern Counties League. If you're a competitive bowler and relish the challenge of intense Team bowls at the highest level the County has to offer then please fill out the nomination form and return to the email below, closing date for nominations **31st March**.

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If you have any questions or just want a chat feel free to ring or WhatsApp me  
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