

# EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



**September 2023**

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## Outdoor Bowls

### *From your Club Captain*

As you read this, the outdoor season will be drawing to a close and our internal competitions will have been completed. Congratulations to all those who reached the various finals. Hopefully all members have enjoyed the season, even though results in our friendlies have not set the green on fire. As with many local clubs, it has been a struggle to raise the number of triples programmed, so we have had to reduce, or even cancel, a few games. Hopefully the situation will improve next year.

Our season concludes with the Final Fling on Friday 22nd September so do please put your name on the list on the notice board. Would all members please assist helping to tidy the clubhouse and put the green to bed on the Saturday 23rd September at 9.00am. These tasks are important to enable a smooth changeover to the short mat club.

I wish you all well and hope to see you at the club's presentation lunch on 25th October and the AGM in November – more details to follow regarding these. These are important events when members can celebrate with the winners

## SHORT MAT PLAYERS

If you intend to play this coming season (begins September 25<sup>th</sup>) and haven't yet paid your subscription, please complete the form on page 5.

of the internal competitions, or have any points they wish to be considered regarding the running of the club next season.

This photo below was taken at a recent Triples league match after the Leads and 2's had bowled.



*Doug Lock*

### *From your Club Secretary*

#### **Presentation Lunch**

Sadly, the Alfold Barn where we have had our presentation lunch in the past few years, has closed, and as a result, we will be going to The Richard Onslow in Cranleigh High Street on Wednesday the 25th October - please keep that date free in your diaries.

## Guildford and Woking League

With only 1 match to go we are 5<sup>th</sup> in the "Old Codger's" League Guildford Division. If we win that we could be 2nd in the league and would have to play on finals day against the corresponding club in the Woking Division. If we lose, we will probably be 6th and will not make the finals. Woodbridge Hill have already won our division.

## Knaphill Triples League

For the 2nd year running we have won zone 4 of this league and will therefore play in the finals on Thursday 7th September at Knaphill.

## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be on Thursday 9th November at 7:30pm at the club - a date for your diary. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

## New Members

We have 16 new club members this year, with some new to bowling. It is great to see that several of them have been playing in friendlies.

## Open Day 2024

Thanks to the success of our Open Day this year, we will be holding another in 2024 on Saturday 18th May. More details will of course be sent out nearer the time, but the more help we can have before and on the day the better.

*Roger Newman*

# Short Mat Bowls

## From your Chairman

By the time you read this Newsletter, the start of the Short Mat season will be very close. Due to the efforts of our worthy and vital members who volunteer to run leagues, competitions, roll-ups and practice sessions, preparations are well already under way. Those volunteers deserve our continued support and involvement.

It would further the 'esprit-de-corps' even more if we all decide how we can derive the most benefit from our membership. Perhaps there may be something you can do to assist in, or advance, the club in some way. For example, for those who regularly play in a particular group, please consider occasionally trying a different roll-up session, as this can be of benefit to all. Remember the primary objective of our membership is to enjoy playing the game of short mat bowls. The social element of the game should be a very important but is a secondary consideration and this is the one of the reasons why the "Rules of Etiquette" has been introduced. Should you wish to discuss any such subject, in confidence, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

At the beginning of the season, lists will be put on the notice board inviting you to participate in the club competitions and interclub leagues. There is great fun to be had in every game, and new friendships to make and enjoy, so please do add you name.

*Dennis McGuinness, Chairman  
ESMBC*

## SURREY AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to Val Sloman and Dennis McGuinness who won the Surrey National Over 55s pairs competition and represented Surrey at the National Finals.

Steph Taylor and Dennis McGuinness, together with two members from another Surrey Club, won the Surrey National Mixed Rink competition and also represented Surrey at the National Finals.

For the record, Dennis McGuinness is the President of The Surrey Short Mat Bowls Association and has been for a number of years – as well as being chairman of the Short Mat Club.

## Good News!

After a few years of upheaval for everyone, and when our Club struggled to find players for competitions, we are now happily able to enter all Wey Valley Leagues (except for one). We can also field two teams of four for the Shab League and are entered for the Shab Knockout League.

I have almost completed our Fixtures for the above, and Pauline for the Magpies, so the Ewhurst Fixtures and Events list will be ready to go on the board at the Club around the 23/24<sup>th</sup> September.

When the dates for the Shab Games are all in, they will also go on the board at the Club.

*Steph Taylor, Match Secretary*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COMPETITION SCHEDULE – 2023/2024

#### **Wednesday 11th October**

Wednesday Morning League begins.

#### **Friday 3rd November**

Friday Evening Triples League begins.

Nov 3rd & 17th; Dec 1st & 15th; Jan 5th & 19th;  
Feb 2nd & 16th; Mar 1st & 15th.

#### **Sunday 26th November**

Star Cup Competition

#### **Saturday 13th January**

Teams of Five Competition

#### **Sunday 28th January**

Novice Bowlers Competition

#### **Saturday 10th February**

Drawn Pairs Preliminaries

#### **Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March**

Singles Preliminaries

#### **Sunday 7th April**

Finals Day

## **Open Pairs and Mixed Pairs Competitions**

will take place as usual.

Check the notice boards regularly for details of these events and the all-important sign-up sheets.

If you've not yet had a go at any of these club competitions make this the year you join in the fun! There is something for **all** abilities.

*Margaret Weeden & David Kempson*

## INTRODUCTORY COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

As usual, we will be running a six-week course for beginners on the following dates:  
October 12th, 19th & 26th and November 2nd, 9th & 16th. from 9.30am to 11.30 am.

If you know anyone who might be interested in trying short mat bowls, please let me have their details or they can contact me directly.

*Margaret Weeden*

## NEW EVENTS!

On Thursday evenings for 10 weeks, from 12th October to 14th December there will be a new club competition which will be open to all members. Details are yet to be finalised.

On the fourth Friday of each month, starting on 29th September, there will be a 'Club Night' with fun bowling and a fish and chip supper.

Further details about the events will be on the notice board at the start of the season.

*Margaret Weeden*

## WHO IS ALLOWED ON THE MAT?

I have noticed that many members are not aware of this rule: - in a triples team, **only number 2** is permitted onto the mat when deciding the score for the end just played. In teams of four it is **number 3 only!**

*Roger Dobbings*

## WEDNESDAY MORNING LEAGUE

Margaret Weeden and I run this competition every Wednesday morning commencing 9.45am on 11th October.

At its peak pre-covid, we regularly enjoyed 24 members attending every week, but sadly, this has dropped to just over half this number. May I remind everyone, the competition is open to all. You can play as often as you like, and the teams are drawn at random on the day.

It is the ideal occasion to enjoy socialising with other members whilst playing competitively, and hopefully improving one's bowling skills at the same time – it's a win-win situation.

We look forward to welcoming new and old faces on the 11th October.

*David Kempson*

## SOCIAL

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Social Committee have been working hard to arrange a series of social events for the remainder of 2023.

The following are in the pipeline:

**Bridge Tea on 5th October** (details on social committee board)

**Indoor Kurling on 21st October** (more details to follow)

**Quiz on 25th November** (more details to follow)

**Christmas Social early December** (date to be confirmed)

All members of both clubs will be kept informed as soon as final details are known.

*Ann White*

## Remembering Anne Burge 1954 – 2023

Anne was born in Lavenham Suffolk before moving to West Sussex at the age of 9, where she attended Steyning Comprehensive and worked locally.

She married Dave 47 years ago at Ashurst West in Sussex after which time she became 'a lady of leisure', moving with Dave's work until finally settling in her idyllic cottage and garden at Paddington Farm in Abinger Hammer.

Anne became very much involved on the committee of the Abinger Sports Club for 15 years, assisting with bookings, catering and bar.

Before joining Ewhurst SMBC, her main interest and passion was Dog Obedience Training, reaching championship level, the highest level before Crufts. She also gave training and advice to other dog handlers and was known throughout the south of England.



Some 10 years ago Anne found her new passion in life – bowls. Being enthusiastic and showing her competitive spirit, she enjoyed taking part in competitions and playing for the Magpies on Sundays.

Her warmth, kindness and sense of humour touched everyone's hearts and she was a true inspiration to us all.

## Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club

### Application for Membership Renewal 2023

Subscriptions for 2023

Full Membership £60   Social Membership £10

Name: ..... Full/Social £ .....

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Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) I give my consent that the club can hold my personal details for the sole use of the Bowls Club.

Signature (and also print your name)

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Please note below any change of postal address, phone number or email details if not already recorded on the membership list.

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Send this form and your cheque (payable to "Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club") to the treasurer, Michael White, Rubino, Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst GU6 7RN.

**OR** pin it on the noticeboard addressed to Michael White

**OR** pay by online bank transfer to the Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club, account number  
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