

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



July 2023

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September Newsletter articles are required by 26th
August

Outdoor Bowls

From your Club Captain

Just a few words on the season so far, and although results in our Friendly games have not gone our way, it is hoped everybody has enjoyed playing in the lovely weather we have been having. Some games have had to be reduced in the numbers of triples, due to a lack of numbers of players being available.

With this in mind, we really need members to make themselves available to play whenever possible. We currently have 51 members to fill usually 4 triples (12 = 25% of membership) so please put your names on the availability lists on the clubhouse noticeboard. The internal club competitions are underway, and everybody seems to be adhering to the dates by which the rounds have to be completed.

A reminder that at the completion of the Finals Day on Sunday 3rd Sept we will be having our usual Bring and Share meal, and a notice will appear on the noticeboard shortly asking for numbers and items you plan to provide to help with the catering requirements.

So let's continue enjoying bowls and hopefully the lovely weather for the rest of the season.

Doug Lock

From your Secretary

Guildford and Woking League

We are having mixed results and are in the top 4 of the league at present. The final of the 2022 league postponed by bad weather last year, was played on the 21st June and Woking Park beat Godalming.

Crown Green

We cancelled the Crown Green event due to lack of numbers. We'll see about next year but if it isn't popular, we may drop it.

Front Door

The new front door has now been fitted. There were some initial problems, which Mike Crowther has managed to sort out with the fitters and the alarm company. There will be some alarm instructions next to the alarm unit shortly.

Open Day

The Open Day on the 20th May was a great success. Over 20 potential members came along, and thanks to John Greenwood's coaching and help from some members, we will have at least 12 new members signed up or about to join. If you see a new face, please chat to them, as they may need some help initially. A lot of time and effort went into designing, printing, and delivering posters and also producing and siting banners. These were sponsored by the Geoghegan Group who own and run the Old Rectory Home in Ewhurst and the Clavadel in Merrow.

Surrey County Council Grant

We applied for and received a grant of £3,000 from a SCC small grant fund, and thanks go to Liz Townsend, our local County Councillor, for supporting the application. We needed and have bought and erected a smart new shed, and also purchased more boards for the green surrounds which will be fitted after the end of the season.

Johnston Cherry

The Johnston Cherry league runs on Friday afternoons and there is still time to join in.

Dorset

The deposit has been paid for our visit to the Dorset Bowls and Golf Centre from 29th October but there is still room for more members and non-members to go if you wish.

Fence and Car Park

You will have noticed potholes in the car park. The Parish Council are responsible for the car park, and we have reminded them that the potholes need fixing.

The fence between the car park and the green is the Centre's responsibility and it is in a sorry state. A project will shortly be started to replace the fence.

Grace Jackman

The ladies Grace Jackman cup has been postponed to Sunday 13th August 1:30pm start. Please see the board for the new entry form.

Roger Newman

Short Mat Bowls

From your Chairman

It seems strange that by the time we read this edition of the newsletter, we will be more than half-way to our new season which begins on 23rd September.

However, like the Palladium Theatre in older times, we never close. Our prime movers in the Club are already planning how the new season can fully benefit our membership. They have been committed and hard-working for a number of years and are now hoping more members can enjoy greater involvement in the club. This could include playing in competitions, running competitions, helping to run a team, or volunteering to play in external leagues. My appreciation goes out to those newer members who are already involved in the running of the Club.

I would also like our newer members to consider playing in our friendly games with neighbouring clubs. Playing in these games is a great way to experience the enjoyment there is from competitive play, as well as appreciating our home base.

We are lucky to be part of one of the best clubs in Surrey, if not in the whole Southeast, in terms of our permanent physical status, membership costs, and superb facilities. We are also fortunate to continue to practice during the summer months, courtesy of EBC, and this is an arrangement we do not take for granted.

Unfortunately, I could not attend our recent Annual Lunch, but I am told it was an all-round success, and our thanks go to the principal organisers of Steph, Margaret, and David Kempson.

Dennis McGuinness

Match Secretary's Report

Below are the various competition available to club members:

Surrey Triples at Wey Valley on a Monday evening – organised by Roger Dobbing and for teams of more experienced players.

Woking Borough League at Wey Valley on a Wednesday evening – organised by Elaine Philipson.

Thursday Afternoon Charity League at Wey Valley – organised by Margaret Weeden and suitable for any player, but especially newer ones who wish to experience match play with a view to entering other competitions in due course. The rules for this league are now changed so that any County player will have to be in a Lead or number 2 position.

Lightwater League at Wey Valley on a Monday evening – we will not be entering this season as this league is on a par with the Thursday Afternoon League.

SHAB

During the summer months, we have encouraged our newer players, and anybody else who is interested, to come to practice at Wey Valley, with the intention of playing in the above Leagues and also in the SHAB League. We now have enough interested players to make up eight players, plus reserves for Ewhurst to enter this coming season. As SHAB Match Secretary, I have been in touch with all other clubs who would usually participate, and we now have numbers sufficient to make up two divisions. Ewhurst will start at the bottom, which is good for the newer members, who will be able to enjoy the games without feeling overwhelmed. The following clubs won't be joining this time: Hersham, Cobham, Leatherhead, Farnborough, and Chobham. Sadly Chobham Bowling Club has now closed completely.

All members of Ewhurst who have been coming to the club to practice on a non-rollup day, have expressed their wish to continue to do this, and I will try to be there as often as possible. It has been very beneficial for providing opportunities to try out different shots, positions on the mat and reading the head. This has been a 'confidence booster' which has helped many members play in the Summer Games.

Steph Taylor, Match Secretary

Annual Presentation Lunch

This was held at the Alfold Barn on June 8th. The meal provided was excellent and everyone enjoyed the occasion. It is a pity that less than 50% of the membership attended – so when this comes round again in 2024, do please come along if you can!

The success of the event is due to the joint efforts of Margaret Weeden, Steph Taylor and David Kempson.

What follows are photos of the winners, and/or runners-up of all the competitions.

Unfortunately some winners were not present, so runners-up may be shown when appropriate.



Open Pairs runners-up
Jackie Mackenzie & Nigel Mould



Bradley Cup Drawn Pairs
Winners: Jackie Mackenzie & Michael White
Runners-up: Pauline Shipway & Liz Sprake



Singles Shield
Winner: John Greenwood



John Boyce Mixed Pairs
Winners: Mavis & David Kempson



John Davies Award Cup
Winner: Pauline Shipway



Novice Bowlers
Winner: Graham Prall
Runner-up: Fran Harris



Sloman Cup
Winners: Michael White, Hugh Hall
Val Sloman & Margaret Weeden



Open Pairs
Winners: David Kempson & David Lipman



Goldsmith Cup
Winners: Jackie Mackenzie, David Kempson
& Irene Gould



Friday Triples League

Winners: Mavis Kempson, Fran Harris,
Hazel Lipman, Margaret Weeden &
Steph Taylor

SOCIAL

BRIDGE TEA

Please remember we have organised a bridge tea in October for members and friends who enjoy bridge and a delicious tea. There will be prizes to be won and a raffle. Please arrive by 1.45 p.m. and bring table, cards, a cloth for tea, and pens

Proceeds will be shared between 'Marie Curie' and the Ewhurst Bowls Centre.

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

Thank you for your kind contributions for the raffle. We will be very grateful for any more donated prizes, which can be left in the marked box in the clubhouse entrance.

KURLING

An exciting evening of kurling is planned for October. This is one of our most well supported events organised by your social committee. Do come along and join a very competitive sport which is enjoyed by everyone – guaranteed! Watch out for details coming soon.

HISTORICAL TALK – EWHURST AND OUR BOWLS CLUB

We are very lucky to have Janet Balchin coming along to our club to share her knowledge about the history of Ewhurst from around the 1930s to post war Ewhurst, with particular reference to the founding of the bowls club, and the changes to the green that followed the war.

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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Address

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