

# EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



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## Short Mat Bowls

### What to say about 2023?

The World News has been grim at times this year – with war, climate change, cost of living, health issues to name but a few. However, let's remember and reflect on all the good and positives that 2023 brought, including the incredible medical breakthroughs that have been headlined, sport which has never failed to excite us, AI that has intrigued and mystified us, and Sir David Attenborough who continues to thrill and amaze us.

Much closer to home, Ewhurst bowling is as popular as ever, despite the sad loss of several members. Competitions have been bravely supported, and your committee members have been working their fingers to the bone in order to push our skills to new heights. Competitions grow in number – so need to be supported, and social events provide a great sense of fun. This is what the newsletter is all about – so please carry on reading!

### Notice Boards

It was recently discovered that some paperwork had been removed from one of our shortmat noticeboards. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS WITHOUT PERMISSION!

### Good News Story!



Val Sloman has been presented with a Certificate from Surrey County Short Mat Bowls Association congratulating her on the achievement of representing the County in one hundred games. Well done from all of us.

— *Dennis McGuinness*  
Chairman, ESMBC

### Clubhouse Security – again!

I'm sure you will all remember the recent email sent on behalf of Dennis voicing concerns about the security of our clubhouse (24/11/2023). Unfortunately, more incidents have occurred, so it is important that we raise this topic again.

Recently members have not set the alarm, left lights on in the main hall and changing rooms, not closed curtains, not signed in the diary for ALL visits and left dirty dishes in the sink. While the latter may not be a security issues, it does show a lack of responsibility as a club member.

It is acknowledged that here have been genuine problems with the alarm system of late, but there have been too many visits required due to member generated problems.

It is everyone's responsibility to look after our club so please take this seriously.

- *The Maintenance Committee*

### COMPETITION NEWS

#### Match Secretary's Report

There isn't much to report because of the Christmas break, so what follows is just an update on the current League positions.

### Shab League

Ewhurst is lying in 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Division 2, which, considering we came in at the bottom of the Division, is a very good effort from all players. However, we now have some difficult away games ahead which will test our teams.

### Thursday Charity League

- Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

### Wednesday Woking Borough League

- In 8<sup>th</sup> position.

### Monday Surrey Triples

- Another 8<sup>th</sup> position place.

### Magpies League

- Won 2 games and lost 3.

— *Steph Taylor*

### The Star Cup

Twenty-four members took part in this popular competition last November, with teams being put into two groups. Each team played three games of 9 ends, changing their playing position every 3 end, and in an exciting final, the winning team in each group went on to play each other. Both teams started well but the team of Jan Hathaway, David Kempson and Peter Adams pulled ahead to win the Goldsmith Cup. Runners up were Hugh Hall, Phil Stimpson and Roger Dobbings.

Thank you to all who took part and made it a most enjoyable day.

### Wednesday League

We are nearly at the halfway stage of this competition and at the top of the tree, having won 9 games, is Elaine with 18 points followed by George with 16 points and David K. 14. Weekly turnout varies between 12 and 18

players, a far cry from the pre-Covid attendance of 24.

Anyone can come and take part as and when it suits them. so why not come along and give it a try.

### Friday Triples

At this stage in the competition, four of the ten games have now been played, with half the teams on 6 points having won 3 games each. In first position is Val's team with 6 points and a shot difference of 17, followed by Steph with 13 and Colin 11.

Like many of our competitions, this season we are suffering from a drop in numbers. As a result, each triples team has 5 members instead of the usual 6 making it sometimes difficult to have 3 available players. We have had two occasions recently when teams have had to compromise playing only with a team of 2.

Nevertheless, despite these difficulties, the competition is still enjoyable and with a long way to go nothing is taken for granted.

### **LOOKING AHEAD .....**

#### The Teams of Five

This competition will be taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Although it is open to all members regardless of experience, the number of entrants is sadly lower than usual.

If you have not yet taken part in any club competitions, please drop in during the day to support the players and find out what goes on.

#### Novice Bowlers

A warm welcome to all who joined the club after doing the course last October. A follow up session has been arranged on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 10 o'clock to 11.30 to see how everyone is getting on. Members who joined the previous year (October 2022) are also welcome to attend.

Hopefully this will encourage more people to enter the NOVICE BOWLERS SINGLES COMPETITION on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. More information and the sign-up sheet are on the notice board.

### Drawn Pairs and Singles

Details of this unseeded competition, open to all members, are now on the notice board.

—*David Kempson and Margaret Weeden*

### CLUB NIGHT

This was introduced in September and takes place on the last Friday of each month from 6.30pm. Open to all members, it provides an opportunity for an informal game of bowls and a chance to chat over a cuppa or something from bar. It's an ideal opportunity to get to know members you maybe don't come across in roll-ups. Many stay to enjoy a fish and chip supper (£10) around 7.30. If you haven't tried it yet, the 26<sup>th</sup> January is your next opportunity – looking forward to seeing you there

### NEWS FROM THE BAR

The prices of some drinks have had to increase due to higher prices in the supermarkets. However, they still represent excellent value for money being cheaper than most other clubs and nearly half pub prices!

Can I please request that change is used to buy single drinks, rather than tendering a £10 note. Obtaining change is becoming more difficult, and often results a trip to the bank in Horsham, so it would be very much appreciated if you could be mindful of this when visiting the bar.

— *David Kempson, Bar Steward*

## Outdoor Bowls

### Captain's Report

With 2023 now history, we look forward to 2024, and hope all the current problems

throughout the world have a resolution that gives us a better outlook for the future.

I trust you are all in good health and awaiting the start of the new season which begins on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> of April with a Club Drive, following this we have a full season of League, Friendlies and Club events.

As reiterated at the AGM, we still need to recruit new members to enable the club to maintain the level of fixtures we currently undertake. In mid-May, we have planned another Open Day to encourage members of the community to explore playing bowls, but also ask all current members to encourage friends and neighbours to do the same.

In this issue of the newsletter, we have included an application form to renew your membership for the 2024 season,

Looking forward to seeing you all on the Green.

—*Doug Lock*

### From your Club Secretary

As mentioned by our club captain, the subscriptions are due from 1<sup>st</sup> January. We still have items to pay for throughout the winter months so prompt payment would be appreciated. The fixture cards which act as a receipt, will be available as soon as fixtures are confirmed.

As you all know, Jon Koefman has retired as green keeper and David Webb is taking over. Jon will however still carry out the chemical spraying of the green until David is qualified to use the chemicals required.

We have already had a couple of enquiries from potential new members but if you know of anyone who is interested, please put them in touch.

Some of you may have noticed that the fence between the car park and the centre, primarily the green, is somewhat rickety. This is a bowling centre responsibility although the Parish Council do own the car park. Instead of continually repairing the fence we are looking

into a complete replacement. We will be trying to get grants for some or all of the cost.

Last but not least, there are always jobs that need doing in and around the clubhouse and these are carried out by Mike Crowther and his team. A few examples that go unnoticed are the repair of the emergency exit door, attention to the alarm system, outside gutter clearing and work in the men's changing room.

— Roger Newman

## SOCIAL MATTERS

The recent quiz was well attended and I'm sure that the event was enjoyed by all! The winning team of Elaine Philipson, Margaret Weeden, Steph Taylor, Delia & Phil Stimpson must be congratulated.

### **YOUR NEXT SOCIAL EVENT ...**

If you didn't make it to the quiz - now is your opportunity to come to our next event - CRAZY WHIST.

Yes – it is quite crazy, but that's the whole idea! Forget the old rules and join in the fun!

You are invited to an evening of

# **Crazy Whist**

**on Saturday February 17th**

**7 for 7.30 pm**

**£8.00 per person**

**including nibbles**

Please send cheques/cash to:  
Ann White, "Rubino", Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst GU6 7RN  
(payable to: Ewhurst Bowling Club Social Committee)  
or pin it to the noticeboard.

**“One of our most enjoyable  
and popular events –  
don't miss it”**



# Ewhurst Bowling Club

## Application for Membership Renewal 2024

Subscriptions for 2024 - Full Membership £135 and 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 or print your name .....

Please note below any change of postal address or telephone number plus your e-mail address if not already recorded on the membership list.

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Remittances please to The Treasurer, Carole Mlinaric, Green Boughs, Horsham Road, Walliswood, RH5 5RL, or pin on the Club notice board, or by online bank transfer to The Ewhurst Bowling Club, Account No 30646979 and Sort Code 60-06-19. Please put your name in the reference field.

*PLEASE NOTE if you are not able to collect your Fixture card from the Club enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that your card can be posted to you.*