

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



November 2023

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Articles for the January Newsletter are required by December 28th.

Short Mat Bowls

Competition News

The Tom Sutton Wednesday morning is off to a good start with great enthusiasm from members taking part. Twenty three of the maximum twenty four players turned up on week two!

Both the Mixed Pairs and Open Pairs are well supported. The draw to get those under way will take place shortly so you will soon know your opponents for the first round.

The Star Cup takes place on Sunday 26th November. Closing date for entry is November 10th. Spectators are welcome on the 26th. If you haven't entered any competitions yet drop in during the day to find out more and you'll want to be involved next time!

On November 3rd the Friday Evening Triples League gets under way. Details of teams and the playing schedule is on the notice board.

Information about the Teams of 5 and Novice Bowlers competitions will be displayed shortly. Information about a possible new competition is now on the notice board.

—David Kempson and Margaret Weeden

Club Night

About ten members attended the first Club night on the last Friday in September. It was a relaxed social evening. After an hour of bowling everyone tucked into a fish and chip supper and enjoyed a good natter.

All agreed it was a treat to not be involved in cooking and washing up!

— Margaret Weeden

Beginner's Course

This is well under way and will finish on November 16th. After that we hope some of the course members will decide to join our Club.

When they attend roll ups please make them feel welcome and included.

—Margaret Weeden

Match Secretary's Report

Ewhurst have started playing their first League games at Wey Valley, with mixed results.

We made a very good start in the Surrey Triples, only to lose the last four ends. We are still looking for a win – but, on the positive side, the results have been very tight.

In the Woking Borough, we unfortunately lost the first two, against very good teams, but although ending up in a loss in the second one, we made a brilliant comeback in the second half.

Results were better in the Thursday Charity League, in which we have managed to win our first three games. We also picked up points from a cancelled game which has given us a fantastic start.

Ewhurst should have played their first Shab game on the 10th but Ripley Green had to rearrange this one and we are now playing our first against Woking Park Vikings on the 26th. I am arranging some practice sessions in preparation for this.

Our Magpies played their first game last Sunday, which they won on all mats. A fantastic result for them.

Hurtwood House School students have been to the club several times now, with six students (young adults) in the first week and four pupils the following week, with two adults joining in. All seemed to really enjoy bowling, and picked up the basics very quickly. We have tried to keep it as light-hearted as possible, rather than turning it into a lesson.

We are looking forward to meeting up again after half term.

—*Steph Taylor*

Outdoor Bowls

Not a bad bowling summer. I hope everyone enjoyed bowling - particularly on our green.

Allan Webber has been our green steward this year but he has decided to give up the position. He is the link between the club and our green keeper Jon Koefman. We hopefully will be able to announce his successor after the AGM.

Jon Koefman is also retiring very soon. He has done a magnificent job over many years making our green consistently the best or equal to all the greens we play on. We wish him a happy retirement. We have been seeking a successor to him who hopefully should be in place shortly.

Our last internal fun competition day was the final fling in which 24 members took part. The weather was kind and it was a great day with some quirky ends to tax the mind. It was good to see many of our new members playing on the day. 15 new members have joined this year mainly through the open day which we ran in May. We will be repeating the day again next year.

In the Guildford and Woking Over 55 "Old Codgers" Men's League we came 6th out of 10 in the Guildford section this year, the points between the 2nd and 6th were very close. We were 2nd but we lost our last 2 matches and therefore did not qualify for finals day. 10 members took part in the matches requiring

2 triples per match. We played 18 matches in all, lost on both rinks in 7 matches and won on both rinks in 6, Dorking and Burpham beat us twice. We scored 597 shots compared to 579 against over all the matches.

In the Knaphill Triples mixed league we won our Zone D for the second year running and therefore qualified for the finals day but lost in the semi final to Camberley. However we beat Knaphill in the third and fourth playoff earning the club £25 as the prize. Merrow beat Camberley in the final.

We held our trophy presentation lunch at the Richard Onslow on the 25th October and 41 members enjoyed the company and celebrated the winners and finalists of our internal competitions.

—*Roger Newman*

September Competition

The outdoor season began to wind down after the finals weekend and the completion of the league programmes. This is a pity, as there were many more excellent days perfect for bowling. Therefore, it has been our practice to arrange some form of competition before the final handover. In recent years this has taken the form of a league, but for various reasons last year it proved necessary to arrange a substitute form of competition.

This season, building on last year's experience, an amended (and I hope improved) version took place.

The overall aim was to offer the opportunity to all our members to play together and particularly to integrate fully with our new members, as league and formal club matches restrict many other members' attending roll-ups. A subsidiary aim was to award prizes to those attending at least three of the seven sessions with the best individual scores from up to four sessions aggregated.

Thanks, to those who were able to attend, for your support. Thirty two members took part in at least one session, although the last rearranged session (because of the wake in

the Clubhouse) was unfortunately terminated after 6 ends due to the incessant rain (appreciate those diehards who turned out!).

Congratulations to all who took part and bottles of wine were awarded to Frank Barr and Mike Wells.

Thanks to Maurice for providing the wine and to all those who assisted at the session. After a small sum to pay for the table tennis balls (ready for another time!), I was able to pass £114 on to our Treasurer.

—Alan Eveleigh

Social

QUIZ

Those who came to the Quiz evening in 2022 reported that they found it extremely enjoyable: “(most questions were quite easy and only a few more difficult questions were needed in order to find a winning team)”. I am sure that we will see a good number of members on Saturday November 25th.

On arrival members will be formed into teams (usually 4 or 6 – depending on numbers). Alternatively you can make up your own team in advance.

A poster containing all the information required to book a place appears at the end of this newsletter.

PS: It is important to emphasise that all members of both clubs are extremely welcome.

—Roger Dobbing

NB: There will be a social get-together (with a free mince pie) on Friday, December 8th, from 7.30.

MEMBERS OF BOTH CLUBS ARE WELCOME.

REMEMBERING ...



Alan Goldsmith
1938 - 2023

Alan was born in Hailsham, East Sussex, He went to school in Hailsham, played schoolboy football for Hailsham FC and started his life-long passion for the Scouting Movement when he joined 1st Hailsham Scout Group as a Cub Scout in 1944

Alan spent time as an aircraft technician with the RAF. He later took a job as an apprentice mechanical draughtsman with the British Overseas Airways Corporation. Upon completing his apprenticeship he joined Vickers-Armstrong as a civilian aircraft engine draughtsman

Alan spent the remainder of his working life as an industrial chemical salesman – eventually retiring as Southeast England Area Sales Manager.

Alan & Stella began married life at Goring-on-Sea, before moving to Cranleigh in 1968.

Once in Cranleigh, Alan resurrected his passion for the Scout Movement, initially as Scout leader for Vachery troop before becoming Cranleigh Group Scout Leader and then Assistant District Commissioner in charge of Leader Training.

The Scout Association presented Alan with the Silver Acorn award in the 1990s and a Bar to the Silver Acorn in 2000 – both for outstanding services to Scouting. In 2007 Alan received the prestigious Silver Wolf Award (the highest award made by The Scout Association) for exceptional lifetime services to the Scouting Movement.

Alan remained active in the local community too. He was a member of Cranleigh U3A, Ewhurst Bowls Club and several local Bridge Clubs. He was also a Church Warden at St. Nicolas Church.

At the start of 2020, when his wife's dementia deteriorated to the point when she needed 24-hour care, Alan sacrificed all his other pursuits to stay at home and become Stella's full-time carer.

On 2nd April 2023, Alan suffered a massive stroke, and was admitted to the East Surrey Hospital, Redhill. He remained unresponsive for over 19 weeks, before passing away on 16th August (just 10 days after his 85th birthday).

Alan is survived by Stella, their two children (Julia and Roy), two grandchildren (Jennifer and Ryan) and a great granddaughter (Isla).



Tony Riches
1935 - 2023

Tony was born in Whitham, Essex. During the war years Tony's family lived in Suffolk. They often had servicemen as lodgers, and Tony's memories of this time were not of war, but of the kindness and generosity of these servicemen a long way from home, who spoiled them with chocolates and sweets. He later moved to Newcastle where he was educated

at the Royal Grammar School. He later attended King's College in London studying law, graduating in 1957.

He loved playing sport, and it was at a Rugby club dance when he met Ann. There was an instant attraction and he then knew he had met his life partner. Since childhood he was an ardent supporter of Newcastle United. He used to tell stories about how as a child he was carried over the heads of supporters to get to the front of the terrace!

A month after enlisting in the Army Tony was posted to their legal department. With National Service complete, Tony set up his own very successful legal business. He married Ann in May 1960. His son, David, was born in 1963, followed by his daughter, Hilary, in 1965.

Tony played a lot – tennis with his son David, as well as table tennis and backgammon, which they both studied and read books on tactics and strategy. Throughout his life Tony was closely involved in organisations such as Round Table and Rotary. It gave him great pleasure to give something back to the community as well as providing a social outlet through which he made many friends.

When Tony retired in 1998, the family moved to Ewhurst. During these later years he and Ann joined the bowls club. They also indulged in their love of travelling, visiting many exotic places around the world, with a particular love of cruising.

He leaves his son and daughter, and grandchildren Sam, Tim, Sophie and Lucy. He will be greatly missed.

QUIZ POSTER ON NEXT PAGE

Saturday November 25th

7 for 7.30

Return of the great club

QUIZ!

£10 including tasty nibbles

**Teams will be made up on the night –
or make up your own**

**Please send your cash or cheque to:
Ann White, "Rubino", Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst GU6 7RN
Payable to: "Ewhurst Bowling Club Social Committee"
or pin it to the noticeboard**