

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



March 2024

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Short Mat Bowls

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Our Competition Finals Day on 6th April is in many ways the culmination of the sterling effort put into our competitions by the principal organisers, Margaret Weeden and David Kempson, aided and abetted by others.

What they would really appreciate are not more accolades, but many more applicants across the board. Involvement in competitions is so very enjoyable, and, after all, every time a player steps onto the delivery mat, that member is being competitive!

I offer my apology for not being present on Finals Day. Unfortunately, I have been caught up in a family matter in the Orkney Isles which I cannot ignore.

For the summer season, agreement will be again sought to enable us to bowl short mat.

Roger Dobbing has for many, many years been the hub and/or instigator of most of the necessary communications to our membership. This has included the publishing of the Newsletter for both Ewhurst clubs, for the Social Committee, and for the circulation of any information which was required to reach all members of the Short Mat Club.

Roger is now stepping back from that responsibility. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of generations of Ewhurst Short Mat Bowlers to convey the most deeply held thanks to Roger, and appreciation of all his efforts in this regard. Roger's editorial skills have been greatly appreciated. I understand that Elaine has willingly taken over this mantle.

I have told your committee that I will be standing down from the Chairmanship of ESMBC at or before our AGM. This advanced notice will give you time to consider who might be nominated for election at the AGM.

—Dennis McGuinness
Chairman, ESMBC

INTERNAL COMPETITION NEWS

Teams of 5

The fifteen members who took part in the Teams of 5 competition enjoyed a good day of bowling.

Roger Dobbing, Sheena Hall, Val Sloman, Liz Sprake and Jackie Wright were the winning team. Runners up were the team of Hugh Hall, Jan Hathaway, Jacki Mackenzie, Pam Routley and Ann White.

This competition is very suited to players of all abilities, and it would be great to see more people entering next year.

Novice Bowlers

Six of our novice bowlers entered the competition this year, and they each played two games of 12 ends.

After some very close games, Graham Prall came out the winner of Group 1 having won both of his games. In Group 2, Tony Fox and Carole Mlinaric tied on points so shot difference was used to determine the winner, with Carole winning by 3 shots. We look forward to seeing Graham and Carole play each other on Finals Day.

Drawn Pairs

Sadly only 12 members took part this year, a far cry from the days when we had double that number. However, those 12 had an enjoyable day of bowling. Each pair played 2 games of 12 ends, with scores being close on all games. We look forward to seeing Pauline Shipway and Joan Greenwood play Jacki Mackenzie and Irene Gould in the final on Finals Day.

Club Singles

The Singles preliminary rounds will take place on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March. Happily, this competition is well supported with nineteen members entered. I'm sure they would appreciate some support, so it would be lovely to see other members drop in at some point during those two days of competition.

Aussie Pairs

A few brave members have been trialling a new game, Aussie Pairs, and thoroughly enjoying it. There are still two more sessions to go – Tuesday 5th and 19th March, 7 to 9 pm - so do pop in and watch if you can. We hope to include it in our competition schedule next season.

Wednesday Morning League

Attendance has averaged around eighteen players per session with a total of twenty-five taking part. We are just past three quarters of the way through, and it is refreshing that we have some new names at the top of the leader board.

In the lead with a well-deserved 28 points is George Shipway, followed by Hugh Hall with 22 and then three players on 20, Dennis, Delia and Elaine.

With five games to go hopefully George will stay at the top, but anyone from the next four could be the runner-up.

Friday Triples

At the top of the league and with only two games to play, David's 'Ewhurst Rollers' are

ahead of Steph's 'Five Big Shots' by two points, followed by Val's 'Hot Shots'. As last year, this competition will go to the wire and will depend on the outcome of the final games!

Just thirty players entering this year instead of the usual thirty-six, so teams were restricted to only five players. This was unsatisfactory as it has disrupted the smooth flow of the competition due to lack of player availability. Not to labour this point too much, but we have decided to revert to teams of six next season, irrespective of the number of teams taking part. Hopefully next year more members, including our newer ones, will join in the fun.

—David Kempson & Margaret Weeden
(Competition organisers)

FROM YOUR MATCH SECRETARY

These are latest positions in the following Leagues -

SHAB

Ewhurst are in third place in the second division. We may end up at the end of the season either in the same place or in fourth place, which will be advantageous for us next year.

Woking Borough League

We are currently in the bottom four at the time of writing, and have six more fixtures in this, so plenty of opportunities for improvement.

Surrey Triples

This League started out well, but the teams have changed around a bit, which is never good for results, so we are now third from the bottom. It would be nice to win the last two of these games.

Thursday Charity League

We are still doing very well in this League, as we have been able to keep the winning teams together, with exceptional playing and determination from them.

Magpies

With only two more matches to play, this league brings plenty of enthusiasm from the participants. Unfortunately, we face struggles in this league as we are often playing against much better teams.

—Steph Taylor
(Match Sec.)

Surrey County Squad trials

If this is something you think you may be interested in, please see the form at the end of the newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

FINALS DAY, Sunday 7th April

Hopefully you have all marked this day, **Sunday 7th April** in your diaries!

It would be great if most members could look in at some time during the day to give support to those taking part. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available all day, and the bar will be open.

Annual Presentation Lunch - Thursday 8th June

By the time you read this newsletter all members should have received details of our Annual Lunch which this year is once again at the Roger Tichborne.

We hope many of you will be able to come and enjoy meeting together over a tasty meal and celebrating the highlights of our Short Mat season.

From Val – Congratulations from all of us!

In February I spent an enjoyable week away at Potters in Norfolk with nine other bowlers from three different Surrey clubs. You might already know Potters as the location of the World Indoor Bowls Championships.

Potters organise bowling weeks where bowlers from around the country come together to play short mat bowls in teams of Three or Pairs. There are many other activities throughout the week, for example, long mat competitions, evening entertainment to rival any West End show, and others.

In a team consisting of me and Carolyn Kempton and Steve Tuttle from Lions club, we played three teams in the triples and one in the pairs. Over a period of three days, 42 teams played 6 games each in a round-robin.

We won five of our six matches. This meant we proceeded to the quarter finals and the semi-final, before reaching the Final - which we won! We were presented with our trophies and prizes by English international indoor *bowls* player and ex-world champion Greg Harlow.

We had a wonderful time and enjoyed good food and great company – but very tiring and I now need another holiday!

—Val Sloman



Outdoor Bowls

From the Club Captain

I trust everybody is looking forward to the start of the 2024 season which begins with the Opening Drive on Monday 15th April. I hope you will all have seen the email which includes a gentle reminder to pay your membership subscription. The membership form is again included at the back of this issue of the newsletter for you to complete and return.

As usual, also included in this issue are forms for you to complete and return with the early season fixtures, (April/May) and the internal competitions entry form. It will be most helpful if these are returned as soon as possible. The early season fixtures availability will also be posted on the Club noticeboard in due course. You will see from this form it only includes the Friendlies and Internal club matches.

Availability Lists from 1st June will be on the Club Noticeboard from mid-May for completion. **Lists of those selected** for games throughout the season will be posted as early as possible and pinned on the Noticeboard

The internal competitions form has the entry details and how to pay for your entries - it is hoped to make the draws at the end of the Opening Drive

On housekeeping matters, we will continue the club cleaning on a two-week rota, and this will be posted on the Noticeboard at the start of the season.

Simon Clarke is still looking for both additional brushers and volunteers to help with the mowing. Please contact him if you can assist.

We have an Open Day scheduled for Saturday 18th May at which we hope to attract new members and would ask you to tell your friends and neighbours to come along and try the game.

I look forward to seeing you all on the Green on the 15th April.

—Doug Lock

Membership 2024

As I am sure you will all appreciate, we have outgoings all year round, particularly this time of year because of affiliation fees to Bowls Surrey and Bowls England on top of the usual club expenses. This is a long-winded introduction which is probably unnecessary, as your 2024 subscription is no doubt on its way to our treasurer Carole Mlinaric. Many thanks to those of you who have already paid their subs.

The form at the back of the Newsletter isn't really compulsory unless your circumstances have changed e.g phone number, email address etc.

Details of the coming season will gradually appear on our web site so have a browse when you have time. Alan Eveleigh is our Safeguarding Officer, and his responsibilities will be found on the web site.

The Centre Outside

The green upkeep never stops, and our new green keeper David Webb has settled in, together with Simon Clarke our green steward. The mowers have been away for servicing, and we have had to purchase a new brusher, as the other one broke. The irrigation system has been serviced ready for watering when needed.

Hopefully by the time we start bowling there will be a new boundary fence between us and the car park. The one being replaced is well over 20 years old and beginning to need serious attention, so it was felt better to have a new one built. A local firm, Rudgwick Fencing will be doing the work which is being paid for by a generous grant from Ewhurst Parish Council.

We are also having to replace the decking on the north and east side of the green and at the same time fitting vertical side boards to match the ones already installed on the other two sides. We have applied for a grant from Surrey Playing Fields Association for the cost, or at least for some of the materials, and hope to get a favourable response soon.

The Clubhouse

Mike Crowther and his team look after the clubhouse and there has been a lot of work done which you probably wouldn't even notice. An emergency exit door and balustrade needed repairing, the alarm system needed attention, the front door keypad had to be fixed, the outside lighting needed an electrician, a water heater in the gent's toilet was replaced and a new flushing system is about to be installed. Together with the short mat club, we are investigating whether to introduce a contactless card payment system for the bar, so you may or may not see that being introduced. This will not replace cash entirely, although some clubs are moving that way.

Bottle Tops

Don't forget milk bottle tops are being collected for charity. There is a collection box in the kitchen.

Dorset Bowls, 27th October to 1st November

It isn't too late to decide if you wish to come to the Dorset Bowls and Golf Resort at Bere Regis for a fun 5 nights of bowls, good food, free golf, and of course great company. Get in touch with Roger Newman if you would like more details.

Guildford and Woking League

This Men's Over 55 "Old Codgers" league starts on the 7th May. Anyone wishing to play in these matches on Tuesday who has not played in them before please contact Roger Newman. Indeed, if any of you wish to take over running our team, do please feel free to get in touch, please!

—Roger Newman
(Club secretary)

SOCIAL

EBC Social Committee

Who are we?

Currently our social committee comprises of (strictly in alphabetical order) Sue Forth, Joan Greenwood, Sheena Hall, Jacki Mackenzie, Shirley Starbuck and Ann White.

What do we do?

The Social Committee organises joint social events for members and friends of both short mat and outdoor clubs to foster friendship and community between the clubs, and to raise funds, which are split equally between clubs and a nominated charity - this year our support is for Marie Curie.

Many long-standing members have been part of the social committee over the years and have given their time and energies to raising funds and to increasing contact between members of the two clubs.

Information about events are announced here in the newsletter and on the clubhouse noticeboard. We welcome any suggestions you have for future events, so please speak to any one of us with your ideas. We will be delighted if you can join us at any of our future social events – please come and say 'hello'.

— Your Social Committee

Crazy Whist held in February

Once again, this was a fun evening with good company, and did not disappoint. We hope our winner and runner-up enjoyed their prizes. If you weren't able to join us, please come along to our next event – you will be most welcome.

YOUR NEXT SOCIAL EVENT – SAVE THE DATE!

Kurling – Friday, 17th May

One of our most enjoyable evenings held at the clubhouse. Full details are at the end of the newsletter. Try not to miss it!

**PLEASE GO TO THE
FOLLOWING PAGES TO
ACCESS IMPORTANT
FORMS**

SHORT MAT MEMBERS:
APPLICATION TO TRIAL FOR THE
SURREY COUNTY SQUAD
2024/25 SEASON

Name:

Club:

Email:

I would like to be considered to play for the Surrey County Squad and am available to attend trials on the following dates and times:-

Date/Time	Available? (Please tick)	
	Yes	No
Sunday 17 March @ 1pm-2.30pm		
Sunday 17 March @ 2.45pm – 4.15pm		
Monday 18 March @ 6pm – 7.30pm		
Monday 18 March @ 7.45pm – 9.15pm		

Every effort will be made to accommodate everyone's preferences, but please be prepared to be flexible if your chosen date/time is not available. Thank you.

Please return this form to chairman@surreyshortmatbowls.com by Sunday 10 March 2024.

Please ensure you monitor the SCSMBA website as this is where your time and date allocation to attend the trial will be posted.

Although you may list availability for more than one session, you will only be offered one date and time to trial.

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.

COMPETITIONS APPLICATION FORM.

NAME.....

Please send your completed application form to Doug Lock, 36 Glebe Road, CRANLEIGH, Surrey, GU7 7AS or email to - duggann70@gmail.com or put it on the club notice board inside the front door.

To arrive no later than Saturday 6 April 2024

Competition	Date	Yes/No
Two Wood Singles,	19/05/24	
George Spiers Triples	09/06/24	

DO NOT ENTER THE COMPETITIONS BELOW IF YOU CANNOT PLAY ON FINALS DAYS (31 August/1 September)

Competition	Yes/No	£2 Fee per person / per comp.
Ladies Singles		
Men's Singles		
Handicapped Singles		
Drawn Pairs		
Mixed Pairs (Partner's name -		
101 Up		
Mary Tabor Cup, (75 and over)		
Mortimore Cup		
	Total £	

Entry fees for the competitions where finals are played on the Finals Days are to be paid with the submission of the application forms.

Either enclose cash or cheque with application form or if paid by Bank transfer please enter in Ref box – Comp Fees and advise here whether done by Bank Transfer - Yes/No .

Application Form for Early Fixtures and Events

Please send your completed application form for the early season fixtures to Doug Lock, 36 Glebe Road, CRANLEIGH, Surrey, GU6 7AS or email - duggan70@gmail.com or put it on the club notice board inside the front door.

To arrive no later than Saturday 6 April 2024

	Fixture / Event		Venue	Time	Dress	Triples	Yes/No
April							
Mon	15	Opening Drive	H	2.00	G	X	
Thurs	18	Pulborough	H	2.30	G	3m	
Sat	20	Fittleworth	H	2.30	G	3/4m	
Tues	23	Newdigate	H	2.30	G	4m	
Wed	24	Dorking	H	2.30	G	4m	
Sat	27	Albury	H	2.30	G	4m	
May							
Wed	1	Cranleigh	A	2.30	G	5/6m	
Sun.	5	Burpham	H	2.30	W	4m	
BHMon	6	Club Drive	H	2.00	G		
Thurs	9	Horsham BC	H	2.30	G	4m	
Fri	10	President .v. Chairman	H	5.00	G	X	
Sat	11	Holloway Hill	A	2.30	W	4m	
Wed	15	Billingshurst	H	2.30	G	4m	
Fri	17	Johnson Cherry starts	H	2.00	G		
Sat	18	OPEN DAY		10.30	G	X	
Sun	19	Two Wood Singles	H	10.00	G	X	
Wed	22	Brockham	A	2.30	G	4m	
Fri	24	Johnson Cherry	H	2.00	G		
Sat	25	Ripley	A	2.30	G	3m	
BHMon	27	Ladies.v.Gents	H	2.00	G	X	
Wed	29	Bookham	A	2.30	G	4m	
Thurs	30	Dorking Ladies	H	2.30	G	3L	
Fri	31	Johnson Cherry	H	2.00	G		

EBC

2024 Drives and Events - Organisers

Date	Drive/Event	Organiser
15 th April	Opening Drive	RN/DL
6 th May	BH Club Drive	DL
May	U3A Course	JG
10 th May (Evening)	Chairman v President	MB/TS
17 th May(starts)	Johnston Cherrv Cup	PA/SC
18 th May	OPEN DAY	
19 th May	Two Wood Singles	AE
27 th May – BH Mon	- Ladies v Gents	TS / RN
9 th June	George Spiers Triple Cup	DL
29 th June	Grace Jackman	TS
14 th July	Australian Pairs	MB
23 th August(ends)	Johnston Cherrv Cup	PA/SC/MW
26 th August -BH Mon	Club Drive	DL
31 st Aug/1 st Sept	<u>Finals Weekend</u>	DL/AE
2nd to 16 th Sept	September League	AE
20 th Sept	<u>Final Fling</u>	DL

**SAVE THE DATE -
YOUR NEXT EVENT**

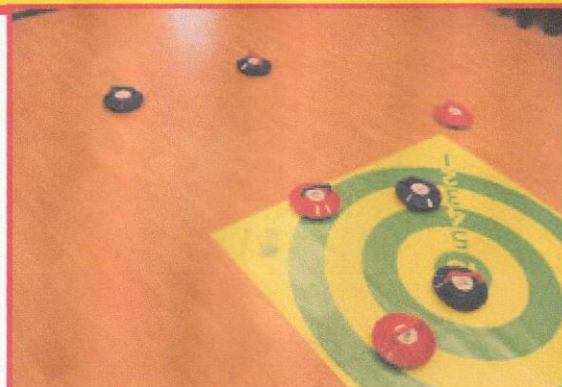
Friday May 17th 2024

7 for 7.30

SUMMER KURLING

**The best is back by
popular demand!**

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More details to follow

We hope to see you there