

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



May 2023

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Outdoor Bowls

From your Secretary

Opening Drive

We had 25 members play in the Opening Drive on the 17th April and the weather was kind to us. The usual "spider" was a triumph for Mike Bennoy following a roll-off when he managed to be at least 6 feet away from the spider - must have been tension in the arm. He received a bottle of port kindly donated by Allan Webber. The triple of Alan Eveleigh, Allan Webber and Ann White won the drive. It is clearly better to be drawn with Alan E. as he also won it last year!

Membership and Open Day

We all need to be making every effort to recruit members this year. Our coach John Greenwood is running a conversion course for short mat bowlers in addition to a beginner's course throughout May and early June. We are also promoting bowling in local businesses, schools, and clubs.

We are holding an **Open Day on Saturday 20th May from 10:30am to 4:30pm** to which anyone can come along and try bowls. Posters, flyers and banners will shortly be produced

advertising the day, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in trying bowls, please bring them along. All they need is a pair of flat shoes/trainers as we have sets of bowls that they can use. If you can spare some time to help on the day, please let Maurice Bowles or Roger Newman know when you could be available.

Dorset Visit

It is not too late to put your name down to come to the Dorset Bowls and Golf Resort this year. We have accommodation, meals and bowls reserved from 29th October to the 3rd November, so do talk to Roger Newman if you think you might like to come.

Roger Newman

The Geoghegan Group

We are proud sponsors of the Bowling Club Open Day this year. The Group has 2 premises locally: The Old Rectory in Ewhurst and the Clavadel in Guildford.

We provide unrivalled care provision across Surrey and surrounding areas in a distinctive collection of premier facilities supplying the best residential, nursing, and post operative convalescent care.

The Old Rectory



Short Mat Bowls

From your Chairman

The season 2022/23 has just ended, but already planning for next season has begun, and will no doubt continue to gather momentum as we go through the summer months.

We are a Short Mat Bowls Club set up for members of the community to enjoy all aspects of the game. Included in this are the regular roll-ups and the social benefits this involves. However, it is worth remembering that it is the bowling that is the most important aspect of any bowling club, and concentration is an important element.

Our members are registered with ESMBA through Surrey Short Mat Bowling Association, enabling our club to enter bowling leagues within Surrey, competitions at other clubs, leagues at Wey Valley Bowls Centre, as well as County and National competitions.

We have possibly the largest membership of any club in Surrey, yet we have struggled to field teams recently. It was particularly disappointing this last season when, despite valiant attempts to survive, we had to pull out of the SHAB League in mid-season. (NB - Pre-pandemic, we fielded three teams in SHAB, each supported by a squad of around twelve each)

I acknowledge that we have some bowlers who do not consider themselves as 'competitive', and I fully understand that. However, there are leagues and competitions which are suitable for players of all abilities, and playing with and against better players has the knock-on effect of improving your own game!

Note: every time a bowler stands on the delivery mat, that bowler becomes, by definition, a competitor!

I would therefore ask that each member seriously considers whether they can further support the club in a competitive way. Such play is both rewarding and is definitely another very enjoyable facet of the game.

I give my thanks to your committee who have worked hard all season in the face of several challenges beyond the norm, and to those members, some comparatively new to the club, who have taken on responsibilities for running competitions and leagues, the newsletter etc.

To David and Mavis, thanks for the quiet efficiency with which the bar has been run, not to mention the level of profit to the club.

I wish you a good summer and look forward to seeing many of you at the forthcoming AGM, and at the start of our new season in September.

Dennis McGuinness

COMPETITION NEWS

Club Competitions

Wednesday League & Friday Triples

This year the competition was extended and played over 24 weeks instead of the usual 20. However, around week 16 a clear winner emerged – Colin Smy. The competition for runner-up was strongly contested between Ann Kent, Elaine, Pam, David K and Hugh with Ann eventually topping the group. Colin won with 37 points, Ann runner-up 24 points, Pam & David 22, Elaine & Hugh 21.

The Friday triples literally went to the wire with Steph's team 'The 5 Big Shots' winning by 1 point over David's team 'The Ewhurst Rollers' on the last game.

For Steph's team to win the competition they had to beat Colin's team 'Smyleys People' who uncharacteristically were not playing their usual game. With David's team having won their game it was essential for Steph's team to win their match, so it couldn't have been closer. Well done 'The 5 Big Shots,' you lived up to your name!

Star Cup & Fives Competition

These were both played in a convivial atmosphere last December and January, the winners of the competitions appear in the results summary. Ironically this year the Teams of 5 competition was won by a team of 4 as one of the players was unable to play and there were no reserves.

This year we completed our full competition schedule without any of the Covid disruptions of last year. Finals Day was changed to Sunday 2nd April as some of the finalists were committed on the Saturday to an important Surrey fixture. A full programme was enjoyed by all competitors and around 20 spectators came to give support to their fellow members and enjoyed some quality bowling.

For example, shot of the day must go to Mavis, (not that I am biased!), in playing her last wood on the last end of the Mixed Pairs, where we were all level after 17 ends. Her superb shot came through a small gap without touching any other wood to end up on the jack, much to the appreciation of the spectators, and to win the game by one shot.

This year our presentation lunch will be at the Alfold Barn on Thursday 8th June, and details and booking form has been emailed.

Results for 2022/23 competitions

Club Singles

Winner: John Greenwood

Runner-up: Colin Smy.

Drawn Pairs

Winners: Pauline Shipway & Liz Sprake

Runners-up: Jacki Mackenzie & Mike White

Mixed Pairs

Winners: David & Mavis Kempson

Runners-up: Dennis McGuinness & Val Sloman

Open Pairs

Winners: David Kempson & David Lipman

Runners-up: Jacki Mackenzie & Nigel Mould

Novice Bowler

Winner: Graham Prall

Runner-up: Fran Harris

Wednesday League

Winner: Colin Smy

Runner-up: Ann Kent

Friday Triples

Winning team: The 5 Big Shots – Steph Taylor, Mavis Kempson, Fran Harris, Hazel Lipman, Margaret Weeden.

Star Cup

Winners: David Kempson, Irene Gould, Jacki Mackenzie

Sloman Cup (5's)

Winners: Val Sloman, Hugh Hall, Margaret Weeden, Mike White.

We look forward to seeing you when the competitions return in October with the Wednesday League and Friday Triples, and in the meantime, enjoy the summer.

Margaret Weeden and David Kempson

SHAB Competitions

The 2022/23 Short Mat season has now finished and Ewhurst have ended up with varying results in the Leagues they have entered.

Wey Valley competitions:

Surrey Triples run by Roger Dobbing, we ended up in a credible sixth position, having very close results in all the games we played.

Woking Borough League run by Elaine Philipson, also had some very close results, ending up in tenth place.

Better news in the Thursday Charity League run by Margaret Weeden, where we came fourth out of eleven clubs.

Congratulations to all the players who participated in these hard-won games at Wey Valley, and also many thanks to the organisers who spent many hours of their spare time getting these teams together and playing well.

Friendly Magpies League run by Jacki McKenzie, also had some very hard games as they were up against really good teams, and their final results sometimes didn't reflect the close matches. Many thanks to Jacki for all the hours she spent organising this League.

This season, four clubs failed to participate in the **Shab League**, all with the same problems and unfortunately, Ewhurst was one of them. After consultations with our Chairman and also with the Shab Chairman, we decided we would not be able to produce enough players, reserves or drivers this time. We are hoping for a different situation next year, as we have some very promising and enthusiastic new players in our club.

Surrey Open and National competitions. This season we have had success in the National Fours where David Gillings and Steph Taylor were part of the Runners-up team at Melton Mowbray, and at Solihull where Steph Taylor was part of the Winning team in the National Mixed Fours. Dennis McGuinness and Val Sloman were runners-up in the Over 55's competition. Bjorg Lewis also got her presentation for her 100th Surrey game. Congratulations to all.

Every year, we have sign up forms at the Club for Trials for the County, and also for Surrey Open competitions.

If you love playing Short Mat bowls, these are opportunities for you to improve your game and to participate in playing for your County. Any member can put their name down for these, so please give it some consideration for our next season.

Steph Taylor, Match Secretary

Annual Presentation Lunch – Thursday 8th June

This takes place at the Alfold Barn. An email which includes the menu and a reply sheet was sent to all members on Friday May 26th. We would like to welcome as many members as possible.

Tony and Rosy Richardson Move

Tony and his wife are moving down to Kent in early May. We wish them health and happiness in their new home.

SHORT MAT CLUB AGM

Thursday June 1st
7 for 7.30

SOCIAL

FOR ALL BRIDGE LOVERS!

Your social committee has organised a bridge tea for those members and friends who enjoy an evening of bridge and a delicious tea. As usual with these events there will be prizes to be won and a raffle.

Proceeds will be shared between 'Marie Curie' and the Ewhurst Bowls Centre. (Please arrive by 1.45 p.m. and bring table, cards, cloth for tea, and pens).

For full details please see the advertisement at the end of the newsletter. Tables will be reserved upon receipt of your cheque.

To help the raffle, we will be very grateful for any donated prizes, which can be left in the marked box in the clubhouse entrance.

Ann White



Ewhurst Bowls Club

Invites you to a



Bridge Afternoon

Thursday 5th October 2023

from 2pm - 5pm

(Please arrive by 1:45 and bring table, cards, cloth for tea, and pens)

**£50.00 per table
includes a delicious tea**



Raffle

Proceeds will be shared between Marie Curie and Ewhurst Bowls Centre



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To book a table please send attached form with enclosed cheque to:

Ann White, 'Rubino', Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst, Surrey GU6 7RN

Tel: 01483 274720

Tables will be reserved upon receipt of cheque.

An acknowledgement will be sent.

Spaces are limited, so book early!

Bridge tea on Thursday 5th October 2023

I would like to book a table and enclose a cheque for £50.00 payable to

'Ewhurst Bowling Club Social Committee'

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Ewhurst Bowls Club is located at: Ewhurst Bowling Centre, Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst, GU6 7RN